



Breaking News. . .Specialized Geriatric Services

Welcome to the RGPc Newsletter. Breaking News brings you current information related to Specialized Geriatric Services (SGS) while offering our Regions a venue for sharing news, events and initiatives with others. If you have news that you would like to share across RGPc please email jhorvat@stpetes.ca

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Highlight on Brant

Geriatric Specialty Services in Brant are available through a physician's referral to the Brant Community Health Care System (BGH and Willett sites) and through the Brant Geriatric Psychiatry Outreach Program (St Joseph's Healthcare System housed at the St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre). A continued lack of primary care physicians poses some challenge getting that service to all of our seniors who might benefit from it.

Alzheimer Society:

- Public Meeting sponsored by Alzheimer Society on the Drive-ABLE Program with Dr. Alan Dobbs speaking. First Link program has been initiated through the Brant Alzheimer Society with presentations given to the physicians and then to the public.

Elder Abuse Committee:

The Elder Abuse Committee is holding a one day workshop on May 11 at the Best Western Inn in Brantford entitled "In Your Hands". This workshop is targeted for staff working in LTC facilities. Facilitator for the day is Cheryl McTaggart Regional Consultant for Ontario's Strategy to Combat Elder Abuse.



Dementia Network:

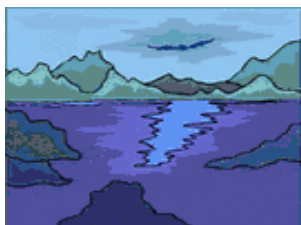
- Dementia Network Regional Meeting for Central South Ontario is being hosted in Brantford on May 4 at the Brantford Golf and Country Club. Theme for the workshop is Transitions - "Home" and Back Again. The Brant Dementia Network has developed for distribution a Memory Loss and Driving brochure.

Thank you to Bonnie Gray for providing information from Brant.

Please watch for an update from Halton in June.

RGPC Update

Congratulations to this year's Geriatric Service Recognition Awards Nominees:



Student Nominees:

- Hendrika Spykerman
- Sarah Clark
- Renee Nason
- Anthony Kupfershmidt

Clinician Nominees:

- Ann Tassonyi
- Anne Pizzacalla
- Bozica Brankovic
- Carol McKenna

Team Nominees:

- PMAC team
- Wellington Dufferin Seniors Services Network
- Wellington Dufferin Outreach Services Team
- Freeport CTU team
- Niagara Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Team
- Haldimand Norfolk Specialized Geriatric Services
- Niagara Health Services Geriatric Assessment Team

Organization Nominees:

- Alzheimer Society of Niagara
- St. Peter's Family of Services
- Grace Villa

- Debbie Keay
- Dilys Haughton
- Dr. Christopher Patterson
- Dr. David Cowan
- Dr. Sheri-Lynn Kane
- Dr. Tricia Woo
- Dr. Bill Sulis
- Esther Coker
- Eleanor Maslin
- Gail Elliot
- George Yates
- Jane Coulson
- Joan Kaden
- Judy Lever
- Laura Jewell
- Luann Crandall
- Nola Bachiu
- Sandra Buckle
- Shobhana Ranjit
- Sue Fornataro
- Shirley Hawkey
- Wendy McPherson

Executive Nominees:

- Brenda Fraser
- Chris Carew
- Donna Cripps
- Dr. D.W Molloy
- David Lewis
- David Jewell
- Dan Oettinger
- Janet Papavasiliou
- Joan Kaden
- Marge Dempsey
- Marion Emo
- Maureen Shantz
- Sheila Lancaster
- Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou
- Kit Julian
- Eleanor Maslin
- Kevin Sulewski

- Park Lane Terrace
- Nimigon Retirement Home

Find out who has been selected as a winner in each category at the Geriatric Service Recognition Awards Dinner celebration Friday May 27, 2005.

The awards celebration, to be held at the new Fallsview Casino Resort in Niagara is sure to be an enjoyable evening—featuring a wine tasting reception, a four course meal, entertainment (*see bios of entertainers, next page*) and,

of course, the awards presentation. Tickets for the event are available now and are selling fast—reserve yours by contacting Jenifer Horvat: jhorvat@stpetes.ca or (905) 777-3837 ext. 12434.



Geriatric Service Awards—Featured Speakers:

Mr. Charly Chiarelli

Charly has a Master's degree in Social Work and degrees in Psychology and Linguistics. As well as being a Mental Health and Addictions Consultant, Charly is one of Canada's premiere storytellers, as cited by the enormous successes of his two one-person plays, Cu'Fu and Mangiacake. These plays have had successful live performances across Canada. They are also featured as one-hour specials on OMNI and Bravo TV. As a virtuoso Jazz and Blues harmonica player, Charly has contributed to hundreds of recordings. His works have received rave reviews from a plethora of journals. He has also recently been

inducted into the McMaster University Alumni Hall of Fame - along with inductee notables like Martin Short, Dave Thomas and Eugene Levy.

Dr. Jack Diamond

Dr. Diamond was appointed Scientific Director of the Alzheimer Society of Canada December 2003. He is also Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University. At McMaster he continues his laboratory research program with a special focus on diabetic neuropathy and on the apoE4 risk factor for AD. He was formerly Associate Director for Scientific Affairs at the Montreal Neurological Institute at

McGill University, and was the founding Chair of the original Dept of Neurosciences when the new medical school was established at McMaster. Dr. Diamond received his PhD and his medical degree at the University of London, England, after which he did two years post-doctoral research at Harvard Medical School, returning to a faculty position at University College London. He is widely published, having written more than 70 papers in refereed journals, and 15 book chapters. His most recent publications appeared in the Journal of Neuroscience and in Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience. He is currently preparing a paper that will help clarify the role of apoE in aging and Alzheimer Disease.

Recommended Resource

New HELP website launched:

<http://hospitalelderlifeprogram.org>

The new Hospital Elder Life Website was officially launched on April 1, 2005. The new expanded website features general information about delirium for older adults and their caregivers, information for clinicians, key delirium references, a searchable delirium bibliography and expanded information about the HELP program. Information for older adults and their caregivers includes general information about delirium, lifestyle tips for decreasing the chances of getting delirium, 10 tips for avoiding confusion in the hospital and the National Institute on Aging document "Talking with your Doctor". In addition, the site has a section available only to active HELP programs and includes a discussion forum where program staff can share their experiences.

Mark your Calendars!

Sheridan Elder Research Centre (SERC) Presents *The Power of Story Telling: Creative Ways to Enhance Personhood and Encourage Communication*

Wednesday, May 18th, 2005 – 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.
(Registration required—\$25 enrollment fee)

Building on our fall presentation, we are pleased to provide this opportunity for participants to further explore the use of stories in practice. Enrollment is limited to provide a "hands on" learning experience in each of the 4 workshops. **Please call Pat Spadafora 905-845-9430, extension 8615.**

5th Annual
Day in Geriatric Mental Health—Unraveling the
Mysteries of the Brain

CARDIOVASCULAR RISK & the BRAIN

Wednesday September 28, 2005
Ameri-Can, Niagara Falls

This conference will include a case study and panel discussion. Registration forms will be available in July—for more information, call (905)687-6856 ext. 525.

RGPC Education Calendar

May 2005

For more information, please visit the Education calendar online: www.rgpc.ca

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Challenges in Dementia Care: Making the Most of Mealtimes with Patience and Creativity with Rosemary Dunne	4 Accountability in Healthcare Day 1 Enhancing Self Nourishment in Dementia Care	5 Accountability in Healthcare Day 2	6 Ontario PsychoGeriatric Association - Achieving Better Outcomes in Dementia Care.. assessment, advocacy &	7
8	9	10 Day of Drum Circle Therapy	11	12	13	14
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Long Term Care Resource Centre May 2005 Reading List

"Doing research on the web is like using a library assembled piecemeal by pack rats and vandalized nightly."
Roger Ebert

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- Chalfont, G.E. (2005) Reconnecting with nature. *Journal of Dementia Care*, 13(2), 35-
- Mold, F., Fitzpatrick, J.M., Roberts, J.D. (2005) Minority ethnic elders in care homes: a review of the literature. *Age and Ageing*, 34(2), 107-
- Thanvi, B., Lo, N., Robinson, T. (2005) Vascular parkinsonism – an important cause of parkinsonism in older people. *Age and Ageing*, 34(2), 114-
- Nabet, N. et al. (2005) An educational intervention can prevent delirium on acute medical wards. *Age and Ageing*, 34(2), 152-
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- Hayward, K.S. (2005) Facilitating interdisciplinary practice through mobile service provision to the rural older adult. *Geriatric Nursing*, 26(1), 29-
- Fink, R., Thompson, C.J., Bonnes, D. (2005) Overcoming barriers and promoting the use of research in practice. *Journal of Nursing Administration*, 35(3), 121-
- Anthony, M.K. et al. (2005) Leadership and nurse retention: the pivotal role of nurse managers. *Journal of Nursing Administration*, 35(3), 146-
- Futrell, M., Devereaux Melillo, K. (2005) Gerontological nurse practitioners: implications for the future. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 31(4), 19-
- Sanford, J.T., Johnson, A.D., Townsend-Racchiccioli, J. (2005) The health status of rural caregivers. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 31(4), 25-
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- Fitzpatrick, M. (2005) Behind the scenes: best practices that support pleasurable dining. *Long Term Care*, 15(1), 17-
- Coveart, T. (2005) Speaking up: making sure residents can have their say. *Long Term Care*, 15(1), 25-
- Gage, W. (2005) Exercise for the elderly and frail. *Long Term Care*, 15(1), 20-
- Molony, S.L. et al. (2005) Assessing pain as a fifth vital sign in long term care facilities: recommendations from the field. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 31(3), 16-
- Landreville, P. et al. (2005) A training program for managing agitation of resident sin long term care facilities. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 31(3), 34-
- Ayello, E.A. (2005) What does the wound say? Why determining etiology is essential for appropriate wound care. *Advances in Skin and Wound Care*, 18(2), 98-
- Jalali, R., Rezaie, M. (2005) Predicting pressure ulcer risk: comparing the predictive validity of 4 scales. *Advances in Skin and Wound Care*, 18(2), 92-
- Berta, W., Laporte, A., Valdmanis, V. (2005) Observations on institutional long term care in Ontario: 1996-2002. *Canadian Journal on Aging*, 24(1), 71-

In the nonstop tsunami of global information, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us how to swim.

Linton Weeks (*Washington Post* article, 13 January 2001, p. C01)

You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.

— Monty Python skit

