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# Progress Notes

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Central Ohio AORN

## *EMBRACE THE FUTURE BY SUTURING THE GENERATION GAP*

Michael Burnett, RN, MSA, BSN President, AORN of Central Ohio

At the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual AORN Congress in Anaheim this year, President Banschbach announced the theme for 2008-2009 – “Embrace the Future”. She went on to say that influence, conviction, and creativity will be key strategies for perioperative nurses to employ as they embrace the future. President Banschbach also talked about investing in our organizations intellectual capital, having visionment, increasing membership, and emphasizing the team approach in the operating room.

Reflecting on the message of President Banschbach’s speech, I selected a theme for the 2008-2009 year that supports the national agenda. Our chapter will “*EMBRACE THE FUTURE BY SUTURING THE GENERATION GAP*” between nurses - understanding the differences by creating a culture of understanding and acceptance. The nursing shortage combined with an aging nursing workforce has created a need to recruit and retain nurses at both ends of the spectrum from new graduates to those nearing retirement. It will be crucial to teach these nurses how to work beside and appreciate the unique challenges facing their peers, who may be 40 years older or younger. Some of these differences include their educational background, program curriculum, nursing philosophy, family obligations, technological knowledge, organizational commitment, professional goals, and a balance between work, play, and home life.

How can our organization support the principles of influence, conviction, and creativity? The answer lies within all of us! Regarding influencing, I challenge each member to recruit at least one new member into the organization. The members are our greatest asset! We have got to spread the word and let our voices be heard! Our organization needs to increase our presence in the community. How are we marketing our self, the profession, and our organization?

As it relates to conviction, I encourage you to ask yourself? What is your passion? Are you passionate about nursing? Why you do what you do? Why did you go into nursing? What is the future of nursing and how can you make a positive impact?

Creativity means challenging customs and traditions to stimulate growth and innovation. Breaking down the “silos” by networking with people you may not know, especially those from a different generation. In the words of Mahatma Ghandi, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

It’s going to be a fun and exciting year with a potpourri of informative lectures, dynamic speakers, innovative topics, and wonderful door prizes. I look forward to serving the membership in my new role. Thanks for your support and I hope to see you at the monthly meeting, which is the second Tuesday from September through May for those of you who were not aware.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Burnett, RN, MSA, BSN



### ***Suturing the Gap***

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## Legislative Corner

Kay Ball, RN, MSA, CNOR, FAAN

### Meet the Candidates

#### An Invitation to All Nurses

Come join the fun at the “Meet the Candidates” session (candidates for the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate) sponsored by the MidOhio District Nurses Association. This great event is being held on **Tuesday, September 23, 2008**, at the **University Plaza Hotel** (3110 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43202, 614-267-7461). See the map to the right, locate the big red star.

The event is from **6PM to 9PM**. The first hour includes an informal social hour with refreshments for the participants. At 7PM the formal session begins with questions on issues for these candidates to answer and debate. Our own Joyce Cox, RN, MS, CNOR, CRNFA is the moderator of this event with Kay Ball, RN, PhD(c), CNOR, FAAN as the official timekeeper.

Learn how your candidate for office stands on issues of impor-

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tance to you, to nursing, and to healthcare in Ohio. This has always been a very informative and exciting event with standing room only. Come early and help make an informed decision about who you will support for the Ohio House and Senate in the November elections!!!



## Watch this Space—Meeting Minutes Coming Soon!

Maybe you missed a meeting... Maybe you missed two.... Maybe the cat fell out of a tree and you had to rush it to the vet to get its sprained paw wrapped....Maybe your child had a Soccer or Football game..... Maybe you were beat after saving lives all day.....

Whatever the reasons, we want to keep you up to date! Watch this space in the future. Cecilia Garrabrant is the Recording Secretary this year, and she is committed to keeping you in the know! Every month, after each meeting Cecilia will submit a column here to keep you informed. The meeting minutes will appear here in some form to keep you abreast of any changes or new things the Central Ohio AORN chapter discusses, decides upon, or makes happen.

We will include the business meeting minutes (that occur after each monthly meeting) in the newsletter, according to the Chapter Bi-laws. Knowledge is power, and we need you to help hold us together. Read here to catch up on anything you might have missed!



## Annual Central Ohio AGENDA

Presented by the Board of Directors 2008-09

Determined at the PROGRAMS MEETING  
Which was held on Wed. July 30, 2008

### Dates:

September 9, 2008	Is there a Nurse in the House? Location: Dublin Methodist Hosp Vendor: TBD Theme: Wear flag colors	Speakers: Jan Lanier, Gift/ freebies: Kay Ball
October 14, 2008	Dying, Death & Bereavement: a Message from a Mortician Speaker: Michael Shaw Vendor: TBD Theme: TBD	Location: St. Ann's Hospital Gifts/ freebies: Kay Ball
November 11, 2008	You've Come a Long Way, Little Nurse Location: Fairfield Med Center, Lancaster Oh. Vendor: Biogel, Heather Neihiser Theme: TBD	Speaker: Mary Rogers Gifts/freebies: Joyce Cox
December 9, 2008	Cardinal Health Christmas presentation	Silent (ticket) auction: Kay Ball
January 13, 2009	Speaker: SIS Vendor: TBD Theme: TBD	Location: St. Ann's Hospital Gifts/ freebies: TBD
February 10, 2009	e-Meeting / Webinar- Location: on-line Vendor: N/A	Speaker / subject : TBD Gifts/freebies: N/A

### February 21, 2009 Ohio Council meeting; mandatory for Congress Delegates

March 10, 2009	Intraoperative Radiation Therapy Location: Arthur James Hosp/ OSU Medical Center Vendor: Cecilia G Theme: TBD	Speaker: Sue Burke Gifts/ freebies: Cecilia G
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### Congress March 14-20, 2009

April 14, 2009	Future Trends in Surgical Smoke Location: St. Ann's Hospital Gifts/ freebies: Kim	Speaker: Kay Ball Vendor: TBD Theme: TBD
May 12, 2009	Year End Banquet Location: TBD Pending chapter feedback	Speaker: Fred Wills



### Other Announcements:

The member gift/freebies given out at every meeting will be of the same amount as last year- \$20.00; however, instead of a bunch of small gifts, one gift (or gift card) will be worth \$10.00 with 2 smaller gifts worth approximately \$5.00 each.

Donations to the AORN Foundation in the honor of the speaker & the vendor will continue. Contact Linda Carifa or Michael Burnett if you have a vendor who would like to donate/participate; or if you would like to be in charge of the gifts/prizes for one month.

\*Dates, times, topics, speakers, and locations subject to change. Refer to the latest newsletter for the most current data.

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### ***Nominating Committee is Looking Ahead***

**Chairperson - Mary Rogers RN**

Your 2008-09 Nominating Committee (Joyce Cox, Heather Nihiser & Mary Rogers, Chairperson) 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 one year, then becomes a Board of Directors member and non-voting Nominating Committee member one year. Observes and assists the President in preparation for assuming the duties and responsibilities of that office.

**Newsletter Secretary**—One year term. Provides membership with information regarding meeting dates and 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 chapter.

Consider all that YOU have to offer to our chapter. Join the chapter leaders for the coming year! See the website for a [Willingness to Serve](#) form, or contact anyone on the Board for one. It is actually painless to complete! Return a hard copy by hand, mail to any Board member, or e-mail to [mrogers@greenapple.com](mailto:mrogers@greenapple.com) (please be sure to include AORN in the subject line).

**WE NEED YOU!**