



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

November 2022

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President's Message

Hello Members,

REGISTRATION for AORN EXPO 2023 in San Antonio is NOW OPEN. Get your contact hours, make lifelong connections, and re-energize with perioperative peers – ALL in one place. This year AORN has added new categories and package deals for members that are sure to please and work around everyone's budget needs. The Chapter Officer Summit is on Saturday April 1st and is open to all. You do not have to be an officer to attend and the Summit offers great insights on chapter functions. Best of all, the Summit is included in your registration fee. The Conference also starts on that Saturday with a full agenda of educational offerings that is non-stop until EXPO ends on Tuesday April 4th around 4:00 pm. Don't forget to take advantage of the great "early bird" pricing this year or the special package deals. Our chapter has been allotted 11 delegates for the 2023 EXPO. If you are interested in being one of our delegates this year, please fill out the "Willingness to Serve" form found in this newsletter and submit to me (Roxanne) by our next chapter social event on December 7th.

To celebrate all our members and all non-members who are RNs who might be interested in joining our chapter. We are having a **November 16th (Wednesday) SOCIAL at Winston's on Metairie Rd. from 5 pm to 7 pm in celebration of OR NURSE WEEK.** Light refreshments will be served by our medical sponsor. SEE Flyer in this newsletter. ALL are invited, members and non-members. Non-members will be provided with membership information at the SOCIAL and will be invited to join our chapter. We are a very active AORN chapter and we want you to become a part of our chapter.

We are also planning another chapter social on December 7th at Wine and Design in Metairie. SEE FLYER in this newsletter. **Our Seminar/Vendor Fair (Saturday, January 14, 2023)** is fast approaching. Please

contact your vendors to exhibit. The vendor forms have been sent out to all in our email group in an earlier separate email and will also be sent as an attachment to the newsletter email.

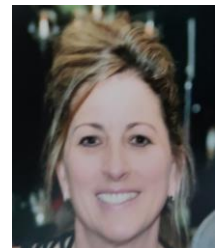
Seminar flyers will be mailed out in December ... **so mark your calendar for January 14, 2023.**

As you all can see we have a lot of activity going on in our chapter. It is definitely a TEAM effort. Becoming involved, even in small ways, can make a difference. REMEMBER: Our Pearls of Wisdom offered by Nora Lambert, "Be Kind, for Everyone You Meet is Fighting a Battle". -Plato P.S. Chapter website is still under construction and being updated. At this time, our communication link for the chapter is the monthly newsletter, email, OR Nurse Link and AORN.org. A reminder to update your profile at AORN.org to ensure correct email is listed. If you participate in Clinical Ladders at your facility and need a record of your Chapter activities/meeting attendance, email Sharon Guardina or myself (Roxanne) and we can assist you. Sharon would like to thank all of you for the timely submissions of reports and articles to her for our Newsletter each month. It is very much appreciated. If you are unable to open up any attachment, please email Sharon and she will send it to you in another format.

Remember to open ALL the ATTACHMENTS sent out in the email with this Newsletter for all the chapter information.

THANK YOU!

Roxanne



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2022~2023

November 16th:

Winston's Pub and Patio

December 7th:

Wine and Design, Pottery
Party, see flyer

Jan. 14th:

Winter Seminar

February 8th:

March 22nd:

Voting Meeting

April 1st-5th:

Surgical Conference & Expo

May 24th:

Social

June 28th:

Installation Banquet



AORN Chapter 1902 November Social

November 16th 5-7 PM

Winston's Pub and Patio



531 METAIRIE RD, METAIRIE, LA.



SOCIAL: 5:00 – 7:00PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BY OUR
MEDICAL SPONSOR

COME CELEBRATE:

OR NURSES WEEK

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

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Legislative Report by Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

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. The AORN team collaborate with health care colleagues, organizations, and decision-makers to advance patient safety and health care improvements in all operative settings, but they DO NOT endorse specific candidates.

2022 Policy Agenda

- **Health Equity**

Improving surgical outcomes requires more equitable care delivery and institutional investment in the safety and well-being of all patients. AORN urges extraordinary action to curb and eliminate all disparities within current models of health care.

- **Public Health**

Funding: AORN encourages local, state and federal governments and agencies to fund public health protections, including, but not limited to viral testing and vaccines.

Public Safety and Protection: AORN supports public safety precautions including, but not limited to face coverings, social distancing and vaccine mandates related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Safe Care Delivery**

AORN advises and collaborates with regulatory and standard setting bodies to ensure access to essential PPE, public health readiness, and adequate mental health support and compensation for nursing services.

- **Surgical Smoke Evacuation**

AORN leads efforts to enact laws requiring facilities to adopt and implement policies addressing evacuation of surgical smoke for all smoke-generating procedures to eliminate ongoing exposure to the hazardous carcinogenic and mutagenic cells contained in surgical smoke and to ensure the health and safety of all surgical team members.

- **Safety and Support: For Patients and Perioperative Nurses**

AORN encourages legislative and regulatory efforts to establish an accountable, trusting patient safety culture in the perioperative setting, including robust whistleblower protections for health care providers and mandatory reporting of safety incidences, such as surgical site infections and wrong site surgery. In addition to surgical smoke-free operating rooms, perioperative nurses deserve fatigue prevention resources, strong workplace violence protections, and safe patient handling programs focused on injury prevention.

- **Perioperative Practice Issues**

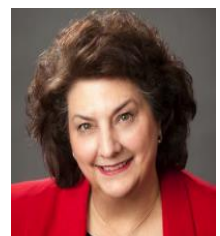
RN Circulator: AORN works to ensure every surgical patient has a dedicated perioperative registered nurse circulator for the duration of each operative and invasive procedure. Our team also actively promotes laws and regulations to ensure the supervisory presence of the perioperative RN in the perioperative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

RN First Assistant: AORN supports 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.

Professional Practice: AORN protects 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.

**Please click on this link to stay informed: [Louisiana elections, 2022 - Ballotpedia](#)
And Remember to VOTE!**

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



Membership Information

Standard – 155	Leader-5
Students – 107	Associate – 1
Lifetime – 24	Leader - 5
2/3yr – 26	Retired –5
Group Level 1- 11	Monthly – 4
Group Level 4-1	New to OR - 25

Total Members – 363

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



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

Chapter Webpage:

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:

November

Nona Armour	Rebecca LeBlanc
Ranji Bercegeay	Tracy Narcisse
Michelle Blanke	Hubert Robottom
Jamie Conzelmann	Darlene Russo
Christal Cook	Jennifer Seal
Johanne Craighead	
Kerry Douglas-Dupre	
Michelle Heisser	
Emily Higgins	
Nicole Hudson	
Michele Krebs	
Craig Lafontaine	

December

Kim Buras
Erin Cloonan
Naya Copeland
Hollie Davis
Edward Graebert
Katina Hawkins
Ameen Kassim
Kailynn LaBeaud
Ayana Lane
Pamela Lazas
Christina Myles
Danielle Ohlsson
Laura Roche
Amy Whitmore

January

Mary Arlt
Chandonais Banks
Edith Bautista
Lauren Beadle
Sarah Bertus
Gwendolyn Billiot
Kathy Brown-Pickett
Scott Cheramie
Douglas Christensen
Caroline Cottingham
Lauren Dickson
Jodelle Dougherty
Dominique Drago
Laurie Gonzales
Abigail Hinyub
Suzanne Hoffpauir
Caroline Jeandron
Kelly Jenkins
LaVergne Jones
Philip Kulas
WendyLaCaze
April Lato
Nancy Ledet
BreighLedet
Brittany Leflore
Austin Matherne
Alana Metrejean
Sharonda Mitchell
Rehema Muruthi
Amanda Osborne
Nicole Pinner
Dedorah Pitre
Noah Pizzuto
Julia Robbins
Crixtin Rosario
Via Schwab
Crystal Tate
Jade Williams

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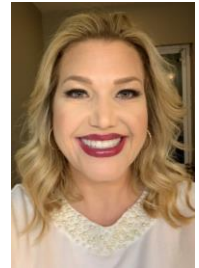
Beginning balance: \$12340.43

Deposits: 0

Expenses: \$ 50 (Chapter State Council Dues)

Ending balance: \$ 12,290.43

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

Ways & Means Committee Members
Chair: Nora Lambert
Jennifer Foster
Shaunna Leger

Willingness to Serve Form

NAME: _____

OUR POINT SYSTEM IS BASED ON:

NOTE: JUNE 2021– JUNE 2022 was our chapter’s fiscal year and our Delegate number is based upon our membership total in June each year.

_____ 1pt - per Chapter Meeting attended (FYI: We had 8-chapter meetings: **July 17** Board/Member at Ochsner; **August 25** meeting at Vincent’s in Metairie; **September 22** “ZOOM” meeting. **October 27** at Superior Grill; **November 17** Social at Martin’s Wine Cellar; **January 26** “ZOOM” meeting; NO meeting in **March** due to EXPO in New Orleans; **April 27** at Ruth Chris; **May 25** Ochsner Kenner) (P.S. Meeting at Vincent’s, Superior Grill, Martin’s, Ruth Chris were sponsored by Reps and members incurred no fee).

_____ 5 pt - (active) Chapter Officer

_____ 4 pt- (active) Chapter Committee Chairperson
LIST committee(s) _____

2 pt- (active) Chapter Committee person
LIST committee(s) _____

_____ 1pt- per Chapter Sponsored Workshop or Event attended (ie, **December 15** “Painting with a Twist”, the Seminar/Vendor Fair **February 12**; and **June 22** Installation). Fees may incur for some events.

5 pt- per meeting Education Presenter

1 pt - Publishing in Chapter Newsletter
LIST: Newsletter issue _____

_____ 5 pt - Publishing in AORN or another Professional Journal
LIST: AORN issue or other Professional Journal and issue

_____ 5 pt- State Council Officer

_____ 5 pt - Specialty Assembly Officer
LIST Specialty Assembly(s) _____

5 pt - AORN National Committee (CCI is not an AORN Nat’l Committee)
LIST Nat’l Committee(s) _____

_____ 3 pt - Officer in another Nursing Organization
LIST organization and office held

8 pt - AORN Elected Officer

5 pt – Poster Presentation at Expo (Research)

3 pt - Poster Presentation at Expo (Clinical)

_____ **TOTAL POINTS**

NOTE: Chapter Meetings/Socials (Dinner Meetings, Board Meetings at restaurants, Installations, etc.) are not counted by our chapter toward Chapter Meeting points, **if** attendance at the Chapter Meetings/Socials required members to have to pay a fee in order to attend. **NOTE:** This fiscal year, there were **no** chapter meetings, including our Installation, where members were required to pay a fee to attend. They were all sponsored meetings by our medical reps.



Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

AORN CHAPTER 1902 MEETING

Porter and Luke’s, October 26, 2022

Board Meeting – called to order at 430 pm by Roxanne McNally

Attendance for Board Meeting – Roxanne McNally, Sandi Wiemann, Sharon Guardina, Rhonda Nabors, Melissa Guidry, Nathalie Walker, Nora Lambert, Camille Perniciaro – Quorum established.

Newsletter Committee – Some members have been unable to open the newsletter. It has been requested to send the newsletter in a PDF file instead of a doc file – that should solve the issue. Chapter website is still under construction and being updated. At this time, our communication link for the chapter is the monthly newsletter, email, OR Nurse Link and AORN.org. A reminder to update your profile at AORN.org to ensure correct email is listed. If you participate in Clinical Ladders at your facility and need a record of your Chapter activities/meeting attendance, email Sharon Guardina or myself and we can assist you.

Town Hall meeting – currently having issues with contacting and getting information from Headquarters. Headquarter staff currently work in multiple locations – suggested board be copied on any correspondence.

Delegates – our chapter will have 11 delegates for 2023 Expo. Chapter pays for registration of delegates. If you are interested in being a delegate, please submit your name with willingness to serve form to Roxanne.

Vendor/Seminar in January – planning for January 14th at Ochsner. Registration form/W9/Letter for vendors will be sent by Sharon. Vendor pay button is working on our new website for vendors who want to pay by credit card. Discussions with group about theme, speakers and lecture ideas.

Annual APIC Fall Education Conference – October 28th – Information emailed to chapter members. Meeting continued at 5pm...

Treasurer Report – Shaunna Leger
Beginning Balance - \$12,340.43
Debits 50.00 (State Council Dues)
Ending Balance \$12,290.43

Community Service committee - Donations are accepted at each meeting.

- Second harvest Food Bank – non-perishable food items are collected, preferably in non glass containers for safety reasons. Also consider items low in salt and sugar.
- Rebuild Center of New Orleans – items for the Rebuild Center are collected, preferably small toiletries, hair brushes/combs, socks, t-shirts, eyeglasses, etc.

Legislative Committee – Nathalie Walker
There will be a full report in Newsletter. Nathalie will be working on Smoking Cessation in State of Louisiana. Currently gathering information and developing a plan on how to approach. New term for this is “surgical Smoke Plume”.

Chapter Volunteers – Thank You
Several Chapter members volunteered at the New Orleans Medical Mission Gala held on October 14th at Generations Hall. They worked the Silent Auction tables, helped with internet links, helped attendees bid on auction items, sold 50/50 raffle tickets and anything else that was needed. Thank You to Sandi Wiemann, Karen Bonilla, Parastoo “Paris” Rezaeimhv, Lisa Hoffman, Melissa Guidry, Warren Roesch

Nursing Student – Angela Tran
Welcome Angela Tran, Sr Nursing Student, graduates in December 2022.

November Social
Planned for November 16th at Winston’s on Metairie Road at 5pm.

Pearls of Wisdom – Nora Lambert
*Old
“Be Kind, for Everyone You Meet is Fighting a Battle” – Plato

*New
“I’ve Learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”. – Maya Angelou

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Meeting Minutes – Continued

Guest Speaker – Cherry Wolf, Clinical Specialist, BD
Topic – Infection Prevention and Hemostatic Agents
Product review and how used in surgical environment to reduce surgical site infections. Open discussion about issues and concerns with problem solving ideas.

Thank you to BD - Cherry Wolf, Clinical Specialist and Stefanie Serpas, Territory Manager for planning

and sponsoring the AORN Chapter Meeting and Dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 655pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Guidry



Wine and Design

Paint your own pottery!

DEC **7th** 5pm

Plates, Mugs, Bowls & More!
Stencils, Stamps, & Silkscreens Galore

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★ Chapter Hospital Liaisons ★

Baptist – Lauren Levert

VA-Lisa Hoffman

Lakeview-Christal Cook

Ochsner Kenner-Shari Fourcade

Ochsner Elmwood-Kathy Blanchard

St. Charles Surgical – Roxane Davis

Sterling Surgical Hospital – Shawn Danos-Travis

Ochsner Jeff Hwy-Rhonda Nabors/Camille Perniciaro

Children's – Christi Guillot

Touro-Cheryl Johnson

EJGH-Parastoo Rezaeimehr

UMC-Karen Bonilla

We would like to encourage a member from

**Tulane, 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 the chapter at aorn1902@gmail.com

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



Research Resources

Greetings AORN members. Research is an essential component of nursing care which helps us to advance our practice. It's easy to find resources: both Ochsner and LCMC Health systems have content available to nurses to search for evidence-based information which can be used to update policies, prepare education materials and to improve patient care. For those of you continuing your nursing education, at the BSN, MSN or doctoral level, these resources are invaluable to perform literature reviews for class assignments, projects, or papers. AORN also has a portal available to members to search operating room specific content and recommended practices.

AORN website <https://www.aorn.org/> AORN Journal portal <https://www.aorn.org/aorn-journal> and the AORN Research portal <https://www.aorn.org/guidelines/clinical-resources/nursing-research>

Examples of research resources available to nurses include: Joanna Briggs Institute, CINAHL Complete which is a nursing specific research database and Clinical Key by Elsevier.



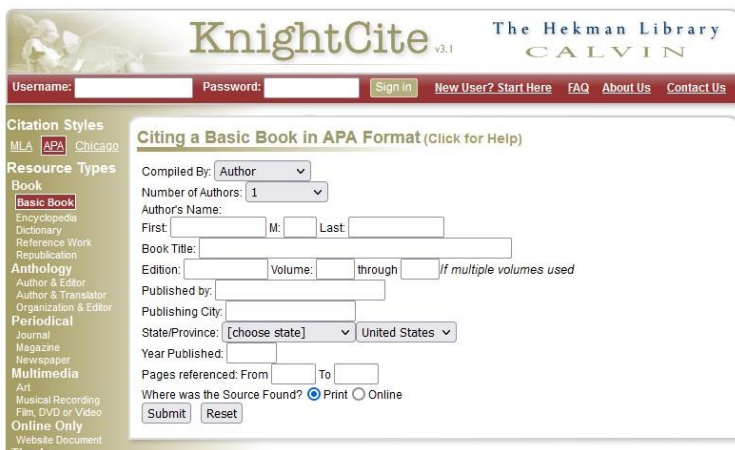
Up to Date

<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/search>

This database compiles all current "up to date" information available to nurses and health care providers on an enormous variety of medical content. You can sign up for an account at your facility and then use this resource at work or home



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Other websites of interest to nurses are the CDC MMWR portal <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html> World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/> UNICEF <https://www.unicef.org/> Institute for Safe Medication Practices <https://www.ismp.org/> and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement <https://my.ihl.org/memberships> - if you know of any additional robust resources, please share them with the chapter. Additionally, if you would like any research content in the newsletter, please email me at mimadeli@gmail.com Thanks to Rhonda Nabors and Camille Perniciaro for their input on research resources available to Ochsner registered nurses. And thanks to you for reading!



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