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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

It's time to celebrate the new year for Chapter 1902 and we want EVERYONE to be a part of our celebration! Did you ever plan a party or event and wonder if anyone will show up? Well, with everyone's lives so hectic these days the thought has crossed my mind about our chapter meetings. It is a little extreme to think that "no one" would show up, but the Board of Directors for the chapter would like to find ways to increase the attendance at the meetings and get more "never attended a meeting" members involved. The Board of Directors met on July 22nd and sketched out a calendar for the meetings (dates) and possible topics of interest. We are reaching out to hospitals and surgical facilities that are often under represented or not represented at the chapter meetings to try to find ways for them to become more involved. If you have ideas that would encourage more participation, send them our way!

To get the ball rolling, here are a few questions that we have for the entire chapter, but particularly for those of you who do not regularly attend the chapter meetings:

- 1) What would need to happen for you to attend the chapter meetings on a regular basis?
- 2) What topics would you like to have presented at the chapter meetings?
- 3) If you are interested in the chapter planning more social events, what type of events would you support?

Feel free to email me your responses to the above questions (asanchez@ochsner.org). As you are reading this message, take a few minutes and send me the email. It has been my experience that when I think, "I'll do it later," other things take precedence. The Board of Directors would greatly appreciate your input so that we can plan meetings that will meet your needs and expectations.

For the members who regularly attend the chapter meetings, invite one person (member or non-member – we'll help recruit them!) to come to the next meeting to check it out. Offer to actually take them with you, bring them to the meeting, and introduce them to everyone! Do this every month and let's see if we can't get a real party going at the meetings!

I look forward to not only getting your responses, but to seeing you at the chapter meetings this year!

Respectfully Submitted by,

Amanda "Mandy" Martin-Sanchez, BSN, MEd, RN, CNOR



Chapter 1902 Calendar

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

August 26th - Tulane, Ansell
Chemical Allergy Masquerade

September 23rd - Ochsner
Jeff Hwy

October 28 – EJGH,
Happiness Presentation

November 25th - Possible
Social

OR
December 2nd - Possible
Social

January 16th –
Winter Seminar, Vendor Fair

January 27th – Ochs. Baptist

February 24, Not Assigned

March 23rd, Not Assigned

April 2–6 - Surgical Expo
and Conference


April 27th - University


May 25th - Tulane

June 22nd – Installation
Banquet

Education

These Continuing Education programs are in the July 2015 AORN Journal – check them out . . .

3  Postoperative Care of Patients Undergoing Same-Day Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy; PATRICIA BRENNER, BSN, RN, CCRN; DONALD D. KAUTZ, PhD, RN, CRRN, CNE, ACNS-BC

2.8  The Effect of an Interdisciplinary QI Project to Reduce OR Foot Traffic; CATHERINE J. ROVALDI, MS, MBA, BSN, RN, CNOR; PAUL J. KING,

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

NEWS ALERT:

U.S. Supreme Court upholds Affordable Care Act 6-3

The United States Supreme Court issued its much-awaited opinion in *King v. Burwell*. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the opinion confirming that people qualify for federal subsidies whether they buy their health insurance through state insurance exchanges or the federal insurance exchange at HealthCare.gov. In affirming this key element of the Affordable Care Act, Chief Justice Roberts was joined by Justices Kennedy, Ginsberg, Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan, while Justices Scalia, Alito and Thomas dissented. The opinion all but guarantees that the health care reform initiatives and insurance structures established by the Affordable Care Act will remain in place after President Obama leaves office in 2017.

Watch for a full analysis of the decision's impact on perioperative nursing and surgical care in next week's *Periop Insider*, your weekly source for AORN member news and announcements.

National:

Check out this website for Practice information <http://www.ahrq.gov/>
Click on
<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/nhqdr/nhqdr14/2014nhqdr.pdf>
and read the 2014 National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report

Respectfully Submitted by,
Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans BOD
Chapter Bylaws and Policy Committee Chair





Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

PLEASE REVIEW July 2015 BoD Chapter meeting minutes on pages 3 and 6.

On Wednesday, July 22nd, the chapter 1902 board of directors meeting was called to order by Mandy Martin-Sanchez, president, at 5:20 PM at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood Company on Veterans Boulevard.

Chapter Accountability Standards: Nathalie Walker reported that AORN headquarters is now holding all chapters accountable. There are no more spot checks for accountability standards. This change came about because many chapters nationally don't follow accountability standards. Some chapters have not submitted bylaws, newsletters, bank statements or officers in several years. All chapters will be audited every year. The major reason for holding them accountable is to assure that chapters present a positive experience for members. If members are dissatisfied they will not maintain membership. AORN membership has decreased in the past few years and member retention is important. Chapter accountability standards are on the AORN web site. Chapter 1902 is currently in good standing with AORN headquarters. Sharon Guardina, Nathalie Walker and Sheila Ostrow will get together to make sure all necessary guidelines are followed and keep the chapter in good standing. Chapter 1902 has received \$3220 from national from membership dues in 2014-2015.

Bylaws changes: Bylaws will be posted on chapter website and in the newsletter. First three are set in stone. Others can be changed by our chapter. No revisions to bylaws at this time per Nathalie Walker.

Mandy went through the possible dates for the chapter meetings for the next year.

August 26th Tulane – Ansell
 September 23rd Ochsner MC Jefferson Highway
 October 28th – EJ - Happiness Presentation
 November 18th Possible Social OR
 December 2nd Possible Social
 January 16th - Winter Seminar, Vendor Fair,
 January 27th Ochsner Baptist
 (Mardi Gras - February 9th)
 February 24th – Not assigned
 March 23th - Congress Prep, Not assigned
 April 2nd -6th Surgical Expo/Conference in Anaheim
 April 27th – University MC
 May 25th - Tulane
 June 22nd - Installation Banquet

Mandy asked for any hot topics that would draw members to the meetings. Some suggestions were:

- Megadyne CE Course
- Positioning for DaVinci Robots
- CV cases, rinsing of valves
- Basic standards of OR (hand hygiene, etc.)
- The Happiness Project
- Broadcasting Happiness
- Self Defense
- Body Piercing/Tattoos -Angel
- Counting policies at other facilities
- Bunco
- Habitat for Humanity
- Gala with 5 Star Awards (Frances Hughes is in charge)
- Lateral Violence at Work
- Social Media

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AORN *Tool Kits*

The AORN website has a lot of tools to help you do your job.

Check these out!

<http://www.aorn.org/toolkits/>

Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

Total Members – 194

Standard - 103

Lifetime – 6

2/3yr - 23

Retired – 9

Associate – 5

Student Members - 46

PEP Tier 1 Large Hospital 2

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!

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/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:

August

Brittany Barbetta
Amanda Bates
Brandy Borrelli
Christine Boudet
Jeanie Jones
Robert Morton
LaVonne Paul
Stiliani Revere
Janelle St. Germain
Echoe Stoor
Gina Walden
Brandie Ward

September

Paras Rezaeimehr
Dara Spell
Christy Britton
Ann Cantrell
Leslie Frazier
Scarlett Desselle
Jennifer Diehl
Marcelle Lambert
Shannen Ford
Jamie Johnson
Chantel Griffin
Courtney Lehman
Paul Trinh
Pamela Zimmerman

Membership News

EJGH: Jeff Poche, Eddie Graebert and Mary Anne Toledano passed the CNOR certification test and are now CNOR certified. Congratulations!

**If you have news from
your facility
please**

**send any updates to
Mary Anne Toledano at
mstoledano@ejgh.org**

Community Outreach Project:

Please bring non-perishable items, hotel shampoos, etc. to next meeting for the homeless shelter at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Tulane Avenue. Sharon Guardina will drop them off to the shelter.

- Small bottles of shampoo
- Non-perishable foods items
- Eye glasses
- Socks

Thank you!!!

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.



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TRIVIA from the AORN

PERIOP INSIDER

Weekly Newsletter

HOW OFTEN SHOULD STETHOSCOPES BE CLEANED?

Stethoscopes should be cleaned with a low-level disinfectant before and after each use.

Stethoscopes are one of the most commonly and frequently used medical devices in a health care facility, and should not be worn around the neck. Stethoscopes come in direct contact with patients' skin, providing an opportunity for transmission of microbes from patient to patient, from patient to health care worker, or from health care worker to patient.

WHY SHOULD RINGS NOT BE WORN IN THE PERIOPERATIVE ENVIRONMENT?

Studies have shown that wearing rings may result in colonization of the hands with pathogens such as gram-negative and gram-positive pathogens.

With an increasing number of rings worn, the pathogens recovered may also increase in number. In one study, isolates recovered from swabbing the area adjacent to the ring included coagulase-negative staphylococci, other skin flora, gram-negative cocci, *Pseudomonas spp*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*.

There is a strong link between wearing rings and contamination of hands by health care personnel; removing rings will decrease the potential for pathogens remaining on hands before and after hand hygiene.



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary, continued from page 3

Mandy asked if vendors should go first at the chapter meetings, or should the business portion be first. Nathalie suggested asking the vendors what works best for them.

Sharon Guardina will share the information on the chapter's treasury with Sheila Ostrow, the new treasurer. Nathalie Walker and Mary Anne Toledano showed the board members how to log into OR Nurselink to see information on chapter 1902. The new board members will work on recruiting new members.

The chapter will be collecting photos from events involving chapter members. Please send any photos to Mary Anne Toledano.

Mandy made a motion to end the meeting, Mary Anne Toledano seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM



Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters News

Beach Seminar . . . SAVE The DATE!!!

State Council is soliciting Soft Sand and a Seminar, soon!
We will be having our first annual beach seminar on Nov 14, 2015 in Orange Beach, Al. We have a great room rate of \$89 night. The room reservation directions are below and the seminar flyer will follow. You can go ahead and reserve your room. I have blocked 30 rooms. You will obtain 6 CE's. Contact me @ ksimmons10@cox.net with any questions.

A block of rooms have been reserved in the name of your group for November 13 –15, 2015: Please include the following information in all correspondence to your members.

Friday - Sunday

Date & Time: Saturday 14 November 2015 7:00 am

End Date & Time: Saturday 14 November 2015 1:00 pm

Address:

24700 Perdido Beach Blvd

Orange Beach, Al

Price \$40

Contact: Kristy Simmons or any of your LA State Council members for details and reservations!

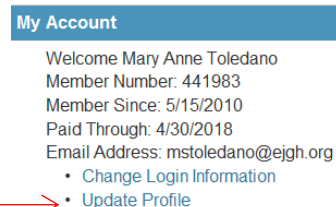
Have you updated your *personal profile* on the AORN website?

1. Log onto the AORN website

2. Click on "My AORN"



3. Under "My Account", click on "Update Profile"



4. Update "User Profile" with current email address, employer, etc.



Dr. Norman McSwain

As the new University Medical Center celebrates opening its expansive doors to the city of New Orleans, the medical community paradoxically mourns the passing of Dr. Norman McSwain, a pioneering leader of “The Spirit of Charity “in the city. The leadership of UMC released the following statement:

“Dr. McSwain joined the academic and clinical faculty at Tulane in 1977, but his main interest was in Charity Hospital and pre-hospital patient care – he came to New Orleans because he considered Charity Hospital to be one of the three most important trauma centers in the United States. Dr. McSwain was soon recruited by the City of New Orleans to develop an EMS system for the city, initiating both the EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic training within the New Orleans Police Department, and a Citywide EMS System.

During this time he was recruited to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma to assist in the development of the Advanced Trauma Life Support program. To fill the gap in the trauma team he worked with the ACS/COT and the National Association of EMTs to develop the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support program. Today, PHTLS has trained over half a million people in 45 countries. It is considered to be the world standard for pre-hospital trauma care. He has worked with the military and the Department of Defense to develop the Tactical Combat Casualty Care program for military medics.

Dr. McSwain is the only person in the history of the American College of Surgeons to receive all five of the major trauma awards:

- *Committee on Trauma, Meritorious Achievement Award for State/Provincial Chairs, 2001*
- *Scudder Orator, 2001*
- *Committee on Trauma Millennium Commitment Award, 2000*
- *Surgeon’s Award for Service to Safety, National Safety Council, 1998*
- *Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Meritorious Service Award, Committee on Trauma, 1989*

Dr. McSwain also worked for over a decade to establish the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) in 2004, serving on LERN's board of directors since that time, including service as board chair from 2012 to 2014.

For over 30 years, Dr. McSwain provided care to severely injured police officers at Charity Hospital. While at Tulane, he wrote or revised more than 25 textbooks, published more than 360 articles and traveled throughout the world giving more than 800 presentations. He lectured in all of the 50 states, all provinces in Canada, most of the countries in Europe, most of the countries in Central America, and the upper part of South America., as well as in Japan, China, Australia, and New Zealand.”

In a moving tribute, WWL-TV reporter Meg Farris, daughter of the late Dr. Charles Farris, Jr., an obstetrician, gynecologist, surgeon and menopause hormone expert, Meg personalizes the loss for her viewers: <http://www.wwltv.com/story/news/health/2015/07/28/prominent-trauma-surgeon-dr-norman-mcswain-dies/30801995/>



On Saturday, August 29, the Mayor will host one of the most comprehensive and unique service projects in the country. The Citywide Day of Service will engage thousands of volunteers and focus service on seven specific regions of the City. Volunteers will support over 100 individual projects. This event is open to volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and levels of experience.

Volunteer Agenda — Saturday, August 29, 2015

- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: Volunteer check-in at project sites
- 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Volunteer projects, plus Health-Wellness-Opportunity fairs
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Wrap up parties with lunch, entertainment and guest speakers will occur at regional hubs

*All registered volunteers will receive a limited edition t-shirt and access to exclusive seating at the Power of Community event at 5 pm on Saturday afternoon.

Please contact dayofservice@networknola.org with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AORN - NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER 1902

AUGUST MEETING & CE

August 26, 2015 @ 4:30 PM

Tulane Medical Center - Downtown

1415 Tulane Avenue
1st floor Conference Room 1114
New Orleans, LA 70112



CE Program - "Chemical Allergy Masquerade"

Speaker – Latisha Richardson

1.0 contact hour

Sponsored by Ansell

