

# **CHICA-EASTERN ONTARIO HISTORY**

The history of CHICA - Eastern Ontario, a chapter of CHICA-Canada, has been collated from Minutes of Executive & General Meetings & attachments; correspondence; Award Submissions; CHICA-Canada Annual Reports (Chapter Submissions) and feedback from members.

The process has taken many hours and ran into some obstacles, i.e. not able to locate all copies of the Executive minutes; not all correspondence has been saved and more recently communication by email has not produced a hard copy for the archives; and minutes of meetings did not always include the full name of member.

There was also the dilemma - what to include & what not to include: I have opted to include more rather than less - however, it may not always appear fair to all members, as individual contributions may not have been documented.

It was also difficult to know how to word and highlight the statements so that they are easy to review and find the information. To help with this names are in bolded italics.

This document is always open to corrections and refinement. You are invited to submit corrections and/or additions/deletions. Suggestions for format would also be welcome.

**Enjoy the read.....**

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**[Carol Whyman, Archivist](#)**



## CHICA - EASTERN ONTARIO

formerly  
Eastern Ontario (Practitioners) Professionals in Infection Control

### HISTORY

**NOTE:** Meeting dates & education, Names of Executive and Representatives to CHICA-Canada Committees & Interest Groups are listed in separate documents.

#### 1984

After experiencing the isolation of a lone infection control practitioner for two years, **Carol Whyman** of Kingston General Hospital (KGH) canvassed health care institutions in the region to elicit their interest in forming an Infection Control Interest Group. Ten questionnaires returned - all enthusiastic.

**November 22, 1984** initial meeting held at KGH with 11 persons present from Cornwall to Trenton.

<b>Lois Rae</b>	Belleville General Hospital
<b>June Gorrell</b>	Trenton Memorial Hospital
<b>Linda Coughlin</b>	Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, Picton
<b>Kay Olmstead</b>	Brockville Psychiatric Hospital
<b>Teresa Hamilton</b>	St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston
<b>Janet Allen</b>	Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston
<b>Marilyn Ottenhof</b>	Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston
<b>Katherine Wolsey</b>	Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston
<b>Sandra Connell</b>	Kingston Psychiatric Hospital
<b>Betty Atkinson</b>	Cornwall General Hospital
<b>Carol Whyman.</b>	Kingston General Hospital

At this first meeting other potential contacts listed and a framework was developed for the purpose and objectives of the group.

#### 1985

- January 31 from 9-12 am second meeting held Hotel Dieu hospital with 16 present.
  - Purpose and Objectives approved
  - Suggestions for name of Group listed for consideration.
  - Members outlined their roles and activities
- April 30 from 1- 4 p.m. third meeting held at St Mary's on the Lake.
  - Name chosen: **Eastern Ontario Practitioners in Infection Control**
  - Terms of Reference approved
  - Round table initiated: special problems, new developments & suggestions for discussion.

- **Kathy Wolsey** appointed chair of nomination committee for elections in October.
- June 26 at 1pm St Vincent de Paul, Brockville
  - Report of Letter submitted to CHICA Journal informing readers of new interest group
  - Report on highlights of CHICA Conference
- October 9 at 1pm Belleville General Hospital
  - Terms of Reference revised to remove "Affiliate" membership status.
  - Motion that this group becomes a chapter of CHICA approved
  - First official Executive elected for a 2-year term

**Chairperson: Carol Whyman**  
**Chairperson-elect: Lois Rae**  
**Secretary: Janet Allen**
- **June Gorrell & Carol Whyman** attended the CHICA Conference in St John NB

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## 1986

- Meetings: January, April, June and September for about 3 hours each, usually in the afternoon.
- **Terms of Reference** were approved by the CHICA Executive & published in the CHICA Journal, Spring 1986 issue, as a sample.
- **Chapter Status** awarded to EOPIC at the SOPIC-CHICA Regional Symposium in London June 5 & 6. Seven EOPIC members were in attendance: **Carol Whyman, June Gorrell, Janet Allen, Kathy Wolsey, Sandra Connell, Pat Nuttal (Richardson), and Lois Rae.**
- Moved by **Kathy Wolsey/June Gorrell** that EOPIC investigate the feasibility to host the **Regional Symposium in Kingston in 1990.**
- **Lois Rae** first EOPIC member to become Certified in Infection Control - **CIC**
- Seminars: Myths & Realities - Update on AIDS; Biomedical Waste Management & Disposal: Infection Control in LTC; Microbiology & Infection Control
- Membership 30

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## 1987

- Meetings held in January, March, May (executive), June, September, and November
- Chapter News published in the March/April issue of Infection Control Canada.
- Perinatal Aspects of Hepatitis B Chapter Conference held on March 11
- **Kathy Wolsey & Janet Allen** met with Funeral Directors to establish a liaison between the 2 groups. Ad Hoc Committee: included **Doreen Snewing & Sandra Connell.**
- Position of **Treasurer** established with **Teresa Hamilton** SMOL
- Annual Membership fee \$5.00
- EOPIC Newsletter started on a trial basis.
- **Terms of Reference** revised to including change of titles from Chairperson to President.
- CHICA Conference in Vancouver attended by **June Gorrell & Carol Whyman**

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- Approved that EOPIC offer to host the 1990 Regional Symposium in Kingston. Planning Committee established and themes suggested.
  - First Annual Report submitted to CHICA-Canada.
  - Focus group discussed Strategic Planning of CHICA - Canada - report submitted.
  - Education: CIC Exam; Surveillance by Objectives Videoconference; Hepatitis B Vaccine teleconference.
  - Bank Balance \$100.50.
  - Chapter membership - 19
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### 1988

- **Conference Coordinating Committee for 1990** national educational conference held first meeting Jan 27, and booked the Ambassador Hotel for June 6,7,8, 1990.
  - **Carol Whyman** attended CHICA's first Strategic Planning meeting in Toronto Feb 26-28. Photo in CHICA Journal.
  - Toured Kingston Regional Laundry to discuss infection control issue e.g. sharps left in laundry.
  - Teresa Hamilton retired due to health problems - **Pat Nuttal** took over Treasurer/membership
  - Education: Pot Pourri of Pathogens - microbiology; CIC Exam; UTIs & Catheters
  - Chapter membership - 26 (18 CHICA)
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### 1989

- **Janet Allen & Carol Whyman** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> members to obtain **CIC**
  - Meeting Format changed to alternate - one with member's reports and one with education.
  - Kathy Wolsey resigned as President-elect - **June Gorrell** was elected to this position.
  - Chapter membership - 21
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### 1990

- **Hosted National Conference in Kingston - June 6-8. Preconference June 5** - an educational, social and financial success. Profit of \$52,000. \$15,000 donated to CHICA now, (plus \$1500 of conference costs not charged to CHICA) and \$15,000 over the next 5 years. The rest invested in an Educational Fund and library resources for the chapter. Many letters of congratulation received. (On file with minutes).
  - **Conference Coordinating Committee: Chair & Housing: Carol Whyman; Co-Chair & PR: Shirley McDonald; Finance: Kathy Wolsey; Program: Janet Allen; Registration: June Gorrell; Exhibits: Lois Rae & Sandra Connell.**
  - Participated in a revision to the first CHICA Position Paper published in 1985.
  - Susan Smythe from OHA attended a chapter meeting.
  - **Kathy Wolsey** President of OHA Infection Control Sector.
  - Chapter membership - 26
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**1991**

- **Carol Whyman** elected to the CHICA Board as **President-elect**. In this position was rep on CBIC for 2 years.
- **Jim Gauthier** (current member) of BC elected to Technologist position on the CHICA-Board and was assigned the Chair of Fundraising.
- Position of Treasurer/Membership split as the treasurer's function increased.
- Meetings extended to all day 10 am - 4 to include CHICA business, Chapter Business, Roundtable and allow more time for education in the afternoon
- Guidelines established: Financial Assistance for Education, EOPIC Library, Financial Assistance for Chapter president to attend annual CHICA President meeting
- Decided to donate \$5000/year to CHICA over next 3 years instead of \$3000 over 5 years.
- CHICA Conference in Montreal attended by **Janet Allen, June Gorrell, Lois Rae, Carol Whyman & Sue Travers**.
- Committee established for **1992 Education Day: Chair Janet Allen; Treasurer Kathy Wolsey, Registration June Gorrell**
- \$100 donated to CHICA Ontario (now Infection Control Ontario)
- **Lois Rae** passed CIC re-certification exam
- Chapter membership - 28

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**1992**

- Chapter educational bursary awarded to *Pat Richardson*.
- **President, Lois Rae**, received funding to attend CHICA Conference as per new Policy.
- CHICA conference in Hamilton attended by **Doug Hons, Carol Whyman, Janet Allen, June Gorrell, Lois Rae, Pat Richardson** who did a skit on Universal Precautions for chapter challenge. Also attending **Sue Travers, Gael Kirkwood, Donna North, Faye Watson**.
- **Faye Watson** passed Microbiology course through UBC.
- Education Day November 4 at Ongwanada Resource Centre Attendance: 81 (22 at afternoon concurrent session on TB for Correctional Services workers). Profit \$3,437  
**Planning Committee Faye Watson, Sue Travers, Lois Rae, June Gorrell, Donna North, Bob MacIsaac, Kathy Wolsey, Janet Allen, Chair.**
- Completed a CHICA questionnaire regarding strategic planning for the organization
- Donated \$5000 to CHICA (year 2)
- Chapter membership - 28

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**1993**

- **Carol Whyman** assumed the position of President of CHICA-Canada (2 year term)
- Chapter educational bursary awarded to **Lois Rae** to subsidize attendance at Epidemiology Conference at Harvard
- Chapter Education fund increased to \$20,000 to provide more interest.
- CHICA Conference in Edmonton attended by four members.
- CHICA Chapter Award (\$1500 from 3M) for achievements in 1992 presented at the CHICA Conference. Submission prepared by **Janet Allen????**

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- 3M Education Day planned for April 1993
  - Commenced work on a New EOPIC members package to include a list of common abbreviations, & EOPIC Membership list.
  - **MRSA Interest Group** established to explore the feasibility of doing a prevalence study on MRSA and other issues, chaired by **Shirley McDonald**.
  - Participated in the Health Canada Latex Task Force
  - **June Gorrell** catalogued our resource material & established a system for borrowing.
  - Video Previews at meetings - review video followed by documentation: name, length, date produced; cost; rating out of 10; positive & negative comments.
  - Chapter Policy Manual completed by **Janet Allen & Faye Watson**.
  - Donated \$5000 to CHICA (year 3)
  - \$250 donated to the CHICA President's Travel Fund and \$100 to ICO.
  - Chapter membership - 32
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## 1994

- Past-president, **Jim Gauthier** invited politicians to attend January meeting - no takers.
  - **MRSA Interest Group** - EOPIC members interested in dialogue & participating in a research project on MRSA - held first meeting Jan 12: **Chair Shirley McDonald**
  - **Janet Allen** appointed by CHICA to attend an H & W Guidelines committee.
  - Chapter **Policy Manual** being revised led by **Janet Allen**.
  - Terms of Reference revised to have CHICA Education Committee Rep. be the person responsible for planning Chapter Education sessions.
  - Chapter Membership Director will be Membership Rep. to CHICA.
  - Funeral Director invited to attend a meeting - added to mailing list.
  - Chapter educational bursary awarded to **June Gorrell and Kathy Wolsey**
  - Chapter Conference April 24 "*Partners in Infection Control - Bridging the Gap*" at Ongwanada Resource centre with a \$2,919 profit. (Committee members?)
  - Bank Balance: \$33,071.42. \$10,000 placed in a term deposit for education, and \$10,000 in 5-year GIC.
  - Approved a donation of \$1500 to CHICA - \$1000 to general fund and \$500 to Chapter Presidents Travel fun.
  - Membership - 43
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## 1995

- **Carol Whyman** completing term on CHICA Board as Past-president (1 year)
  - **Dr Zoutman** on Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee.
  - **MRSA Interest Group** reviewing the literature for practices, developing recommendations for practices and studies.
  - Approved Membership fee increase to \$10 in 1996 to cover cost of mailings.
  - President elect/President/Past President term changed from 2 years to 1 year each.
  - Approved a float fund of \$500 for the secretarial expenses.
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- **Janet Allen** as ICO rep. appointed to sit on a committee chaired by Dr Jacqueline Carlson.
- Planning of Education Day for 1996 started.
- On request from suggested to CHICA that name change be Canadian Healthcare Infection Control Association.
- Chapter membership - 45 (23 CHICA)

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## 1996

- Donation made to Infection Control Ontario - \$50
- 'Recruit a Member' Campaign started.
- **Janet Allen** drafted a Fan out to assist in notifying members of important information.
- **MRSA Interest Group** held last meeting in May. Accomplishments over 2 years: better understanding of MRSA and testing methods; cooperation between SMOL, HDH, KGH to identify patients and communicate; use of prevalence rates for early warning; awareness of local prevalence; and standardization of control measures. Manual of literature now available in the EOPIC Library.
- CHICA Canada conference Vancouver - 3 attended: **Donna North, Carol Whyman, + ?**
- An **EOPIC Card** designed by **Shirley McDonald** - use to include Thank yous.
- Recommendation that Chapter reps contact CHICA Chairs before chapter meetings for updates.
- Decided that Roundtable discussions would not be included in future minutes unless provided in written form to the secretary.
- Chapter Conference October 23 "**Practical Infection Control: Hepatitis & Other Pesky Pathogens**" at Lady of Lourdes Church Hall. **Planning Committee: Nadine Radisch & Gael Kirkwood, co-chairs; Janet Allen & Carol Whyman, Program; Katherine Wolsey, Finance; June Gorrell, Lois Rae, & Susan Travers, Registration; Faye Watson, Publicity; David Bellringer, Exhibits; Mary McDonald & Donna North, Site Coordination.** Attendance: 107 Exhibitors 13 Profit: \$2992.55
- **Carol Whyman** appointed to the APIC Information Technology Advisory Committee. Recommended to CHICA that they establish an email list, starting with Chapter Presidents (or delegate if they don't have email); and that at least set up a CHICA Home Page [chica.org](http://chica.org)
- Chapter membership - 40 (25 CHICA)

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## 1997

- Donated \$100 to IFIC, \$1000 to CHICA and \$50 to ICO
- Chapter **educational bursary** awarded to **Donna North, Janet Allen, Carol Whyman.**
- CHICA Conference in Quebec City attended by six members.
- **Donna North** represented the chapter at a Latex Conference
- **Faye Watson** retired in July
- **Rhea Lounsberry** no longer in Infection Control

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- KGH won Cost Effectiveness Poster Presentation for the study *on Cost Benefits Realized of an Active Surgical Site Surveillance Program*. presented by **Shirley McDonald, Jane Senn, Dr Zoutman & Carol Whyman**.
  - **Shirley McDonald** thanked for her work in designing and producing EOPIC Notes.
  - **Dr D. Zoutman** nominated by members of chapter to Physician Director position on CHICA Board, and won the election
  - Fall dinner meeting - 22 participants: Speaker Bev. Campbell, Administrator CNA (formerly of LCDC)
  - Chapter membership - 43
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### 1998 (Ice Storm)

- CHICA Poster Contest based on theme "*Antibiotic Resistant Organisms - Prevention & Control*" won by **Carol Whyman**. Awarded with free registration to attend conference.
  - Chapter Education Day October 21 ***SUPERBUGS: Challenging Infection Control***" at Lady of Lourdes Church Hall. **Planning Committee: Carol Whyman, Chair; Donna North, Vice-chair, Secretary & Site Coordination; Janet Allen, Program & Finance; June Gorell, Lois Rae & Susan Travers, Registration; Gael Kirkwood & Paul Webber, Exhibits; Kim Clark, Ruth Moulton, Diane Fox & Eileen Stamp, Site Coordination.**
  - Attendees 118 plus Exhibitors & Committee.
  - Chapter membership - 51
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### 1999

- Chapter educational bursaries awarded to **Janet Allen, June Gorrell, Ruth Moulton & Donna North**
  - Chapter Website committee formed: **Shirley McDonald, Kim Clark, Bill Fayle, Paul Webber, Janet Allen, Carol Whyman**.
  - **Gael Kirkwood** represented the chapter at a MOH Influenza Pandemic Planning Conference.
  - Proposed that "Practitioner" in chapter title be changed to "**Professional**"
  - Membership drive - first time members entered into a draw for \$50 dinner certificate.
  - Donation to CHICA: \$200 in Dr McGeer's name; \$500 to Chapter President's Travel Fund; \$300 to Antibiotic Resistance Fund.
  - Announcement of a made - **HEROIC**
  - "*Operation Parasol*" - **June Gorrell & Lois Rae** developed guidelines for receiving refugees from Kosovo. Presented at the OHA Convention and Published in CJIC Fall 1999 & Hospital News October 1999.
  - CHICA-Canada Conference in Moncton attended by 7 members.
  - **Shirley McDonald's** poster on "*Cost analysis of a C. difficile outbreak*" won 1<sup>st</sup> place award at CHICA Conference.
  - **Carol Whyman** retired from KGH but continued to volunteer with the Chapter. Chair of Regional conference and remains a member of APIC Information Technology Advisory Committee.
  - Chapter Library thinned to remove items older than 1995.
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- **WEBNEWS** - a list of resources on the Internet started by **Carol Whyman** for the information of members.
- **Kim Clark's** efforts re: Influenza Vaccination, and staff compliance, resulted in precedent setting Arbitration Award, December 1998 - Articles published The Canadian Journal of Infection Control, Fall 1999 and in the Ontario Nursing Home Association magazine, Fall 1999. (Editorial award received)
- **Pat Chislett**, ICP from England was a guest at the December meeting.
- Suggested to CHICA National that a member of the Board be appointed to chair the Governmental Affairs Committee.
- **Donna North** retired from Ongwanada and EOPIC.
- **June Gorrell & Lois Rae** presented at OHA Conference on Outbreak Management.
- **Sue Travers**, Chapter President-elect changed employer & moved away.
- Chapter membership - 53 (31 CHICA) (25% certified) (28 on email)

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## 2000

- **Carol Whyman** appointed Chapter President in place of Sue Travers who had moved away.
- **Dick Zoutman MD** elected to the CHICA Board for a second term.
- **June Gorrell**, founding member, retired from Trenton Memorial and EOPIC.
- Executive minutes & agenda to be distributed by email.
- **HEROIC**, a regional hospital group, established by **D. Zoutman - Shirley McDonald** to report to chapter.
- Term of Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Director increased to 2 years.
- Education Certificates became the responsibility of Education Chair.
- Chapter/CHICA Dates & Deadlines initiated by **Carol Whyman**.
- EOPIC launches the first chapter **Website** designed and executed by **Shirley McDonald**.
- **Jim Gauthier** from BC joins chapter.
- **Kim Clark** won an Editorial Award for her article on Influenza in published in ONHA Long Term Care Journal Sept 1999.
- Educational needs survey circulated by **Gael Kirkwood**.
- Chose Poster theme: *2001: The Infection Control Odyssey.....A Wise Investment*, and coordinated the CHICA Poster Contest. **Committee: Lois Rae (Chair), Dana Boomhower, June Gorrell, Linda McCarey, Shirley McDonald, and Carol Whyman**. Sponsored by Virox.
- Approved Chapter name change to "**Professional**" from "*Practitioner*" to encourage participation by other professionals involved in infection control. Presented at CHICA Chapter Presidents Meeting and challenged other chapters to make a similar change. Pending approval by CHICA Board.
- Permission obtained to have Chapter President-elect attend CHICA Chapter Presidents Meeting as an observer with prior arrangement. Funding assistance provided by the Chapter.
- Attendance at CHICA Conference - 7 (2 delayed due to VRE outbreak)
- Terms of Reference revised.

- Major revision to Chapter Policies & Procedures commenced using the CHICA template. Lead **Carol Whyman**.
- Infection Control Session at the OHA Convention coordinated and chaired by **Lois Rae - Janet Allen** was a presenter.
- **Dick Zoutman** traveled to Pristina, Kosovo on behalf of CIDA & CPHA to provide Infection Control advice re: their damaged hospital.
- **Sudsy Campaign** Task Group: **Lois Rae, Amanda Knapp, Linda McCarey, Marg McReynolds, Carol Whyman**. Target was School Boards and Schools.
- Partnered with Maunco to present a **Mini-module** on Long Term Care organized by **Paul Webber** & conducted by **Jim Gauthier**. Profit \$144 to be shared with CHICA TBA.
- Webnews, collated by **Carol Whyman**, made available to all members via the CHICA Website.
- \$500 donated to the CHICA Chapter Presidents' Meeting Fund \$ \$200 to ICO.
- Increase CHICA Membership contest - \$50 prize for draw of EOPIC names of first time CHICA members. Winner **Gail Williams**.
- Participated in the H&PE County Health Unit Workshops on Influenza with a table display and donation of door prizes.
- Chapter membership - 55 (CHICA 32)

## 2001 (9/11)

- **Carol Whyman** 2001 chair of Infection Control Ontario.
- **Lois Rae & Carol Whyman** recipients of EOPIC Education bursary.
- Article in the Ottawa Citizen written by Sharon Kirkey quoting **Dick Zoutman** and CHICA-Canada. (Re-published later in Kingston Whig-Standard)
- **Education Certificate** designed by **S.McDonald**
- Infection Control Educational Symposium June 5, 2001 "**Infection Control Issues in the New Millennium: Are We Prepared?**" at the Days Inn, Kingston - **Planning Committee: Carol Whyman, Chair & Site Liaison; Paul Webber, Exhibits; Gael Kirkwood, Speaker Liaison; Shirley McDonald, Registration**. Profit: \$2985.23
- **Dick Zoutman & Paul Webber** collected \$300,000 of supplies from across Canada, which were shipped to **Kosovo** via the Canadian Military.
- **CHICA History** updated & reformatted by **Carol Whyman** for inclusion in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of the CHICA - Canada Directory.
- CHICA-Canada Conference in Victoria, B.C. attended by President, **Linda McCarey** and President-Elect, **Jim Gauthier**. **CHICA Award of Merit** presented to **Carol Whyman** for her volunteer work in support of the association, and in particular, her collaboration on the CHICA history, accepted by Linda McCarey at the Victoria Conference.
- Participated in a community **Trash Bash & Moira River Clean-up** by providing opportunities for hand cleansing.
- Chapter membership 53 (24 CHICA)

## 2002

- Membership Fee increased to \$15/year
- **Carol Whyman** working as Administrative Assistant for Chapter & continued to produce Annual Dates & Deadlines for the Chapter.

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- Bank Balance \$16,519.03 (Feb 28,02): \$13,005.73 (April 30)
  - EOPIC Membership survey conducted by **Jim Gauthier**.
  - Membership pamphlet designed by **Dana Boomhower**.
  - **Emailing** of Agendas & Minutes started to replace postal mail.
  - CHICA-Canada Conference in St Johns, NL attended by 8 EOPIC members.
  - Won **CBIC Award** for achievements in 2001 accepted at the CHICA conference by **Bill Fayle**, President-elect. Received a \$300 credit for educational materials to be purchased from APIC.
  - **Bill Fayle** promoted to Lab Manager vacating the Pres-elect position. **Jim Gauthier** to continue as President for an additional year.
  - **Carol Whyman** received Certificate of Appreciation from OHA.
  - Maunco offered to sponsor first year membership in CHICA.
  - Chapter recognized in Community Press (Quinte) for our support of the Moira River Clean-up.
  - **Paul Webber** continued to organize Teleclasses & make them available to the Chapter. Was also consulted by Holland America re: environmental cleaners for Norwalk Virus.
  - Many members active in providing education in various settings besides their own. **Jim Gauthier** made the front page of Kingston This Week Nov 8/02 for his Handwashing campaign in schools.
  - The Registered Nurses Association of Ontario awarded a Member Emeritus to **Carol Whyman** for 40 years of continuous membership. The award included a gold pin and complementary membership.
  - Chapter membership 48

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### 2003 (SARS)

- **Dick Zoutman MD** elected to the CHICA Board for a third term and appointed as Chair of Governmental Affairs Committee.
- Job descriptions moved from **Terms of Reference** to Policies. New/revised policies place in a Red Folder. Folders distributed to the Library and each executive member.
- Collaborated with OOPIC for a **CIC** Test site.
- **SARS Dick Zoutman** appointed chair of the Provincial Operations Centre Scientific Committee in Toronto in April.
- **Jim Gauthier & Shirley McDonald** produced an educational video on SARS.
- **Mary Lake** elected President of the Alzheimer's Society.
- **Marg. McReynolds** presented at the Nurses Critical Care Conference.
- Continued to participate in **Trash Bash & Moira River Clean-up**
- EOPIC **History** document and organization of the minutes for the **Archives** started by **C. Whyman**.
- Donated \$500 to the CHICA Distant Education fund.
- **Jim Gauthier** created Oncology Interest Group
- **Shirley McDonald** appointed as CHICA-Canada Webmaster. Collated many links to address the SARS outbreak - updated regularly.

- CHICA-Canada Conference in Thunder Bay in June attended by **Bill Fayle, Doug Hons, Shirley McDonald, Lois Rae, Paul Webber, & Dick Zoutman.**
- **Won CHICA Chapter 3M** Award for achievements in 2002 presented at the CHICA Conference in Thunder Bay. Submission prepared by **Dana Boomhower.** Prize \$1200
- Won **CBIC Award** for achievements in 2002.
- EOPIC Conference October 29/30: **The Intention is Prevention: Infection Control Today: Workshop - "Bugs, Jugs & Drugs"** at the Days Inn. **Planning Committee: Carol Whyman, Chair, Shirley McDonald, Lois Rae, Janet Allen, Dana Boomhower, Paul Webber, Kim Harvey, Ruth Moulton.** Profit \$6,616.26
- Dick Zoutman appointed chair of the Health Canada Bioterrorism Committee
- **Paul Webber** introduced first CHICA-Canada teleclass, "**Voices of CHICA**" to enable the Board to communicate with the membership.
- **Carol Whyman** first CHICA-EO member awarded Chapter Honorary Life Membership.
- **Jim Gauthier**, President, proposed that we co-sponsor the 2007 National Conference with OOPIC
- **Dick Zoutman** presented with a plaque acknowledging his contributions to Infection Control.
- **Paul Webber** presented at the IFIC Conference in Malta on the Teleclass Education Model.
- **Jim Gauthier** appeared on Cable TV "How to stay healthy this Winter
- Decided to reduce chapter meetings to 4/year starting in 2004.
- Chapter membership - 45

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## 2004

- Founding member, **Lois Rae** died in January after a brave struggle with cancer.
- Chapter membership fee to be send with National fee - this resulted in some confusion this year
- \$500 donated to IFIC.
- **Won 3M Chapter** Achievement Award for achievements in 2003 presented at the CHICA Conference Calgary. Submission prepared by **Shirley McDonald.** Prize \$1500.
- CHICA-Canada Conference in Calgary attended by 9 members - **Carol Whyman** attended on a Virox Scholarship.
- **Shirley McDonald** wins CHICA-Canada Award of Merit for work done on the website.
- Approved a motion to hold all chapter meetings in Kingston.
- Founding member, **Kay Olmstead**, and an original member, **Diane Airhart** retired.
- **Won CBIC Award** for achievements in 2003 congratulated by Darlene Dingle, CBIC President, by teleconference at November meeting. Prize: \$250.
- Chapter membership ~ 53

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## 2005

- May 25, Chapter approved name change to CHICA-Eastern Ontario on request of CHICA.
- **Janet Allen & Laurie Doxtator** awarded educational funding for CIC Exam.
- Bi-annual Chapter Regional conference schedule changed to avoid conflict with OOPIC.

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- **Jim Gauthier** created CHICA Mental Health Interest Group
  - **Jim Gauthier** appointed to coordinate the CHICA-Canada Webboard
  - Decided to send all receipts to CHICA- Canada Treasurer to submit for the GST Rebate.
  - Agreed to keep Chapter Library at PCCC
  - Approved supporting the attendance of Secretary, Treasurer & Admin Assistant with \$500 to attend the CHICA Conference.
  - CHICA-Canada Conference in Winnipeg: 6 members attended; CHICA-EO **member Dick Zoutman** gave the closing address. Jim Gauthier and Dick Zoutman presented posters.
  - **Shirley McDonald** assisted the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) to provide technical assistance to infection control professionals in tsunami-ravaged countries by creating a "natural disasters" website featuring links for infection prevention following a natural disaster.
  - Queen's University Basic Infection Control **on-line course**, planned by several CHICA-EO members, and coordinated by members **Dick Zoutman and Jim Gauthier**, was presented to 24 students from across Canada.
  - **Debbie Moulton** spoke on infection prevention at the Canadian-American Developmental Disabilities international Expertise Exchange in Kingston.
  - CHICA-EO members in the Belleville/Picton/Bancroft region organized 4 simultaneous "Trash Bashes".
  - Beat the Bug Campaign launched in the Kingston Hospitals coordinated by **Christine Weir** and involving 8 CHICA-EO members.
  - **Dana Anderson** organized the Cascade Park Clean Up in Belleville.
  - **Paul Webber** presented a poster "*Teleclass Education: A New Model for Infection Control Education in the UK*" to the Infection Control Nurses' Association meeting in Torquay, England.
  - Six members in the Belleville area organized a 2-day mall display highlighting hand hygiene and infection prevention.
  - **Dick Zoutman MD** was appointed as director for the new South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network.
  - **Janet Allen** organized a 2-day conference on construction, sponsored by the Canadian Standards Association, which was attended by many CHICA-EO members.
  - **Dick Zoutman** published articles in CJIC: "The relationship between hospital infection surveillance and control activities and antibiotic-resistant pathogen rates"; and "Infection Control called up from the minors, again".
  - CHICA-EO member **Jim Gauthier** published an article in CJIC, entitled "An outbreak of viral gastroenteritis in a mental health facility: You're not in acute care anymore, Toto!"
  - **Laurie Doxtator & Dick Zoutman** published an article in CJIC, entitled "*Barrier precautions in trauma resuscitation: Infection control recommendations*".
  - CHICA-EO member **Paul Webber** was interviewed by the media regarding the death of a family member due to nosocomial infection bringing attention and focus to infection prevention and control in Canadian hospitals.
  - Basic Infection Control on-line Course started at Queens with chapter members teaching: **Dick Zoutman, Jim Gauthier, Janet Allen**
  - Approved combining the position of Treasurer & Membership Director.
  - **Dana Anderson (Boomhower)** updated Thank You cards.

- **Shirley McDonald** retired from KGH, but continued to volunteer with the Chapter & CHICA.
- **Shirley McDonald** hired as writer for PIDAC Committee's Best Practices manual
- Recommended to CHICA that audit tools should be available to members at no charge.
- Chapter membership 44 + 1 honorary + 3 affiliates.

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## 2006 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- **Dick Zoutman MD** elected to the CHICA Board for a fourth term.
  - Chapter memberships collected with national fees - refunded to the chapter. Chapter to charge non-members \$7 per meeting.
  - **Janet Allen** appointed Coordinator of the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network.
  - Dinner meeting held with presentations by Paul Huras & Georgina Thompson regarding Local Health Integration networks (LHINs.)
  - **Dana Anderson** recipient of chapter educational award.
  - CHICA-Canada Conference in London attended by 20 members. **Janet Allen, Jane Burden, Dorianne Chesterton, Sue Cooper, JoAnne Cunningham, Allyson Davis, Bonnie Erwin, Martina Flanigan, Jim Gauthier, David Kelly, Amanda Knapp, Cameron Krempulec, Sally McInnis, Shirley McDonald, Kathleen Poole, Elaine Tapp, Paul Webber, Christine Weir, Carol Whyman, & Dick Zoutman**
  - First **summer meeting** and social held in July at Shirley McDonald's home.
  - First edition of **Chapter History** presented by **Carol Whyman**.
  - **Chapter Conference** at Days Inn on Sept 27/28: *Infection Prevention: Planning for Tomorrow- Workshops: A Primer in Infection Control: Let's Look at the Issues; Certification in Infection Control: Strategies for Exam Preparation. Planning Committee:* Carol Whyman, Chair & Exhibitors; Shirley McDonald, Vice-Chair & Registration; Janet Allen, Chair Program Committee: Members: Sue Cooper, Laurie Doxtator, Jim Gauthier, Mary Lynn Lester, Ruth Moulton, Chandra Patel, Kathleen Poole, Paul Webber. Profit \$4,968.02
  - Revenue from the Conference/Workshops used to establish **the Lois Rae Memorial Fund for Certification** with the blessing of the Rae family. The fund, in memory of the late Lois Rae was established to reimburse exam fees to chapter members upon successful completion of the CIC exam. Lois was a strong supporter of certification.
  - **Janet Allen** granted Chapter - Honorary Life Membership.
  - P.O Box established for the conference was found to be very helpful. Chapter decided to continue this, to be administered by the Treasurer.
  - All Chapter **Policies** and Terms of Reference revised by **Amanda Knapp & Carol Whyman** to reflect new chapter name and be in consistent format.
  - **Carol Whyman** appointed as Chapter Archivist.
  - Library transferred to the SEOIC Network offices with content available on chapter website.
  - Chapter membership - 70 (Year end)
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**2007**

- Conference Planning Manual updated and copied onto a CD by **Carol Whyman**.
- Videoconferencing of meetings was made available to those not able to attend meetings in person.
- Applied to be the "Host Chapter" for the 2011 National Conference (in Ottawa) our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but withdrew as National is hoping to have a joint conference with APIC.
- **Jim Gauthier, Amanda Knapp & Allyson Davis** assisted South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network (SEOICN) to run a series of workshops on IPAC issues for LTC.
- Agreed to partner with South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network (SEOICN) on educational events.
- Education bursary awarded to **Sally MacInnis, Allyson Davis, Amanda Knapp, & Laurie Boyer**.
- **CHICA conference in Edmonton: Jim Gauthier** served on the Scientific Planning and will continue on the committee until 2009. **10 members** attended the conference.
- **Sue Cooper**, President, attended the APIC National Educational Conference in California in June.
- **Dorianne Chesterton** first recipient from the Lois Rae Memorial Fund for Certification
- 2 members of the chapter attended a September meeting of the Heart of New York (HONY) APIC chapter in Syracuse New York.
- **Laurie Boyer** won the 2007 Ecolab Poster Contest "*Infection Control: Practice & Participate*".
- Represented at National Infectious Diseases Day activities in Ottawa by **President, Sue Cooper, Janet Allen and Dr. Dick Zoutman**.
- Ten members achieved **Certification** in 2007: **Dana Anderson, Melanie Barbacsy, Dorianne Chesterton, Sue Cooper, Bernie Cowperthwaite, Allyson Davis, Amanda Knapp, Sally MacInnis, Kathleen Poole, Christine Wilkinson** and received funding from the Chapter Lois Rae Memorial Fund.
- Committee established for 2008 Chapter Conference Sept 24/25: **Chair: Bernie Cowperthwaite, Exhibits: Dana Anderson; Site Liaison: Carol Whyman;** additional committee TBA.
- Chapter collaborated with the SEOIC Network to host an Environmental Conference in Feb 2008
- Approved the displaying of the CBIC Award plaques in the Network offices.
- **Shirley McDonald** granted Chapter - Honorary Life Membership
- Chapter membership - 70 (plus 46 non-member contacts)

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**2008**

- **Allyson Davies** unable to take on President-elect position due to pregnancy. **Bonnie Carter** appointed to the position.
- Partnered with the Southeastern Ontario Infection Control Network to present a 1-day conference on Environment Cleaning in February and a Regional Conference in September.
- **Shirley McDonald, Paul Webber & Carol Whyman** were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for significant contributions to the chapter.
- Chapter website redesigned by webmaster Shirley McDonald.

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- Letter of Cooperation between CHICA- Eastern Ontario and SEOICN signed to identify roles, responsibilities and expectations in joint educational activities.
  - Participated in the Cameroon Book Project by collecting medical/infection control books, magazines and educational materials for infection prevention & control initiatives and training programs in Cameroon coordinated by **Shirley McDonald**. 64 boxes including 1250 books and diligently sorted and arranged for current references to be sent to Africa.
  - Submission prepared for CBIC Chapter award, when learned that CBIC had cancelled the award it was submitted to CHICA-Canada for 3M Chapter Achievement Award.
  - **Christine Weir** became the 16th chapter member to obtain Certification in Infection Control (CIC) and received a grant from the Lois Rae Fund.
  - **Carol Whyman**, the first CHICA-EO archivist, completed the compilation of the history of the chapter, which is now available on our website.
  - CHICA-Canada Conference in Montréal attended by 17 members: including **Shirley McDonald, Melanie Barbacsy, Sally MacInnis, Jim Gauthier, Sue Cooper, Kathleen Poole, Dick Zoutman, Amanda Knapp, Paul Webber, Bernie Cowperthwaite, Bonnie Carter, Melinda Billett, Dana Finnegan-Yee**
  - Bi-annual educational conference "*Share the Message – Not the Microbe: A Call To Action*" held September 24 & 25, 2008 at the Days Inn Conference Centre. Initiated Registration on-line, the first chapter to do so.

**Planning Committee:** Bernie Cowperthwaite (Chair), Kathleen Poole (Co-Chair), Dana Anderson, Shirley McLaren, Shirley McDonald, Amanda Knapp, Carol Whyman., Debbie Moulton, Marianne Walker & other contributors. Profit \$5669.

- A Chapter version of the CHICA-Canada Willingness to Serve form was created.
  - Expense Claim form revised to include allowance of 42 cents/km
  - **Dick Zoutman MD**, chapter member, retired from the CHICA-Canada Board at the end of 2008 completing four terms (12 years) as Physician Director. Dick is a vocal advocate for infection prevention & control, CHICA and CHICA-EO and was thanked for being instrumental in raising the profile of Infection Control.
  - **Jim Gauthier** continued to serve on the CHICA-Canada Conference Scientific Planning Committee, and is Chair for the 2010 CHICA annual conference in Vancouver. **Amanda Knapp** was appointed for a two-year term representing Community/Public Health.
  - **Sue Cooper** prepared an article regarding the success of the CIC Study Group for publication by CBIC. She also updated the Rae family who had offered to make a donation to the fund.
  - For the second year, a joint education session was held with the Community Infection Prevention Partners (CIPP).
  - Bank Balance Year end \$9,003.91
  - Chapter membership - 76
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