

Progress Notes

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December

Season's Greetings Central Ohio AORN

President's Message

Greetings Colleague,

This month I would like to focus on diversity within teams. As we all know diversity is about empowering people and promoting the human spirit. It makes an organization effective by capitalizing on all the strengths of each team member. Diversity is about understanding, valuing, and making the most of the individual differences found in each and every person. An individual, acting alone, can accomplish much; but a group of people acting together in a unified force can accomplish great wonders. This is simply because members of a team understand each other and support each other.

Diversity is also about sharing your talents with others. How do you as a periOperative registered nurse share your talents with others? Do you mentor, coach and counsel others in need? Do you share your experiences with new nurses or staff members new to your environment? How has your sharing of talents had an impact on the care of the surgical patient? I think these few questions are great to think about as we are approaching the season of sharing and giving to others.

I would like to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season! It's the season for giving thanks and sharing with others. Please consider how you can make a difference in those who are less fortunate



Diversity also means understanding and respecting the many different ways we all celebrate during this season.

this holiday season. I will see all of you at Cardinal Health on Tuesday, December 11th for our holiday celebration.

Best Regards,
Juanakee Pearson-Ceol MS, RN

P.S. As we are approaching 2008, I would like to remind you that now is the time to consider attending the 55th AORN Congress in Anaheim, California from March 30-April 3. This is an exciting time to see the latest innovative periOperative technology, listen to dynamic speakers, attend world winning educational programs, and network with colleagues around the world.

Please visit www.AORN.org/Congress to learn more about Congress 2008. Make your reservations now, some hotels are already sold out!

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Special points of interest:

- * Phone survey—Have you received a call from us? Find out why—page 5!
- * What is coming up for 2008? See the upcoming events for this and more! Page 3 for details.
- * The Governor recognizes PeriOperative Nurses Week—See Page 5.

Kay's Corner - Legislative Update - Kay Ball, RN, MSA, CNOR, FAAN

House Bill 346

- **Safe Staffing Bill -**



Issue: How does H.B. 346 advance AORN's legislative goals in the state of Ohio?

Conclusion: AORN should support H.B. 346, as this legislation will:

- (1) give periOperative Registered Nurses an increased voice in staffing decisions immediately;
- (2) increase the AORN legislative presence and the working relationship with other interested parties;
- (3) require hospital staffing plans to meet all requirements set by regulatory and accreditation organizations, including the JCAHO standards and the Conditions of Participation;
- (4) provide increased accountability for staffing decisions made by hospitals; and
- (5) allow AORN to identify those hospitals whose staffing plans fail to meet the best practices recommended by AORN.

Effects of H.B. 346: House Bill 346, in brief, requires hospitals to work with the registered nurses in inpatient care units to create a staffing plan. This staffing plan must be in compliance with current standards established by private accreditation organizations or government entities. The stated goal of the plan is to ensure that the hospital has a staff of competent nurses with the specialized skills needed to meet patient needs in accordance with evidence-based safe nurse staffing standards.

AORN of Central Ohio along with the Ohio Council for periOperative Registered Nurses are actively supporting this bill proposed by ONA (Ohio Nurses Assn), OONE (Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives), and OHA (Ohio Hospital Assn). There is even talk of placing an amendment on this bill to address the need for the circulating nurse to be a registered nurse when the bill gets out of committee. Also a sub bill will probably be drafted and introduced into the committee that will define "nurse" to include LPNs when appropriate.

Sponsor Thank-you's

Biomet provided the November meeting's snacks, drinks, and dessert. We want to thank them for their participation. We also want to thank Dr. A.V. Lombardi for not only giving us a lecture on a very interesting topic, but for also arranging the New Albany Surgical Hospital's auditorium for our use. What a great place to hold a meeting—thank you. It was great to learn about this very interesting topic that could effect many of us as we age. I was amazed at the different implants and techniques that are used today during many hip and joint replacement surgeries. What a great turn out we had for this event—thank you all for coming... we hope you can join us for the December event at Cardinal Health's International Headquarters for a sit down dinner, fun auctions, and an educational offering.



Thank you Biomet and
Dr. Lombardi

December 2007

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9	10	11 AORN Event at Cardinal	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins!	27	28	29
30	31 Chill the bubbly!					

Schedule of Events

- * **December 1**—World AIDS Day
- * **December 2 - 8**—National Hand Washing Awareness Week
- * **December 4 - 6**—AORN’s 12th Conference on Infectious Diseases
- * **December**—Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- * **December 8**—National Brownie Day
- * **December 15**– Bill of Rights Day
- * **December 16**– National Anything Covered in Chocolate Day
- * **December 24**—National Egg Nog Day

Upcoming Events

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat....

There are many holidays just around the corner. Whatever you believe or however you worship, it is a time to come together, to give thanks, and to celebrate all that we have. Here is an idea how you and your family can bring some joy to someone who has fought for our freedom: when you are making your Christmas/Holiday card list this year, please include the following:

**A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20307-5001**

Support our Troops & Spread the joy!
Also, we are planning the
January meeting, which will be here be-



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fore you know it. Come join us for the first event of 2008! January 8th 6:30pm @ St Ann’s. “Extraordinary Cases from Africa” by speaker Dr. Walter B Hull, OB/GYN, is the topic. The theme is Safari– so mark your calendars and get your water-buffalo saddle’s ready! We’re hunting lions..... See you then! God Bless.
- EC



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HOLIDAY DINNER AND "SILENT" AUCTION

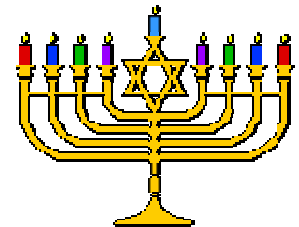
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December 11, 2007

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Dublin, Oh. 43017



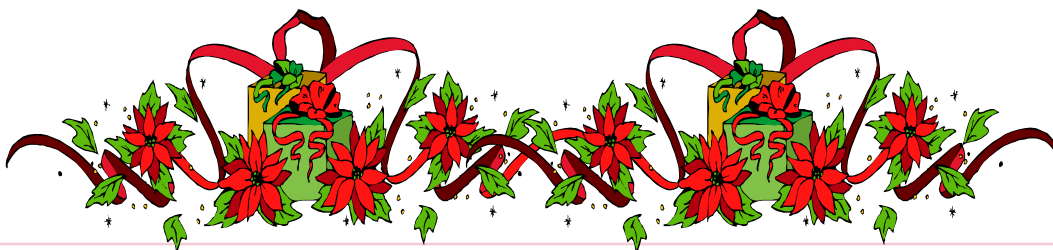
RSVP

Judy.Jarrett@cardinalhealth.com

* Must have reservation for security entrance *

AGENDA

- 5:15-5:30 security entrance
- 5:45-6:20 Dinner/Auction bidding
- 6:20-6:30 AORN Opening comments
- 6:30-7:30 education presentation
- 1.0 CE provided by Pyxis
- 7:30 -8:00 AORN meeting, Silent auction, Closing



Member Spotlight

Greetings to my fellow periOperative nurses. My name is Judy Prendeville, and like so many of you, I am wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, and nurse. I am also a breast cancer survivor.

I believe I was called to be a nurse – there was never a doubt about my choice of careers. I attended Ball State University in Indiana, and my BSN program offered an elective course in periOperative nursing. I enrolled out of a sense of adventure, and soon realized that this was an environment that might be a good fit for me. I have always appreciated the beginning, middle and end format of surgical procedures compared to the chaos of floor nursing.



Happy Holidays

-Kim Dillon

Currently, I am the Clinical Educator for Surgical Services at Mount Carmel St. Ann’s Hospital. I take great pleasure in using my many years of clinical experience to mentor, facilitate, teach, and guide others in our noble profession. One of the best coincidences is that my birthday always falls during PeriOperative Nurse Week! How cool is that?

One of my most cherished holiday memories is the year that my mother and father took movies of Santa coming down our chimney, reading the note we left for him, eating our snack, and miraculously emptying his bag of toys under our Christmas tree! It wasn’t until years later that I learned that “Santa” was my mother. I can only imagine the fun they must have had planning and executing this scheme, and the joy they experienced when they replayed the events of that evening to seven wonder-struck children. “I do believe. I do believe.”

Message from the Governor

-submitted by Kay Ball



Ted Strickland

Governor of said State

hereby officially recognizes

PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

NOVEMBER 11-17, 2007

Surgery today is highly technical, sophisticated and exacting; and the perioperative registered nurse is highly skilled in providing nursing care and managing the perioperative environment and that the surgical patient needs expert care for his or her mind, body, and spirit; and

the surgical patient and family are experiencing a major event in their lives and that the perioperative registered nurse is an expert in allaying the patient’s fears, preparing the patient for what will happen during surgery, providing family support, and discussing how the patient will feel during the entire surgical experience; and

perioperative registered nurses have a long tradition of working toward patient safety and improving the quality of patient care and that surgical patients rely on the skill, knowledge, and expertise of perioperative registered nurses.

THEREFORE, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor of Ohio, Recognize NOVEMBER 11-17, 2007 as PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK, dedicated to recognizing perioperative registered nurses in Ohio who care for patients before, during and after surgery.

On this 11th day of November 2007,

Ted Strickland
Ted Strickland
Governor

My parting words of wisdom: Find the bright side, always.

- Judy Prendeville

Each month we feature a Central Ohio AORN member—Get to know them!

Notice :

AORN Phone Survey

President KeKe asked Kim Dillon to organize a phone survey of Central Ohio AORN members. She wanted to find out reasons why members do not actively show up and participate at the monthly events. The goal was to see how we could learn about our members, and to see what types of changes we could make to include a larger number of the members.

Kim Dillon asked the members who were present at the October meeting to volunteer, and take pages from the membership roster. The volunteers were asked to call each member on their page(s) and find out why they don’t regularly come to the meetings.

Kim now needs this information returned to her (with the roster pages) at this month’s event, Please. And help us by taking 5 minutes to the phone if someone calls you.

Thank you! - KD

**Season's Greetings
Central Ohio AORN**

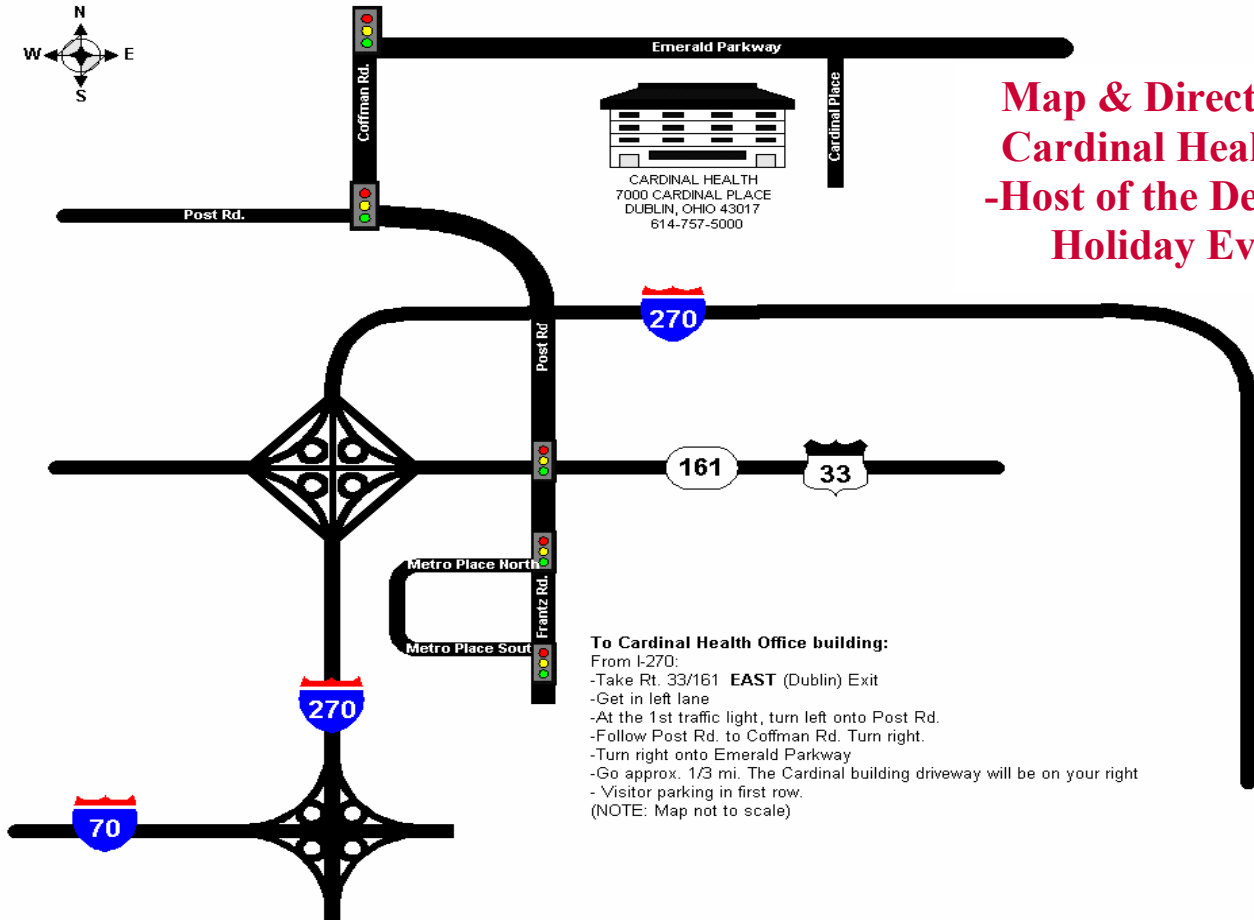
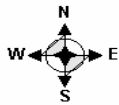
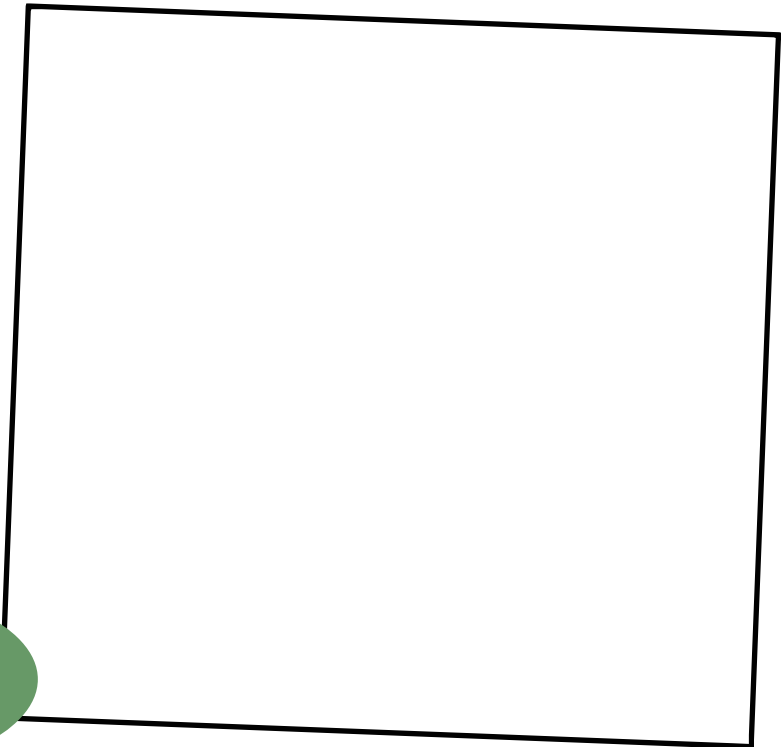


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**Map & Directions to
Cardinal Health HQ
-Host of the December
Holiday Event!**

- To Cardinal Health Office building:**
From I-270:
-Take Rt. 33/161 EAST (Dublin) Exit
-Get in left lane
-At the 1st traffic light, turn left onto Post Rd.
-Follow Post Rd. to Coffman Rd. Turn right.
-Turn right onto Emerald Parkway
-Go approx. 1/3 mi. The Cardinal building driveway will be on your right
-Visitor parking in first row.
(NOTE: Map not to scale)