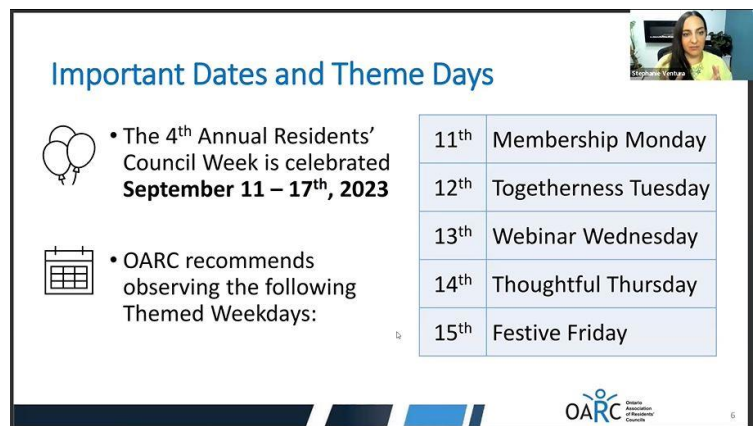


August 3, 2023

Residents' Council Week Countdown & Schedule of Events

Residents' Council Week is a few short weeks away and OARC has you covered with themed events and activity ideas. If you haven't already, OARC encourages Residents' Council leaders and team members to work together on themed programs and events to commemorate the fourth annual #RCWeek - September 11-17.

Did you Miss our Residents' Council Week Webinar: Ideas and Inspirations? A recording is available [here](#) and on our website to access any time. Access the [slides here](#).



Important Dates and Theme Days

- The 4th Annual Residents' Council Week is celebrated **September 11 – 17th, 2023**
- OARC recommends observing the following Themed Weekdays:

11 th	Membership Monday
12 th	Togetherness Tuesday
13 th	Webinar Wednesday
14 th	Thoughtful Thursday
15 th	Festive Friday

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Events and Theme Days - September 11-17

September 11 – Membership Monday: All residents are members of the Residents' Council. Take the time to explore what it means to be a member of the Residents' Council. Share information about who your Residents' Council leaders are, and why it's so important to collaborate with residents who don't or can't attend meetings regularly. This is the perfect time to proudly display your OARC membership certificate and, if you are not a member, to consider supporting [OARC's efforts through membership](#).

September 12 – Togetherness Tuesday: OARC believes that successful Residents' Councils are supported by three pillars – Residents, Residents' Council Assistants and Administrators/Executive Directors. Use Togetherness Tuesday to get to know and celebrate the Residents' Council pillars in your home. Visit [OARC Tools and Resources](#) webpage in the coming weeks to find Fact Sheets outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Residents' Council pillars of success! Don't forget to take a picture of the three pillars gathered together for the [Residents' Council Pillars contest](#).

September 13 – Webinar Wednesday: Join OARC on Webinar Wednesday for a celebratory Residents' Council Week webinar. The webinar will feature tips and hints for successful Residents' Councils, draw prizes for the [Residents' Council Pillars contest](#) and the [Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award](#) recipient, and special surprises. Webinar Wednesday can also be used to view one of many [OARC's recorded webinars](#).

September 14 – Thoughtful Thursday: Residents may be familiar with [OARC Resident Forums](#), held every Thursday at 2 pm ET. To celebrate Residents' Council Week there will be two Resident Forums held on **September 14th – one at 10:30 am ET and one at 2:30 pm ET**. Registration is not required for these 'residents only' forums. We encourage you to [join us](#) and meet other residents living in long-term care homes across the province as we celebrate Residents' Council Week.

September 15 – Festive Friday: Festive Friday is an opportunity to come together to celebrate Residents' Councils in your home. Celebrations could take the form of an [awards](#) presentation, an informal coffee chat or a red-carpet event. Consider a BBQ or special luncheon, or a residents choice breakfast, lunch or dinner. Arrange a clap out for a special team member, manager or resident who has contributed to the success of the Residents' Council. Whatever you do, celebrate where you can and share your celebrations with OARC.

Celebrate Your Home's Person-Centred Culture by Applying for OARC's Sharron Cooke Legacy Award

The Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award recognizes long-term care teams who have demonstrated a commitment to authentic communication, relationship-building, establishing trust, and inspiring a sense of hope. Don't miss this special opportunity to celebrate, share and be recognized for the person-centred culture that makes your long-term care home the best place to live, work and visit. Deadline August 11, 2023, apply today! **For award details and applications visit [our award webpage](#) or download the [brochure](#).**



Important links to support your Residents' Council Week events:

- [OARC Residents' Council webpage](#) with ideas, posters, templates and contest
- [2022 Residents' Council Week Celebrations Video](#) for inspiration
- [Residents' Bill of Rights](#) in over 20 different languages
- [Residents' Bill of Rights: Your rights if you live in a long-term care home](#): a free publication offered by Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) - order your free copies [here](#)
- [Find your Member of Provincial Parliament \(MPP\)](#) to let them know about Residents' Council Week and ask them for their support

2023 RC Week CONTEST: Calling All Pillars

To celebrate the strength of your home's Residents' Council Pillars, we invite you to share a picture with OARC of your homes Residents' Council Leader(s) (residents), the Residents' Council Assistant(s) and the Administrator gathered together. [Complete a photo permission](#) form and your photos will be used in a video celebrating Residents' Council Week 2023 and in future relevant publications!

Deadline: September 8, 2023

Instructions: Send your Residents' Council Pillars picture with the name, title and email (if applicable) of those members pictured along with your completed [photo permission form](#) to Jennifer jlangston@ontarc.com. Participants must live and/or work in a long-term care home in Ontario.

Prize selection: Participants will be entered into a draw that will be announced on September 13th during our [live webinar](#) for one of six - \$50 gift certificates.