

# PEI OT Society

Fall 2018



## Happy Occupational Therapy Month!

There are lots of ways we are celebrating this fantastic profession. Below are listed three ways you can spread the word on why we love doing what we do.

1

Take part in the social media promotional campaign by liking and sharing posts on our Facebook page. There are even prizes to be won!

2

Attend one of the morning or lunch time meet and greets hosted by the OT society and recruit a colleague to join the PEI OT Society

3

CHANGE UP YOUR EMAIL SIGNATURE AND VOICEMAIL MESSAGE FOR OT MONTH. THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO "DO YOUR PART TO PROMOTE OT"

## In the News



### Order of P.E.I.

Congratulations to Heather Cutcliffe for receiving such an amazing honour.



### Lindsay Reid

Presented to the East Prince Seniors Initiative



### Walk for ALS

The OT Society donated \$1500 dollars to the ALS Society of PEI. There were a few OT's representing and donning our new shirts during the walk!

# History of Occupational Therapy in Atlantic Canada (Dalhousie archives)

It wasn't so long ago that access to a wood shop and related supplies were instrumental for therapists to create the items they required. Today, many items are widely available on the commercial and retail markets. So, while contemporary therapists spend less time developing and manufacturing the equipment they need, there is still a large proportion of our work that continues to engage a creative and inventive mind.

**A raised toilet seat built by an occupational therapist in the 1960s. (Submitted by Kate Coffman. Copyright © NBAOT)**



**Adapted telephone 1960s. (Submitted by Kate Coffman. Copyright © NBAOT)**

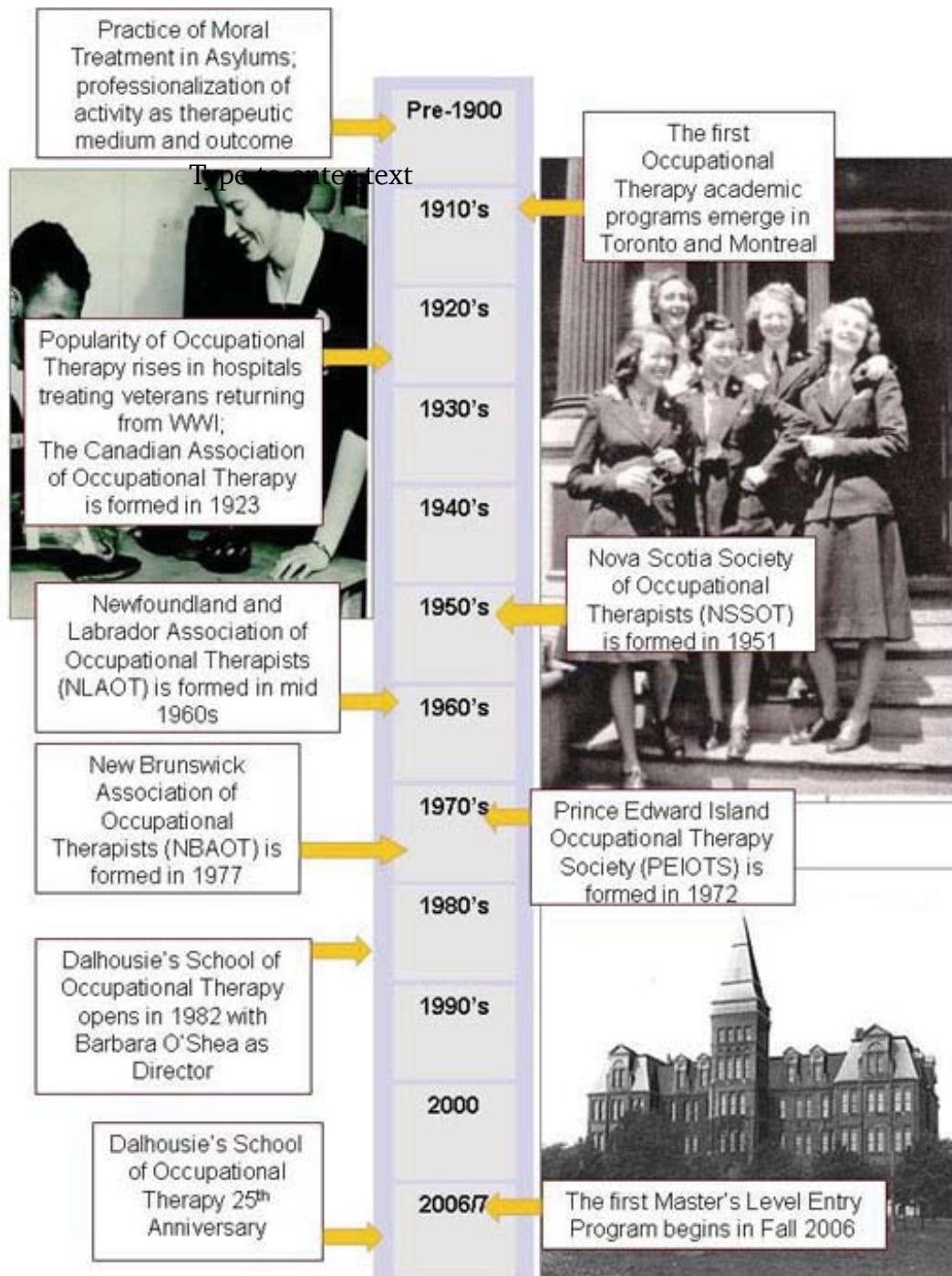
With a shift in the profession's practice, a time of adaptive equipment and technologies began to emerge. As technology became more sophisticated, the creativity and ingenuity of occupational therapists would grow to meet many challenges. Just looking at older forms of adaptive equipment can remind us of how inventive and accommodating occupational therapists were required to be.

**Judy Irwin applying a Plastazote splint to a volunteer during the 1970s in Prince Edward Island. (Submitted by Judy Irwin. Copyright © PEIOTS. Used with Permission)**





# TIMELINE of Occupational Therapy in the Atlantic Provinces



PEI OT Society Board Members



From left to right: Jennifer Neill (treasurer), Melissa Myers (secretary), Allyson McDonnell (president), Lindsay Reid (vice president).

**Come out and celebrate OT Month with your colleagues!**

**When: October 26, 6:30**

**Where: Next Door Lounge (next to Merchantman Pub)**