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### Special points of interest:

- Come join the fun. RSVP for the year-end banquet. Find out who the new officers are for next year. Turn to Page 3 for more.
- Find out which AORN member is part of a Pit-crew AND a nurse! Page 4

## President's Message

Greetings Colleagues,

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you for a wonderful year. It's been a fast and furious year for me. Thank you for your support. I've enjoyed serving you as your President and look forward to our work together as an organization in the future. I also wanted to let you know that I am confident that Michael and the newly elected Board members will lead and guide us through another very successful year.

Next year, I will continue to serve all of you as the Chair of the Board of Directors. I will also chair the National Membership committee for AORN. As always, I will continue to serve all of you just in a different capacity. Once again thank you for your many contributions and commitment to our organization.

Fondly,

*Juanakee Pearson-Cool MS, RN*

### MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

**- Kimberly A. Dillon, RN, CNOR, BSN, RNFA**

A survey was done this year to determine the reason(s) members do not attend meetings. Basically, it comes down to the fact that members are busy. Busy with working long hours, parenthood, church, sports, grandchildren, school and various other activities. Some members said the meetings were too far to drive to and others suggested a different day of the week. But let me ask you this- Is one evening a month too much to give to nursing? Think about the reason you became a nurse...Probably because you wanted to help people. AORN meetings help you connect with other perioperative nurses to get re-energized and learn new ways to take care of your patients.

BUT! You're saying to yourself, I have to run the kids here or there, I have to work late.... What about asking the peo-

ple in your life for help? Arrange a carpool with another parent, trade babysitting with another parent, share a babysitter, trade a day at work, and pick another day to study...its okay to ask for help. I know as nurses we want to take care of others, but we need to take time for ourselves if we want to be able to take care of others. For example, if you offer to take another mom's children to soccer once a month- you are providing a mental health day for her and when she drives so you come to AORN, you are getting re-generated as a nurse. If you share a babysitter, you are giving your children a break from you and supporting the local economy (because you know that teenager is headed for the mall).

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Dillon, RN, CNOR, BSN, RNFA

## Legislative Corner

- Kay Ball, RN, MSA, CNOR, FAAN

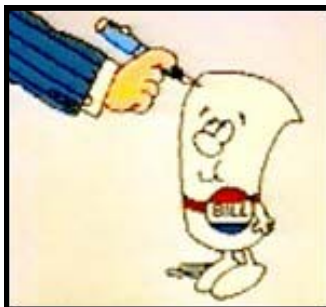
House Bill 346 (nurse staffing bill) is on the fast track. This bill that was created jointly by the Ohio Hospital Association and the Ohio Nurses Association is building up speed for Senate voting and Governor Strickland's signature sometime this summer – if everything goes as planned. Listed below are some answers to the question you may have about this bill as it pertains to perioperative nursing. (reference Trevor Alexander, Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP)



**Question:** How does HB 346 advance AORN's legislative goals in Ohio?

**Answer:** AORN should support HB 346 because this legislation will:

1. Give perioperative nurses an increased voice in staffing decisions immediately. (This will allow perioperative nurses to have an immediate voice about staffing – such as requiring the circulating nurse to be an RN.)
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 Joint Commission standards and the Conditions of Participation.



4. Provide increased accountability for staffing decisions made by hospitals.
5. Allow AORN to identify those hospitals whose staffing plans fail to meet the best practices recommended by AORN.

Effects of HB 346: In summary, this legislation 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. Keep your fingers crossed that this bill will soon be on the governor's desk for his signature!

- Kay Ball, RN, MSA, CNOR,  
FAAN

***WANTED***  
**Cheerful, smiling faces**  
**to sit at the**  
**Sign-in table at**  
**the AORN meetings**  
**For**  
**2008-2009\***

\*Requirements: to be at the meeting 30 minutes before refreshments and a smiling face. Sign-in supplies will be provided. Contact Kimberly Dillon—Please.

## AORN MAY BANQUET



**Where:** The Winking Lizard

- 1380 Bethel Rd. Columbus, Oh. 43220
- *Directions:* Take 270, 70, 71 or 670 to SR 315. Exit on Bethel Rd (Westbound only) Follow Bethel Rd under the railroad underpass, up the hill and you will see the Lizard on the right (north side of the street). It is located at the corner of Godown Rd and Bethel, which is less than 2 miles west of SR 315. You will pass through 4 inter-sections with traffic lights, the Lizard is just before the 5th.

**When:** May 13, 2008 6:30 PM

**Why:** It's the last meeting of the season!!! Come and find out who the new officers are for next year. Join us for some festive celebration, thanks, and the passing of the gavel to the new President—Michael Burnett.

**What:** Buffet dinner Cost: \$21.75 tax & tip included

- 2 Entrees
- 3 Sides
- Dessert will be provided



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- RSVP Linda Carifa ASAP—Time is running out!
- lands2@ameritech.net

May dinner meeting reservation

Choices – Vote for your favorites : choose 2 entrees &

3 sides/veggies & return choices with RSVP. The top choices will be served.

Entrees: Chicken Marsala, Roasted chicken breast, Roasted pork loin, or BBQ ribs

Sides & Veggies: Pasta Primavera, Grilled veggies, Baked potatoes, Steamed veggies, Roasted red potatoes, Tossed salad/ rolls, Cheesy hash potatoes, or Caesar Salad/ rolls

**What else:** There will be an educational offering:

*Innovative Use of Fetal Calf Tissue*

By Dan Flynn

*Purpose:* Continuing with the theme of diversity, present an alternative



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## Member Spotlight

**- Kimberly A. Dillon, RN, CNOR, BSN, RNFA**

Hello, this year our President, Juanakee Ceol asked me to do a membership spotlight each month, as membership chairperson. We chose you this month - Congratulations! Here is what we would like to know about you:

**WHO are you?** Cyndy Winters

**WHAT are you?**

I am a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a nurse, the OR Administrative Nurse Manager for Grant Surgery.

**WHEN do you work as a nurse?**

M – F 6:30 AM – I try really hard to leave by 9PM.

**WHY are you a nurse?**

I want to mother, fix, and solve

every problem! I feel personally satisfied if I have improved just one person's day, or outcome!

**WHERE do you work?**

Grant Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

**HOW about sharing a favorite springtime memory or tradition?**



My husband drives a street stock racecar at Columbus Motor Speedway. I participate on the race team in the Pits, as a Pit Crew Member. and as a spectator. I, of course feel compelled to time, and measure everything, and then report it statistically. It is a great family tradition to cheer from the Grandstands. Our grandchildren are the biggest fans!

**Street stock racecars**