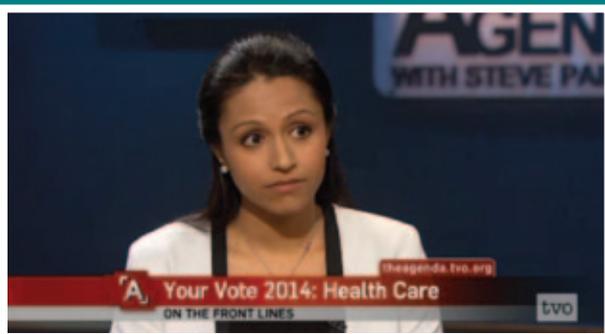




NURSING WEEK 2014



RNs in the media ◀

In addition to news coverage of RNAO's obesity best practice guideline (BPG) in *Nursing in the News* (see page 8), RNAO members spoke to the media during Nursing Week about other health and nursing issues. TVO's *The Agenda with Steve Paikin* hosted a live chat with frontline health-care workers about health care as an issue during the election. RNAO members Michelle Acorn, a nurse practitioner at Lakeridge Health, and Kamini Kalia, an advanced practice nurse at Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (above left), were among the guests. CHEX TV's *HealthWatch* program visited nurses in Kawartha-Victoria to learn more about the local chapter and what issues are important to RNs. Claire Hanlon (below left) spoke about the need for better home care, and opposition to the privatization of health services. Beryl Cable-Williams was also featured in the piece, and spoke about how RNAO's Kawartha-Victoria chapter provides a forum for local RNs to socialize and network.



Huron nurses get update ▲

Nurses with the Huron County Public Health Unit pose with Nancy Peroff-Johnston, a senior nurse consultant in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Public Health Division (inside row at right, third back, in glasses). Peroff-Johnston presented to the group for Nursing Week, sharing news on government initiatives related to infectious disease and social determinants of health. She also talked about the new chief nursing officer positions in public health, and how they're being implemented, and touched on some concerning trends in the sector, including replacing public health nurses with health promoters.

Take your politician to work



During Nursing Week, Premier Kathleen Wynne stopped by the West Park Healthcare Centre in Toronto May 16, where she, the Don Valley West candidate in the provincial election, toured the centre and met with staff and clients. Here, Wynne (centre) poses with Etobicoke-North Liberal candidate Shafiq Qadri (far left), RNAO CEO Doris Grinspun (second from left), West Park President and CEO Anne-Marie Malek (second from right), and York South-Weston Liberal candidate Laura Albanese (far right).



Progressive Conservative Party Leader Tim Hudak greets three nurses from Ottawa's Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) during a May 22 visit as part of RNAO's *Take Your Politician to Work* initiative. For the past 14 years, RNAO has invited politicians to join RNs at work for Nursing Week to get a first-hand look at health care in Ontario, and discuss the province's health needs.



NDP MPP candidate Cheri Di Novo (left) paid a visit in May to RNs at Toronto's Four Villages Community Health Centre. RN Jessica Connor talked to her about what she would

Celebrating BPSOs ▾

Owen Sound's Grey-Bruce Health Unit (left) and London's Victoria Hospital (below) were two of three Ontario sites to host media conferences during Nursing Week, demonstrating how best practice guidelines are helping to enrich the care nurses provide to patients, and celebrating each site's designation as a Best Practice Spotlight Organization. Grey-Bruce hosted a gathering of staff and media, attended by Sue Sweeney, RNAO long-term care best practice co-ordinator for the Southwest LHIN (above, left), and Irmajean Bajnok, director of RNAO's International Affairs and Best Practice Guidelines Centre. Joining the festivities at London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) were RNAO CEO Doris Grinspun (below, third from left) and RNAO President Vanessa Burkoski, who is LHSC VP/Chief Nursing Executive (centre, in cream).



Collecting for a cause ▲

Each year, in honour of Nursing Week, Region 10 RNAO member Bea Osome (second from right) organizes a food drive. Staff at Garden Terrace, a nursing home in Kanata, collect donations. Pictured (L to R) are PSWs Amarjit Jaswal and Rita Josol-Cutler, Annik Donzil, director of care, Ednia Collier, a private sitter, Osome, and RN Nargis Morad.

To see more photos from Nursing Week, visit www.facebook.com/RNAOhomeoffice to check out the gallery.

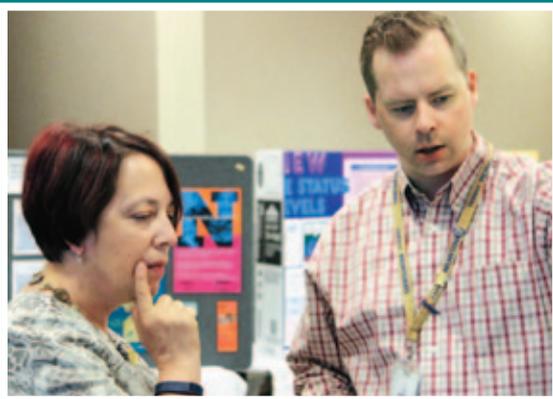


change in the health-care system if she had the opportunity. They also focused on some of the barriers RNs and NPs face when it comes to practising to their full scope.



Toronto Star Nurse of the Year ▲

RN Lisa Gillespie (top, third from left), who launched a harm reduction program and works in public health in Woodstock, received the 2014 *Toronto Star* Nightingale Award for Nurse of the Year at RNAO's Nursing Week Career Fair May 16. Honourable Mentions in the annual competition were (top, from left) James Mastin and Captain Colleen Grebstad. RNAO Director Irmajejan Bajnok (third from right), CEO Doris Grinspun and the *Toronto Star's* Bob Hepburn congratulated the winners for their achievement.



Thunder Bay plays host to past-president ▲

RNAO Immediate Past-President Rhonda Seidman-Carlson (left) celebrated Nursing Week with a visit to Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, where she delivered a keynote address about healthy work environments and bullying. She toured anti-bullying information booths, speaking to nurses, including Chad Johnson, a trauma CNS (right).



Nursing Week declared in Sudbury ◀

Sudbury Mayor Marianne Matichuk (right) officially proclaimed May 12–16 *Nursing Week* in Greater Sudbury. She attended the RNAO Sudbury chapter event May 12, accompanied at the podium for the official declaration by chapter president Lise Thomas (left) and chair of Sudbury's *Nursing Week* committee, Paul-André Gauthier.

Creative kids' view of nursing

RNAO's Halton chapter called on youngsters this Nursing Week to "show" what nursing means to them. School children submitted their creative artwork to the chapter's first-ever art competition, and three were selected. Burlington Grade 1 student, Sophie Inara Alidina, won in the primary category (Grades 1–3) (left), Oakville Grade 4 student Zakir Kassam won in the upper primary category (Grades 4–8) (right), and Waterloo Grade 9 student Keauna Persuad won in the secondary category (Grades 9–12) (far right). Each child walked away with a small gift for their efforts, and bragging rights as winners of the first-ever Creative Kids competition.

