



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

April 2021

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President's Message

Welcome Springtime

“New beginnings are on the way, its time to welcome them” Picard

The year of the Nurse and Midwife is coming to an end, but the recognition will continue. The WHO has designated 2021 as the Year of Health and Care Workers. What a great beginning to a new year!!

Locally and Nationally we are moving forward with this message. It is that time of year to select new officers and representatives.

Locally, we need officers for the 2020-2021 year. The chapter is asking for volunteers for President Elect/ Treasurer/ Board members (2) / Nominating Committee Members (2). In the newsletter we have attached the forms to be filled out and sent back to me. They will be reviewed by the Board and the ballot will be assembled and sent to membership for voting. Winners will be announced in May.

Nationally, the voting is open now through April 23rd for your new officers. For those of us who are unfamiliar with the candidates, I have asked Nathalie Walker to host a Virtual chapter 1902 meet the candidates. Nathalie has served with many of the candidates and I value her opinion greatly. The date will be April 7th Wednesday at 5:00pm. All are invited to participate and weigh in with your thoughts and opinions.

We are ending our chapter year on a high also. Our April meeting will be IN PERSON (yeah) at Flemings Restaurant in Metairie, on April 28th at 5:00pm. It is hosted by our

chapter friend Adam Bienvenu representing Baxter. Please send me a text or email the Monday prior to the dinner, Adam will need a head count for restaurant.

May 26th our meeting will be virtual, and the speaker will be Jim Stobinski, Director of CCI. He will be informing everyone on the new certifications and new procedures for renewing our certifications. We are honored to have him as our speaker. Thanks to Nathalie for procuring him.

June will be the chapters installation banquet. MaryAnne Toledano will be our new Chapter president. The venue will be announced, and we will all support her in her leadership year.

AORN expo registration is now open. If you are interested in going you may be eligible for free registration by becoming a delegate for the chapter. The form to apply is in the newsletter. Please forward ASAP to me.

In closing FYI:

The last 2 months we have had speakers bringing information to us on the GO CLEAR movement. The Governor of Kentucky Andy Beshear signs a law into effect to mandate smoke free environments.

Congratulations Kentucky!

Stay safe,

Judy Montello, BSHCA,
RN, CNOR



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2020-2021

April 7th- 5:00pm Virtual 1902 meet the candidates Zoom meeting hosted by Nathalie Walker to review the candidates best to lead us forward into the 2020-2021 year. Everyone is invited to share information.

April 28th – Flemings Restaurant, sponsored by Adam Bienvenu of Baxter (CE included) RSVP @ Judy.Montello@lcmchealth.org by the 26th.

May 26th – Zoom Presentation by Jim Stobinski, director of CCI discussing certifications offered by CCI. (CE included)

Meetings for 2021 TBA

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

*ALL meetings start at
5 PM unless otherwise noted*

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Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

I attended the LSNA Advocacy Day Zoom meeting Date Time: Mar 26, 2021 08:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Here are somethings YOU can do to Build Relations with your Legislators now!

1. Please log in and find out who your State and Federal Congressman are [AORN Government Affairs - My State - Association of periOperative Registered Nurses](#)
2. Contact your Legislative Representatives and share your opinion on issues to be addressed in the upcoming session starting April 12, 2021 - June 10, 2021. There are 17 House Bills and 3 Senate Bills that will be addressed.
3. Log in at [Louisiana State Nurses Association | Nursing Network](#) and click on the Advocacy Tab and check out all of the information Connection Chart, Louisiana State Legislators 2021, and parish Pathfinders 2021

Have you received your COVID vaccine yet! If not please make your appointment ASAP . In the United States as a whole, 26% of the population has received at least one vaccine dose, with about 2.4 million shots being given each day during the past week, according to tracking data compiled by Reuters. Visit the [COVID Vaccine Facts for Nurses](#) website for relevant, accurate and up-to-date information as well as expert perspectives about the safety, efficacy and importance of COVID-19 vaccines. [COVID Vaccine Facts for Nurses \(covidvaccinefacts4nurses.org\)](#) Remember to Mask Up! Social Distance! Wash Your Hands!

[HHS OIG report finds hospitals in crisis](#)

Full Story: [CNN](#)

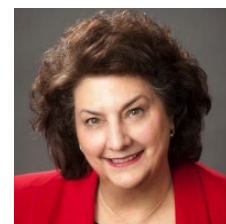
Stay Connected with your colleagues,
friends and family

[Study links persistent loneliness to dementia risk](#)

Full Story: [United Press International](#)

Respectfully Submitted by,

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



Membership Information

Total Members – 240

Student Members – 2

Standard – 163

Lifetime – 24

2/3yr – 29

Retired – 9

Associate – 3

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>



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

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

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



<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:

March

Alicia Ault
Elizabeth Derbigny
Jill Donegan
Ann Ertel
Kailin Kronlage
Crystal Marshall
Nicole Morrill
Stephanie
Valentino

April

Jessica Colin
Katie Faciane
Carolyn Gellner
Mary Kay Harvey
Andrew Hayes
Nicole Hudson
Nora Lambert
Tedre Moore
Julie Nguyen
Courtney Rogers

May

Michael Girgis
Sharon Guardina
Sherry Harvey
Ijen Imwensi
Kayla Jackson
Jessica Messina
Lori Noel
Melissa Pridgen
Sarah Roth
Jennifer Toruno



Zoom BOD Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902 March 24, 2021 via Zoom

Guest Speaker – Kaylyn Thompson, ConMed

Judy introduced our guest speaker Kaylyn Thompson with ConMed who discussed Smoke Evacuators, Smoke Evacuating Bovie Pencils, In-Line Filters and Laparoscopic filters. Special thanks to Kaylyn for taking the time to speak with our group today. If anyone has any questions or needs additional information she can be reached at 504-812-1994 or KaylynThompson@ConMed.com.

ConMed acquired Buffalo Filter several years ago and produces 70% of smoke evacuation systems on the market today. Smoke evacuation is an important safety goal for today’s OR! Did you know? 4-6 hours in the OR is equivalent to smoking 27-30 cigarettes or 1 gram of ESU ablated tissue is equivalent to smoking 6 cigarettes!

There are several things we can do today:

- In-line filter hook-up
- Plume-port active filter

Education – Needs Assessment – Implementation

Education

- Continuing Education

Needs Assessment

- Competency Checklist
- Clinical Needs Assessment
- Equipment Audits
- Budgeting
- Gap Analysis

Implementation

- Smoke Evacuation Policy Development
- Trial and Evaluation Support
- Competency Checklist
- Concurrent Monitor

Why partner with Conmed/Buffalo Filter?

- Expertise
- Product
- Support

Treasurer-Melissa Guidry

• Beginning Balance -	\$10,960.70
• Debits (website maintenance)	137.87
• Deposits (AORN oper)	220.00
• Ending Balance -	\$11,042.83

Nominating Committee – Judy Montello for Carrie Simpson (chair), Sheila and Kim

Positions to be filled President-Elect, Treasurer,

Board Member X2 and Nominating Committee. Nora Lambert has volunteered for a Board position and Christin Guillot has volunteered for a Nominating Committee position. There are several other volunteers who have agreed to run for positions. The ballot will be completed and finalized for the April meeting, voting at May meeting with installation of officers in June.

Legislative Committee – Nathalie Walker

Nathalie reported Kentucky legislature passed smoke free legislation on the first try.

Congratulations! Georgia legislation failed.

Nathalie is exploring how Kentucky was so successful to see what we could duplicate in our own state. She encouraged members to review monthly updates from the National Legislative Forum – Jennifer Pennock is AORN Senior Manager of Government Affairs.

Presidents Report – Judy Montello

*National Voting opened March 22nd and runs through April 23rd. All members are encouraged to vote. Website to vote is <http://www.aorn.org.k> Results will be announced on April 25th. There is an AORN Seminar on April 24th at a registration cost of \$40 where the winners will be announced – the registration cost will be deducted from the registration cost of Expo.

*AORN Expo Registration – Expo in Orlando is August 7th – August 10th and is now open. Our chapter is assigned 10 delegates. Each delegate will receive paid registration from the chapter. To date 5 people have communicated their interest in attending Expo and representing the chapter as a delegate. Melissa will register all delegates as a group to take advantage of the discount.

*April Meeting – Will be held on April 28th, location to be determined but will be a dinner meeting with educational presentation for 2 contact hours.

*May Meeting – James Strabinsky, CEO, CCI will present the New Certification Process and New CCI Programs. The educational session will be accredited for 2 contact hours. CCI will assist with promoting the presentation and other chapters will be invited to participate. The meeting will be a ZOOM presentation.

There was no other business – Meeting adjourned by Judy Montello at 6:03pm.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Guidry for Rochelle Cazaubon

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$ 10, 960.70

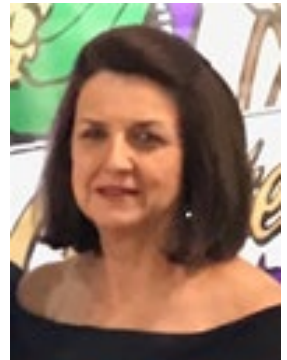
Deposits: \$ 220.00

Expenses: \$ 137.87

Ending balance: \$ 11,042.83

Respectfully submitted,

**Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902**



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Amazon?***

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Call To Action:

1. Write an Opinion or Letter to the Editor of your local papers. In addition share this message with your Legislators. This is SAMPLE letter feel free to edit it to make it personal.

Title: Surgical Smoke in the Operating Room is Putting Patients and Healthcare Providers at Risk

As a Perioperative Registered Nurse working in an operating room, I work tirelessly for my patients. When I step into the O.R., someone's life is in my hands but, ironically, my life is also on the line when the O.R. is filled with surgical smoke during a patient's surgery.

As with cigarette smoke, surgical smoke can be seen and smelled. It is the result of human tissue being cut with mechanical tools and/or heat-producing devices, such as lasers and electro-surgery pencils commonly used for dissection and hemostasis. In other words, it's the smoke from burning flesh. An estimated 90% of all surgical procedures - including such common surgeries as cesarean sections, mastectomies, knee replacements and appendectomies - generate surgical smoke.

In the room where we are saving lives, we are risking our own. A single day working in an operating room without smoke evacuation is equivalent to inhaling the smoke of 27-30 unfiltered cigarettes. Smoke evacuation systems are available at the majority of hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers in this state, however, our workplaces are not currently required by law to use them. This must change.

Nurses and other O.R. staff across the country have been fighting for legislation to ensure harmful surgical smoke is evacuated from every O.R. Their efforts have been successful in Rhode Island, Colorado and Kentucky this must become the standard in Louisiana as well.

On behalf of the surgical nurses across our great state, I appeal to our state lawmakers to pass legislation that ensures that surgical smoke evacuation systems are used every time there is surgical smoke, in every O.R. across the state. The lives of all the patients and those who work in the O.R. depend on it.

Thank you,
(sign your name, and credentials)

Click here for more info: [AORN Government Affairs - Advocacy Tools - Association of periOperative Registered Nurses](#)

★ Chapter Hospital Liaisons ★

UMC-Elaine Stock
VA-Stephanie Wall
Ochsner WB-Kelly Acosta
Ochsner Kenner-Shari Fourcade
Ochsner Baptist-Lauren Levert
Ochsner Elmwood-Kathy Blanchard

Lakeview-Christal Cook
Children's-Judy Montello
Touro-Cheryl Johnson
EJGH-Eddie Graebert
Tulane-Linda Levesque

We would like to encourage a member from

**Ochsner Jeff Hwy
Crescent City Surgical
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!

