

Progress Notes

President's Message—

Suturing the Generation Gap through Technology

By the time you read this newsletter, another holiday season will have come and gone. As the clock strikes 12 midnight on January 1, many of you will toot horns, throw confetti, and ring in the New Year with happiness and hope for a bright and prosperous year. It's a celebration of Auld Lang Syne or "The Good Old Days". In order to accurately prepare for the future, we must acknowledge the past whether good, bad, or indifferent. The New Year is also a time to reassess our personal and professional goals; a time to take a personal inventory of our own strengths and weaknesses. Did you make any resolutions last year and how successful were you at achieving them? What went well for you? What are the opportunities for improvement? What would you have done differently?

The next two Chapter meetings will focus on suturing the generation gap through the advancement of technology. In January, we will learn how future technology will impact perioperative nursing by improving patient safety and enhancing the delivery of nursing care. The impact of information technology including computerized documentation and software design in the perioperative setting will be discussed.

In February, we will learn about the generational differences among the members of the surgical team with a primary focus on the perioperative nurse. I am pleased to announce that the meeting on Tuesday, February 10th will be conducted in a distance learning (Internet or web-based) format via audio-video conferencing. AORN Headquarters has agreed to set up the conference at no charge to trial the newly purchased web-based technology called Ready-Talk.

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 is 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.

Program content will include information on the four generations in the current workforce including their differences in values, work styles, communication preferences, loyalty, recognition/reward, authority/leadership, work/family balance, and technological expertise. Program objectives include the following: 1) Explore the impact of generational frustration and conflict in the operating room; 2) Describe the commonalities and differences between the Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Generation X, and Millennials; 3) Identify strategies to eliminate the generational differences; and 4) Improve interpersonal communication skills between perioperative nurses. Please refer to the "Getting Connected: How Audio-Video Conferencing Works" (Page 5) for registration information.

Some of the membership may ask why we decided to change the traditional format for the February meeting. First, the Program Committee wanted to take a proactive instead of a reactive approach to the fact that the last two meetings in February have been cancelled due to hazardous weather conditions. This is a huge dissatisfier and inconvenience for the Program Committee, speaker, and industry sponsor. Second, the program promotes adaptability and change in a time when our membership and meeting attendance is stagnant. Being offered in the distance learning format, it is likely that the program will capture a larger audience since the attendees can participate in the comfort of their own home. Third, application of the latest information technology illustrates the organization's commitment to bridge the generation gap by being adaptable and flexible to change. Ironically, information technology is one of the factors that often divide the generations, yet it will serve as the thread to help us suture the generation gap.

Coming back full circle to the topic of New Year resolutions, I encourage the membership to reflect on the lessons learned, to perform a self-appraisal, and to set reasonable goals for the future. As you're setting your agenda for 2009, please do not forget to leave space for AORN. As part of the membership, you are our greatest asset! Best wishes to you and your family for a safe, healthy, and happy New Year!

-President Michael Burnett,

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Special points of interest:

- SAVE THIS ISSUE! January's Issue contains a lot of information for February too.. So hold onto it.
- Cardinal Health comes through for AORN again. See Page 2
- Kay keeps us current on concerns for all nurses! Page 2
- Member Spotlight is on Bonnie, Page 6



Kay's Corner—Legislative Update

—Kay Ball, RN, PhD(c), CNOR, FAAN

Smoke-Free Ohio Threatened

As you know, the citizens of Ohio spoke loudly when the Tobacco-Free Ohio issue was voted (November 7, 2006) in so that there would be no smoking in any public place in Ohio. The proponents were thrilled that the health of Ohioans would be enhanced as smoking laws would minimize secondhand smoke in public places. But let's not celebrate too robustly today. There are some Ohio Senators that would like to rescind this law or parts of it. Senate Bill 346, introduced by Senator Robert Schuler-R, will exempt family-owned businesses and private clubs from this nonsmoking legislation.

In 2007, the opponents to the smokefree laws tried to challenge this legislation in court but were defeated. Now, opponents are at it again and they are trying to use the legislature to change what Ohioans have already voted for two years ago. So please contact your state senator TODAY and let him/her know to support the will of the voters and VOTE NO on SB346. To find your senators phone number, go to <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/senators/>. Type in your zip code and click on your senator's name. This issue will only go away if we all speak loudly enough to protect the health of Ohioans.

SB346 has been assigned to the Health, Human Services, and Aging Committee for further review. Early in December Senator Schuler gave sponsor testimony with nobody else offering testimony. Right now it appears that the bill might not go anywhere until after the first of the year – however, that could change at any moment though. If some of the forces decide to push the bill through quietly, then that could happen. The opponents will continue to watch

Read Kay Ball's monthly section to keep current on all of the legislative news that effects the nurses of Central Ohio!

closely for any movement of this bill.

And here's another surprise – On November 17, 2008, the Associated Press published an article entitled, "Reynolds



American to sell dissolvable tobacco." Reynolds American is the nation's second largest tobacco company. They have chosen Columbus, OH; Indianapolis, IN; and Portland,

Priorities for the 2007-08 year

OR, to introduce the latest smokeless tobacco products in mid to late January. These products are Camel brand dissolvable tobacco products that come in fresh and mellow flavors. Since smokers complain of fewer places to "light up," these dissolvable strips, orbs, and sticks made from finely milled tobacco don't require spitting or smoking. They simply melt away. These products will have a great appeal to children as they are flavored and are packaged like candy, thus easy to hide when going into a classroom. Camel is also a brand that has become very popular with underage smokers, so the status of carrying a Camel product will encourage children to participate in using this dissolvable tobacco product. Just beware and let the youngsters know not to be pulled into the spider web of Reynolds American.

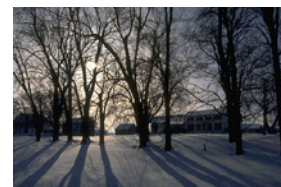
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Sponsor Thank You

Cardinal Health sponsored the Holiday/ December event once again this year. They provided a delicious dinner and multitude of desserts for us to enjoy. We want to take some space to thank them for their commitment to AORN.

Our meeting at the Cardinal Health International HQ building was a great way to end the year. We held our usual Auction to raise funds for AORN, and it was incredibly successful. Many people had fun and got to take home their winnings.

The beautiful quilt, created by Annette



Special Thanks to Cardinal Health for the Educational Offering too!

and Paula, was auctioned off to the winner for a very generous amount. Those proceeds were donated to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

Thank you all for the generosity and support into 2009!

January Event

AORN of Central Ohio

Presents

Future Technologies Effect on Perioperative Nursing

Speaker(s):

Kimberly J Svoboda, RN,BSN,CNOR, Clinical Product Specialist



January 13, 2009

7:00 PM

St. Ann's Hospital

Women's Pavilion

Room 171

500 Cleveland Ave.

Westerville, OH

1 Contact Hour Pending

Contact hours for this continuing nursing education activity have been applied for through the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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Contact Linda Carifa at lands2@ameritech.net or 740-965-9553 for more information.

AORN of Central Ohio

Presents

Suturing the Generation Gap: Eliminating Generational Frustration Among Perioperative Nurses

Speaker:

Michael K. Burnett, RN, BSN, MSA, CNOR

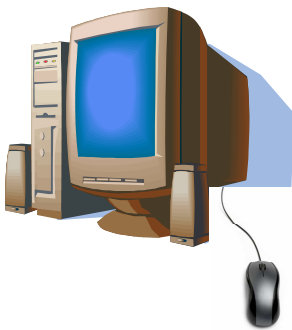
Nursing Faculty

Bohecker College – Columbus/RETS School of Nursing

OBJECTIVES:

1. Employ the use of information technology to stress the importance of this technology in health care.
2. Identify generational characteristics per four generation categories – Traditionalist, Baby Boomers, Generation X, and Millennials.
3. Describe generational influences on core values.
4. Identify strategies to reduce the frustrations of generational differences in the perioperative setting.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009 7:00-8:30PM



This web-based audio-visual conference is designed to allow members to participate from the comfort and convenience of their own home!

To register for the webinar, please contact Michael Burnett at MaleNurseCMH@aol.com or 614-203-6890 with email address **no later than Friday, January 23, 2009.**

See instructions on next page! - 1.5 Contact Hours Pending

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Chapter Meeting Minutes: Dec '08

Date: December 8th, 2008

Meeting Place: Cardinal Health

Meeting presided by Michael Burnett

Educational Offering: New Technology in Sponge Counting

Speaker: Margaret Meeker, AORN Past President.

1. Mark Mabry Delivered the welcome address representing Cardinal Health. He is the National Vice- President of Sales of Presource Cardinal Health.
2. Treasurer's Report Bonnie Young reported the following balances: Checking Account \$ 7,286.27
Cert. of Deposit \$ 2,193.80 Auction Donation \$ 350.00
She announced that all of the delegates to the last AORN Congress are officially the members of the Ways & Means Committee and are encouraged to actively participate in the fund raising campaign of our Chapter.
3. Auction Donations Items were provided by many members. Paula Blue & Annette Szarvienko made a quilt that was auctioned for \$275.00. This amount was voted by everyone present to be donated to the Columbus Food Bank by our Chapter.
4. Nominating Cmtee Chairman Mary Rogers announced that nominations are open for President-Elect, Newsletter Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Nominating Committee & Ohio Council Delegate.
5. Policies & Bylaws President-Elect Kim Dillon reported that the changes that were voted on in the November meeting were submitted to the National headquarters.
6. Donation to Charity Chairman Annette Szarvienko reported that she is still collecting donations of toiletries and money for the Westerville Area Reserve Ministries (WARM).

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

Get Connected: Instructions for the Webinar in Feb '09

How Audio-Video Conferencing Works

1. Members contact chapter President, Michael Burnett (MaleNurseCMH@aol.com) **no later than Friday, January 23**, with email address to receive registration and logon information if you plan to attend the web-based meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 from 7-8:30PM. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting on Tuesday, January 13. Registration is limited to 90 participants and will be on a "first come, first serve" basis.
2. Members will receive an electronic invitation, which will be sent to the email address provided, to register for the webinar and their logon information from AORN Headquarters.
3. Members logon to the webinar platform using a unique universal resource link (URL) and identification number that is provided when they register for the program. This will allow the members to view the instructor's desktop including the PowerPoint presentation.
4. At the same time, the members will call by phone with a pre-determined passcode to access the conference call. This will allow the presenter and audience to verbally converse while viewing the online presentation.
5. There is also an instant messaging tool that allows the student and guest speaker to interact privately during the presentation without the other students being able to see the dialogue.
6. Additional information will be communicated at the January meeting.





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Caregivers Coming Together



Member Spotlight

Who are you?

Bonnie Young

What is your Favorite Book?

I'm not much of a reader but I do read my favorite book, the Bible.

Are you a Dog or Cat person?

I'm definitely a cat person. My cat's name is Snickers. She thinks she is a dog, she greets everyone that comes to the door. She is very friendly.

If you had 15 minutes with the President of the USA what would you talk about?

If I had 15 minutes to talk to the President of the United States I would discuss taking care of the people here in the United States, especially their healthcare.

If money was no object, where would you like to vacation?

I would like to see ALL of the United States, especially Alaska and Hawaii.

Suturing the Generation Gap is the theme this year.

- Kim Dillon RN, BSN, CNOR, RNFA



Each month we will feature a different member of Central Ohio AORN. Look here in future issues.

What do you do to suture the gap?

I retired from the OSU Medical Center with 31 years in 2008. My contribution to suturing the generation gap is that my 21 year old daughter is going to the same nursing school that I went to 38 years ago. She will graduate in June of this year. She wants to work in the OR but as a CRNA.