



President's Message

Colleagues,

The September meeting was held at the Westerville Campus of Ohio Health. Thank you to Pam Jordan, RN, Director of Nursing for allowing us to hold our meeting and tour the state of the art facility.

We had 35 members and visitors plus vendors. Thank you to Cheryl Clark, RN and Mike Loftus of Care-Fusion, for providing delicious *City Barbeque* for dinner. It was great to see familiar faces and good friends. It was fabulous to see so many new faces. Here's a thought, if everyone who came to the September meeting brought a friend to the October meeting we would have 70 nurses at the meeting!

This year AORN of Central Ohio will be focusing on staff and patient safety.

The October meeting will be held at the Worthington Police Department. Unfortunately, gang activity is alive and well in central Ohio. My hope is that this program will provide members with insight of how to deal with gang activity both inside and outside of the hospital.



Fall is here!

Safety First,

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President, Central Ohio

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Unfair and Untrue Commercials: Trying to Convince the Public

Right now we're being exposed to a lot of commercials that are trying to convince us one way or another about issues and candidates. For example, Ohio will be facing the issue of whether to permit gambling in Ohio. The proposed sites for the casinos in Ohio are Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati and Columbus. The one in Columbus would be located next to Nationwide Arena. Many of the area businesses aren't thrilled about this potential addition to their neighborhood. Some of them have said that "Casinos suck money out of the local economy." But others have said that it will create "a good buzz around" this area. The commercials have debated the loss or gain of jobs, but both sides have been equally represented.

On the other hand, a www.Moveon.org commercial funded by billionaire George Soros has presented a very negative view of Congressman Pat Tiberi. They state he's been caught "red-handed" receiving money from health care and insurance companies. This is NOT a true statement! In reality, these monies were campaign donations (not to him person-



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ally) that came from individuals (like nurses and doctors) and from Political Action Committees (PACs). These monies were donated by people who support Congressman Tiberi's campaign and his leadership in helping to guide our nation. So please stay informed so you can quickly identify a commercial that is totally biased and wrong. Speak out against these malicious and very unprofessional attacks as you discuss them with your healthcare colleagues, friends and family.

I was privileged to be invited (as a nurse) to participate in a roundtable discussion last month conducted at the Congressman's office. Other participants included physicians, hospital administrators, insurance representatives, and others who have differing opinions about the focus on reforming our dysfunctional healthcare system.

The Congressman is an active listener to those involved with the debate, especially our patients. He has had a very open mind and has agreed that we need healthcare reform NOW that is fair and reasonable. He understands that the nursing community wants to move forward with a bill with a strong public option so that all Americans have the choice to access quality, affordable healthcare. He is very interested in what his constituents have to say including personal experiences and problems with the current healthcare system.

As a nurse, please feel free to contact Congressman Tiberi's campaign office at 614-895-0900 or other federal officials as we unite to discuss, debate, and then move our healthcare system into positive actions to benefit all.

AORN of Central Ohio

Presents

Gang Activities: Safety & Awareness for the Perioperative Nurse

Speakers:

Officer Shawn Dysert
Officer Stephen Mette



Tuesday

October 13, 2009 7:00 PM



**Worthington Police Department
6555 Worthington Galena Rd
Worthington, OH**

1.2 Contact Hours Pending

This activity has been submitted to the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc. for approval to award contact hours. The Association of periOperative Registered nurses, Inc. is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Activities that are approved by AORN are recognized as continuing education for registered nurses. This recognition does not imply that AORN or the ANCC Commission on Accreditation approves or endorses any product included in the presentation.

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

Print this page and hang it at work. Invite your co-workers to this exciting event.

Other Notices.....and Thank you's

AORN of Central Ohio raising 1,000 food items for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. We started September 1, 2009 with 4 cans of vegetables and as of 9/14/09 are up to 30 food items.

Members interested in being a delegate for the 2010 Congress in Denver can put in their willingness to serve forms beginning at the October meeting.

Thank you to Jeanne LaFountain, RN for volunteering to be the Membership Committee Chairperson

Thank you to Annette Svagerko RN for volunteering to help with the food drive

Thank you to the members who signed up to be on committees, there is still plenty of opportunity for sign up.

SAVE the DATE: we are having a workshop April 24, 2010. More details to follow.

Thank you very much for your valuable time and effort, Kimberly Dillon

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Caregivers Coming Together



Fundraising Items

Girls' Night Out at AORN

Patti Maietta has invited you to participate in a
Silpada Designs Catalog Show at AORN of Central OH
Tuesday November 10, 2009

You will love this fabulous collection which features almost 500 pieces of unique, handcrafted .925 sterling silver jewelry from around the world. All the materials used in our jewelry, belts and watches are Genuine, and of the best quality and workmanship.

For your convenience View the entire catalog at:
www.mysilpada.com/patricia.maietta

Then contact Patti Maietta, Independent Sales Rep to place an order.

Place orders now through November 10

Check, MC/Visa and cash happily accepted.

Payment is due at time of order.

Call or email Patti With your order: 614.648.3533,
pamaietta@hotmail.com

Also, this year we are selling t-shirts that say
AORN of Central Ohio.

The shirts are teal and come in Adult and
children's sizes, at a cost of \$12 paid upon
ordering .

Contact Kim Dillon for more information.

