

# THE PROGRESS NOTES



**Central Ohio AORN**

**Chapter 3603**

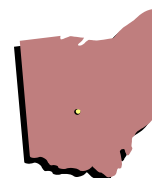
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## President's Message

I hope everyone has had a safe & happy holiday. Mine was busy as usual. I did make a New Year's resolution to come to the monthly AORN chapter meetings.

It'll be easier to keep than losing weight...

Sincerely,  
Linda Carifa RN,  
BSN, CNOR, RNFA  
President, AORN of  
Central Ohio Chapter



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## \* Central OH AORN Chapter News !!! \*

**So far our attendance has not really improved. I suspect we will be short on members on our officer ballot in April. Closing this AORN chapter is likely.** Other options, such

as an E-chapter are limited. Attached (p.10) is the criteria from AORN to disband (close) a chapter. Membership input into this subject is of utmost importance. No input from

200+ members tells the board a lot too. A short video from AORN headquarters regarding what would the OR be like w/out AORN will be showed at the January meeting.

## Central OH AORN Members

**There are 23 members that rejoined or renewed in our chapter this month. Yeahh!**  
There are 19

**memberships up for renewal in the next 2 months. Remind your coworkers & we hope to see you at the meetings.**

## Calendar: AORN Conferences and Events 2004-05

**April 3-7'05 52nd AORN Congress-New Orleans, LA.** Congress is fast approaching. Look at your registration packet or at the AORN website. This is a good event for networking with other OR nurses, finding old friends, CE's, vendor products, &/or be a representative for your chapter. Contact hours will be awarded for attending the forums & House of Delegate meetings. Delegates & alternate delegates attendance is mandatory ; everyone is invited to attend. Information can be obtained online at [www.aorn.org/congress](http://www.aorn.org/congress) .

There are several Congress education grants this year for chapters & individual members. The Central Ohio Chapter will automatically be entered into 2 of them based on Congress registration & the AORN Foundation Chapter Challenge. Applicants must be registered for Congress by **February 4, 2005** & applications must be post-marked by **February 4, 2005**. For more information or a grant application log on to <http://www.aorn.org/foundation/doc/AORNCBPNGrant2005.doc> , <http://www.aorn.org/foundation/education.htm> , or <http://www.aorn.org/Congress/Attendees/grants.htm> . If you need additional information, please call Ingrid Bendzsa at (800) 755-2676, x 328.

## Ohio Council of periOperative Registered Nurses Meeting

The meetings are attended by periOperative Nurses from every OH AORN chapter. The meeting locations are being rotated. The March meeting is scheduled to be at the Ohio Nurses Association Bldg. 4000 E. Main St., Columbus, OH. The meeting dates are:

**March 12'05** OH AORN Delegate Mtg.@ ONA  
**June 11'05**  
**Sept 10'05**  
**Dec 10'05.**

## Central OH AORN Meeting Dates 2004-05

Mark your calendars!

**At Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital Boardroom:**

Date	Topic	Speaker	Contact hrs.
<b>Jan 11'05</b>	<i>Beauty is Skin Deep – The Magic of Looking Good</i>	Dr. Brian Biernat,	1.5 contact hrs
<b>Feb 8'05</b>	Conjoined Twins	– Dr. Gail Besner, MD, Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics	

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**Mar 8'05** *Latex Allergy*-by & at Cardinal Headquarters (will need RSVP)

**April 12'05** *Best Practices in Orthopedics: The Story of a New Endeavor* – Dr. Carl Berasi & Diane Doucette RN -will be held at the New Albany Surgery Hospital, we'll get a tour too – impressive facility! (RSVP)

**May 10'05** May Banquet & New officer induction – Personal Impact of Our Nursing Careers-location to be determined.

# AORN of Central Ohio (3603) is proud to present

CE Offering - 1.5 contact hours

"Contact hours for this continuing nursing education activity have been applied for through the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation."

## Beauty is Skin Deep – The Magic of Looking Good Dr. Brian Biernat

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

St. Ann's Hospital - Board Room (North end)

500 Cleveland Avenue

Westerville, OH 43081



### Objectives:

1. Discuss the effects of the aging process on the skin.
2. Describe dermatology treatments and surgeries for vascular lesions, tattoos, wrinkles, and other skin conditions.
3. List perioperative considerations for skin procedures performed in the office or outpatient setting.

6:30-7:00 (Refreshments)

7:00-8:15 (Lecture)

Brief business meeting to follow lecture

**AORN of Central Ohio  
Board/Officer Meeting  
Tuesday, January 11, 2005  
6:00-6:30 PM  
Congress Delegates to be discussed**

**Central OH AORN Fundraiser — Angel Pins**

**Central OH AORN  
is selling 3 designs of  
Angel Pins for  
\$10.00 each.**

**They would make  
nice gifts.**



**Angel Pin #252  
\$10.00**



**Angel Pin #271  
\$10.00**



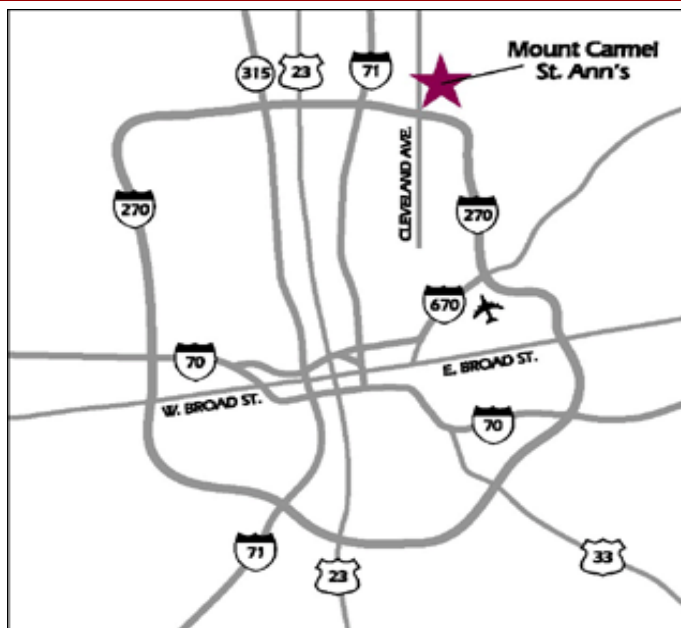
**Angel Pin #286  
\$10.00**

**Directions to Central OH AORN Chapter Meetings**

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Chapter Meetings & Educa-  
tional Sessions:**

Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital  
Boardroom  
500 South Cleveland Avenue  
Westerville, OH 43081  
614-898-4000

Hospital is located 2 blocks north  
of I-270 on Cleveland Avenue, 1  
block north of Schrock Road. The  
Boardroom is on the north end.





## **Legislative Corner**

**Kay Ball, RN, MSA, CNOR, FAAN**

# **Let Your Voice Be Heard!!!**

The next session of the national and state legislations will be convening in January with some new faces, some recognized faces, and some very seasoned faces. We have many nursing and health-care issues that will be reopened for debate and discussion both nationally and within Ohio that in-

clude the elimination of mandatory overtime for nurses, tax incentives for nursing faculty, reimbursement for RNFA's, and (within Ohio) the opposition of the creation of med techs for long term care facilities.

We need your attention to voice your support or opposition to new bills that will surface in the

new year. Whether you make phone calls, send e-mails, or write letters, the professional approach always wins the representatives' and senators' attention.

Below is an example of the format for a letter or e-mail that can be used to support your opinion:

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### **Date**

**The Honorable Patrick Tiberi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515**

**Dear Representative Tiberi,**

### **Opening Paragraph**

- \*State the reason for your letter**
- \*Use the bill number or name, if available**
- \*Identify yourself and your credentials**

### **Body of the Letter**

- \*Simply explain the issue in layman's terms**
- \*Give examples of how the bill affects patients or others**
- \*State your own experiences**
- \*State your position on the bill**
- \*Be polite and professional**
- \*Thank the legislator for his or her attention to the issue**
- \*Offer to be a resource person if the legislator has any questions or needs further information**

**Sincerely,**

- \*Your signature with credentials**
- \*Type your name and address**

## Minutes of Business Meeting

## AORN of Central Ohio

### November 9, 2004

The regular meeting of AORN of Central Ohio, was called to order by President Linda Carifa at 8:25 pm.

As of the last print out we have 264 members.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Our chapter wishes to thank Dr. Alan Murnane for our presentation this evening , "Types & Treatments of Urinary Incontinence in Women". A donation will be made in your name to the AORN Foundation. I also want to thank Troy Mohler with Ethicon for our refreshments this evening.

Remember to celebrate OR Nurses week, November 14th - 20th.

Letters of intent have to be in tonight for those wishing to be a Delegate for 2005 AORN Congress. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:15 pm, prior to the January 11th meeting to go over each candidate.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Our current balance is **\$4536.00** in the checking account & the CD for workshops has \$2037.87.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**WAYS & MEANS:** Ann has **angel pins** for a chapter **fundraiser**. We will be selling them for \$10 each. Please call or see Ann Kline to get your pins and help support our chapter. Tonight we had a jewelry sale. A portion of the sales will be made to our chapter.

**PROGRAM:** January's education topic will be ***Beauty is Skin Deep – The Magic of Looking Good*** – Dr. Brian Biernat.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Tonight we had 18 members and 2 visitors attend.

**NEWSLETTER:** MaryAnne announced we are getting a lot of hits on our chapter's website.

Please email all news articles to MaryAnne Bentivegna, **[mbentivegna@juno.com](mailto:mbentivegna@juno.com)** , by the 15th of the month.

**LEGISLATIVE:** *See Kay Ball's Legislative Report in the Newsletter.*

**C.E. LIASON/SCHOLARSHIP:** Remember our chapter offers two **\$100 scholarships**, given at the May dinner meeting, to anyone who has passed their **CNOR** exam or has recertified. Look for the application in newsletter. If you have already received this you are ineligible to get the \$100 again.

**RESEARCH:** Feel free to volunteer for the committee or offer a research idea-please let Linda know.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Annette Svagerko is collecting donations for CHOICES (battered women's shelter) . You can send these to her and she will then forward them on.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** If anyone is interested in volunteering for this committee please let Linda know.

**OHIO COUNCIL:** The next meeting will be on December 11th at Ryan's Steak House on Cleveland Ave. and Rt. 161 in Columbus at 12 noon.

### Other Reports:

Bill Duffy, National AORN President, is asking each chapter to submit a 6" quilt square, to be made into a quilt. Amy Evans has designed and made 3 different squares. Our chapter has selected the Ohio Star design. This will be sent on to National AORN this week. Great job Amy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dobbie, RN, CNOR, RNFA

## Chapter Spotlight—Pat Dobbie, RN, CNOR, RNFA

Pat Dobbie, RN, CNOR, RNFA is our Central Ohio AORN recording secretary and has held that position the last couple years. She has been our president, president-elect, and on our board of directors twice, and has been our OH Council representative.



Pat is employed at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital Operating Room as a Clinical Coordinator for Plastics/EENT. She has been at St. Ann's in the OR for 25 years. She has been an AORN member for 24 years.

Pat's hobbies include quilting, traveling and photography. She is learning how to crochet. Her favorite movie is *While You Were Sleeping*, flower is the sunflower, and restaurant is *Olive Garden*. She has 2 cats named Snowy and Smokey Bear. She went to Hawaii on her last vacation and is thinking about going to Scandinavia on her next vacation. She has an identical twin named Pam that lives in Circleville. She is still waiting for her hair to grow back in after her breast cancer treatment. Pat has a son and a grandchild.

## AORN National News



**Scholarships** are available to all levels of nursing students through the AORN Foundation. The AORN Foundation awarded **78 people with \$136,500** in scholarships. To find out how you can apply, log onto [www.aorn.org/foundation/scholarships.htm](http://www.aorn.org/foundation/scholarships.htm).

**AORN Member Bulletin** - This is a new e-mail message to be sent monthly to members in an effort to make information more timely & consolidate e-mails to members.

## New & Renewing Members of Central Ohio AORN— Welcome!

Amy Bush,  
Aviela Yisreal,  
Carla Swinehart,  
Carol Laco,  
Deborah Lutz,  
Diane Dierckman,

Donna Doyle,  
Dorothy Mitchell,  
Gail Davis,  
Jacalyn Schaeffer,  
Janet Berry,  
Janet Marlow Nikolovski,

Julie Fisher,  
Julie Kennard,  
Kathleen Enright,  
Marcia McGee,  
Marlene Bittner,  
Mary Ann Cain,

Melissa Cowser,  
Pam Courter,  
Prudence Munger  
Sandra Clifton, &  
Sue Burke

# Chapter Officers and Board Of Directors 2004-2005 Central Ohio AORN

## PRESIDENT:

Linda Carifa 5/04-5/05 (on board of directors 5/05-5/06)  
Employer Grady Memorial Hospital  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ LEGISLATIVE CHAIR:

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## **AORN Of Central Ohio 2004-2005 Chapter Committees**

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Juanakee Ceol  
MEMBERS: Bonnie Young Linda Carifa  
Kay Ball Annette Svagerko

### **NEWSLETTER / WEB COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: MaryAnne Bentivegna  
MEMBERS: Cecilia Garrabrant

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Kay Ball  
MEMBERS: Amy Evans  
Cecilia Garrabrant  
Jeanne LaFountain

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Annette Svagerko  
MEMBERS:

### **C.E. /SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Cecilia Garrabrant  
MEMBERS:

### **RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

CHAIR:  
MEMBERS: Officers/Board of Directors

### **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Ann Kline  
MEMBERS:

### **POLICY & BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Bonnie Young  
MEMBERS: Pam Courter  
Amy White

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Becky Burton  
MEMBERS: Lisa Ridenour  
Marie Friedman

### **WORKSHOP COMMITTEE**

CHAIR:  
MEMBERS:

### **HISTORIAN COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Bonnie Young  
MEMBERS:

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

CHAIR:  
MEMBERS: Amy Bush

## Disbanding AORN Chapters — Policy Statements

The following situations are examples that may lead to disbandment of an AORN chapter.

- Chapter has not applied for tax exempt status.
- Chapter has not notified Headquarters that bylaws have been reviewed annually. (Chapter file at Headquarters should include copy of bylaws and annual updates of changes or notices that bylaws were reviewed but not changed.)
- Chapter has history of uncashed rebate checks.
- Chapter has history of **lapsed officers**.
- Chapter has not seated delegates at Congress for three consecutive years.
- Chapter is conducting business in a manner that is contrary to their chapter bylaws (e.g., not holding meetings or elections as specified in the bylaws).
- Chapter is conducting business in a manner that is contrary to the National Bylaws.

Other situations may arise that merit disbanding the chapter. These situations will be reviewed on an individual basis by the chapter relations coordinator, national Membership Committee chair, and national Membership Committee representative.

When a chapter is disbanded, a chapter leader must submit written notification to Headquarters with documentation about disbursement of chapter treasury funds.

Rationale: Inactive chapters do not service members who pay chapter dues.

Ineffective or inactive chapters are maintained in the database that is used to calculate delegates. Because there is a maximum of 1,500 delegates and each chapter is guaranteed one delegate, active chapters may not receive as many delegates as they would if inactive chapters were disbanded.

Chapters that are not functioning within AORN National Bylaws put AORN's reputation in jeopardy and liability issues may arise.

### Procedure

When pertinent members of Membership Committee agree that a chapter should be disbanded, the following guidelines will apply.

The chapter relations coordinator will notify the chapter leader about the following issues.

- Their chapter has been identified as an ineffective or inactive chapter and reasons are identified.
- They have the right to have a chapter consultant visit to support an attempt for chapter revival.
- An appeal policy exists.
- If chapter is disbanding, a chapter leader must submit written notification to Headquarters with documentation about disbursement of chapter treasury funds.

Consultants will submit written documentation for the chapter file stating action plan for revival or reasons for disbandment.

The chapter relations coordinator will initiate the processing for chapter disbandment (e.g., stop-assigning members to the chapter, data file maintenance, correspondence).

# CNOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Initial Certification  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-certification

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you been a member of AORN? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many meetings did you attend in the last AORN Fiscal year? \_\_\_\_\_

3. List local chapter committee activity:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. List local chapter elected office activity:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. List national activity:  
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\_\_\_\_\_

6. State the reason you believe you are the most qualified recipient of this scholarship:  
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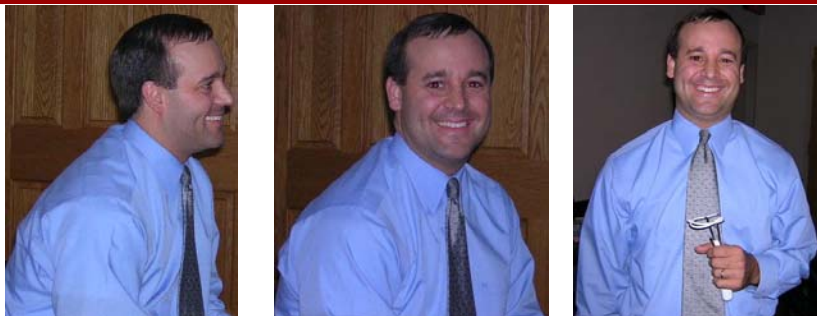
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*Happy New Year!*

*Serving Central Ohio's periOperative Nurses*

**Thanks**



We would like to thank our **Ethicon GyneCare** rep. **Troy Mohler** for providing the delicious sandwiches and pop refreshments that were enjoyed by all. GyneCare womens' health solutions sells TVT, thermachoice, & interceed. The use of a barrier during surgery such as **GYNECARE INTERCEED** to protect raw tissue surfaces as they heal has been shown to be one of the most effective ... For more information, go to [www.gyneCare.com](http://www.gyneCare.com), or [www.ethiconendo.com](http://www.ethiconendo.com).

We would like to thank our Nov. speaker, **Dr. Alan Murnane**, for his interesting educational presentation, **Types & Treatment of Urinary Incontinence in Women**, and for his time. Thanks!

You can find him at **Westar Ob/Gyn 444 N. Cleveland Ave. Suite 20, Westerville, OH 614-818-0300.**

