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## EDITOR'S NOTE KIMBERLEY KEARSEY

# A picture is worth a thousand...thanks

THE SPRING EDITION OF *REGISTERED Nurse Journal* is always equally overwhelming and exciting. This is the issue that includes coverage of two of our biggest events of the year: the annual general meeting (AGM) and Nursing Week. Unlike any other installment of the magazine, this one is bursting with photos taken by you and of you – our members – where you live and work. Given the success of Nursing Week events like *Take Your MPP to Work* (this year 65 MPPs from across Ontario participated), and the exceptional turnout at some of your regional events, the task of narrowing down the images for publication was particularly challenging. We hope you like the photos we've selected (pages 21 to 31), and take the time to visit our Facebook page to find many others online. Thank you to every member who shared memories. Without your contributions, the magazine just wouldn't be the same.

In addition to the visual treasures you will find on these pages, there is also exciting

news from Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne (page 21). Her promise to expand scope of practice for some nurses and nurse practitioners was just one of the highlights of RNAO's 2013 AGM. Another was the minute of silence hundreds of nurses, nursing students, guests and politicians used to reflect on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SARS. There's nothing more powerful than a quiet room filled with hundreds of people, heads bowed remembering those lost to the disease.

Our cover feature reflects on the outbreak (page 12), telling the stories of RNs who were directly involved. When you see nurses then vs. now, it's comforting to know that progress and promise can emerge from tragedy and despair.

If you have a story to share about your life or work post-SARS, please write to editor@RNAO.ca for a possible follow-up feature or for publication on our mailbag page. As always, we look to you to bring the pages of this magazine to life. And we're never disappointed. **RN**

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