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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

It's July, which means school is out, summer vacations are on, people are much more active, out-and-about, and there is more drinking and driving. Translation? Our ORs are **busy!** With increases in elective surgeries, regular staff being on vacation, OT on the rise and more emergent cases bumping scheduled cases, staff temperaments can really start to steam. Couple this with the new doctors joining our staff and further slowing down that super busy pace, you can see us all really starting to lose our *cool*. It may sound crazy, but when things start to get on overdrive, it becomes a good time to take a *pause*.

Critical Care Nurses, Trauma Nurses and Organ Procurement staffs have started, after a patient demise, to stop, take a pause, and be mindful of that moment that they currently find themselves in. Honoring the patient that is right there in front of them, and honoring their life. This concept is something that we peri-operative nurses can also adopt once, or even several times during a busy day. Stop. Take a pause. Remind yourself that each patient we take care of is probably someone's father, mother, sister, brother, or significant other. Patient's rely on us, give us their sacred trust to care for them, be there for them during what is almost always a stressful and uncertain time in their life. That is a great honor bestowed

upon us. Be mindful of that honor. Slow down, remember why you do what you do, and how important you are to each and every person that you are privileged to care for.

I hope to see you all sometime during this next year. Your new Board of Directors is meeting this month to plan out activities for this year. Remember, we, your local professional organization is always there for members to network, socialize, vent, find a mentor, get advice, and learn more. It is going to be a long, hot summer for all of us. Come chill sometime with your fellow AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902 members and we'll help refill your caregiver cup!

Best Wishes,

Ramie Miller, MSN, RN, CNOR –
President
AORN of New Orleans – Chapter
1902



Chapter 1902 Calendar

**Board of Directors
Meeting – July 16th,
11:30 – 2:30 at
Ramie’s house, 719
Haring Rd, Metairie**

**All members are
welcome to attend**

***The 2016-2017
meeting
schedule will
be posted
next month.***

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

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

On May 16, the National Legislative Forum (NLF) will kick off its monthly calls for members interested in legislative efforts and trends across the country. The NLF calls, led by Government Affairs staff throughout the year, will include guest speakers, topic discussion, advocacy training, legislative updates, and much more. If you are interested in participating in the monthly NLF calls, which take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5pm PT, 6pm MT, 7pm CT, 8pm ET.

By participating in the NLF, you will be able to advocate for your patients and your profession, help promote good perioperative nursing policy in your state, and have a better understanding of how legislation and regulations impact your operating rooms.

Please contact Daniel Glover ~ AORN Government Affairs Manager at dglover@aorn.org if you want to sign up to receive email reminders of the NFL monthly conference calls or if you have advocacy questions.

Advocacy

What is advocacy? Advocacy is promoting a position or view point. It can be sharing your opinion with co-workers, policy makers, legislators, or the general public. Educating others is part of being an advocate. Your role as an advocate on behalf of AORN calls for you to **educate others on who perioperative nurses are and what they do**, why a law or regulation is needed, or how a proposed rule may impact patient care.

Advocacy comes in many forms. It may be talking to your legislator, sending an email, testifying in front of a committee, or leading an initiative on a bill. AORN needs people that are willing advocate throughout the policymaking process.

While AORN often provides written comments on policy issues as needed or requested, the real power and influence comes from you – the nurses who are in the operating room day-in and day-out who can share personal stories – and who are the constituents of legislators.

Elected officials want to hear from their voters. You are the key to successful advocacy.

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Please remember to renew!

- Total Members – 190
- Standard - 112
- Lifetime – 8
- 2/3yr - 17
- Retired – 10
- Associate – 5
- Student Members – 38

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.



Please invite all *Perioperative Nurses* to our meetings!



<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/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:

July

- Lydia Blasini
- Ann Bonvechio
- Dawn Boudreaux
- Angela Bye
- Faith Garvey
- Lisa Gordon
- Shirley Himel
- Andrea Matthews
- Phylis Panquerque
- James Pulliam
- Elaine Stock
- Dianne Taylor
- Angela Young
- Michelle Zaidain

August

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| Kimberly Andrews | Anar Pavlov |
| Brittany Barbeta | Victoria Peterson |
| Amanda Barron | Jennifer Pitre |
| Heather Billiot | Krista Sabillon |
| Jessica Dehghanpir | Danielle Smith |
| Patrick Dowd | Melissa Stevens |
| Shannon Flowers | Trevor Taylor |
| Christine Gottbrath | Catherine Wild |
| Lindsey Gumpert | Elois Williams |
| Kelli Hagan | |
| Cassandra Langevin | |
| Jenna Lascala | |
| Ashley Manzur | |
| Amanda Mitzel | |

Membership News



to Mandy Martin-Sanchez on her impending “retirement” from Ochsner and starting the next chapter of her career as a CNE/CME Writer for LAMMICO!
Thank you for your years of dedication to OR nursing!

If you have news from your facility
 Please send any updates to
 Mary Anne Toledano
 at mstoledano@ejgh.org

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Steps to becoming a powerful advocate

Grassroots –

All AORN members can participate in legislative initiatives, including:

- Regularly reading the Advocacy section in AORN’s email newsletter, Periop Insider.
- Writing letters, contacting elected officials, and attending state lobby days and other lobbying events in your state.
- Making telephone calls to state legislators supporting AORN’s public policy positions and initiatives.
- Inviting lawmakers to your hospital, ASCor place of employment to provide OR tours.
- Offering to be a resource to state legislators and their staff on OR and nursing issues in the state.

Advocacy Update - You can make a difference ...

Publish Date: June 29, 2016

Unfortunately workplace violence and bullying are recurring in nursing. In fact, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently released a report that highlighted the prevalence. OSHA found 21 percent of registered nurses and nursing students reported being physically assaulted, and more than 50 percent were verbally abused (a category that included bullying) in a 12-month period. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, classifies workplace violence into four types, with Types II and III usually found in the health care setting. Type II involves a customer, client, or patient. In this type, an “individual has a relationship with the business and becomes violent while receiving services.” Type III violence involves a “worker-on-worker” relationship and includes “employees who attack or threaten another employee.” Both classes remain high, although serious violent incidents leading to time away from work continue to be caused by patients at much higher rates than co-workers.

Because of the negative consequences of workplace violence to both registered nurses and patients, AORN supports legislative and regulatory initiatives for safe perioperative work environments and accountable patient safety cultures. Regrettably, there is no federal measure requiring workplace protections; however, several states have sought legislative solutions. These legislative solutions include the establishment of a comprehensive prevention program for health care employers, as well as increased penalties for those convicted of assaults of a nurse and / or other health care personnel.

Seven states currently require employer run workplace violence programs while 34 states have penalties for assaulting nurses. A perioperative nurse and AORN member led the recent legislative effort in Idaho that made it a felony to assault a health care worker, including nurses. Several states have recently introduced legislation to address workplace violence in the health care industry, with many of the proposed bills following ANA’s model legislation requiring health care entities to establish programs to protect health care workers from acts of violence.

AORN expects legislation to be introduced addressing workplace violence in the 2017 sessions. If you are interested in getting involved with these legislative efforts, please contact Danielle Glover, AORN Government Affairs Manager.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans, Chapter 1902- Legislative Chair**



Need Volunteer Hours for Career Ladder?

The New Orleans Medical Mission needs volunteers. They meet at 625 Distributors Row on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 am 1 pm. They pack inventory to get it ready for shipping to locations in need. If you need volunteer hours they would love your help. They also go on medical missions. They are collecting school uniforms and sports uniforms for Honduras. If anyone is interested in volunteering or have donations please contact Mary Morvant at Robotqueen311@hotmail.com.



Do you have what it takes?

Eligibility requirements to be considered CNOR Strong:

- At least 50% of eligible perioperative nursing is staff CNOR certified.
 - Facility consistently recognizes and rewards nurses who become CNOR certified or recertified.
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Chapter 1902 Community Outreach Project:



REBUILDING LIVES FOR MEN AND WOMEN WITH DIGNITY, HONOR & RESPECT

Sharon Guardina will be collecting monetary donations or toiletries for Bridge House and Grace House for their Christmas in July event on July 31st. Please consider donating to the less fortunate in our community. The event flyer is in the back of this newsletter.

Also, as always, Sharon collects non-perishable items, eye glasses, socks, hotel shampoos, etc. for the homeless shelter at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Tulane Avenue. Please bring them to the next meeting.



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

The AORN of New Orleans June chapter meeting and installation banquet was held on June 23, 2016, at Porter and Luke's Restaurant at 5:30PM. Prior to dinner, the incoming officers were installed by Nathalie Walker, AORN, Inc.

President-Elect:

- President: Ramie Miller
- Vice President: Mary Anne Toledano
- Secretary: Amanda Martin-Sanchez
- Board Members: Susan Overman, Dawn Boudreaux, and Linda Levesque

Officers continuing to serve the chapter for the next year include:

- President Elect: Sharon Guardina
- Treasurer: Sheila Ostrow
- Board of Directors: Christal Cook and Sarah Hunsucker

Outgoing President, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, was acknowledged for her contributions to the chapter for the previous year and she was given a token of appreciation (LOVELY EARRINGS!) for her service. Ramie Miller gave a brief presentation that included an invitation to all members for the Board of Directors meeting to be held in July.

With no further business for the meeting, Ursula Allain presented the invocation prior to dinner and then the celebration began! All in attend had a wonderful dinner as well as a great time! Door prizes were awarded (gifts donated by Melissa Guidry). Mary Anne Toledano won the 50/50 and the money was generously donated back to the chapter treasury. The one year membership, that is drawn each year at the installation banquet, was won by Susan Overman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

AORN Chapter 1902 Installation Banquet





REBUILDING LIVES FOR MEN AND WOMEN WITH DIGNITY, HONOR & RESPECT

Please consider this humble request from
Bridge House / Grace House to support us in
helping those less fortunate at our

Christmas in July Dinner for the Homeless and Indigent

- Sunday, July 31, 2016
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- At our historic 1160 Camp Street location
- Dinner prepared by Harrah's New Orleans

Our guests will be served a holiday-style dinner and
receive clothing and toiletries.

Bridge House / Grace House expects a large crowd to
enjoy the festivities. Please be generous and help us
help those less fortunate.

*Please complete the donation card and return
with enclosed envelope;
or donate online at www.bridgehouse.org.*

4150 Earhart Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70125



The New Orleans Black Nurses Association
Presents

Alzheimer Brain Health Free Information Session

Continental Breakfast will be Service



Instructor:
Yvette Stokes-Finney,
MSN, RN, LNC
Director of Communications
and Training
The National Brain Health
Center for
African Americans,
A Program of
The Balm In Gilead, Inc.



**Register Nurses
in attendance
will receive 3
CEU's**

July 9, 2016

10 AM – 1 PM

New Orleans East Hospital.
5620 Read Blvd. Main Conference Room
RSVP to: Georgettemims@gmail.com

Alzheimer's disease is the leading cause of dementia characterized by a progressive, irreversible deterioration in cognitive health causing a loss of intellectual and social skills. Alzheimer's disease is the 4th leading cause of death for African Americans and has emerged as a public health crisis among African American communities.

At the conclusion of this presentation, the nurse participants will be able to:

1. Describe the epidemiology, etiology and pathophysiology of Alzheimer's disease and cognitive impairment
2. Discuss contributing factors to healthcare disparities related to AD in the AA community
3. Identify culturally appropriate strategies designed to increase public awareness about brain health equity
4. Identify and utilize culturally-appropriate materials to implement-competency-based educational strategies and materials regarding brain health
5. Discuss the common myths and cultural misconceptions regarding African Americans and Alzheimer's Disease