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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

September 2019

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President's Message

Thanks again to everyone for making our August meeting at Porter and Luke's a success! It was great to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones.

My message this month is short and is a simple reminder that it takes all of us to keep our chapter running successfully. I will be sending out a membership survey near the end of September and I hope each and every one of you will take the time to answer it honestly. It is anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name. We need your input to keep building!

Have a great September and remember,

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”

–Helen Keller

Respectively,

Carrie Simpson, MSN,
RN-BC, CNOR, NE-BC

President- AORN of New
Orleans, Chapter 1902



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2019-2020

September 25th-Ochsner Jeff Hwy

October 30th-EJGH

November 20th-Social

January 11th – Winter Seminar

January 22nd-Ochsner Kenner

March 11th-UMC

April 22nd-Children’s Hospital

May 27th-Spring Social

June 24th-Installation Banquet

*Per member request,
we have a new meeting time:*

5 PM

*ALL meetings start at
5 PM unless otherwise noted*

Scan code for
Chapter Web Site



Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Why should nurses advocate? For the past 16 years, the public has voted nursing the most trusted profession in Gallup’s annual honesty and ethics survey, and this is a testament to the dedication that nurses show every day. Nurses provide essential services, are knowledgeable about client needs, and interact closely with health care consumers across a variety of care settings and social groups. This gives nurses a broad appreciation of health needs and an understanding of the factors that affect health care delivery. <https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/advocacy/>

Remember AORN membership includes affiliate membership to ANA (online) <https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/workforce/>

To be a member of LSAN <https://www.lsna.org/membership/>

AORN Advocacy Tool Kit Link:
<https://www.aorn.org/government-affairs/advocacy-tools>

Pelican News Link:
https://www.nursingald.com/publications_archive/23%20
Read July 2019 issue, 3 Louisiana AORN members receive recognition.



LSNA

The Louisiana Action Coalition 2019 Culture of Health Summit
Theme: *Embracing Diversity and Fostering Inclusion for a Healthier Louisiana*

Tuesday, October 8, 2019; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
NOTE: Registration and continental breakfast at 7:00 am – 8:00 am

Registration link below:
<https://www.lsna.org/the-louisiana-action-coalition-2019-culture-of-health-summit/>

LSNA Health Policy Committee

The Health Policy Committee initiates legislative action under the direction of the Board of Directors as appropriate to promote nursing or improve health care to the citizens of Louisiana. Among the responsibilities for the Committee, the group will:

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Chapter Membership Information

Total Members – 220

Student Members – 4

Standard – 149

Lifetime – 24

2/3yr - 29

Retired – 8

Associate – 2

When you renew, please check your membership status on “My AORN” to see that it states “Chapter 1902”.

And bring a new nurse to the chapter meetings. We are always recruiting new members to our chapter.

Member 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

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

September

Kelley Brenes
Dennis Burke
Michelle De Lima
Rosa Flores-Castellon
Gina Letort
Kayla McGovern
Carly Metzner
Susan Overman
Camille Perniciaro
Kathy Pratt
Courtney Rogers
Gretchen Russell
Jennifer Serigne
Brooke Webster
Gretchen Wyble
Pamela Zimmerman

October

Jobe Authement
Marie Bond
Anissa Buras
Dustin Calamia
SAMANTHA CLARK
Kim Dupre
Aimee Falgout
Maria Gomila
Zina Jaffe
Stephanie Miller
Jeannine Runnels
Stephanie Ryan
Geralyne Williams

Member News

If you have news from your facility Please send any updates to Mary Anne Toledano at:

matoledano@outlook.com



Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

Chapter Meeting and Continuing Education Presentation, August 28, 2019 at Porter & Luke's Restaurant

Continuing Education Presentation:

Skin Safety: Preventing Perioperative Pressure Injuries presented by Lisa A. Kelley, MSN, RN, CWON

- Perioperative pressure injuries may be minor to severe and often may not be evident when the patient leaves the operating room. Typically, pressure injuries related to surgical positioning take up to 72 hours to appear. The impact of these injuries affect both the patient and the healthcare provider.
- Does your facility use a structured risk assessment tool specific to the surgical environment to identify patients at risk for pressure injuries? The Scott Triggers and the Munro Scale are two to consider.
- Utilize evidence based interventions to prevent perioperative pressure injuries improve patient outcomes and present a cost savings to the organization.

Chapter meeting called to order by President Carrie Simpson at 6:00 PM.

Carrie expressed the chapter's gratitude to Molnlycke Healthcare representatives Kim Balsler and Stacey Spiers for sponsoring the dinner and continuing education presentation.

New Business

Chapter Bylaws: The Board of Directors will review the bylaws and then the proposed revisions will be posted on AORN NurseLink. (Note: Article 2 cannot be changed.)

Webinar Meetings/Online Interaction:

- Next Chapter Officer Town Hall – Thursday September 19 – 7 pm CST
- Replay of August is available in OR NurseLink
- At least one officer attends the remaining town halls for 2019 (September, October, and November) will be entered to win a FREE Expo registration (2 winners), or a 5-night hotel stay at Expo!
- Contest for reading the chapter leader bulletin – hidden questions!
- Win \$50 Amazon Gift Cards
- 2019 Chapter Incentives are focused on engaging and retaining members.

National Ballot/Chapter Voting Party:

The national ballot is posted. To encourage voting, the March 2020 meeting may be a chapter voting party!

Expo 2020 – Anaheim, CA, March 28 – April 1, 2020:

The chapter will have 9 delegates again this year. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, the Willingness to Serve form will need to be submitted. The revised form will be sent out soon. The deadline for submission of poster abstracts for Anaheim is September 27, 2019. The link for abstract submission is:

<https://www.aorn.org/surgicalexpo/perioperative-nurse-education/posters>.

The deadline for Individual Achievement Awards is October 8 2019. The link for award submission is:

<https://aorn.org/community/awards-programs/individual-achievement-awards>.

Member/Facility Spotlight Ideas:

The July 2019 *Outpatient Surgery* magazine includes Judy's article, "Rebooting Our Reprocessing Department."

Mardi Gras Social Ideas:

Since there will NOT be a February 2020 meeting, please send your ideas for a Mardi Gras social event. This may be simply coordinating a meet-up for a parade.

OR Excellence Conference in NOLA October 3-5, 2019:

Outpatient Surgery, a subsidiary of AORN, hosts this conference. This year it is at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Loyola.

Winter Seminar - Saturday, January 11, 2020 at EJGH:

Seminar Co-Chairs are Sharon Guardina (vendors) and Linda Levesque (education). Send any recommendations for speakers (preferably with topics already approved for CNE) to Linda. Linda expressed her thanks for the referrals for the program. The LA State Council meeting will be held after the seminar.

Community Service:

The chapter will continue to collect toiletries and eyeglasses (bring to chapter meetings to Sharon Guardina). Sharon will also accept money (cash or check payable to AORN) to purchase needed items. Nathalie will check out the available builds scheduled for Habitat for Humanity for a possible event. New Orleans Medical Mission (in Elmwood) has opportunities for participation on Wednesdays and

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Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

- October 12th - Hammond, St. Tammany Hospital, 11:30 AM, Conference Room
- November 2nd - Beach Seminar, Orange Beach, AL, please see flyer for more information
- Jan 11th - Metairie, EJGH, 2 PM
- March 29th - SC&E in Anaheim
- July 11th - Baton Rouge, Women's Hospital

Chapter Hospital Liaisons ★



JMC-Elaine Stock
 VA-Stephanie Wall
 Tulane-Linda Levesque
 Ochsner Main-Susan Overman
 Ochsner WB-Kelly Acosta

Lakeview-Christal Cook
 Children's-Judy Montello
 Touro-Cheryl Johnson
 Ochsner Kenner-Shari Fourcade
 Ochsner Baptist-Lauren Levert

We would like to encourage a member from **Crescent City Surgical, East Jefferson and West Jeff** to volunteer as a liaison from one of these facilities to assist with providing information to your peers. If you are interested, please email Melissa Guidry at guidrymelissa@yahoo.com or call her at 504-442-9747.

Thanks to those members listed above who have volunteered - you are greatly appreciated!

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$ 5113.60

Deposits: 689.76

Expenses: 0

Ending balance: \$ 5794.36

Respectfully submitted,

**Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902**



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https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html/ref=sxsts_snpl_3_2_cadfdfa1-9169-4a88-8997-3f369371b055?nodeId=201365360&pd_rd_w=Bsggn&pf_rd_p=cadfdfa1-9169-4a88-8997-3f369371b055&pf_rd_r=8MXDFQHC87M5ASD7EKGV&pd_rd_r=9b42b614-daa3-4dbb-9f7b-df176760f39b&pd_rd_wg=fZdHc&qid=1566354168

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

The Winter Seminar
will be on
January 11th, 2020.

The new Peri-Op 101 class from
Ochsner Kenner.



Welcome to the Peri-Op Family!

Legislative Report continued from page 2

- Recommend a position on legislation related to nursing and healthcare issues to the Board of Directors.
- Develop and disseminate lobbying strategies for LSNA.
- Keep membership informed about important legislation pertinent to nursing.

Special Notice: LSNA calls for Legislative Action to ensure Workplace Safety in Healthcare

The Louisiana State Nurses Association, along with its legislative advocacy partner Southern Strategy Group, is working with Representative Dustin Miller to introduce a House Concurrent Resolution urging the Louisiana Legislature to direct and encourage a study with recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature regarding potential legislation needed to create a safer workplace environment for nurses and social service workers. The resolution calls for recommendations to be presented to joint Health & Welfare in February 2020. LSNA will then evaluate opportunities to enact those recommendations in the 2020 legislative session. [HCR60](#) is scheduled for concurrence with the House after an amendment in Senate adding physicians to the group of those included in the study bill.

LSNA Links & Resources

[Louisiana Legislature](#)

[Locate your U.S. Representative](#)

[Locate your U.S. Senator](#)

[Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research](#)

LSNA Statewide Strategic Directions

In 2018, the Board of Directors initiated a new long-term focus on essential strategic directions that will serve as the focus of LSNA through 2021.

Strategic Direction 1: [Advocacy](#)

Strategic Direction 2: [Professional Nurses are Leaders](#)

Strategic Direction 3: [Membership Development](#)

Strategic Direction 4: [Organizational Efficiency](#)

These Strategic directions reflect the core mission and vision of LSNA as we work to provide leadership, advocacy, and support to professional nurses in Louisiana. Learn more about these strategic directions by clicking on the links and scrolling down.

[CMS: Hospital star ratings methodology will be changed in 2021](#)

The CMS said it will change the methodology used for hospital quality star ratings on the Hospital Compare website in early 2021 and it will use feedback from the public input request issued six months ago to guide the changes. The agency noted that it will update the star ratings early next year using the current methodology.

[Modern Healthcare \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (8/19), [Healthcare Finance](#) (8/19)

Respectfully Submitted by,

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





SPD Best Practices You Can Implement Now

Join us for a free educational webinar on September 12, 2019

9:00-10:00 AM CST OR 1:00-2:00 PM CST

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Learning Objectives:

- Review a list of best practices for loading your steam and VH2O2 sterilizers.
- Examine a few best practices in process monitoring, testing, and quality control for steam and VH2O2 sterilization.
- Identify a couple best practices in load release and record keeping for steam and VH2O2 sterilization.
- Discuss best practices in leadership and team work in the SPD.

Sharon Greene-Golden, BA CRCST, CER, FCS, SME

Sharon has more than 30 years' experience in the Central Sterile Supply Department and a true passion for the profession of instrument care. She currently serves as the sterile processing manager for Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center in Rockville, Maryland, a position she has held since May of 2016. She is a Past-President of IAHCSSMM and has served on numerous boards and committees. She has presented at national, regional and local IAHCSSMM meetings as well as the Aesculap Academy in Germany. Sharon is a voice for the sterile processing professionals as they endeavor to keep all patients safe with best practice measures daily in the sterile processing departments.

REGISTER NOW: [9:00 AM](#) [1:00 PM](#)

Each 1 hour web meeting is approved by IAHCSSMM, CBSPD and is 3M Health Care Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nurses CEP 5770 for one contact hour. RN license number OR last four digits of Social Security Number is REQUIRED.



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and Saturdays. Expired or unused items are welcomed.

Other ideas for community outreach include: Second Harvest Food Bank (Nathalie), planting trees, adopting a family for Christmas (Judy), Caps for Kids (Melissa).

Fundraising – Rada Knives:

Catalogs and order forms were distributed. If you would like copies for your facility, contact Nora. Please collect the money up front and bring orders and payments to the September meeting. We will place one order.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Mary Anne Toledano

- Please submit information for the next newsletter to Mary Anne Toledano by the end of the month.

Treasurer's Report: See Melissa Guidry's report in the newsletter.

State Council: Mary Anne Toledano

- October 12 – Following the AORN Northlake Trauma Conference @ St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Covington

- January 11, 2020 – Following the Winter Seminar at EJGH

- March 29, 2020 – Anaheim, CA at Expo

- July 11, 2020 – Baton Rouge

Legislative: Nathalie Walker – See Legislative Report in the newsletter

Old Business

Chapter Liaison Updates:

- The following sites still need a liaison: EJGH, West Jeff and Crescent City Surgical Centre.

Future Chapter Meetings:

- September 25 – Ochsner Main Campus

- October 30 – EJGH **NOTE:** Date changed due to Great 100 taking place on October 23

- November 20 – Holiday Social – Location to be determined

- January 11, 2020 – Winter Seminar @ EJGH

- January 22, 2020 – Ochsner Kenner

- February 2020 – No meeting due to multiple conflicts with Mardi Gras

- March 11, 2020 – University Medical Center **NOTE:** earlier date due to Expo at end of March

- April 22, 2020 – Children's Hospital

- May 27, 2020 – Spring Social TBD

- June 24, 2020 – Installation Dinner

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36PM.



APIC GREATER NEW ORLEANS

2019 Fall Annual Education Conference

"Staying Ahead of the Curve in Infection Control and Prevention"

Friday, October 25, 2019 - 7:30 AM - 3:45 PM

Time	Program
7:30 – 8:00	Registration / Breakfast and Vendor Display
8:00 – 8:05	Welcome / Opening Remarks
8:05 – 9:05	Session I: <i>Clinical Challenges Associated with Care and Maintenance of Vascular Access Devices.</i> Joseph Holmes
9:05 – 9:15	Break/Networking
9:15 – 10:15	Session II: <i>Risky Business</i> Christopher Olson
10:15 – 10:25	Break/Networking
10:25 – 11:25	Session III: <i>Strategy or Risk: The Use of Midline Catheters</i> Samantha Liang, MSN, RN, VA-BC
11:25 – 11:30	Morning Wrap Up
11:30 – 1:00	Attendee Lunch/Vendor Display
1:00 – 2:00	Session IV: Alice Brewer, MPH, CIC
2:00 – 2:25	Break/Vendor Display/Door Prize Drawing
2:25 – 3:25	Session V: <i>Respiratory Protection and Fit Testing best Practices and OSHA rules</i> Dave Thomas, Owner & Founder of REPSS, Inc.
3:25 – 3:45	Closing Remarks/Evaluations

APIC-GNO Chapter invites you to join us in our Annual Infection Control Educational Conference. Get access to some of the industry's key experts in infection control, prevention and compliance. This is an opportunity to network with peers and participate in our vendor fair.

Register Online

APIC-GNO Web Page:

<http://www.apicgno.org/>

Registration Fee:

APIC Members: Free

Non-members: \$25

Late Reg. (after 09/27 Deadline): \$35

Includes handouts, breakfast, lunch and prizes.

*Must pre-register, will not accept walk-ins

*CEUs are available for this event (must stay whole time)



East Jefferson General Hospital
4200 Houma Blvd
Metairie, LA 70006

Conference Rooms 1-3 (1st floor)
Park in Hudson Garage

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00 Registration/Vendor Table Viewing

7:45 Welcome to the Symposium

8:30 Melissa Graham, BSN, RN-BC

9:00 Trafficking (Sarah Koransky)

9:30 Trafficking Training (Baylor College of Medicine Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences from Baylor College of Medicine



10:30 Break/Vendor Table Viewing

11:00 Opioids (Jenevieve Martis)

11:30 Forensics (Jaime Ferrell)

12:30 Raffle/Closing/Certificates
Special thank you to all of our volunteers, vendors, and speakers! Without your willingness to serve, this symposium would not have been a success! We are truly grateful for each of you!

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"Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Texas Nurses Association- Approver, an accredited approver with distinction, by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation."



Cost:

Early Bird (prior to Nov. 8th):

\$35.00 per person with a group of 5

\$35.00 per individual

Nov 9-15: \$40.00 per person

At the Door: \$50.00

Students: \$20.00

Sponsorship available

For more information contact:

Ebony Mitchell: (281) 450-2391

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Register on our website at:

<https://aornhouston.nursingnetwork.com>

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TRAFFICKING, OPIOIDS, AND FORENSICS
IN THE CITY SYMPOSIUM

PRESENTED BY

AORN GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER 4407

November 16, 2019

MEMORIAL HERMANN TMC CONFERENCE
CENTER AND ATRIUM

7:00 am-1:00 pm



STOP CHILD TRAFFICKING

The September chapter meeting will be at Ochsner on Jefferson Highway on 9/25/19 at 5 PM. More information to follow.
