

## **ORNANS Annual Report 2017-2018**

Amherst Chapter:

April 10/18:

Dear Members:

2017-2018 has been a time of change for us here in Amherst. We have had staff leave for other positions within the Hospital and have been successful in recruiting new staff into the OR. We have created a new orientation manual for new staff coming into the OR. Also, we have two LPNs taking the Perioperative Course through the RNPDC and one RN also taking the course.

When practice issues arise we use the Provincial OP3 as a reference and also the ORNAC Standards Guide Book as our resource/default.

We have faced issues with Anesthesia shortages this past year and the team has been creative in optimizing OR Utilization with different procedures and shortening wait lists in General Surgery and Endoscopy.

We have maintained our yearly recertification in MH Code Management.

Our staff review and provide feedback on new/revised Provincial OR policies that are based in ORNAC Standards.

Myself, I sit on a Zonal Accreditation working group and sit on a Sub Committee looking at the Surgical Safety Check List.

The Officers for the Amherst Chapter are: Joe Veinotte RN President, Laura Gould RN Secretary and Co Treasurers Deidre Devine RN and Cindy Matthews RN.

Bank Balance: \$2900.00

Respectively Submitted:

Joe Veinotte RN