

# Middlesex- Elgin

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## Middlesex-Elgin Chapter Annual General Meeting 2024

On November 5, 2024, our chapter brought together members of the Middlesex-Elgin Chapter for the Annual General Meeting which was held virtually this year. This year's annual general meeting focused on gathering members to discuss the roles of the executive as well as what the chapter has accomplished over the past year while also brainstorming new objectives and goals for the chapter.



Engaging conversation and input was had from members in attendance on activities as well as feedback on improvements for the chapter. The meeting concluded with a review of the chapter's budget and financial review over the past year. If you have any input on what you would like from our chapter, do not hesitate to email us at [middlesexelginrnao@gmail.com](mailto:middlesexelginrnao@gmail.com). Stay tuned for

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more information on our membership celebration to recognize and award long-standing members of the RNAO and our Middlesex-Elgin Chapter.

### Avenues of Nursing 2024

Every year the Middlesex-Elgin Chapter in collaboration with the Western-Fanshawe Nursing Students Organization organizes the Avenues of Nursing event. This event brings together a panel of nurses in various fields of the profession to speak on their path in nursing and curate interest in students of potential career directions.



**Top left: Panelists getting ready before the event at the McKellar Theatre. Top Right: Selection from our panelists from the event. Bottom left: Networking and question period during the event. Bottom right: President Janet Hunt and WFNSA president Steve Xia with Student RNAO members Sandy Onuah and Vanessa Stutt.**

Students in attendance had the chance to listen to engaging speeches from our panelists on their unique career paths. The presentations were followed by an engaging question and answer period where eager students had the opportunity to ask questions about the various career paths presented. Panelists came from various career paths including the intensive care unit, pediatrics, aesthetics, nurse practitioner stream, labour and delivery nursing, health informatics, community health, oncology, and more! This year we had our most successful turnout with attendance from over 150 students at the Western University McKellar Theater on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our student RNAO representatives Sandy Onuah and Vanessa Stutt for all of their hard work in organizing this event as well as to our volunteer panelists for

## Upcoming events:

### Sign the Petition!

Let us make Pharmacare a reality. While Bill C-64 has passed the second reading at the Senate, the bill still requires royal assent. Use your voice and sign the petition to help ensure Ontarians receive a universal, comprehensive, single-payer pharmacare program. Read more about the petition here:

<https://rnao.ca/policy/action-alerts/lets-make-pharmacare-happen>

### Annual General Meeting

Missed the AGM? Not to worry, just click on this link and watch here for updates on the resolutions proposed along with a summary of the association's objectives and awards:

<https://rnao.ca/events/aggm>

### Events

Interested in becoming more involved in the RNAO? The association offers many events you can join both in person and online! Click this link to learn more:

<https://rnao.ca/events>

sharing their career paths in the nursing profession. We look forward to hosting more successful events.

### **RNAO Celebrates St. Joseph's Hospital as Best Practice Spotlight Organization**

On November 21, the Middlesex Elgin RNAO Chapter Membership Executive was proud to join St. Joseph's Hospital in celebrating their 15-year milestone as an RNAO Best Practice Spotlight Organization. First designated in 2009, this recognition reflects St. Joseph's ongoing commitment to nursing excellence and the integration of best practice guidelines in patient care. During the celebration, our very own Middlesex Elgin Chapter's membership executive network officer Lallu Sara John had the opportunity to connect with many valued chapter members, offering a chance to meet, engage, and encourage participation in chapter activities. Our chapter's presence at this event helped to emphasize the importance of active involvement in the chapter and our commitment to continuing to foster professional growth and supporting the nursing community and our members. For more information about how you can get involved in your local chapter visit [here](#).



**Left: Middlesex-Elgin Chapter Membership ENO Lallu Sara John at the Best Practice Spotlight Celebration for St. Joseph's Hospital. Right: Lallu Sara John (Membership ENO) and RNAO president Doris Grispun.**

### **Join Us at Queen's Park!**

Queen's Park Day (QPD) is an annual in-person event held by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) to advocate for health care and nursing issues. RNAO members and board of directors meet with MPPs and political party leaders in Toronto to discuss health care issues and the political process. 2025 is the 25th year this important day of advocacy will take place. This year the event will occur on Thursday, February 27.

Middlesex-Elgin Chapter would like to invite nursing students who are Chapter members to join us at this special event. We will provide financial

support for up to 5 students who apply and commit to attend. Click here to complete your online application: <https://forms.gle/VujuLmCiv3pR8xAm9>.

Application deadline is Jan 31 st at 5pm. Student commitment:

-Participate in a 1hr virtual introduction meeting on February 10 at 5pm

-Attend QPD orientation in the Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard St W, Toronto on February 26 from 6 – 9pm.

-Attend QPD activities from 8am – 4pm on February 27

-Chapter funding will include travel (most economical) London to Toronto and return, overnight accommodation (2 people sharing) at the Chelsea Hotel for one night, and meals when not supplied to a max of \$40

-Preference will be given to those students who are chapter members, who are active in RNAO, and who commit to further involvement in the association

-Only those who are successful in receiving the funding will be contacted by email the week of February 3

Contact us at:

Middlesex-Elgin Chapter website: <https://chapters-igs.rnao.ca/chapter/43/about>

Chapter email: [middlesexelgin.rnao@gmail.com](mailto:middlesexelgin.rnao@gmail.com)

Or via our social media pages listed on page 1