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December 2023



INIG's 25th Founding Anniversary



**Please join us in celebrating INIG's 25th Founding
Anniversary on December 16th!**

The International Nursing Interest Group of the
Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario cordially invites you to its
25th Anniversary celebration on December 16, 2023 (Saturday),
12:30PM to 3:30PM at Centennial College (Morningside Campus).

Special Guest



**Claudette Holloway, RN, BScN,
MSN, DHA, CHE**
RNAO President

Keynote Speaker



**Angela Cooper Brathwaite, RN, BN,
MN, PhD, FAAN, OOnt, CM**
INIG Founding Member and
Past President
RNAO Past President

Registration is required to attend this event. Please use the link below or the QR code:

<https://chapters-igs.rnao.ca/events/54>

Registration fee: \$10.00 for INIG members
(Lunch will be served.)

Deadline to register: December 8, 2023

For further details, please visit our website:

<https://chapters-igs.rnao.ca/interestgroup/17/about>

or email: inignao20@gmail.com



Click the link to register: <https://chapters-igs.rnao.ca/events/54>

Meet the 2023/2024 Executive Network Officers (ENO)

President

Edward Cruz,
RN, CCNE, BN,
MScN, PhD



Education & Research ENO



Dr. Angela Cooper Brathwaite RN,
BN, MN, PhD, FAAN, O.Ont, C.M

Finance ENO



Beatriz "Betsy" Jackson,
RN, MScN
Your paragraph text

Policy & Political Action ENO



Antoinette Meinders, RN,
BScN

Communications ENO



Rose Yamomo, RN, BScN
CPMHN(C)

Membership ENO



Rola Moubadder, RN, BScN,
MQM

Student Representative ENO



Mark Anthony Urdaneta,
RPN, BScN Student

Newsletter Spotlight: EDWARD CRUZ



We would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of INIG's President, Edward Cruz, for being awarded one of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants 2023 and his Fellowship Induction into the Canadian Academy of Nursing.

Edward is a researcher and professor at the University of Windsor, co-chair of the Partners in Integration and Education of IENs, chair of the National Nursing Assessment Service's education review advisory committee and co-chair for the National Newcomer Navigation Network's IEN Community of Practice working group. In addition, he is a research consultant for the Integrated Filipino Canadian Nurses Association, and a founding member and president-elect of the Philippine Nurses Association of Canada.

We are proud of you and look forward to all the work you will do for the nurses, specifically the IENs.

Edward Cruz worked to gain Canadian healthcare credentials. He's won an award for helping others do the same

Edward Cruz came to Canada from the Philippines in 2003
CBC News · Posted: Aug 12, 2023 3:00 AM EDT | Last Updated: August 12

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/cruz-nursing-immigrant-award-1.6934209>

https://www.thestar.com/sponsored-sections/newcomers/championing-inclusion-in-health-care/article_7bc146c6-3789-11ee-9606-c7db5730e5d8.html



INIG Events January 2023- July 2023

March 1-3: Queens Park Day/Assembly Meeting



March 6: General Meeting with Julie McShane, RN, MN "Creating an IEN Intern Program - The Unity Health Toronto Experience"

General Meeting on March 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM via Zoom

RNAO INIG and RNAO members and friends: Mark your calendars!

The International Nursing Interest Group of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario cordially invites you to its general meeting on March 6, 2023, from 6PM to 7:30PM Eastern Time. Everyone is welcome - share widely and bring a friend!

Guest Speaker:

Julie McShane, RN, MN
Evidence-Based Nursing Practice Leader
Nursing Professional Practice
Unity Health Toronto

Adjunct Lecturer
Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing
University of Toronto

Title of Presentation:
"Creating an IEN Intern Program -
The Unity Health Toronto
Experience"

Updates from the INIG Executive
Members' Voices

Please register using this

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85611616082>
<https://bit.ly/3x3ki9t>

Deadline to register is March 6th @ 12:00 PM.

Email: inigmao2@gmail.com

Website: <https://chapters.rnao.ca/interestgroup/17/about>

June 27: Annual General Meeting with Edward Cruz

Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2023 @ 6:00 PM to be held at Centennial College - Morningside Campus (755 Morningside Ave.).

The International Nursing Interest Group of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario cordially invites you to its annual general meeting on June 27, 2023, from 6PM to 8PM Eastern Time. Registration starts at 5:30PM.



Keynote Presentation:

"We're driving ourselves crazy trying to find care for the person we are providing care to...". The experiences of caregivers of persons living with mental illness in Southwestern Ontario, Canada

Keynote Speaker and his brief bio:

- EDWARD CRUZ, RN, CCNE, PHD**
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Windsor
 - President, International Nursing Interest Group
 - Co-Chair, Partners in Integration and Education of Internationally Educated Nurses
 - President-Elect, Philippine Nurses' Association of Canada

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Pre-registration is required to attend this event. To pre-register, please register using this link (<https://bit.ly/3x3ki9t>) or the QR code below.

Due to space limitations, registration is limited to the first 40 participants.

Deadline to register is June 21, 2023 @ 12:00 PM or until the 40 seats shall have been filled.

Email: inigmao2@gmail.com
Website: <https://chapters.rnao.ca/interestgroup/17/about>

Note: Catering will be provided by Mr. Greek.



July 4: International Council of Nurses (ICN) 2023. Presentation By: Betsy Jackson & Angela Cooper Brathwaite



The impact of caregiving on the caregiver

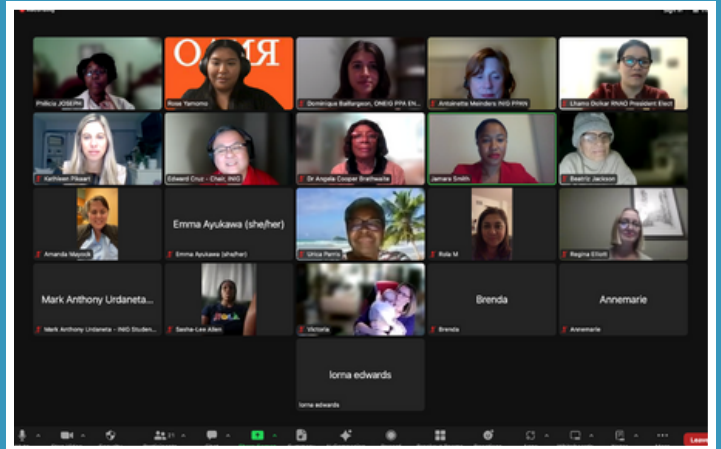
Caregivers of loved ones living with mental illness and addiction face different and unique challenges compared to other caregivers of long-term conditions:

- Day-to-day stress related to unpredictability of the illness^{1,2,9}
- Complexity of illness can make it difficult to manage and treat¹
- Stigma associated with mental illness and addiction^{4,5,9}
- Isolation and/or lack of social support^{1,7}

Current Look at the 2023/2024 Year

Oct. '23

October 18: We were excited to co-host the Fall Tour with RNAO Region 8 (including Durham, Kawartha-Victoria, and Quinte Chapter, and Ontario Nurses for the Environment Interest Group. We had a thoughtful discussion about many topics with President-Elect, Lhamo Dolkar.



Nov. '23

November 17-18: INIG President Edward Cruz attended the Leaders' Assembly held at the Pan Pacific Hotel at 49 Bogert Avenue in Toronto

November 17: Angela Cooper Brathwaite, Regina Elliot, RNAO Director of Policy, Matthew Kellaway and colleagues attended a Rally in front MP Mark Holland's Office (MP for Healthcare) to raise the issue of Federal funding for a National Pharmacare Program.



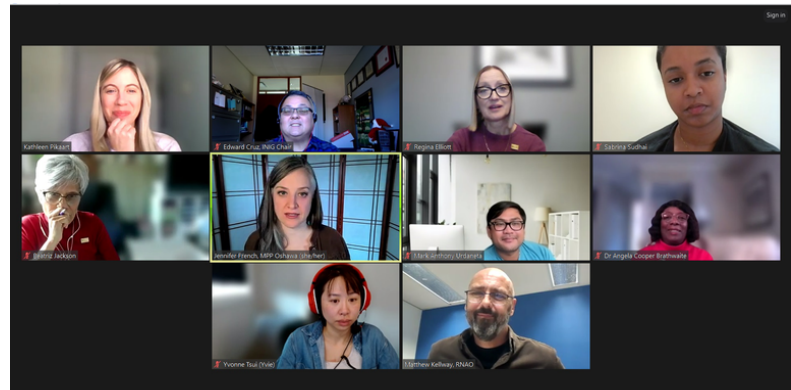
Current Look at the 2023/2024 Year Continued

Nov. '23

November 17: Rally in front of MP Mark Holland's Office



November 24: INIG collaborated with the Durham Chapter to host QPOR with MPP Jennifer French (NDP - Oshawa) on November 24th. INIG was represented by President Edward Cruz, Education and Research ENO Angela Cooper Brathwaite, Finance ENO Beatriz Jackson, and Student ENO Mark Anthony Urdaneta.



Upcoming Events

Queens Park on the Road

MPP Mary-Margaret McMahon
December 15th

Literature Searching (Date TBD)

Mr. Adam Mulcaster, MLIS
Librarian
University of Windsor

Preparing for NCLEX-RN NGN Success (Date TBD)

Dr. Patricia Bradley
Professor Emerita
York University

Leadership and Capacity Building in Global Health (Date TBD)

Dr. Nancy Edwards
Professor Emerita and Distinguished
University Professor
University of Ottawa

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Member Publications

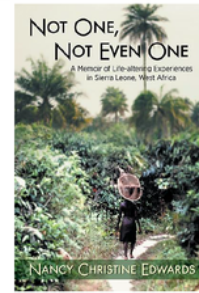
If you have a publication you would like to share, please email us at inigrnao20@gmail.com

Nancy Edwards' book "Not One, Not Even One: A Memoir of Life-altering Experiences in Sierra Leone, West Africa" was released by Friesen Press in February, 2022.

It is available from many on-line distributors. For details, related resources, and podcasts about the book see www.nancyedwards.ca. Nancy is keen to speak to graduate and undergraduate nursing students, book clubs, and other community groups about her memoir and global health experiences. Please contact her via e-mail: nedwards@uottawa.ca.

Not One, Not Even One
A Memoir of Life-altering Experiences in Sierra Leone, West Africa
by Nancy Christine Edwards

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About the Book

In 1978, Nancy Edwards left as a CUSO volunteer for Sierra Leone, where she spent three years working as a community health nurse and two years evaluating primary health care programs. Her stories of village life convey the ravages of tuberculosis, threats of witchcraft, and tragedies of deaths related to pregnancy, childbirth, and newborn tetanus. She celebrates local advocates for health improvements—mothers, traditional birth attendants, and village health committees.

Acutely aware of her role as a cultural outsider, the author reveals how she learned about the power of ancestors and the women's Secret Society among the Mende people. Four decades after her arrival in Sierra Leone, Edwards comes to grips with her stance on the cultural practice of female circumcision. She takes us behind-the-scenes, describing how her West African experiences shaped her life and research career.

Though steeped in hardship, tension, and conflict, *Not One, Not Even One* is buffeted by humour, heartened by breakthroughs, and shifting perspectives, and propelled by fierce hopes for the future.

About the Author

Nancy Edwards is a nurse and epidemiologist who worked in the field of global health and development for forty years. She is a Distinguished Professor and Professor Emerita at the University of Ottawa and the recipient of numerous awards including three honorary doctoral degrees. Nancy is an avid photographer and enjoys the outdoors while hiking and cross-country skiing. She lives in Ottawa.

"...This eminently readable memoir records a rich tapestry of the village life Nancy Edwards experienced. Evocative turns of phrase, attest to an observant eye and a compassionate heart. The moral fibre and deep humanity of the author stand out." —**Cary Warner, Professor Emeritus, McMaster University**

"...engaging, humorous and meaningful. Honest and thoughtful reflections. Should be required reading for public and population health programs. A must read for book clubs with lots of issues for discussion... A source of inspiration." —**Barbara Davies, Professor Emerita, University of Ottawa**

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Thank you for continuing to support the interest group through your membership.

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