

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Deborah McNamara was the Editor of the ORNAC Journal (formerly Canadian Operating Room Nursing Journal) from April 2002 through to December 2022. She has a degree in Journalism from what is now known as Toronto Metropolitan University and is the President of Clockwork Communications Inc. in Halifax, NS.
Deborah@ClockworkCommunications.ca



It is with a heavy heart that I bid my farewell to the ORNAC Journal and to the ORNAC members who have read and supported it over the years.

I began my time with ORNAC when my first child was an infant. 21 years later she is fully grown... and your journal (my other “baby”) is also all grown up. I believe I have put both my babies on a strong path and I hope my work serves you well in your future journey.

From a physically smaller *Canadian OR Nursing Journal* to the larger *ORNAC Journal*. From a mostly black and white publication to a full colour publication. From a publication with limited French content to one that is fully bilingual. From a print only publication to one that is distributed in both print and electronic versions. Baby, look at how you have grown!

As with children, it takes a village... and mine is too large to name you all.

The ORNAC Journal gave me the pleasure of meeting the incredibly talented Sherri Keenan who has handled the layout of this journal for 21 years. We have definitely co-parented

this baby through all 84 issues. Jocelyne Demers-Owoka has handled all of our translation with true professionalism. Many Editorial Chairs have given generously of their time and wisdom over the years. I have also had the pleasure of building amazing friendships with many wonderful OR Nurses who never hesitated to speak their minds and come to me with ideas. And I have lost some wonderful friends (I miss you Muriel Shewchuk). Thank you for all for being there for my baby and for inspiring and supporting me.

To the industry partners who supported the journal and put up with my constant pestering for their artwork. ORNAC was lucky to have your support and I have enjoyed working with you all.

And the loudest shout out of all -- thank you to the ORNAC members for making it all worthwhile! I have enjoyed building this with you. Special thanks to those who have written for the journal. I know that writing can be terrifying and I thank you for trusting me with your words and for letting me work with you to ensure your voice is as clear as possible. You made this journal yours. You made it matter. You made it informative. You made it

strong. And you made me feel like family. My baby is your baby. You should be very proud.

I have enjoyed my time with you. Your incredible stories. Your amazing energy. The inspiration that came with meeting you at conferences. The opportunities to grow and expand in new directions. The only thing I will not miss is shop talk over lunch... and some of the photos. I'd like to say you helped make my stomach stronger... but that would be a lie. Your fortitude amazes me to this day.

I will miss working with you more than most of you will ever know. And I hope you will keep doing what you do and supporting the vision of this journal.

I will be cheering you on from a distance... smiling and thinking “look at my baby go!”

Take Care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dmchamara".

Deborah McNamara