



# PeriOperative Potpourri



New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902



October 2022



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## President's Message

Hello Members,

Its already October, where is this year gone? At our September meeting we had a well-attended and informative training session on the Rib Plating System. I would like to thank our sponsor, Andy Farris with Zimmer Biomet intrathoracic and extra-thoracic systems for sponsoring this event and offering a CE.

Thanks to Nora with her Pearls of Wisdom below:

"Let us never consider ourselves finished nurses. We must be learning all our lives. " . . . Florence Nightingale

If any hospital is planning any special events for OR Nurses Week in November, please send it to [sguardina@att.net](mailto:sguardina@att.net), so we can highlight your hospital event in our November Newsletter.

Please start talking to you Medial Reps about sponsoring an exhibit table (\$300) at our Winter Seminar/ Vendor Fair tentatively scheduled for Saturday, JANUARY 14, 2023. The Vendor registration forms will be available very soon as soon as we confirm the location.

Our next meeting will be sponsored as well and we hope for another great turnout. Be on the lookout for the OCTOBER meeting flyer... coming soon. It will be sent to you in a separate email later this month. The Medical Rep is still working on the details and she will let me know as soon as she has it all completed.

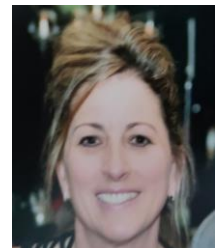
Meeting will be held on **OCTOBER 26** - location TBA...so "mark your calendar".... more details to follow soon.

Please read the September meeting minutes printed in this newsletter for a lot of great information was discussed at this September meeting. **FUTURE meetings:** OR Nurse Week Social on November 16 is still in the planning mode. December 7 - Wine and Design Pottery Party- see flyer attached.

Remember our Chapter web site is under construction and being updated, so AORN.org, OR Nurse Link, and our Chapter Newsletter are our only means of providing information to our members and our healthcare facilities. The web site may take several months to be functioning effectively. Please be patient!!

If you participate in Clinical Ladders at your facility and you need a record of your Chapter activities/meeting attendances, email myself or Sharon Guardina and we will be able to provide that information to you. THANK YOU!

Roxanne



# Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2022~2023

**October 26<sup>th</sup>:**

Sponsored meeting, TBA

**November 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Social. Location TBA

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Wine and Design, Pottery Party, see flyer

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Winter Seminar

**February 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Voting Meeting

**April 1st-5<sup>th</sup>:**

Surgical Conference & Expo

**May 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Social

**June 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Installation Banquet

## Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

### NLF Members,

AORN Guidelines Workshops are back in person this fall, and you have the opportunity to meet with Guidelines authors in a city near you to hone your expertise on key perioperative issues.

The Guideline for Surgical Smoke Safety will be on the agenda along with other recent Guideline updates. As you may know, we rely heavily on our Surgical Smoke Guideline in our conversations with legislators – presenting the science behind why a law is needed to ensure your health and safety every time you set foot in an operating room.

If you are not yet registered for one of the workshops, I managed to secure a promo code that can be shared for \$10 off registration: **TEN-60846**.

Learn more about the workshops, speakers, schedule and [register online here](#).

I look forward to talking to you Monday, September 19 during our next NLF call.

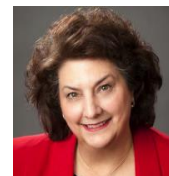
### Jennifer Pennock

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Respectfully submitted by,

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



# New Orleans Medical Mission Services presents Mission Possible 2022 Gala



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**NOMMS 2022 MISSION POSSIBLE GALA ORDER FORM**

Please write in the amount next to items you wish to order. Enter the quantity for patron and individual tickets and extend total.

NAMING SPONSOR (\$25,000).....	\$.....
PLATINUM SPONSOR (\$10,000).....	\$.....
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BOARD SPONSOR (\$1,500).....	\$.....
BRONZE SPONSOR (\$1,000).....	\$.....
PATRON (\$250 x _____ PACKAGES).....	\$.....
INDIVIDUAL GALA TICKETS (\$75 x _____ TICKETS).....	\$.....
UNABLE TO ATTEND - I WISH TO MAKE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF.....	\$.....
TOTAL ENCLOSED.....	\$.....

Please make check payable to: "New Orleans Medical Mission Services"  
Please return by: September 15, 2022  
Or you can purchase online at [www.bidpal.net/nomms](http://www.bidpal.net/nomms)

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Company Name displayed prominently on a separate banner at the Patron Party and Gala  
**PLATINUM SPONSOR** - \$10,000 donation, which includes the following: \*72 tickets to Patron Party/Gala and 1 Reserved Table Patron Party and Gala  
**GOLD SPONSOR** - \$5,000 donation, which includes the following: \*10 tickets to Patron Party/Gala \*Name as Gold Sponsor displayed on Sponsor Board at Patron Party and Gala  
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**BRONZE SPONSOR** - \$1,000 donation, which includes the following: \*6 tickets to Patron Party and Gala \*Name as Bronze Sponsor displayed on Sponsor Board at the Patron Party and Gala  
**PATRON** - \$250 donation, which includes the following: \*2 tickets to Patron Party and Gala  
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Mail checks to: NOMMS  
PO Box 6249  
New Orleans, LA 70174  
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## Membership Information

Standard – 144	Leader-7
Students – 105	Associate – 3
Lifetime – 24	Leader - 7
2/3yr – 25	Retired –6
Group Level 1- 11	Monthly - 4
Group Level 4-1	

**Total Members – 364**

Please bring an OR nurse with you to the chapter meetings. We ❤️ our new members!

Be sure your chapter membership status on “My AORN” states “Chapter 1902”.

## Member Resources



<http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



[www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx)



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>  
(You are seeing it correctly; there is no “s”)

Chapter Webpage:

[www.aornofneworleans.com](http://www.aornofneworleans.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

Harlon Brock  
Mandy Cortez  
Maitland Frilot  
Kristine Guillot  
Shirley Himel  
Anna Hinyub  
Nicole Hudson  
Johana Lagos  
Alexis Lanne  
Shaunna Leger  
Ashley Lusich  
Andrea Matthews  
Christie Mialaret  
Maria Ruiz Del Vizo  
Stepheny Schmidt  
Ernest Smith

### August

Donna Morales  
Anjali Patel  
Aurora Pettett

## Trea\$urer's Report:

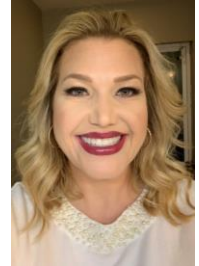
**Beginning balance: \$10,804.43**

**Deposits: \$ 1288.00**

**Expenses: \$ 0**

**Ending balance: \$ 12,092.43**

**Shaunna Leger, BSN, RN**



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# Which committee will you be joining?



## **Research Committee Members**

Chair: Michelle Delima  
Mary Anne Toledano  
Camille Perniciaro

## **Nominating Committee Members**

Chair: Mary Anne Toledano  
Karen Bonilla

## **Membership Committee Member**

Chair: Mary Anne Toledano  
Roxanne McNally  
Jennifer Foster  
Shaunna Leger

## **Social Committee Members**

Chair: Sandi Wiemann  
Sharon Guardina  
Nathalie Walker  
Karen Bonilla  
Roxanne McNally

## **Education Committee Member**

Chair: Mary Anne Toledano  
Nathalie Walker  
Shaunna Leger  
Camille Perniciaro  
Sheila Ostrow

## **Community Service Committee**

Chair: Sharon Guardina  
Roxanne McNally  
Karen Bonilla  
Nathalie Walker  
Camille Perniciaro  
Sheila Ostrow  
Sandi Wiemann

## **Program Committee Members (Winter Seminar/Vendor)**

Co-Chair: Sharon Guardina  
Mary Anne Toledano  
Co-Chair: Nathalie Walker

## **Ways & Means Committee Members**

Chair: Nora Lambert  
Jennifer Foster  
Shaunna Leger



**Spanish Heritage:**

My mom came to the United States from Honduras at the age of 15. She met my father at 18, and they married soon after. My Spanish heritage was the biggest influence of the person am I today. We grew up with a very tight knit family. I was raised by my mother’s mom because my mother worked a full-time job. My grandmother taught me to be very strong and independent. Family is blood and should always come first. She passed away about 3 years ago and I miss her strength and wisdom daily.

**Submitted by: Shaunna Leger**

Being Latin American and recognizing each other anywhere in the world is something extraordinary, worthy of pride and celebration. However, being Latin American in the United States also represents being part of a community that has made an effort to prove its worth through its work, heart, warmth, and human quality. Leaving the place where you were born is difficult, but different circumstances make you reach other lands.

At first, you feel a bit confused about a new culture, language, friends, and challenges. Still, within the process, you find those who make you feel at home, open their hearts to you, and offer you, their friendship. During this time, you learn to feel part of this beautiful country, the United States of America, without leaving behind that bond that forever connects you to your beautiful homeland (Latin America).

Regardless of which country you come from, there is something that unites us as Latinos. We keep traditions in our hearts and share them with our children. Traditions such as those afternoons of coffee with bread at 3 O'clock with the family and the soups or sancochos on Sundays are also part of our shared customs.

Being Hispanic means enjoying listening to music, for example, in my case, the marimbas of my country or the music of the Nicaraguan Caribbean (Palo de Mayo), a Tango or an Argentine Rock, the cumbia or the Colombian vallenato, the Salsa of Cuba and Puerto Rico, Dominican bachata or merengue, Mexican mariachi and so many other genres since music is an integral part of our lives.

In addition, showing our rich gastronomy and sharing our cuisine, ranging from Mexican Tacos to delicious Peruvian ceviche, fills us with great satisfaction.

Hispanics stand out in all areas of life, and we characterize ourselves from an unprecedented intensity and hunger for life—being Latino in the United States is knowing how to love two countries with the same heart. Our country of origin and this beautiful land that we have learned to love.

**Submitted by: KAREN BONILLA-ZELEDON, BSN, RN**



# Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

## AORN CHAPTER 1902 MEETING

September 28, 2022  
Fat Boys Pizza – Metairie, LA

### Guest Speaker – Andy Farris, Zimmer BioMet A New Standard of Care in Rib Fixation

Rib fractures are one of the most common injuries, occurring in approx. 10% of all trauma patients. Several studies show support for the surgical stabilization of rib fractures (SSRF). These studies show that some of the clinical benefits over conservative treatment are: reduced rate of respiratory failure, reduced days of mechanical ventilation, reduced hospital length of stay, reduced rate of tracheostomy, reduced ICU length of stay and reduced rate of pneumonia. A minimally invasive procedure performed intra-thoracically versus extra-thoracically and can save up to 90 minutes of surgical time. The Chest Wall Injury Society has agreed upon indications for use and flail chest is the #1 reason for use. Patients do best when performed within 72 hours of diagnosis.

NOTE: Scan the QR code to complete the CME Course to obtain credit

### Cellerate RX Surgical

Medical hydrolysate of Type I bovine collagen indicated for the management of surgical wounds, traumatic wounds, partial and full thickness wounds, and first/second degree burns. Currently there have been no adverse events reported and the only contraindication would be if the patient has a known sensitivity to bovine collagen. The product comes in 1g and 5g preparation and used in most specialties. The product is sprinkled onto the wound after the fascia is closed and is utilized to aid in the natural wound healing process.

Meeting called to order at 619p by Roxanne McNally. Quorum confirmed. Thank you to Andy Farris and Zimmer BioMet for sponsoring the meeting.

### Treasurer report – Shaunna Leger

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### Minutes – Melissa Guidry

Posted in August Newsletter

### Old Business

\*Send any article or monthly report for newsletter to Sharon Guardina by October 1. Must be spell checked and print ready. If Sharon does not receive by deadline, the item will be published in following months newsletter.

\*Requesting all members to update their information in AORN profile at AORN.org. This will ensure you will receive Chapter information/correspondence. If you are a chapter liaison, please pass this information to staff at your facility.

\*Chapter Website – currently under construction. May take several months to complete.

\*Community Service – lots of opportunity for members to get involved locally.

\*Second Harvest Food Bank – go to their website and register.

\*St Michaels Special School

\*Eyeglasses, Socks, Underwear – donations to homeless at St Josephs

\*Winter Seminar – Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 14th at Ochsner.

### Town Hall Meeting review

\*OR Nurse Link trying to fix the issues

\*DEQ – Spanish Heritage Month – encouraged chapters include in monthly meeting or write article for chapter newsletter

\*Periop 101 Course – Currently 21 universities include Periop 101 in curriculum with 11,000 students enrolled. Reminder that first year of AORN is free for students but the rate of signing up for 2nd year is at 10% and 2nd year is \$50! Let your Periop 101 students know about his opportunity. Most Periop 101 facilitators are not AORN members. The Board has decided to make these facilitators members. The Board also approved \$250,000 in membership grants.





## Meeting Minutes – Continued

\*OR Excellence program – free for Administrators in Ambulatory Free Standing Facilities.

\*Expo registration has been reduced by \$100 and early bird has been reduced by \$100 so potential for \$200 savings in registration fees.

\*Periop Nurse Week – November 13-19 – Take pictures of how your facility celebrates.

\*ZOOM pro manager - \$149/year for 100 people unlimited sign on

\*You Tube periop mentor/mentee program

### Legislative – Nathalie

\*See full report in newsletter

\*Legislative Session starts April 10<sup>th</sup>

\*Writing a proclamation for Periop Nurse Week

\*Suicide Prevention Awareness – October

\*Contest when OR Nurse Link gets up and running

\*Smoke Evacuation – 12 other states have enacted – Oregon was last state to approve. Two nurses who did it and did not have AORN involved were successful in getting smoke free passed.

### Research – Michelle Delima

\*N-Clex is changing. Will move into Next Generation in 2023 which will be a 6-level clinical judgement model.

\*Currently exploring topics for research article.

### Fundraising – Nora Lambert

RADA has new products! Please go to the website to explore. Our chapter receives 40% of everything that is ordered. Members are encouraged to post the URL code in the lounges at work and the information is in the Newsletter. Catalogs are also available.

State Council – Melissa Guidry

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2022. Sheila Allen will chair for purposes of electing a chair and chair elect. Agenda is attached. I encourage members to join the ZOOM meeting and participate.

### Pearls of Wisdom – Nora Lambert

“Let us never consider ourselves finished nurses. We must be learning all of our lives.”

Florence Nightingale

No other business – Meeting adjourned at 650pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Guidry



## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT- from SHARON GUARDINA (Chairperson)

**SECOND HARVEST:** At each chapter meeting, our chapter collects food for Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest accepts nearly all types of food products (nonperishable items and produce). They prefer non-glass containers for safety reasons. Please consider nutritional food items that are low in sodium/salt and sugars.

**REBUILD CENTER of NEW ORLEANS:** At each chapter meeting, our chapter collects items needed for the Rebuild Center. Items needed are individual small toiletries, hairbrushes and combs, socks, t-shirts, eyeglasses, etc.

# ★ Chapter Hospital Liaisons ★

Children's-Christi Guillot	VA-Lisa Hoffman
Lakeview-Christal Cook	Touro-Cheryl Johnson
Ochsner Kenner-Shari Fourcade	EJGH-Parastoo Rezaeimehr
Ochsner Baptist-Lauren Levert	Tulane-Linda Levesque
Ochsner Elmwood-Kathy Blanchard	UMC-Karen Bonilla
St. Charles Surgical – Roxane Davis	
Sterling Surgical Hospital – Sharn Danos-Travis	
Ochsner Jeff Hwy-Rhonda Nabors/Camille Perniciaro	

We would like to encourage a member from

**Ochsner West Bank, Crescent City and West Jeff**

and **all other facilities** to volunteer as a liaison to assist with providing information to your peers. If you are interested, please email Mary Anne Toledano at [maryanne.toledano@ochsner.org](mailto:maryanne.toledano@ochsner.org)

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

