

THE PROGRESS NOTES



Central Ohio AORN

Chapter 3603

President's Message:

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This is my last message to you as your president. I want to thank you for the privilege of being your president this year. We have had an exciting year as the "Extreme Makeover" chapter! We started early and took off running. Every month we had inspiring theme meetings with increase interest in our chapter.

I also want to thank you for supporting my goals. Every month I received e-mails about members doing "Random Acts of Kindness". Remember that at our May meeting one of the recipients of this honor will be awarded a Longaberger Gift Basket from me. (You have to be present to receive the gift). I found this quote by Aesop and thought it would be a good one to use in our lives. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

My goal of increasing management involvement in our chapter was not as successful but Cecilia is going to continue this goal next year. Managers, we are not giving up on you! We still want you to join us and become involved in your local chapter.

Actually we need all of our members to get involved!! We are all busy people with family, work and extra-curricular activities. If more members would get involved and sign up for committees we could spread out the work load and all spend less time working and more time with other interest. AORN of Central Ohio is worth putting time into!!

At our May dinner meeting we will be updated on financial securities by Brian Fenstermaker. We will also have the instillation of our new officers. Please come, dine with us and support our new officers.

One more thank you, I want to thank all my officers, board members, committee members ,and Central Ohio AORN members for making my year as your President a GREAT experience.

Sincerely, Bonnie Young RN, CNOR
President, Central Ohio AORN

Congratulations to our new officers for AORN of Central Ohio for the 2006-2007 term:

President Elect:	Juanakee Ceol
Vice President:	Michael Burnett
Board of Directors:	Linda Carifa Rebecca Burton
Ohio Council:	Amy Evans
Nominating Committee:	Mary Rogers Joyce Cox
Recording Secretary:	Annette Svagerko

The opportunity to serve as Newsletter Secretary is still available. Please see President-elect Cecilia Garrabrant if you are interested.



It's not too late to register for the May dinner meeting. See page three for details!!!

AORN of Central Ohio invites you to:

Oscar Night

The Celebration of Achievements



Tues, May 9, 2006

The Bogey Inn

6013 Glick Rd

Powell, OH 43065

Speaker: Brian Fenstermaker - "Money Talks"

6:00-6:30	Cocktails and Conversation (cash bar)
6:30	Welcome by President Bonnie Young
6:30-7:15	Dinner (please complete & submit the dinner reservation form)
7:15-8:00	Oscar awards & passing of the gavel
8:00-9:00	"Money Talks"

(Financial advisor, Brian Fenstermaker, will give us the inside secrets on how to plan and enjoy a financially secure lifestyle. These tips are vital for all ages, whether you're 20 or 80 years old!))



Witness the Passing of the Gavel



Wear your "Red Carpet" outfits and come ready to enjoy our Oscar Night with us!!!

May Dinner Reservation Form

The May 9th Dinner Meeting for AORN of Central Ohio will be at the Bogey Inn, 6013 Glick Road, Powell, Ohio, 43065, beginning with Cocktails and Conversation from 6:00 to 6:30PM, and dinner from 6:30-7:17PM followed by our Oscar Night Program and a lecture "Money Talks." Please complete the reservation form if you plan to attend. The deadline for reservations is May 2nd. The cost for the dinner is \$20. Checks may be payable to **AORN of Central Ohio**. Cecilia Garrabrant (wandacecilia@aol.com) is collecting the reservations.

Name _____

Dinner includes:

Chopped house salad

Entree: Please pick one:

_____ Chicken Marsala with Chef's Selection of Potato

_____ Pulled Chicken Fettuccini with Spinach in an Alfredo Sauce

_____ Sautéed Wild Mushroom Ravioli in a Garlic Cream Sauce

(All entrees include fresh bread, and vegetable)

Desert: Please pick one:

_____ Cheesecake

_____ Chocolate Cake

Coffee, Tea, Fountain Drink, Tax, Gratuity included

Trauma Alert: Code AORN ***May 6, 2006***

Pre-register by completing your application and send it with your check to:

Michael Burnett 5038 Cheviot Drive Columbus, OH 43220

Space is limited

Register by April 21, 2006

Make checks payable to:

AORN of Central Ohio

AORN Members \$30.00 Non-Member \$40.00

Vendors fair only: free with RSVP

Any questions, please contact:

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or

Linda Carifa (lands2@ameritech.net)



Legislative Corner

Kay Ball, RN, MSA, CNOR, FAAN

**Don't forget to vote on Tues, May 2nd in the Primary elections.
It's our right! It's our duty!**

To follow is an update on what's going on in the House and Senate as written by the Ohio Nurses Association (ONA). The General Assembly was extremely active in the waning days of March as members prepared for a spring recess that will last until after the May 2nd primary election.

SmokeFreeOhio Initiative -

As you know, supporters of the legislative referendum to establish, by petition, a statewide smoking ban in all public places placed the proposed language before lawmakers in January. If the General Assembly takes no action by early May proponents will begin another petition drive to secure enough signatures to have the issue placed before voters for the November general election. ONA has actively lobbied legislators to take no action thereby leaving it up to the voters to decide. Some House members reportedly have drafted a bill that would carve out significant exceptions to the general ban, but to date, nothing has been formally introduced.

SB 105—Mandatory Overtime Prohibition Sen. Kim Zurz (D-Akron) provided sponsor testimony on this bill before the Senate Health & Human Services Committee in early March. ONA worked with the senator and her aide to provide data that establish the safety risks associated with nurses working tired. It is highly unlikely that the bill will receive additional hearings in the near future; however, Sen. Zurz's testimony served to make her colleagues aware of the seriousness of this issue.

HB 127 & HB 172 dealing with tax incentives to address the nursing shortage. Both of these bills had proponent testimony in the House Ways & Means Committee. HB 127 sponsored by Rep. Peter Ujvagi (D-Toledo) would provide a refundable state income tax credit for individuals working as faculty members for nursing education programs. HB 172 sponsored by Rep. John Bocchieri (D-New Middletown) includes the faculty tax credit language as in HB 127 and adds a five-year income tax break for nurses new to the profession. Although legislators seem genuinely concerned about the faculty shortage, neither of these bills is likely to pass during this session of the General Assembly.

Several House members on the Republican side of the aisle have also expressed an interest in finding ways to address the shortage of nurse faculty and the lack of sufficient clinical placement sites so ONA has been meeting with them to explore potential legislative initiatives. As yet no language has been agreed upon, but the discussions are ongoing.

HB 530—The Budget Corrections Bill. This massive piece of legislation was a primary focus for both the House and Senate in mid to late March. The bill was on a fast track with a target effective date of April 1, 2006. Efforts were made to add an amendment to update the scope of practice for licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and to clarify that LPNs may act as preceptors for students in practical nurse education programs. Although both the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Ohio (LPNAO) and ONA urged inclusion of this language in the bill, legislators decided not to make it part of HB 530. ONA will continue to work with LPNAO and the Board of Nursing to refine the proposed language so that the issue can move forward quickly and without opposition when the General Assembly resumes meeting later this year.

HB 530 did include language that will allow regulatory boards to remain independent entities rather than consolidating them within the Ohio Department of Commerce as had been proposed in earlier legislation. The Board of Nursing was excluded from the consolidation in the original bill; however, any movement toward consolidation could have had repercussions for the Board of Nursing in the future. The decision to maintain the status quo was welcomed by the affected boards and by others who followed the issue.

HB 522—To require that a registered nurse circulator be assigned to each surgical procedure being performed in a hospital, ambulatory surgical facility, and physician's office when general anesthetic is administered. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Jon Peterson (R-Delaware) at the request of the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). Rep. Peterson offered sponsor testimony in early March before the House Health Committee, and proponent testimony is expected to be heard after the legislators return from their break in May. Already the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) has expressed concerns about the provisions affecting physician offices, and the Ohio Department of Health also has some concerns about language related to its enforcement responsibilities. ONA has indicated its support for the measure.

Legislative Corner – Continued

HB 524—Expands the authority of pharmacists to administer certain immunizations. The bill adds immunizations for meningitis, and diphtheria to the list of vaccines that currently can be administered by a pharmacist (influenza, pneumonia, tetanus, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B). The legislation also:

- Authorizes a pharmacist to administer specific rescue drugs should the patient demonstrate signs of an allergic reaction as a result of the immunization;
- Allows pharmacists to administer an immunization for influenza to individuals between the ages of 14-18; and
- Adjusts the reporting requirement following an immunization.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Earl Martin (R-Avon Lake), worked with ONA prior to introducing the legislation so that the vast majority of nursing's concerns were addressed in the introduced version of the bill. One issue remains a concern, however, so ONA has been working with the Ohio State Medical Association and the pharmacist association to secure an amendment to the bill before it leaves the House Health Committee. As currently proposed, pharmacists would no longer be required to notify a family physician when the immunization for influenza is administered. Although receipt of an influenza immunization may not be of particular significance for most individuals, when someone between the ages of 14-18 is immunized, that is usually done because of a specific condition. Therefore, physician notification should be required. An amendment to the bill has been drafted and is expected to be accepted when the committee resumes hearings in May.

Board of Nursing Activities:

The rules setting forth the requirements for Certified Medication Aides (CMAs) and the CMA pilot program (Chapter 4723-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code) were the subject of a public hearing on March 15th. Following the hearing, the Board members made only minor revisions to the rules as originally proposed. The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review completed its hearing in late March so the permanent rules are slated to become effective in mid April prior to the expiration of the emergency rules that went into effect February 1, 2006.

At its March meeting the Board acted on several applications from nursing homes and residential care facilities (RCFs) seeking to become participants in the pilot program that will start May 1st. The Board approved the applications submitted by seven nursing homes and four RCFs. Eight applicants were determined not to meet the criteria set forth in the enabling statute and rules of the Board.

Janet Boeckman, RN was appointed to the Board by Governor Bob Taft to replace Yvonne Smith who did not seek re-appointment. Registered nurses Kathleen Driscoll and Lisa Klenke were re-appointed.

Personnel Changes:

The House Democratic caucus has named Rep. Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) as the new Assistant Minority Whip. He replaces Rep. Lance Mason who is running for a Senate seat.

VOTE!!!!



AORN of Central Ohio
Business Meeting
April 11, 2006

Tonight meeting started at 7:00pm. We were delighted to have 5 nursing students join us this evening. We would like to thank Mobile Instruments for our lecture tonight, "The Inside Scoop on the Scope". A donation will be made in your name to the AORN Foundation.

Bonnie Young, Chapter President, urged members to consider running for chapter offices for next year. The following is a list of those who were elected to be our officers for 2006 - 2007:

President Elect - Keke Ceol
Vice President - Michael Burnett
Recording Secretary - To Be Announced
Newsletter Secretary - To Be Announced
Ohio Council - Amy Evans
Board of Directors - Linda Carifa & Becky Burton
Nominating Committee - Joyce Cox & Mary Rogers

Please don't forget to sign up for the "Trauma Seminar" on Saturday, May 6th. Student nurses will be able to attend for \$20. The deadline for registration is April 21st.

The May dinner meeting will be held at the Boogey Inn.

The evening ended with an auction of items our members brought back from AORN Congress.

Kay Martin made a beautiful afagan which was also auctioned off. Door prizes were donated by Mobile Instruments.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Dobbie RN, CNOR, RNFA

An opportunity to sponsor a Student Nurse:

Amy Evans is concentrating her efforts on recruiting student nurses. Last month she sent out letters, and was able to encourage one student nurse member (sponsored by the Ohio Council) to come to the meeting, and she brought four friends. These four student nurses interested in remaining involved in our chapter. Would any members be interested in mentoring one of these students? Your responsibilities would include email, invitations to activities and getting to know them personally! If you are interested, please email Amy at aimee55@netzero.net. The student nurse took the time to write the following letter:

"Dear Amy and Keke,

"Thank you so much for inviting us to the AORN meeting tonight. I'm sorry that we had to leave and miss the popcorn and raffle drawing, but we had a couple of students from the Newark area that had to get back, and a couple with children to pick up, and we all have to be back in Newark tomorrow at 8am for class.

"We have been on just about every unit for clinicals and observations, and we have never felt as welcome as we did tonight. It is so refreshing to meet a group so excited about what they do. It confirmed for me how much I want to be an OR nurse. Every student that I was with commented on how nice everyone was, so please pass on our thanks! Keke, I'll see you Thursday, and Amy I look forward to seeing you back at work next week! Thanks again, Stephanie Smith S. N.

CUDOS to all of you—isn't this exciting!

Message from the Newsletter Chair:

As my term comes to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to some very special people. First, I would like to thank my "Publisher guru", Ben Blue, for formatting the letter. It is a huge project, and I am forever grateful. Thanks to Paula, his wife, for her help and support. Thanks to Dr. Alan Tingley, my boss, for his support while I worked on the printing, folding and stapling the snail mail. Many thanks to Pam Courter for her help in preparing the letters for mailing. It is never one person who makes a project work, and these people supported our chapter in an outstanding manner. Many, many thanks. Thanks to all of the email recipients in their effort to save paper! Have a great summer. See all of you in the fall.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the chapter. Annette

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