

## **CHICA-SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO (CHICA-SWO)**

### **Executive 2009**

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President Elect	Brenda Prouse RN CIC
Secretary	Amanda Proctor RN
Treasurer	Nancy Brown MLT BSc CHE

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**Number of members:** 165

**Geographical location** includes three LHIN regions Erie St Clair (Windsor, Sarnia and Chatham area), South Western Ontario (London area) and part of the Waterloo Wellington region.

### **Meetings and Education sessions**

There were four meetings held in 2009 and one conference.

February 20, 2009

The winter meeting is always held by videoconference due to the potential for winter weather inhibiting travel to the meeting.

- Meeting Highlights
- Upcoming CHICA conference: highlights
- Upcoming two day strategic planning day with David Sheridan in St John's
- Meeting with Shirley McDonald for chapter webmasters since our website is up and running now
- Went over the conference dates and deadlines

Application for Education Assistance

CHICA SWO was able to give four members \$500.00 in education assistance to attend the CHICA National Education Conference. Members selected to attend needed to meet certain criteria outlined in the application.

Education session was Dr. Allison McGeer speaking on Antibiotic Stewardship

April 3, 2009

The spring meeting was a face to face meeting at West Haven Golf course in London, Ontario

Meeting Highlights

- We conducted an education needs survey of the members using clickers
- Christine Moussa showed the members how to use the on line chat area
- (the website of CHICA SWO has a chat button you can click onto to pose questions to the membership)
- Discussed submitted abstracts to CHICA and members brought in samples of ones they had done
- Announced three winners of the CHICA SWO education assistance to attend CHICA fund. The winners received \$500.00 to attend the CHICA National Education Conference
- Upcoming CHICA SWO June conference was announced
- New CICs announced

## Education Sessions

Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion speaker Cathy Egan  
Highlights from SHEA speaker Laura Fraser

June 5, 2009

There is normally a June CHICA SWO meeting but this year we replaced it with a June 5<sup>th</sup> Conference. We wanted to increase our membership. In particular we wanted to bring more ICPs from long term care into our membership. We partnered with three of the RICNs from our region with this conference.

The Conference planning was done by a conference planning committee which consisted of CHICA SWO members, RICN representatives and ICPs from long term care. About 100 people attended the conference. The conference took place at the Four Points by Sheraton

### Speakers and Topics of the Conference

- Francois Lagarde - Topic : Communication
- Scott Weese - Topic: Pet Visitation
- Henrietta Vanhulle - Topic: Sharp Safety
- Dr. Marina Salvadori - Topic: MRSA and CA-MRSA What's the Difference?

We had nine exhibitors sponsor the conference including: The Stevens Company, Maxill, ArjoHuntleigh, 3M, Laura Line Skin Care, Rubbermaid, Medline, Surgo Surgical, and SciCan. Evaluations were positive.

September 11, 2009

This was a face to face meeting held at West Haven Golf Course in London, Ontario.

### Meeting Highlights

- Invited members to bring environmental cleaning managers to the talk (we had a large turn out)
- June conference evaluations were reviewed
- Terms of Reference was reviewed by the members
- Elections for new executive positions were held
- Member of APIC greater Detroit chapter attended
- New CICs announced

## Education Sessions

Routine Practices by Anne Bialachowski (president elect for CHICA)

Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning by Mary Lou Card (PIDAC committee member)

November 6, 2009

This was a face to face meeting held at West Haven Golf Course in London, Ontario. We also offered this meeting by teleconference to members as many were not able to leave their facilities due to the pH1N1.

### Meeting Highlights

- Tim Cronsberry (member of CHICA SWO and Coordinator for SWOICN) gave a presentation on how to do an abstract
- Betty Bannerman Award given to member that is outstanding (sponsored by 3M winner gets plaque and \$1000.00). This year's winner was Nancy Brown
- CHICA SWO maintains relationships with the US APIC greater Detroit chapter by attending their meetings, networking and inviting members to our sessions as guests and speakers.
- New CICs announced

Education Sessions

Leadership, by Clare Barry

Emergency Preparedness, by Doris Neumeyer (Doris is from the APIC-Greater Detroit chapter in the states).

Representatives from RICN and the Public Health Agency for Health Protection and Promotion given opportunity to speak at each meeting.

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*Chapter President*