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Presidents Message

This year has gone by so quickly! We worked very hard to “Bridge the Gap” in so many ways, and we did. We bridged gaps in age, location, and participation by promoting student nurse membership, encouraging meeting attendance for working, new, and student nurses, and by offering a variety of different meeting and social locations to reach all of our perioperative members throughout Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.

We bridged gaps in communication by providing electronic connections, like *AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902* and our *Louisiana State Council of AORN Chapters* Facebook pages, which received increased “likes” and followers; our aornofneworleanschapter1902.com website has provided a great resource for our members; and AORN’s ORNurselink has also proven to be a great tool for connecting with other AORN members to exchange ideas and disseminate information specifically to our own chapter members.

We bridged gaps in *Informational/Intellectual/Inspirational* arenas by providing unique CE and educational opportunities like NET - Neuro Endocrine Tumors (“Think Zebras not horses”), Synthes drilling demonstrations, Robotics, we “weighed in” on Perioperative Blood Loss; but we are most proud of the multi-state attendance at our annual “Information & Inspiration” seminar,

with such notable perioperative speakers as Vivian Watson, Vangie Dennis, and Carlene MacMillen! We will continue to strive to provide the latest and greatest information to you throughout the year, all we ask is for one thing in return...your attendance. Please make a goal of attending just one (1) meeting this year. Let your board of directors know what we can do to help make you the safest, sanest, and happiest perioperative nurses in the state of Louisiana!

This month I will be handing over the gavel to our new President, Melissa Guidry. I encourage all of you to come celebrate with us on June 25th, which will be our **Installation Dinner** at **Messina's** located at **2717 Williams Blvd in Kenner**. The dinner will be \$28 inclusive with cash bar.

Dinner includes:

- Soup of day
- Salad
- Choice of Entrée
 - Veal Parmigiana, Chicken Piccata or Grilled Fish
- Bread Pudding
- Coffee/tea

Please R.S.V.P., with your choice of Entrée, to guidrymelissa@yahoo.com !

It is now with great pleasure that I announce the new 2014-2015 AORN of New Orleans Officers & Board of Directors:

President: Melissa Guidry

President-Elect: Amanda (Mandy) Martin-Sanchez

Vice-President: Linda Levesque

Secretary: Mary Anne Toledano

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Stay connected; bridge the gap with a colleague.

Treasurer: Sharon Guardina

Board Members: Nathalie Walker, Catherine (Beth) Eustis, Carrie Thompson, Ann Burghardt-Dieck, Darlene Russo

Nominating Committee: Jennifer Gray, Michelle Blanke, & Ramie Miller, Chair


I thank you all for such an incredible year. Please keep checking us out on Facebook, our website, and don't forget to sign up for ORNurselink. It's free, and worth every penny!


Best Wishes, Ramie



Education

These Continuing Education programs are in the **May Journal** – check them out . . .

1.5  Back to Basics: Preventing Surgical Site Infections
LISA SPRUCE, DNP, RN, ACNS, ACNP, ANP, CNOR

2.0  Implementing AORN Recommended Practices for Environmental Cleaning
George Allen, PhD, MS, BSN, RN, CNOR, CIC

TRIVIA CORNER
FROM THE

PERIOP INSIDER
weekly newsletter



Can an unsterile solution be used for a sterile procedure?

In general, if a nonsterile solution is needed on the sterile field, basic principles of aseptic technique apply. The solution needs to be contained and aseptic technique needs to be maintained. In the event that the solution is considered hazardous or there is risk of it not being adequately contained, the circulating nurse and scrub person should consider setting up a separate table with a sterile drape for the unsterile solution, and then changing gowns and gloves after the solution is used.

Regardless of whether the solution is on the sterile back table or isolated on a separate sterile table, the solution should be transferred to the sterile field as close as possible to the time of use. The circulating nurse should verbally verify the information on the original solution container label (eg, solution name, strength, expiration date), and the person receiving the solution on the sterile field should concurrently verify the information with the circulating nurse.

The person receiving the solution should immediately label the secondary container upon receipt of the solution to the sterile field. At a minimum, the label should include the solution name, strength, and concentration. If the unsterile solution is not set up on a separate table, it should be contained on the sterile field and handed off immediately after it is used.

When are blunt suture needles contraindicated?

Blunt suture needles may prevent percutaneous injuries. Sharp suture needles account for 51% to 77% of the percutaneous injuries to surgical personnel. Blunt suture needles decrease the occurrence of glove perforations, percutaneous injuries, and exposure risks to blood and body fluids by reducing the number of needlestick injuries. A Cochrane review of 10 randomized controlled trials evaluated blunt versus sharp needles for preventing percutaneous exposure incidents in surgical staff members. Using blunt needles versus sharp suture needles reduced glove perforation risk by 54% as well as reduced the risk of infectious disease transmission.

Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

- Total Members - 167
- Members - 103
- Lifetime – 5
- 2/3yr - 23
- Retired – 6
- Associate – 5
- Student Members - 24
- APSNA – 1

(As you renew your AORN memberships throughout the year, please take a moment to update your profile, your facility, and your e-mail address listed with AORN. We would love to provide you with the most up-to-date information, but many e-mails are now out-of-date. Check your AORN card for your Chapter 1902 designation, and check that we have the most current e-mail). **Invite all Perioperative nurses to our meetings!**

AORN Resources



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



Connecting the perioperative Community

www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU's.

<https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipdeducationwebinarcalendar>



<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:

June

- Melissa Adams
- Catherine Eustis
- Mary Ann Laforge
- Sally Pirfo
- Rene Rosenson
- Tona Savoie
- Kevin Schabel-Bayhi

July

- Tracie Bliss
- Ann Bonvechio
- Dawn Boudreaux
- Cindy Edrington
- Faith Garvey
- Andrea Matthews
- Phyllis Panquerne
- Patricia Saucier
- Dianne Taylor
- Angela Young

Membership News

WE WOULD LOVE TO ADD AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FACILITY AND HAVE A WHOLE PAGE OF INFO!

Baptist News:

Katie Faciane successfully passed her CNOR! Congratulations Katie!

Legislative Update

from Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Please click on <http://www.legis.la.gov/> at check out what is going on in this session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans Chapter 1902 V-P
Legislative Committee Chair



Chapter 1902 Calendar

Meetings at 4:30 PM unless otherwise noted

June 25, 2014

Installation Banquet,

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Chicken Piccata

Grilled Fish

Bread Pudding, Coffee/tea

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Congratulations
to
River Parishes Hospital!!!

They were named as a
CNOR Strong facility!

With 63% of their OR nurses CNOR certified!



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>

Don't forget!

June 11, 2014
National
Time Out Day



Take Time for Time Out.



