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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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President's Message

The Global Surgical Conference and Expo 2018 in New Orleans is "right around the corner" and the excitement is building. As they say in New Orleans, "Where you at"? Well, you want to be at the Global Surgical Conference and Expo from March 24, 2018 (Saturday) to March 28, 2018 (Wednesday) being held at the Ernest Morial Convention Center in the heart of New Orleans.

Visit the AORN web site at: AORN.org for all the "happenings" and educational sessions being presented at Expo 2018 this year.

Don't get left out...!!

The AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo Conference Chapter Contest does not end until February 15, 2018, so register to attend Expo and help Chapter 1902 win the Chapter Expo Contest.

REMEMBER: you can still volunteer to be on the Expo 2018 Volunteer Committee. It's not TOO LATE. Read this newsletter for more information on volunteering for Expo 2018.

The AORN Chapter 1902 of New Orleans will be represented by 9 delegates this year at Expo 2018. The number of delegates allotted to our chapter by Nat'l AORN was based upon the number of members we had in our chapter as of June 2017. Our chapter chose 9 delegates based upon their submission of a "Delegate Willingness to Serve" form and based upon the Delegate Point System, according to Nat'l AORN and our Chapter Bylaws. The 9 delegates selected are as followed:

Judy Montello RN, Jean Stoy RN, Susan Overman RN, Amanda Martin-Sanchez RN, Linda Levesque RN, Christal Cook RN, Sharon Guardina RN, Roxanne LeBlanc McNally RN, and Mary Anne Toledano RN. CONGRATULATIONS to these awesome and dedicated members of our chapter. I know they will serve us well.

MARK your calendars and SAVE the dates for our future AORN chapter meetings: February 28, 2018 at Tulane Medical Center and April 25, 2018 at Ochsner-Kenner. As

you may have noticed there will be no scheduled chapter meeting in March 2018 due to Expo in New Orleans that month.

On another note, we had a fantastic turnout of both attendees and vendors for our Seminar/Vendor Fair held on January 13, 2018 at EJGH. I would like to give a **BIG** thank you to all who attended and to all our speakers, and to all who worked on making our Seminar/Vendor Fair a huge success. Seminar/Vendor Fair committee: Frances Hughes (brochure); Susan Overman and Christal Cook (obtaining speakers); Mary Anne Toledano and Shane Brossette (speakers) and Tanya Ward (speaker from Pfiedler). Our next Seminar/Vendor Fair has already been set up for **January 12, 2019...** so mark your calendars.

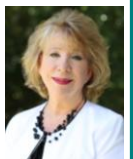
Congratulations to Christal Cook who won for our Chapter, \$125, in the "I read the December Chapter Leader Bulletin" Contest last month. You can also help our chapter win money and prizes, just by reading the Chapter Leader Bulletins emailed to you from Nat'l AORN each month and answering the secret question, then submit your name via the email address provided and our chapter will be entered in the drawing each month and the winning chapter will be announced at the AORN Chapter Town Hall meeting each month. The next AORN Chapter Town Hall meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018.

Reminder: CNOR and CSSM certification grants are available through CCI. Apply by April 15, 2018 if you are interested in applying for a grant.

Don't forget to attend our chapter meeting on February 28th where we will be having a chapter discussion on the association business to be discussed at Expo 2018 in New Orleans.

Respectively,

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



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2017-2018

February 28th-Tulane

Monthly Meeting Dates

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. B
2. C
3. E

Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

National Nurses Week Theme

We are pleased to announce the theme and share the logo for National Nurses Week 2018: Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence.

The theme is intended to align with the Year of Advocacy and was ranked at the top of a list of options in a market test of NNW customers. We are actively working on the poster, products for sale, toolkit, talking points and other items. These will be completed early in 2018.

#EndNurse Abuse Professional Issues Panel

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is seeking applications for the #EndNurseAbuse Professional Issues Panel dedicated to addressing barriers to reporting violence and abuse in healthcare settings to start in March 2018. This panel will convene for approximately 4-6 months and focus on:

1. Developing policy to address barriers to nurses and other healthcare workers reporting violence and abuse, and
2. Strategies to strengthen "zero tolerance" policies.

Applicants must be ANA members. [Click here to submit your application TODAY.](#) The deadline for applications is **February 5, 2018**. Notifications of selection for the #EndNurseAbuse Panel will be sent by March 5, 2018. Panel related questions can be sent to professionalissuespanels@ana.org.

The goal of the #EndNurseAbuse Panel is to:

- Identify the barriers to effective reporting of violent and abusive incidents.
- Investigate workplace "zero tolerance" policies for strengths and weaknesses and seek to understand the effectiveness of such policies.
- Develop policy recommendations to address barriers to reporting.
- Identify strategies to strengthen "zero tolerance" policies.

The #EndNurseAbuse Panel will consist of a **Steering Committee of approximately 15 members** that will guide the development of resources and policy via virtual meetings. The Steering Committee will meet intensively, at least **once a month via conference call for approximately two hours in addition to email dialogue**. The policy development from the Steering Committee will require an **additional approximate 10 hours a month**. The appointed **Chair(s) of the Steering Committee may have an additional 2-4 hours per month** time commitments.

All applicants not selected for the Steering Committee will have the opportunity to participate in the associated Advisory Committee. The time commitment for the Advisory committee is less frequent and will consist of virtual dialogue through an online platform. The Advisory Committee requires **approximately one hour per month of online dialogue** for the duration of the panel. Advisory Committee members will provide feedback, additional information and advice to ANA and the Steering Committee regarding the direction of the policy development.

Thank you for sharing your knowledge and expertise in support of ANA.

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 - 207

Standard – 143

Lifetime – 13

2/3yr - 25

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.



Please invite all *Perioperative Nurses* to our meetings!

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/ipeducationwebinarcalendar>



<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:

February

Michelle Blanke

Lacy Brown

Carol Fischer

Kim Robinson

Patric Roby

Tammy Sill

Corey Smith

March

Michelle Benoit

Leslie Coco Frazier

Jill Donegan

Jennifer Pitre

Stacey Spiers

Geri Tannehill

Member News

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



Louisiana Council of AORN Chapters

Future Meeting Dates:

Sunday, March 24^h, 8 PM at Mulates, New Orleans, across from the convention center.



It's not too late to sign up to **volunteer** for the 2018 AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans from 3/24/18 to 3/28/18.

Volunteer needs include:

Welcoming attendees to the Convention Center; Directing attendees to Convention Center locations and educational sessions; Student Program assistants; Assisting at one of the Positioning Stations; Helping with setting up the Foundation Silent Auction; Session Assistants; and Session Moderators just to name a few.

You can decide on what volunteering activity works best for you and what days and times work best for you also. And REMEMBER Expo 2018 starts on Saturday, so if you are unable to attend Expo the entire week, you can volunteer on the weekend Please send your name and contact information (your email address and cell phone #)

via email to Sharon Guardina (Volunteer Coordinator) at sguardina@att.net



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. The water temperature for hand hygiene should be controlled between:

- A. 68° F and 73° F (20° C and 23° C)
- B. 70° F and 80° F (21.1° C and 26.7° C)
- C. 105° F and 120° F (41° C and 49° C)

2. Which biological indicator should be used for routine steam sterilizer efficacy monitoring?

- A. Aspergillus
- B. Bacillus atrophaeus
- C. Geobacillus stearothermophilus
- D. Staphylococcus aureus

3. The primary storage method(s) for preserving an autologous cranial bone flap to be replanted include:

- A. Cryopreservation or freezing
- B. A subcutaneous pocket within the patient
- C. Room temperature storage
- D. All of the above
- E. A and B only

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$ 6511.99 Ending balance \$ 9553.95

Deposits:
\$3392.99

Expenses:
- \$ 351.03

Winter Seminar Report:

35 registrations, 10 vendors

Deposits. 3748.00

Expenses. 301.03

Profit. 3446.97

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Guidry, Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902



Chapter Hospital Liaisons

UMC - Elaine Stock

Lakeview - Christal Cook

East Jefferson - Alycia Adams

Tulane - Linda Levesque

VA - Stephanie Walls

Ochsner Jefferson - Susan Overman

Ochsner Kenner - Geri Tannehill/Gloria Mejia

Children's - Judy Montello

We would like to encourage a member from **Touro, Crescent City Surgical, 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.