

A New Publisher and a New Editor for CJONL

An Editorial by Kaaren Neufeld, President ACEN

The day I sat down to start writing this column I received a call from the Federal Minister of Health's Office. The Honorable A. Anne McLellan was inviting a representative from the Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses (ACEN), to meet with her in Ottawa. She was sponsoring a round table discussion on the final report from the Canadian Nursing Advisory Committee.

The report provided a comprehensive overview of the key issues affecting Canadian nurses work life. Which recommendations should receive top priority? What did ACEN see as the role of the federal government in taking action on the report? In three days ACEN was to have a one page briefing note prepared. The list serve for ACEN went into action and within forty-eight hours I had received feed back from nurse leaders in every province. The fact that the federal government was soliciting our opinion affirmed for me that ACEN was well on the way to achieving its new goal of becoming a more strategic player in the healthcare system. Our network was well established, our roots were deep and we welcomed change as an organization.

This issue of the Canadian Journal of Nursing Leadership (CJONL) marks another significant change for ACEN, the producers of CJONL. With this issue we celebrate the retirement of Dorothy M. Wylie as the journal editor and thank David Allen as he steps down as the publisher. CJONL began in 1988 and was known then as the Canadian Journal of Nursing Administration. The circulation was small but it was an important means of communication for nurses in leadership positions in management, practice and education across the country. The Journal connected us, provided a forum for debate and served, as much needed educational resource. In 1999, the Journal took on a new look and a new title. It was a bold and proactive move to answer the growing need for new ideas about strategy, leadership and work. The change was welcome. Our roots were deep.

Some changes are more memorable than others. The CJONL has been produced reliably four times a year under the careful and committed leadership of Dorothy and

David. Their dedication and countless volunteer hours made it possible for us to share new ideas, test concepts, exchange opinions, propose theories and grow professionally. Dorothy had a vision for strong nurse leadership in this country and under her guidance the Journal thrived. Its roots were well established and now Dorothy and David tell us it is time for change.

On behalf of all its readers, the editorial board of CJONL and ACEN, I want to say a heartfelt thank you for the legacy you leave. You have served this readership with skill and passion. You have been an example for us, calling us to exercise our gifts of leadership and to participate in shaping a vision for nursing which will cultivate a renewed sense of ownership of the health care system and its mission. Dorothy and David, thank you for helping us to shape a new conversation about the role of nursing, the value of nurses work, and the nature of nursing leadership.

The first issue of 2003 will welcome a new editor and a new publisher. We will embrace change again confident that our roots run deep.

With sincere thanks,
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**Correction to Charts
Patient Safety Article
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Two of the charts accompanying the article "Canadian Nurses' Perceptions of Patient Safety" (Figures 4 and 5, pages 17-18) were incorrectly reproduced in the last Journal. The corrected charts have been reprinted on page 33. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.
