



Season's Greetings Central Ohio AORN

Progress Notes

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December Newsletter

President's Message

As we continue on our journey to "SUTURE THE GENERATION GAP", let us redirect our focus from the differences to the similarities between the generational workforces - the common attributes that unites the nursing profession. Regardless of one's culture, the holiday season involves traditions and rituals that unite even the most dysfunctional families; a binding force that is sometimes hard to explain; a kind of familial solidarity that is implied in the cliché "blood is thicker than water". On a personal note, the holiday season is a time for caring and sharing; a time for taking care of those who are less fortunate; a time for showing our appreciation to our friends, family, and colleagues; and a time for being thankful for our health and well-being.



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staff nurses. Nurses are further divided by their specialty or practice setting. Even within the perioperative setting, many times there is a disconnect between preop, OR, and PACU staff. At the unit level, operating room nurses may be segmented by their shift and service team.

Like a family during the holidays, nurses must look beyond their differences to explore the commonalities of our practice. We must continue to tear down the silos that divide our profession. Acknowledging not only our differences but also our commonalities will be another stitch in our mission to "suture the generation gap". Best wishes for a most festive and safe holiday season to you and your family!!!

Respectfully,

President Michael Burnett
RN, MSA, BSN, CNOR

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Special points of interest:

- * How can you get more involved with your local AORN Chapter? See page 3
- * Print out the form by going online, or better yet fill it out online and email it to Mary. See page 3
- * Learn about Obama's Heath Plan on Page 4

With the advancement of nursing as both an art and a science, the profession has become highly technical and very specialized, which is great for career mobility. However, specialization leads to a segmented and often divided nursing workforce. This professional segmentation and division of labor may be related to one's educational background, job title, specialty, practice setting, work unit, or shift. Because there are several different avenues to become a nurse, the debate over degree requirements for entry into professional practice will continue. Some of the different job titles include administrator, director, manager, educator, and

AORN of Central Ohio Willingness-to-Serve

Eligibility Statement: a nominee must currently provide or have previously provided perioperative nursing care that addresses(ed) the needs of patients perioperatively, intraoperatively and/or postoperatively.

I am aware of the eligibility requirements and responsibilities to hold office as stated in the policy.

I _____ am willing to serve the AORN of Central Ohio Chapter for the year(s) beginning May, 2009 in the office:

- _____ **President-Elect**
- _____ **Newsletter Secretary**
- _____ **Treasurer**
- _____ **Board of Directors**
- _____ **Nominating Committee**
- _____ **Ohio Council**

Signature _____

Date _____

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, _____ Zip code _____

Work phone _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Submit form via e-mail mrogers@greenapple.com or hard copy to any member of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee is Looking Ahead

-Kim Dillon

2008-09 Nominating Committee (Mary Rogers--chairperson, Joyce Cox and Heather Nihiser) is off to an early start this year! Many thanks to Kim Dillon, Linda Carifa, Cecilia Garrabrant, Heather Nihiser, Kay Ball, Mary Anne Bentivegna, Joyce Cox, and Jeanne LaFountain who threw their hats in the ring and offered their willingness to serve our chapter in an elected capacity for 2008-2009.

We are looking ahead to the elected positions that will need to be filled for 2009-2010. The positions and their responsibilities include:

President-Elect--One year term, then becomes President for 1 year, then becomes Board of Directors member & non-voting Nominating Committee member x 1 year. Observes and assists the president in preparation for assuming the duties & responsibilities of that office.



Happy Holidays

ewsletter Secretary—One year term. Provides membership with information regarding meeting dates & other Association activities through the chapter newsletter.

Treasurer--Two year term. Monitors the fiscal affairs of the Association and provides reports and interpretation to the membership and the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors (1 position)—It has power, authority and responsibility to manage the affairs of the Association, except to modify action of the members. Two year term. One member elected in odd years.

Nominating Committee (1 position)—Consists of at least three members. Each serves a two year term.

One is elected in odd years. Prepares and presents a slate of candidates to serve in elected capacity.

Ohio Council (1 position)—Act as liaison between local chapter and State of Ohio Council. May hold other elected offices in the

Willingness To Serve Form is opposite this page.

November Meeting Minutes

- Cecilia Garrabrant, RN,CNOR

Board of Directors/Chapter Meeting Minutes
Date November 11, 2008
Meeting Place: Fairfield Medical Center
Lancaster, Ohio
Educational Offering: You've Come a Long Way, Little Nurse

Speaker: Mary Rogers

Meeting presided by Linda Carifa

Respectfully submitted,
Cecilia Garrabrant, RN,
CNOR Recording Secretary,
AORN of Central Ohio #3603

TOPICS	DISCUSSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS
1. Joyce Cox	Congratulated for being elected as Board member to the Competency & Credentialing Institute.	For Information only
2. Treasurer's Report	Bonnie Young reported the following balances: Checking Account \$ 7,638.96 Cert. of Deposit \$ 2,193.80	For information only
3 Awards Nomination Packets	Jeanne LaFontaine reiterated the deadline for submitting the nomination packets for the AORN Excellence Awards	For information only
4. Willingness to Serve forms for Congress Delegation	Early submission of the filled out willingness to serve forms is encouraged to tally accumulated points based on the point system accumulation.	For information only
5. Changes in Policies & Bylaws	Kim Dillon explained the different changes in the Policies & Bylaws of the AORN of Central Ohio. Further discussion was followed by voting to adopt the changes as discussed.	Changes voted and approved by members who are present at the meeting.
6. December Meeting	Everyone was encouraged to call or visit the web site Judy.Jarrett@cardinalhealth.com to register for the December meeting sponsored by the Cardinal Health System and will be held at their headquarters at 7000 Cardinal Place, Dublin, Oh 43017.	For information only

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Legislative Corner

-Kay Ball, RN, MSA, CNOR, FAAN

Obama's Plan for Healthcare Reform

As you know, President-elect Obama has some great plans to enhance our current healthcare system. We have the greatest healthcare system in the world if we talk about quality. But if we talk about finances of healthcare, then we are greatly lacking. Here are some bulleted ideas that President-elect Obama hopes to implement to assist with the financial component of healthcare in the United States. More details can be found at <http://www.barackobama.com/issues/healthcare/>

Affordable, accessible healthcare for all Americans – The Obama plan will build on the existing system to create cost effective services for all.

- Require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions so that everyone can get comprehensive benefits at fair and stable premiums.
- Create a new Small Business Health Tax Credit to help small businesses provide affordable health insurance for their employees.
- Prevent insurers from overcharging doctors for their malpractice insurance.
- Invest in strategies that have proven to reduce preventable medical errors.

- Establish a National Health Insurance Exchange that includes a range of private insurance options and a new public plan (based on benefits available to members of Congress that will allow individuals and small businesses to buy affordable health coverage).

Lowering of healthcare costs –This plan will lower healthcare costs by \$2,500 for a typical family through investments and activities in health information technology, prevention, and care coordination.

- Lower drug costs through the importation of safe medicines from other developed countries.
- Increase the use of generic drugs in public programs.
- Take on drug companies that block cheaper generic medicines from the market.
- Require hospitals to collect and report healthcare cost and quality data.
- Reform the insurance market to increase competition.

Promotion of public health – The Obama plan will require coverage for preventive services such as cancer screenings. Also there will be a focus on state and local preparedness for terrorist attacks and natural disasters.