

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.....

Carol Whyman, Original 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.

Lois Rae	Belleville General Hospital
June Gorrell	Trenton Memorial Hospital
Linda Coughlin	Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, Picton
Kay Olmstead	Brockville Psychiatric Hospital
Teresa Hamilton	St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston
Janet Allen	Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston
Marilyn Ottenhof	Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston
Katherine Wolsey	Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston
Sandra Connell	Kingston Psychiatric Hospital
Betty Atkinson	Cornwall General Hospital
Carol Whyman.	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**
 - 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** 2nd & 3rd 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

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

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

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

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????**
- 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

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

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.
- **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)

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
- Chapter membership - 40 (25 CHICA)

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
 - 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 Gorrell, 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

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.
- "*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 1st 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.
- **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 EOPIIC.
- **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)

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 EOPIIC.
- 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 25th 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.
- 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

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.
- EOPIIC 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

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

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.
- **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, Janet Allen 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.
- **Shirley McDonald** retired from KGH, but continued to volunteer with the Chapter & CHICA.
- Approved combining the position of Treasurer & Membership Director.
- **Dana Anderson (Boomhower)** updated Thank You cards.
- **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.

2006 - 20th 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)

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 30th 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)

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.
- 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 Co-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).
- Chapter membership - 76

2009

- Chapter Website updated by **Shirley McDonald** to include a “chapter member only” secure area.
- **Sue Cooper** prepared a narrated PowerPoint presentation submitted for the 2009 3M Chapter Achievement Award. The presentation was developed with the assistance of **Amanda Knapp** and **Melanie Barbacsy**.

- **Kathleen Poole**, Chapter Rep to Infection Control Ontario, was appointed to the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Protocol Committee.
- An education subcommittee was formed to prepare for a Trade Show/workshop in the spring of 2010: **Amanda Knapp, Chair, Sue Cooper, Dana Anderson, & Paul Webber**.
- **Paul Webber** was awarded Honorary Life Membership in the Chapter on June 17 for his support of the chapter and efforts promoting infection and control education.
- Co-hosted an infection education session with the Community Infection Prevention Partners (CIPP) following the June 17 meeting. Presentation by Dr. Syed Sattar, "Current Issues in the Disinfection of Environmental Surfaces in Healthcare Settings"
- Members of the Chapter nominated **Dick Zoutman MD** as a CHICA-Canada Honorary Life Member for his many accomplishments and valuable service to the Association. This was awarded at the national Conference in 2010.
- Chapter members on the CHICA-Canada Conference Scientific Planning Committee: **Jim Gauthier** and **Amanda Knapp**. **Susan Cooper** was appointed Member at Large for the 2011 National Conference in Toronto
- 11 Chapter members attended the 2009 CHICA conference in St. John's Newfoundland: **Janet Allen, Dorianne Chesterton, Sue Cooper, Bernie Cowperthwaite, Jim Gauthier, Amanda Knapp, Sally MacInnis, Shirley McDonald, Sharon Thompson, Paul Webber, & Dick Zoutman**
- Neither **Bonnie Carter**, EO president nor **Melanie Barbacsy**, President Elect, were able to attend the Chapter Presidents' meeting. Shirley McDonald was in attendance as the Webmaster.
- Several Chapter members collaborated with the Regional Infection Control Network committees to design pocket guides for both acute and long term care on IPAC.
- Chapter members **Craig Lawrie, David Ryding, Pam Burns, Tammy Van der Kloet** obtained Certification in Infection Control (CIC) raising our total to 21.
- Chapter membership – 88 (including 4 honorary)

2010

- Workshop and Trade Show "*New Directions in Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection*", held on April 21 at the Day's Inn Conference Centre. Over 150 local ICPs and Environmental Services staff and managers attended the full day based on the new PIDAC environmental cleaning document. The workshop was co hosted with the South Eastern Ontario Infection Control Network, with the following members on the **planning committee: Dana Anderson, Sue Cooper, Paul Webber and Amanda Knapp**. Guest speakers included **Liz Van Horne, Dr. Zoutman, Paul Webber** and a panel of local Environmental Services Managers. **Profit: \$3495**
- As a result of CHICA-Canada changing the membership year to an anniversary basis the chapter decided to make the November meeting the AGM and to determine membership numbers as of that date.
- **Amada Knapp & Jim Gauthier** (Chair) served on the scientific committee for the 2010 National Conference.
- CHICA-Canada Conference, "*Golden Opportunities, Soaring to New Heights*", held in Vancouver was attended by 11 members: **Janet Allen, Dana Anderson, Melanie Barbacsy, Susan Cooper, Jim Gauthier, Amanda Knapp, Sally MacInnis, Shirley McDonald, Lindsay Nicholson, Paul Webber, & Dick Zoutman**
- **Dr. Zoutman** received Honorary Life Membership at the National Conference in Vancouver.
- **Susan Cooper** awarded a Virox Scholarship to attend the 2010 National Education Conference.
- **Jim Gauthier** elected as president-elect for CHICA-Canada for 2011
- Committee chosen to coordinate events for 2011 celebration of CHICA-EO 25th anniversary- **Sue Cooper, Amanda Knapp, Paul Webber, Sally MacInnis, Shirley McLaren & Shirley McDonald**.

- Infection Control Week displays set up at Kingston Cataraqui Centre with **Shirley McDonald, Amanda Knapp, Christine Weir, Bonnie Carter, Debbie Moulton, Kathleen Poole, Sally MacInnis, Sue Cooper** and in Belleville Quinte Mall, with **Sheila Chartrand, Dorianne Chesterton, Janet Allen and others....** Also included attendance at some municipal meetings for hand hygiene demonstrations.
- Contest held to design a banner for use at future chapter events. Won by **Sheila Chartrand**, Quinte Healthcare. She received registration to the 2011 national conference which may be used by any member of the Quinte IPAC team.
- Due to a change in employment **Melanie Barbacsy** was unable to continue in the role as Chapter President. **Sally MacInnis** agreed to begin her term as President early. She took over the role in September 2010 and will serve as President through 2011. **Bonnie Carter** agreed to remain in the Past President role through 2011.
- Chose EcoLab Poster theme for CHICA-Canada, "**Infection Prevention and Control - Are You In: Get INvolved, Provide INput, INitiate Change**" and coordinated the Poster Contest: **Committee: Sally MacInnis, Craig Lawrie, Elizabeth Palmateer**
- The chapter had 5 full day meetings in Kingston during the year, offering video conferencing to members unable to attend. Paul Webber continued to organize education for each meeting.
- Initiated a plan to twin with ICPs in Cameroon, West Africa. Planning Group: **Shirley McDonald (Lead), Sally MacInnis, Dana Anderson, Amanda Knapp, Paul Webber, Bonnie Carter, Elizabeth Palmateer, Lesli Anawati, Sue Cooper & Shirley McLaren.**
- Membership: 98 paid 4 honorary Chapter, 1 honorary CHICA-Canada.

2011

- **Jim Gauthier** served as CHICA-Canada President-elect during 2011.
- 25th anniversary of Chapter celebrated on April 14th with a gala dinner attended by 53 current and past members. Six out of 7 of the founding members were in attendance. Special guest **Gerry Hansen** attended. Past President of CHICA, **Anne Bialachowski**, was guest speaker. Silent Auction raised \$309 for Cameroon project.
- Article about the chapter published in the Journal.
- The Cameroon Twinning project chaired by **Shirley McDonald** continued with plans and action to assist with resources and mentoring for medical facilities. One large shipment of donated supplies was sent to Cameroon with the assistance of **Paul Webber**. Sponsored the membership of **Jacob nkwangobte** in CHICA-Canada.
- Several members met to create lanyards from beads to be sold at the Conference.
- **Amanda Knapp & Susan Cooper** served on the Scientific Program committee for the 2011 National CHICA Conference.
- **Dana Anderson** appointed as the Long Term Care representative to the 2013/2014 Scientific Program Committee.
- CHICA-Canada conference *Innovation, Inspiration, Influence: Leadership in Action*, held in Toronto celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the association was attended by 25 Chapter members: **Janet Allen, Dana Anderson, Cynthia Arseneau, Pam Burns, Bonnie Carter, Susan Cooper, Allyson Davies, Dana Finnegan-Yee, Jim Gauthier, Lisa Hope, Amanda Knapp, Ian Kudryk, Craig Lawrie, Sally MacInnis, Shirley McDonald, Shirley McLaren, Lindsay Nicholson, Elizabeth Palmateer, Kim Potter, Susan Pugh, Mary Lu Sample, Paul Webber, Christine Weir, Carol Whyman & Dick Zoutman.**
- **Shirley McLaren** was awarded a Virox Scholarship to attend the 2011 National Education Conference.
- **Shirley McDonald** was awarded an Honourary Life Membership in CHICA-Canada.
- Chapter won the 3M Chapter Achievement award of \$1500.00 Submission prepared by **Susan Cooper** with input from the Executive.

- **Jim Gauthier** was presented the Best Oral presentation award for his abstract *Interactive Infection Control Education: Learning by Getting Your Hands Dirty*
- Jim also won the prize for the top male during the annual run for IFIC.
- At the National Conference Chapter members assisted as monitors and chapter booth fundraising for the chapter and the Cameroon Twinning project.
- Drs. Edie & Tom Welty of the Cameroon Baptist Health Board brought African art to sell.
- **Paul Webber** congratulated by the chapter for the 10th anniversary of the Webber Teleclasses.
- Terms of Reference revised to have the President serve for 2 years preceded by 1 year as President-elect and followed by one year as Past-president. **Sally MacInnis** to serve as President for 2011/12.
- Position of Membership/Treasurer split into 2 positions.
- A "Boot Camp" was held Oct 11 for those multi-tasking ICPs. Attendance 124 + 14 volunteers. Profit \$5,876.13. **Planning Committee** Sue Cooper, Shirley McDonald, Amanda Knapp, Dana Anderson, Sally MacInnis, Paul Webber.
- A portion of the Boot Camp profits used to cover Shipping costs of items for Cameroon.
- Survey regarding chapter meetings developed and circulated by Susan Cooper with input from the executive.
- 24 members Certified in Infection Control
- **Membership:** At one point in the year, with the individual membership year, it appeared there were 101 chapter members. However, as of Nov. 30 the count was 80 Chapter members including 4 honorary Chapter members, 2 honorary CHICA members.

2012

- **Jim Gauthier** served as CHICA-Canada President during 2012
- Twinning project with Cameroon Baptist Convention (West Africa) continues.
 - **Dana Anderson** and **Sally MacInnis** spent 2 weeks touring health facilities in Cameroon in a fact-finding trip funded in part by the chapter.
 - Arrangements initiated to sponsor Jacob nkwangobte 's attendance at the 2013 CHICAConference. Unfortunately, he was denied a Visa.
- **Dr. Dick Zoutman** was honoured for his support over the years at a social in June.
- September - the chapter co-hosted a conference "*Changing Habits: Best Practices Using Chemicals to Battle Microbes*", funded in part by the prize from 3M award. Committee members included: **Sally MacInnis, Chair, Kim Potter, Dana Anderson, Paul Webber, Amanda Knapp, Janet Allen & Ann McFeeters**. Attendance 67 plus 12 volunteers. Profit \$4000.
- **Dana Anderson** served on the 2013/2014 Scientific Program Committee representing the Long Term Care Sector.
- **Mary Anne Lupenette** and **Amanda Knapp** received VIROX Scholarships to attend the 2012 CHICA National Conference in Saskatoon.
- CHICA-Canada conference "*Growing for the Future*" held in Saskatoon was attended by **Jim Gauthier, Sally MacInnis, Shirley McDonald, Amanda Knapp, Paul Webber, Lori Pike, Janet Newbatt, Mary Anne Lupenette**
- Chapter members were surveyed regarding format of meetings resulting in the following plan: Chapter Business & CHICA Canada report 1000 – 1100; Education 11:00 – 1200; Round Table 1200 – 1300; followed by other chapter related meetings. June & November meetings were designated as full day meetings for presentation of CHICA National Reports.
- Chapter members were polled to find satellite sites with videoconferencing, and central meeting planned from Kingston RICN boardroom.
- Noted that Infection Control Ontario ceased to exist. A partially completed history of ICO is available from **Carol Whyman**.
- Chapter member and founding member of the CHICA-EO chapter, **Janet Allen**, retired from the Public Health Ontario South East Regional Infection Control Network in December 2012 and was

honored at special dinner attended by many of her colleagues.

- 24 members held Certification in Infection Control - seven chapter members achieved recertification: **Dana Anderson, Dorianne Chesterton, Sue Cooper, Allyson Davis, Amanda Knapp, Melanie Maracle and Sally MacInnis.**
- **Membership:** (as of Nov 2012) 76 Chapter members including 4 Honorary Chapter members and 2 Honorary CHICA members.

2013

- **Jim Gauthier** served as past president of CHICA-Canada for 2013.
- Format for Chapter meetings revised to half day meetings & 2 full day in the year.
- Twinning project with Cameroon Baptist Convention (West Africa) continued:
 - The chapter purchased a filler to enable Cameroon staff to refill ABHR bottles
 - A large shipment of medical supplies and IPAC materials was sent to Cameroon in the Fall.
 - Unfortunately, **Jacob nkwangobte** was denied a Visa for attendance at the 2013 CHICA Conference.
 - Two posters Jacob had prepared were completed and presented by **Shirley McDonald, Sally MacInnis and Dana Anderson.**
 - **Sally MacInnis** gave a presentation on the project to Johnstown United Church and the Amherstview Catholic Women's League received donations to the project.
- 2013 CHICA-Canada conference "*O CHICA Canada - On Guard for Thee*", held in Ottawa, was attended in full or in part by **Sheila Chartrand, Jim Gauthier, Sally MacInnis, Shirley McDonald, Paul Webber, Lori Pike, Mary Anne Lupenette, James Tanti, Tracey Spencer, Amanda Knapp, Pamela Burns, Chantel Lafreniere, Jean Terhaar, Craig Lawrie, Ian Kudryk, Sue Cooper, Christine Weir, Lisa Hope, Jackie Potter, Dorianne Chesterton, Wanda Stewart, Lori Finnegan, Dana Finnegan Yee, Dana Anderson, Susan Pugh, Nicole Kenny, David Ryding, Margaret Parr.**
- **Sue Cooper** was invited to represent Canada on the CBIC Certification Board for a 2-year term.
- Our chapter logo was re-designed and the chapter name changed to IPAC Eastern Ontario (IPAC- EO) in accordance with the organization's re-branding.
- **Dana Anderson** completed her last term as Treasurer after 7 years of service, having established an excellent accounting system.
- **Sue Cooper** was appointed as the new RIC Network Coordinator on February 4.
- **Kim Potter** achieved Certification in Infection Control
- 22 members held Certification in Infection Control.
- Chapter Terms of Reference revised
- Fall conference planned but cancelled due to low registration.
- Chapter position of Awards Coordinator changed to Chapter Promotion Coordinator to include collection of photos on a memory stick for the archives.
- **Membership:** (as of Nov 2013) 81 Chapter members including 4 Honorary Chapter members and 2 Honorary CHICA members.

2014

- A new chapter executive position was instituted: New ICP. This position gives new ICPs an opportunity to participate in the organization and to obtain experience at an executive level. The position is initially a non-voting ex-officio position. The first person acclaimed to this position was **Kerri-Anne Wilson.**
- New chapter Terms of Reference were approved and posted on website
- Chapter website was re-branded with new IPAC Canada logo and name
- Chapter policies were re-branded and all policies were reviewed by the Executive
- There was a change in meeting format from Round Table discussion to Q&A sessions. Questions will be submitted anonymously prior to the meeting and answered at the meeting. Q&As will be

included in meeting minutes as a record of the discussion. Q&As will be coordinated by **Amanda Knapp**.

- A very successful Boot Camp for novice ICPs was held in June
- Three abstracts from chapter members were accepted for the IPAC Canada conference
- Twinning project with Cameroon Baptist Convention (West Africa) continued:
 - Hand hygiene written materials/posters were sent to Cameroon.
 - The hand hygiene program has been expanded and ABHR has been provided to four other hospitals.
 - African artifacts were sold at our local Boot Camp in June and at the IPAC Canada conference in Halifax, to raise funds for the Twinning Project.
 - **Sally MacInnis** participated in a teleconference with IPAC-TPIC and will be sharing our Letter of Understanding with them as they twin with Nigeria.
 - Current Cameroon needs: Ebola PPE, alcohol thermometers.
 - Our chapter has been assisting Cameroon in their preparations for Ebola, with technical support, financial aid and PPE. A shipment of PPE and other supplies will be sent in spring 2015.
- 2014 IPAC Canada conference "*Prevention – A Port in Any Storm*", held in Halifax, was attended in full or in part by **Jim Gauthier, Shirley McDonald, Paul Webber, David Ryding, Sally MacInnis, Dorianne Chesterton, Dana Anderson, Jean Terhaar, Dick Zoutman, Sue Cooper, Amanda Knapp, Pam Burns, Sonya Cornelius, Doug Hons**
- **Sue Cooper** served a second year as IPAC Canada representative on the CBIC Certification Board
- **Sue Cooper** received Honorary Life Membership to IPAC-EO in April
- The chapter library was disbanded in September and the contents distributed to the Cameroon Twinning Project and PHO
- 23 members held Certification in Infection Control
- Chapter Education Sessions:
 - Ontario Ministry of Labour Update [Craig Lawrie]
 - General Principles of Reprocessing [Sue Cooper]
 - Public Health Ontario Laboratories [Debbie Sikora]
 - Ebola, the KGH Experience [Darlene Campbell]
- **Membership (as of Nov 2014):** 77 Chapter members including 5 Honorary Chapter members and 2 Honorary IPAC Canada members

2015

- Our chapter recognized our founding member, **Carol Whyman**, with the Carol Whyman Scholarship Award, presented annually to a member to assist with costs related with continuing education.
- Twinning project with Cameroon Baptist Convention (West Africa) continued:
 - Alcohol thermometers were sent to Cameroon.
 - A large amount of personal protective equipment and other supplies were shipped to our colleagues in West Africa to support our Cameroon Twinning Project in their preparations for Ebola virus.
- The 2015 IPAC Canada conference "*Surfing Waves of Change*", held in Victoria, was attended in full or in part by **Shirley McDonald, Paul Webber, Kathleen Poole, David Ryding, Sally MacInnis, Dick Zoutman, Sue Cooper, Doug Hons, Janet Newbatt, James Tanti, Bill Sherlock, Morgan Harnest, Chelisa Karran, Brittany Peters, Shawna Hoskin, Jean Terhaar**.
 - **Paul Webber** participated on the Scientific Program Committee
 - Posters were presented by **Dick Zoutman, Susan Cooper and David Ryding**.
 - **Shirley McDonald** and **Sally MacInnis** presented our twinning project in a session at the 2015 conference in Victoria.
 - **Sue Cooper** won a two-night free stay at the Fairmount Empress Victoria at the closing ceremonies.

- **Sue Cooper** chaired a very successful CBIC Workshop following the conference.
- **David Ryding** won the Ecolab Poster Contest for his winning poster “*Infection Prevention – Think Global, Act Local*”
- IPAC-EO achieved the most significant increase in membership in 2014-2015, winning a free membership to go to one of our chapter members. The member chosen was Sally MacInnis.
- IPAC-EO won the 3M chapter achievement award in 2015
- Chapter Education Sessions:
 - Ariella Zbar (*2014/15 Flu Season: Lessons Learned*)
 - Barb Shea (*Experiences with Ebola*)
 - Dr. Gary Garber (*How do you solve a problem like VRE?*)
 - Jim Gauthier (*Construction Issues*)
 - Dr. Kieran Moore (*2015-2016 Influenza Season: Our Annual Epidemic*).
- Membership (as of December 2015): 79 Chapter members including 5 Honorary chapter members and 2 Honorary IPAC Canada members.
- 28 members held Certification in Infection Control

2016

- Our chapter celebrated 30 years as a chapter with an Anniversary Dinner and Education Day, with the theme “*IPAC-EO: Then and Now*”. The dinner was held on the evening of June 2, 2016 at the Italo-Canadian Club in Kingston. The keynote speaker was Gerry Hansen, Executive Director of IPAC Canada. Carol Whyman, our founding President, spoke on our chapter’s early history, followed by Gerry, who wove our chapter’s accomplishments over the years into the greater fabric of IPAC Canada, celebrating 40 years this year. The evening was casual, with plenty of time for socializing and relaxing with friends. As a special highlight, we were able to Skype with our Cameroonian member, Jacob nkwan gobte, who also said a few words about how the chapter has impacted his IPAC program. About 50% of our membership attended the dinner. The following day, June 3rd, an Education Day was held, also at the Italo-Canadian Club. The theme of the event was “*Then and Now*”. The day was well attended with a large number of corporate sponsors displaying their products. The speakers were excellent, and reviews from evaluations were very positive.
- The Cameroon Twinning Project continued to assist colleagues in West Africa with another large amount of personal protective equipment and other supplies, to assist with outbreaks of Ebola virus.
- The 2016 IPAC Canada conference “*Wisdom Begins with Wonder*”, held in Niagara Falls, was attended in full or in part by **Shirley McDonald, Paul Webber, Kathleen Poole, David Ryding, Sally MacInnis, Sue Cooper, Amanda Knapp, Lori Pike, James Tanti, Celine Richardson and new ICP, Debbie McIntyre**. Our members were actively involved in the conference:
 - **Shirley McDonald** and **Sally MacInnis**, as winners of the Moira Walker Memorial Award for the Cameroon Twinning Project, gave a presentation on the Project at the Tuesday breakfast event.
 - **Shirley McDonald** was a co-presenter with Karen Clinker on Wednesday, presenting The Infection Prevention and Control Program Audit Tool (PAT), a launch of the IPAC Program Standard and audit tool.
 - **Sue Cooper** chaired another very successful CIC® Study Preparatory Workshop following the conference.
 - An oral presentation was presented by **Debbie McIntyre, Sue Cooper** and **David Ryding** (*Less is More. Pilot and Formative Evaluation of a New UTI Program for Long Term Care Homes*), and posters were presented by **Debbie McIntyre** (*Helping Clinical Offices Manage Infectious Diseases-Filling a Knowledge Gap*); and **Sue Cooper** (*Building an Evidence Based – Theory Driven Program (ETP) to Address Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) and Antibiotic Related Harms in Long Term Care*).
- **Amanda Knapp** received Honorary Life Membership to IPAC-EO in June.
- IPAC EO was recognized by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC) in

for the work our chapter does to support and recognize the CIC® exam.

- Chapter Meeting Education Sessions:
 - Adrienne Hansen-Taugher, Shirley McDonald (*Local Efforts Supporting Refugees from Syria*)
 - Francine Paquette (*EX and IPAC: The Dream Team*)
 - Conference Reports
 - Grace Volkening (*IPAC Lapses in the Community*)
 - Dr. Anna Majur (*Zika Virus*)
- Membership at December 2016: There were 57 chapter members, including 6 Honorary chapter members and 2 Honorary IPAC Canada members.
- Certification in Infection Control was held by 26 (46%) chapter members.

2017

- Our chapter completed a 3-year review of chapter policies and procedures
- A survey was conducted among our members regarding general meetings (i.e., timing, webcast, and other considerations). We had a response rate of 44%. Results indicated we maintain the current meeting time, we pilot the webcast option, and we focus our attention on the education aspect of our meetings.
- Hosted two evening educational workshops entitled '*Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) in Community Healthcare Settings*'. Over 100 delegates, speakers, and volunteers in attendance between the two sessions. Attendees were from various community care settings such as physician offices, Public Health, and dental offices. Presentations included: occupational health and safety, environmental cleaning, reprocessing, and case scenarios. Of the 68 evaluations received between the two workshops, 96% rated the workshops as very good (4) or excellent (5) on a 5-point scale.
- The Cameroon Twinning Project continued to assist colleagues in West Africa with another large shipment of personal protective equipment, needles and other supplies, as well as paid membership in IPAC Canada and APIC for Jacob Nkwan Gobte.
- Nine chapter members attended the 2017 National Conference. Shirley McDonald received the Award of Merit for her extensive contributions to IPAC Canada, Paul Webber received the Moira Walker Memorial Award for International Service for his work establishing Webber Training, and David Ryding won the EcoLab Poster Contest.
- **Shirley McLaren** received Honorary Life Membership to IPAC-EO in November.
- Chapter Meeting Education Sessions:
 - Michelle Policarpio (*1. Point prevalence survey of antibiotic resistant organisms (AROs) in long-term care homes (LTCHs): Past, present and the future 2. Annual laboratory and hospital survey: A look at the antimicrobial resistance in common hospital pathogens in Ontario*)
 - Keyur Dixit and Melanie Ray (*What's New at the PHOL Lab*)
 - Heather Candon, Lorraine Maze dit Mieuxement, and Natasha Salt (*CPE: A Draining Concern*)
 - Anna Bialachowski (*How to Manage Your IPAC Career*)
 - Gary Garber (*VRE, CPE and Stuff!!*)
- Membership at December 2016: There were 59 chapter members, including 7 Honorary chapter members and 2 Honorary IPAC Canada members. There was one newly certified member by CBIC.