

OARC Membership Renewal

February 2017

It's renewal time for OARC memberships. Renewal letters and invoices have been sent to current OARC member Residents' Council Presidents. Please contact OARC if you would like the renewal invoice emailed directly to you. OARC membership runs from April 1st to March 31st annually.

OARC is here to assist your Residents' Council by helping to share experiences among Councils, provide support through phone calls, home visits, education sessions, networking, developing tools and sharing resources that support Residents' Councils. Residents from OARC member homes are also eligible to become an OARC Board Member.

Membership dollars contribute to education and services for Residents' Councils across Ontario. Your support helps OARC to work with residents, long-term care homes, government, researchers and other organizations to address issues identified by you.

We would like to thank City of Toronto – Long-Term Care Homes and Services, and the Steeves and Rozema Group for providing corporate memberships for their long-term care homes.



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Pharmacy Services in Long-Term Care Homes – ACE Article

In a recent edition of the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE) Newsletter, Jane E. Meadus (Barrister & Solicitor), provides an overview of pharmacy services in long-term care homes. The newsletter can be accessed by [clicking here](#) and describes what individuals should be aware of when dealing with these services. Ms. Meadus explores the Long-Term Care Home Act (2007) requirements, access to prescribe medications, pharmacy services, fees and more. The ACE article concludes with a call to action encouraging residents, families and substitute decision-makers to speak to their MPPs to ask for change in the system, to make it fair and equitable for all.

2 Positions Available on OARC's Board of Directors

OARC is accepting applications to fill 2 positions on the OARC Board of Directors. OARC's Board of Directors governs and supports OARC by:

- assisting Residents' Councils in improving their effectiveness and sustainability;
- encouraging residents to participate in decisions affecting them;
- providing a collective voice for Residents' Councils; and

- working with government and other organizations interested in improving quality of living in LTC homes

If you are resident in a leadership position on your Residents' Council and reside in an OARC member long-term care home and are interested in learning more about this position, please send a letter/email of interest or contact Jennifer Langston at 1-800-532-0201, jangston@ontarc.com

Upcoming in OARC Education

OARC's 2017-2018 education plan is shaping up to be full of events, new education and tools. Among many additions, will be the development of on-line education modules, making our primary education readily available and accessible to you! This will consist of 6 foundational learning modules which are designed to provide an in-depth understanding and well versed foundation on Residents' Council. Topics will include legislation and regulations; how meetings might look; record keeping; Residents' Council scope of influence/powers and more. Furthermore, we are excited to announce that OARC will be hosting monthly webinars beginning in April 2017, more details to follow!

Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive



OARC will launch one of its signature programs this year in early spring. *Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive* is a program engaging staff and residents to work together to deliver education to long-term care home staff, residents and other stakeholders. Inspired by the materials provided in the program, *Through Our Eyes* provides opportunities for creative and meaningful moments of connection between staff and residents while educating those around them about the Residents' Bill of Rights (LTCHA, 2007) in a meaningful, memorable way. Stay tuned for our official launch date!

Visit our website for more information about upcoming education events www.ontarc.com
 We encourage you to bring this information to the next Residents' Council meeting in your home.
 We love to hear from you...
 call, write or email us with your questions, suggestions and stories.



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