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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

I hope all had a Merry Christmas and I hope all have a very Happy New Year -2018. AORN of New Orleans had a very active year for 2017, to say the least, and thanks to all the Board Members and Committee Chairpersons and all our members who participated in and worked on our chapter events. It was definitely a TEAM effort. Our Chapter Accountability Standards report was submitted to AORN for 2017 and a big THANKS to Mandy Martin-Sanchez who kept excellent track of the chapter's uploads for the Chapter Accountability Standards and to Ramie Miller and Melissa Guidry for also uploading many documents. Let's hope for a Chapter Award for next year. It's a new year, y'all, which means it's time for fresh starts and new beginnings. Of course, some things will never change; ie, growing our chapter membership, planning for Expo 2018 in New Orleans, Chapter Accountability Standards for another year, exchanging ideas and networking, chapter meetings, educational offerings, and our annual Winter Seminar, just to name a few.

So let's keep the momentum going and the New Year ball rolling.....

Our annual half day **Winter Seminar and Vendor Fair** is fast approaching and we have a great one planned. The date is **January 13, 2018** at EJGH. See the brochure flyer in this newsletter for all the exciting details.

The 2018 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans is March 24- 28, 2018.

You do not want to miss this educational packed conference, right in our "own backyard". Remember Expo 2018 starts on a Saturday. You can sign up to volunteer for the 2018 Expo and get even more out of the experience. There will be many volunteering activities that you can participate in during the Expo with multiple volunteering activities being available on days and hours to fit your busy schedule. SEE the Expo Volunteer flyer in this newsletter.

READY, SET, and GO forward into 2018 with a "BANG" !!!!
Let's have another GREAT year for the AORN Chapter of New Orleans.

I slept and dreamt that life was joy;
I awoke and saw that life was service;
I acted and behold, service was joy!
(Tagore)

Respectively,

Sharon Guardina RN, BSN, CNOR
President- AORN of New Orleans
Chapter 1902



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2017-2018

January 13th-Winter Seminar
and Vendor Fair, EJGH

Monthly Meeting Dates

February 28th-Tulane
April 25th-Ochsner Kenner
May 23rd-
June 27th-Installation Banq.

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

5 PM

*ALL meetings start at
5 PM unless otherwise noted*

Answers to the PeriOp Challenge

1. D
2. B
3. B

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

AORN 2018 Policy Agenda:

Each year the AORN board of directors establishes a policy agenda based on recommendations from the National Legislative Forum. The Government Affairs team pursues these goals in legislative and regulatory arenas nationwide.

Our team collaborates with health care colleagues, organizations, and decision-makers to advance patient safety and health care improvements in all operative settings, but we don't endorse specific candidates.

Policy Agenda

- **RN CIRCULATORS**

We work to ensure every surgical patient has a dedicated perioperative registered nurse circulator for the duration of each operative and invasive procedure. Our team also actively promotes laws and regulations to ensure the supervisory presence of the perioperative RN in the perioperative setting.

- **WORKPLACE SAFETY INITIATIVES**

Our team supports legislative and regulatory initiatives for safe perioperative work environments. Perioperative nurses deserve surgical smoke-free operating rooms, strong workplace violence protections, and safe patient handling programs focused on injury prevention.

- **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

We protect the perioperative registered nurse's scope of practice and patient safety by engaging in legislative, regulatory, agency, and other stakeholder approaches to RN education, certification, supervision, roles, competencies, and duties.

- **RN FIRST ASSISTANT**

We support the expanded role of the RNFA by actively working to achieve reimbursement parity for RNFAs. RNFAs work in collaboration with the entire surgical team to achieve optimal patient outcomes nationwide and yet private payer reimbursement is only guaranteed in 17 states.

- **PATIENT SAFETY CULTURE**

We encourage legislative and regulatory efforts to establish an accountable, trusting patient safety culture in the perioperative setting, including robust whistleblower protections for healthcare providers and mandatory reporting of safety incidences, such as surgical site infections and wrong site surgery.

- **HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

Our team promotes the role of the perioperative registered nurse in achieving the reform goals of cost containment and improved patient experiences and outcomes. Healthcare system reform efforts should recognize the contributions of the perioperative registered nurse in improving patient outcomes. AORN also promotes standardized data collection and analysis to advance improvements in patient safety and care quality.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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



Membership Information

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 210

Standard – 147

Lifetime – 13

2/3yr - 23

Retired – 9

Associate – 7

Student Members – 10

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.



<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 month. Here is a reminder that expiration is in the near future

February

January

- Cindy Akula
- Emma Bastian
- Jeannette Bedenbaugh
- Gwendolyn Billiot
- Jordan Bonner
- Nicole Bordelon
- Jarod Cashe
- Ross Cunningham
- Kendra Dent
- Kay Findley
- Robin Fontana
- Rosita Gee
- Megan Hintz
- Catherine Lapeze
- Shaile Ostrom

- Michelle Blanke
- Lacy Brown
- Steve Desalvo
- Carol Fischer
- Terrie Hymel
- Kim Robinson
- Patric Roby
- Tammy Sill
- Corey Smith

Member News

If you have news from your facility Please send any updates to Mary Anne Toledano at: matoledano@outlook.com



Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, January 13th, Metairie, after the Winter Seminar



It's not too early to start thinking about signing up to **volunteer** for the 2018 AORN Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans from 3/24/18 to 3/28/18.

As I receive the volunteering needs from Nat'l AORN, I will relay this information to all volunteers who signed up, so you can decide on what volunteering activity works best for you.

Please send your name and contact information (your personal email address and cell phone #.... please) via email to Sharon Guardina (Volunteer Coordinator) at sguardina@att.net (You do not need to be an AORN member to volunteer.)



Chapter 1902 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!!!



1. What is the reversal agent for opioids?

- A. Diphenhydramine
- B. Flumazenil Naloxone
- C. Hydrocortisone
- D. Naloxone

2. Is there a reversal agent for propofol?

- A. Yes
- B. No

3. When caring for a patient receiving moderate sedation and analgesia, it is recommended the perioperative RN use capnography, which monitors:

- A. Blood pressure
- B. End-tidal carbon dioxide (CO2)
- C. Oxygen (O2)
- D. Pulse rate

Answers on page 2

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$ 4418.63

Deposits:

Chapter Dues + \$305.25

Expenses:

- \$ 175.00

September ending balance: \$ 4548.88

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902



DID YOU KNOW?

Using an electrosurgery device on 1 gram of tissue = inhaling the smoke from 6 unfiltered cigarettes in 15 minutes.



GO CLEAR AWARD™

Surgical Smoke-Free Recognition Program

Chapter Hospital Liaisons

UMC - Elaine Stock

Lakeview - Christal Cook

Jefferson - Alycia Adams

Tulane - Linda Levesque

VA - Stephanie Walls

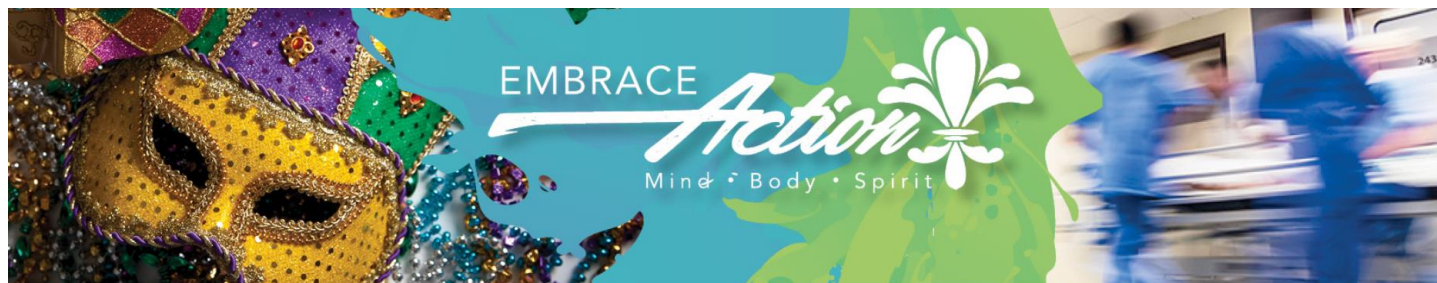
Ochsner Jefferson - Susan Overman East

Ochsner Kenner - Geri Tannehill/Gloria Mejia

Children's - Judy Montello

We would like to encourage a member from **Touro, Crescent City Surgical, WJ, Ochsner Westbank and Ochsner Baptist** 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.



AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2018

March 24-28, 2018 | New Orleans, LA

AORN is returning to New Orleans for our Global Surgical Conference & Expo, March 24-28, 2018. Plan to attend this revolutionary learning experience, featuring a dynamic range of topics, world-renowned speakers, top-notch researchers, and the latest products and services changing how we practice.

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AORN Chapter 1902 Annual Winter Seminar

"Perioperative Updates"

January 13, 2018



Agenda

- 7:00 – 8:00 Registration, Breakfast, and Welcome
- 8:00- 10:00 "Allograft Tissue: Requirements for the Surgical Setting" and "The Process of Tissue Donation"
Tanya A. Ward, BSN, CNOR, RNFA
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:15 "Malignant Hyperthermia; A Personal Perspective"
Mary Anne Toledano, BSN, RN, CNOR
Shane Brossette, RN, MSN, CCRN
- 11:15 -12:30 Light Lunch & Vendor Fair
- 12:30 -2:00 Sterilization/HLD Basics for the OR Nurse
Sharon Guardina RN, BSN, CNOR
- 2:00 - 2:15 Evaluation/Certificate/Raffle

| Registration | by 1/12 | on site |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| AORN Member | \$35 | \$45 |
| Non-Member | \$45 | \$55 |
| Nursing Student's | \$25 | \$25 |

Send registration fee to:

Melissa Guidry
340 Aurora Ave.
Metairie, LA 70005

or pay by PayPal:

aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

CE credits:

CE credits for each topic are approved separately. Malignant Hyperthermia; a Personal Perspective is pending approval. CE credits provided through AORN. AORN is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by ANCC.

Individual Topic Certificates will be awarded upon completion. CE credits based on 60 minutes.

Purpose

The objective of this educational offering is to enable the RN to increase his/her awareness of options and opportunities available to improve professional knowledge and awareness in perioperative practice.. Being proactive is essential to provide safe, optimal patient care.

Speaker Information

Tanya A. Ward, BSN, CNOR, RNFA

17 of her 20 years in professional practice were committed to perioperative surgical services. Her career in the OR provided experience in management and nursing education, which included developing and implementing training programs for various specialists.. In 2010, she became medical device representative for Medtronic in the neurovascular division. Her nursing background and medical device experience brought her to LifeNet Health. She is currently the Director of the BioSciences Learning Center.

Mary Anne Toledano, BSN, RN, CNOR

Mary Anne has been working as a Perioperative registered nurse since her graduation from Louisiana State University School of Nursing in 2009. She has been an active member of AORN Chapter 1902 and the Louisiana State Council of AORN and has served on the Board of Directors, as Secretary, and as Vice President at the local level.

Mary Anne worked as a Perioperative Educator for several years and is currently employed at University Medical Center New Orleans. She has trained new OR staff members, coordinated product and equipment in-service programs and has developed numerous education programs on Perioperative topics, including Malignant Hyperthermia.

Shane Brossette RN, MSN, CCRN

Shane is a PACU nurse and a member of the United States Navy Nurse Corp. His personal reaction to Malignant Hyperthermia has given him a unique perspective of this rare but extremely dangerous medical condition. He has been able to share his experience from a patient's perspective as well as that of a trained medical professional, with physiological insights.

Sharon Guardina RN, BSN, CNOR

She received her BSN in nursing from Louisiana State University in 1975 and her CNOR in 1981. She has served in various roles and on various committees in the local AORN Chapter and has served on several AORN Task Forces/Committees at the national level.

Sharon has worked in many ORs and many positions in her 40+ years of nursing experience, including Director of Surgical Services.

Location:

East Jefferson General Hospital
4600 Houma Blvd,
Conference Center 1st floor
Metairie, LA 70002

Park in Hudson Garage
Look for signs