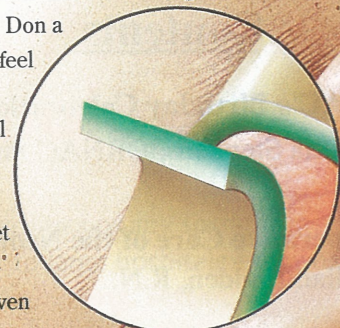


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ORNAC'S Birthday Celebration

By Gloria Stephens

ORNAC is still a young organization as compared to some of the provincial operating room nurses organizations which have been active since the late fifties and early sixties, such as Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia. The national beginnings stemmed from a meeting in Toronto in 1965 with an attempt to help all provinces in Canada form an OR organization. In attendance at this meeting were representatives from BC, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario. The members of this meeting endorsed the need for a national group; and provided funds for a National Committee. Isabelle Adams was voted as the first Chairman of the interim national planning committee.

From '65 to '70 many attempts were made to get the national organization "off the ground". The difficulty was lack of funds, communication systems, and several provinces were yet to be organized.

The first official meeting/conference was organized by the Toronto OR Group and the Quebec group in 1970. Quebec was the hosting province assuming the financial responsibility. The first official meeting to investigate the creation of a national committee is considered to be 1970.

The British Columbia Operating Room Nurses Group (BCORNG) in April 1972 held what is considered the 2nd official meeting related to attempts to form a National Committee. BCORNG had been working with OR nurses across Canada on this project as early as 1967. The committee met at National Conferences every two years on the Sunday before the conference and in the off years in Toronto. This National Committee functioned until 1983 when ORNAC became the official operating room nurses organization. The first President was Valerie Shirreff of Toronto, to be followed by Ann Robinson of

Quebec, Joan Donald of New Brunswick, and Gloria Stephens of British Columbia.

ORNAC's accomplishments in ten short years are staggering and too numerous to list here. These successes are not due to a few members, but to many from coast to coast, who have volunteered their time and sometimes money to the betterment and advancement of the organization. Any organization's progress stems from a solid foundation. The Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) is fortunate to have such a foundation. What makes a solid foundation are well defined guidelines, careful documentation, clean and open communication lines, valid resources, and a sincere commitment of the people involved. This ORNAC has.

To participate in the 10th anniversary celebrations come to Quebec City, June 6 - 11, '93.

Happy Birthday ORNAC and may your future be long, proud and successful.

Announcements:

The World Operating Room Nurses Conference will be held in Adelaide, Australia, Sept. 6 - 11, 1993.

1. Travel Arrangements: Contact your Provincial President for detailed information.

2. World Attire: For Fellowship Night, Tue. Sept. 7 '93, Canadian shirt and red mountie hat which can be purchased at the National conference in Quebec City. Shirt \$15.00 and the hat \$5.00.

Don't forget to bring items for 'give-a-ways/traders' for this fun filled and interesting evening.

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