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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

It's summertime in New Orleans . . . and that brings us to a new year for the chapter with our new and continuing Board members. The June meeting was held at Café East and included a continuing education program (Thanks Molnlycke!), installation of officers, a wonderful buffet and open bar. I'd like to thank the Board for the past year that brought the chapter many opportunities for education, networking, and fun. My wish for the chapter is to continue these three very important aspects of our time together, to continue the pursuit of lifelong learning, and add a new level of learning -- tacit knowledge. Tacit knowledge is "knowledge that you do not get from being taught, or from books, etc. but get from personal experience" (Cambridge Business English Dictionary). We all possess this knowledge, often without even realizing it! Think of mentors that you have had through the years. What type of things did you learn from them that was not written down but proved to be invaluable to you. That's what I am talking about and would like to incorporate it into our meetings over the next year. This knowledge can be captured often through storytelling and sharing of our experiences. Put that idea in the forefront of your brain and be ready to "pass the knowledge on" to others.

Who are the others that can best benefit from this type of knowledge? My vote is for the newer perioperative nurses in our organizations. WE NEED TO BE THE MENTORS and pass our knowledge on to them to help them grow in the profession. The question is, "How do we get them into our meetings?" This will be one of the challenges for the Board and the chapter this year. I would like to invite each of you to the Board meeting on July 22nd, 5PM at New Orleans Seafood and Hamburger, 817 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Metairie, LA. Help us to plan the activities of the chapter that will meet our goals and entice more perioperative nurses to take a more active role with us. Please consider joining us at the Board meeting and at the chapter activities this year. I look forward to learning from each of you 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*

**Board of Directors
Meeting, 5:00 PM
at New Orleans
Hamburger and
Seafood Company
Located at 817
Veterans Blvd. All
are invited to
attend.**

**Next year's
meeting schedule
will be posted in
the August
newsletter.**

Education

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

- 1.2 **CE** Using OR Patient Classification for Staffing Assignments
LYNN BELL, BSN, RN, CNOR
- 2.8 **CE** The Effect of an Interdisciplinary QI Project to Reduce OR Foot Traffic
CATHERINE J. ROVALDI, MS, MBA, BSN, RN, CNOR; PAUL J. KING, MD

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN,

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
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Chapter Bylaws and Policy Committee Chair





Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

PLEASE REVIEW June Chapter MEETING MINUTES ON PAGE 3 for approval.

The 2015-2016 Installation Banquet was held at Café East in Metairie. Molnlycke sponsored the event and presented a continuing education program worth two credits. There was a delicious buffet and open bar. Melissa Guidry welcomed everyone and introduced the reps from Molnlycke, Kim Balser and Kimberly McCarthy. The presentation, "Position for Prevention," was presented by Kimberly McCarthy and was packed with practical information that any peri-op nurse can use.

When entering the event, everyone received a ticket for the free one year AORN membership. After the presentation, the winning ticket was pulled. Mary Kay Harvey won the one year AORN membership. Then Melissa Guidry passed the gavel to Mandy Martin-Sanchez, the new chapter president for 2015 – 2016. Mandy presented her theme for the year, "pass the knowledge on." She passed out pencils with the theme on them. Mandy invited the "older" members to pass the knowledge to the newer chapter members, to be mentors to the younger generation. After Mandy's presentation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

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.

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 – 195

Standard - 103

Lifetime – 6

2/3yr - 23

Retired – 9

Associate – 5

Student Members - 48

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:

July

Ann Bonevechio
Dawn Boudreaux
Angela Bye
Scott Duhon
Faith Garvey
Lisa Gordon
Neal Hightower
Julie Laurent
Lauren Lee
Andrea Matthews
Phyllis Panquerne
Michael Pulliam
Patricia Saucier
Dianne Taylor
Angela Young
Michelle Zaidain

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

Membership News

ILH (University): Jeff Ashford is the new director of the surgery department. Congratulations Jeff!!!

Ochsner Medical Center: They started a new AORN Periop101 class with 9 RNs: JeriLynn Hall, Brooke Froeba, Colleen Boyd, Alexandra Humphreys, Samantha Pearson, Michelle Cabecerias, Alexnadra Breland, Amber Picou, and Shemika Montana. Best of luck as you begin your road to becoming a perioperative nurse!

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!!!



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TRIVIA from the AORN

PERIOP INSIDER Weekly Newsletter

Why should the total weight of an instrument set be restricted to 25 lbs?

Instrument sets weighing more than 25 pounds are known to be difficult to dry without lengthy drying times and present an increased risk of ergonomic injury.

Items to be sterilized should be packaged in a manner that promotes successful sterilization. Appropriate packaging increases the probability that sterility can be achieved and maintained to the point of use.

What are the appropriate temperature settings for blanket warming cabinets?

The temperature range of blanket or linen warming cabinets should not exceed 130°F (54.4°C). Post the temperature parameters on the cabinet for ready reference. The temperature of the warming cabinet should be checked on regular intervals and documented on a log or electronically.

How long can fluids in the warmer?

Contact the solution manufacturer for maximum temperature and length of time that the fluids may remain in the warming cabinet. The stability of the fluids will vary by the type of solution and the storage container. Post the temperature and length parameters on the cabinet for ready reference. Label and date the fluids with either the date into the warmer or the date the fluids should be removed, according to your institution policy.

What are the recommended temperature ranges for an operating room?

The recommended temperature range in an operating room is between 68°F and 75°F. Collaborate with infection prevention, and facility engineers when determining temperature ranges. Each facility should determine acceptable ranges for temperature in accordance with regulatory and accrediting agencies. The temperature should be monitored and recorded daily using a log or electronic documentation of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system.



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!

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