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President's Message

I know everyone is in full gear with school activities, praying for some cooler temps and lower humidity and watching our beloved Saints. Please know I was not expecting a loss to our rival Falcons in the first game! I hope you have included our AORN monthly chapter meetings and educational sessions on your calendar. Goldie Huguenal-Baker was chosen as one of nurses from around the country to be featured in a book titled "The American Nurse" and will be speaking to us at our September meeting. We are hoping to provide contact hours for you through AORN. Ann Burghardt-Dieck has submitted the program and currently awaiting confirmation. Please make plans to attend this session to be held at Charity Delgado School of Nursing. Our goal is to continue to provide educational opportunities to our members for their lifelong learning.

Nathalie Walker gave an overview of AORN's Advocacy Link available on the AORN website. I encourage you to access this link which provides state and national information about what is happening on the legislative front. It is important to keep abreast of current events and communicate to your legislators what topics are important and dear to you. Stay informed - your voice counts. Our chapter will be

sending 8 delegates to Congress in March. We use a point system to choose delegates which was posted in the August newsletter. If you are interested, please refer to the selection process and keep me informed.

Our annual seminar is planned for January 17, 2015 at East Jefferson General Hospital. We are already working on topics, speakers, vendors and silent auction items. This seminar will be our major fund raiser for the year and will continue our theme of lifelong learning. Please mark your calendars, plan to attend and encourage your peers to do the same.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our August meeting held at Tulane University Medical Center. Thanks to Linda Levesque for making the arrangements and to Lindsey Koretzsky for providing the CE program. It takes all of us to make this chapter successful. I hope each of you will continue to support our goals and attend future meetings.

See you at our next meeting on September 24!

Respectfully Submitted,



Chapter 1902 Calendar

*Meetings start at 4:30 PM
unless otherwise noted*

September 24th - Delgado

October 22nd - at EJ

November 19th - Social

December - No Meeting

January 28th – Ochsner
Jeff Hwy

February 25th – Pre-Expo
Potluck

March 7-11 – Expo in
Denver

March 25th – ILH

April 22nd – VA or
Children's

May 27th – VA or
Children's

June 24th – Installation
Banquet



Other important dates:

September 1-7, 2014
[National Clinical Nurse
Specialist Week](#)

September 21-27, 2014
[National Surgical
Technologists Week,](#)

Education

These Continuing Education programs are in the September AORN Journal – check them out . . .

- 1.5  Back to Basics: Preventing Surgical Site Infections
LISA SPRUCE, DNP, RN, ACNS, ACNP, ANP, CNOR
- 1.6  Back to Basics: Environmental Cleaning
LISA SPRUCE, DNP, RN, ACNS, ACNP, ANP, CNOR;
AMBER WOOD, MSN, RN, CNOR, CIC, CPN

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

This years' Perioperative Nurse Week is November 9-15, 2014. Perioperative Nurse Week is more than a time to recognize and honor perioperative nurses for their important role and commitment to safe patient care. Perioperative Nurse Week is a great time to share your dedication with the public through letters and emails to the editors and elected officials.

If you missed the September Chapter meeting let me share with you how to access the AORN "Advocacy" link where you can find all the necessary information to assist you in promoting Perioperative Nurses Week.

1. www.aorn.org
2. Click on **Advocacy** on the far right side of the toolbar
3. Look for "You Might Be Interested" on the right and Click Perioperative Nurse Week

There you'll find all the information and links you'll need to send a letter to your elected officials and local newspaper Editors or your hospital administrators.

So, please take a few moments today and send a letter to your legislators and to the editor of your local paper. If your letter is published, please pass it along to Government Affairs at AORN headquarters via Danielle Glover dglover@aorn.org or I so we can have it featured on the AORN Government Affairs Face book page.

Oh, and by the way I have sent a request to both Governor Bobby Jindal and Mayor Mitch Landrieu for a 2014 Proclamation which I hope will receive in time to have at our October 22nd meeting at East Jefferson General Hospital. .

Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans, DOB
Legislative Chair



Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 180
Lifetime – 5
2/3yr - 24
Retired – 7
Associate – 4
Student Members - 30
APSNA – 1

When you renew, please check your membership card to see that it states “Chapter 1902. If your name is then not on our Roster and our Chapter does not receive the chapter dues you pay

Invite all Perioperative nurses to our meetings!

AORN Resources



<http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU's.
<https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipdeducationwebinarcaendar>



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>

(You are seeing it correctly; there is no “s”)

Chapter Webpage:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

Membership due to Lapse

Membership expires on the last day of your renewal month. Here is a reminder that your membership expiration is in the near future:

September

Alaina Duncan
 Alicia Grisaffi
 Jamie Johnson
 Brooke Landry
 Courtney Lehman
 Judith Montello
 Minerva Muller
 Sheila Ostrow
 Tayna Perkins
 Kathy Pratt
 Ronald Prybylowski
 Stacey Spiers

October

Michelle Benoit
 Micah Bertrand
 Yasmin Cain
 Roberta Carew
 Linda Demoruelle
 Kim Ferrer
 Shawn Garvey
 Penny Menge
 Darlene Russo
 Jennifer Ryan
 Ashlee Taravella
 Yolanda Washington
 Patsy Whitehorn

Membership News

ILH : Carrie Thomson is the new Clinical Educator for the OR.

**If you have news from your facility
 please send any updates to
mtoledano@ochsner.org**

Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

PLEASE REVIEW August Chapter MEETING MINUTES ON PAGES 4, 6 & 7 for approval

The August chapter meeting took place on August 27, 2014 at Tulane Medical Center. Melissa, President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Melissa thanked Linda Levesque and Frances Hughes for arranging this meeting.

Cardinal Health vendors Lyndsey Koretzky and Cynthia Miranda presented "Taking safety into your own hands" for two CE credits. A video on keeping health care workers safe in the OR was shown. The OR environment is a dangerous place. Body fluids, latex, irritating powder, sharp instruments and hand hygiene products all can cause harm to OR staff. Gloves are the only protection they have against these threats. Needle sticks from sharp needles account for 51% to 77% of all needle sticks. The number one way to reduce the risk of sharp injuries is double gloving. AORN, the Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons all recommend double gloving. The hospitals that have been successful with double gloving have made sure that OR personnel have gloves with a good fit and there are no limitations to doing their job.

Will more gloving lead to more hand and skin disease? Latex gloves and powdered gloves can contribute to skin issues. Glycerin impregnated gloves are helping reduce the number of hand and skin issues for clinicians. Eight to 12 percent of health care workers are latex sensitive. There are new latex free gloves available on the market. Cardinal Health has a line of latex and latex free gloves called "Protexis" and they are glycerin impregnated. Many clinicians no longer have skin issues with these new gloves. Samples of these gloves were available for attendees to try. All members present received two CE credits from this presentation.

Melissa thanked the vendors for their presentation and started the business portion of the meeting.

Old Business:

Minutes: The BoD met on July 16th. The minutes were in the last newsletter for approval. The point system used to choose delegates for congress was explained in the last newsletter.

National reported that our chapter will have eight delegates for the next congress in March in Denver, Colorado. Sharon Guardina and Nathalie Walker explained that points are accumulated from September first to August first.

Nathalie Walker explained the changes to the chapter by laws concerning congress delegates. These changes are in red and are in the last newsletter and on the chapter website. National determines the number of delegates each year. Each potential delegate must fill out a willingness to serve form in order to be considered. A point system is used to determine who is eligible. Those chosen delegates must attend certain congress events at the Surgical Conference and Expo. If a delegate accepts chapter funds to attend congress they must attend all mandatory delegate activities or return a prorated portion of the funds back to the chapter. Please review the changes on the chapter website or the last newsletter. The changes will be voted on at the next meeting.

The winter seminar will be January 17th, 2014 at EJGH. We hope to raise money for our chapter to send delegates to congress.

Committee Reports:

Treasury: Sharon Guardina reported the account balance is \$3,925.80. Forms needed to keep our chapter in compliance have been filed with national. Melissa stated that she sent a copy of the last newsletter to national.

Education: Mandy Martin-Sanchez stated that local facilities are now charging for CE credits. She has been working to get AORN to provide the CE credits for our meetings. AORN's CEs would be a little bit cheaper than going through the hospitals. Our chapter would like to have as many meetings with CE credits as possible. Melissa suggested that vendors pay the hospital fee for the CE credit rather than bring a tray of cookies to the meeting.

Legislative Chair: The proclamation for Peri-Operative Nurses week has been submitted to Governor Jindal and Mayor Landrieu by Nathalie Walker. She showed the attendees how to contact our representatives via the AORN Advocacy

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TRIVIA CORNER FROM THE

PERIOP INSIDER

weekly newsletter



When should explanted orthopedic hardware be submitted to the pathologist for examination?

Perioperative RNs should follow the facility policies and procedures for disposition of explanted orthopedic hardware. The College of American Pathologists (CAP) recommend that disposition of specimens for each facility or health care organization be determined by the pathologist in collaboration with facility representatives or health care organization physicians. According to the CAP, orthopedic hardware may be excluded from submission to the pathologist provided there is a policy for documentation of surgical removal.

When can hair be clipped inside the OR?

Hair can be clipped inside the OR when it is not feasible to clip outside the OR as in the case of emergencies. For example, if a patient has a heart attack and they come straight from the emergency room to the operating room, the chest hair may need to be clipped inside the OR in a manner that prevents dispersal of hair, e.g., wet clipping or suction.



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Meeting Minutes Continued:

website.

November 4th will be our local elections for the open primary. The last day to register to vote is October 6th. Early voting will be from October 21st to the 28th.

Senator Mary Landrieu, the incumbent, will be running against Congressman Bill Cassidy and several other candidates. There will be eight amendments on the ballot also. Two of the eight have to do with health care. Nathalie recommends that everyone be prepared when they go to vote.

Nathalie is on a monthly legislative conference call with different states to discuss bills and other pertinent legislative issues. Louisiana is one of the states who has RN circulator as law. Virginia, W. Virginia and N. Carolina are trying to get a law for RN circulators. Twenty seven states have a law for RN circulators. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Nevada are pushing to have all instrument room staff certified. Louisiana is now working on their own bill.

Newsletter: Mary Anne Toledano reported that the last newsletter went out on the 6th of August. If anyone is not receiving it let her know. To submit information in the newsletter please email Mary Anne Toledano at mtoledano@ochsner.org.

Student Membership: Ann Burghardt-Dieck took some nursing students to Children's Hospital last week. The students reported that they had a positive experience. She also gave a lecture to some students and three students joined our chapter after that talk.

Young Professionals: Carrie Thomson reported that there is no news.

Committee services/events: Sharon Giardina reported that she recently went to the homeless shelter at St. Joseph's Church parking lot and dropped off all can goods, etc she has received from our chapter. This chapter's community outreach program focuses on the homeless. Please bring can goods, toiletries, money, eye glasses, etc to the meetings for her to take to St. Joseph's.

Nathalie reported that she is working on getting speakers for the winter seminar. If anyone can recommend anyone please let her know. So far she has lined up a speaker on evidence based practice and bringing it to your profession, a financial planning expert as well as power of attorney and wills. Frances Hughes is working on a flyer to the seminar. The seminar is titled, "Taking Care of Business, Personally and Professionally". Ramie will do the silent auction again this year. Sharon is working on getting vendors for the vendor fair.

State council: Carrie Thomson was unable to attend the last state meeting. Information from the September state meeting will be presented at our next meeting.

New Business

The September meeting will be at Delgado. Ann Burghardt-Dieck is working on the packet for national to get a little over one CE credit for the meeting. It is cheaper to get CE credits from national than from local hospitals

Melissa will be contacting the national AORN office to resolve membership issues with our members. Some have not been showing up on the roster. She will report back at the next meeting.

Nathalie Walker explained how Amazon Smile can donate a percentage of your purchase to the AORN Foundation. (See page five of this newsletter for more information.)

Nathalie is working on a national task force to improve patient outcomes. This group is currently recruiting different members to represent all areas of patient care, from the medical staff to the patient.

Nathalie demonstrated how to use the AORN website for advocacy on Mandy's laptop. When on the AORN website, go to the right and click on the "Advocacy" tab. This tab opens up a page called "Advocacy and Public Policy". From here one can click on "What's happening in my state?" From there choose Louisiana and a page called "Louisiana Government Affairs" comes up with information about nursing in Louisiana.

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Is your facility CNOR Strong?

There are a couple criteria your facility must meet in order to become *CNOR Strong*:

1. Have at least 50% of its eligible OR nursing staff CNOR certified.
2. Provide means to recognize and reward nurses who become certified or recertified.

Check out this web site:

<http://www.cc-institute.org/cnor/cnor-strong>

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Letters to the editor, letters to government officials, etc. can be sent from this page. Letters for Peri-op Nurses Week can easily be sent by copying and pasting in a Word document. The letter can be edited or sent as is. A forecast for Louisiana's workforce can be found on this site also. There is a lot of information on this site. It's easy to communicate with others and stay informed. She encouraged everyone to write a letter to the editor about what OR nurses do for patients. Nathalie also encouraged attendees to go to the site and play around.

Frances Hughes asked if everyone had a ticket for the parking garage and explained how to validate it.

Melissa discussed the calendar for 2015. The chapter hoped to have a meeting at the VA in April or May. Stephanie Wall from the VA said she will check to see if the chapter could use one of the rooms in the new facility.

Melissa asked if there were any more questions or comments from any attendees.

50/50: Frances Hughes did 50/50 for the meeting. Melissa won \$10.00 and decided to donate the money to the chapter.

Melissa had two door prizes raffle off for attendees. Two tickets were pulled. Beth Eustis and Jamie Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by Melissa at 18:01.

Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters



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Our Next Council Meeting will be September 27
at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge Louisiana.
Saturday 27 September 2014 10:00 am

AORN Student Outreach: Ann Burghardt-Dieck

AORN 1902 is over 170 members strong and did you know that 15% of those are student members? In the Fall of 2013, the board decided to make a concerted effort to engage our future today. Ann Dieck, student membership chair, has been speaking about the advantages of student membership and has recruited over 27 student members in the year. And the word is spreading. Students can join for only \$20.00 a year and are entitled to network at monthly meetings, receive the same AORN magazine offered with standard membership, eligible to apply for student scholarships to further their undergraduate education and are invited to attend "Day in the Life of a Perioperative Professional."

Thanks to a close collaboration with Children's Hospital New Orleans and AORN 1902 member Judy Montello, Surgical Services Director at Children's, the students have an opportunity to accompany Ann to "Day in the Life of a Perioperative Professional." During this 2 ½ hour session the student is exposed to all areas of perioperative nursing. The surgical experience is discussed both from the patient's and nurse's point of view. The nursing priorities and safety concerns of all areas of the surgical experience are compared and contrasted. The student is taken from the surgeon's office, pre-admit visit, admit area, pre-op area, to OR holding, OR, PACU and finally to post op area and discharge. Thanks to the generosity of Judy and Children's hospital the students get an opportunity to dress out – learn and perform a 10 min scrub – set up an OR creating a sterile field- learn the work flow – and manipulate supplies, instruments and equipment commonly used in the OR for a basic case.

A great time was had by all! Judy's staff was most accommodating and welcoming to the students. So far we have had 2 sessions in 2014, March 3rd and again July 30th with the hope to repeat the event as students continue to join 1902. The partakers left with a certificate of attendance and an inspiration to join our ranks. One student sent Ms. Dieck an email that reads, "Thank you so so so so very much!!!! I learned a ton!and I cannot wait for my career as a peri-operative nurse."

Ann Burghardt-Dieck



AORN September Meeting



AORN 1902 September Meeting at CSN

Wednesday, September 24th at
4:30, 6th floor faculty lounge

“The American Nurse”

The American Nurse Project aims to elevate the voice of nurses in this country by capturing their personal stories through photography and film. In early 2012, photographer Carolyn Jones and her team began a journey across the United States, recording the unique experiences of nurses at work.

Come meet our own Goldie Baker Huguenel, CSN class of ‘56, chosen by Carolyn Jones to be recognized as an American Nurse. Join us as she discusses some background of Carolyn Jones' work, and shares how she was chosen to be part of the “American Nurse Project.”

Learn how her work as a patient liaison has impacted her personally, her patients and the community.

Contact Ann Dieck 432-3278 for details
