

Progress Notes – Central Ohio AORN Chapter 3603 – March 2009

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President's Message

Michael Burnett, RN, MSA, BSN, CNOR

AORN Congress is right around the corner. At the national level, Congress signals the closure of another year; a passing of the gavel so to speak. For AORN of Central Ohio, this national metamorphosis triggers us to prepare for the changing of the guards at the local level. The Vice President, Linda Carifa, has been working diligently to organize a wonderful banquet. Further updates will be provided at the March meeting.

The February webinar was a success for those who were able to attend. Twenty-two members attended the 90-minute continuing education offering. The topic, suturing the generation gap among perioperative nurses, was well received by the attendees. As the presenter, I received overwhelming support from the participants, who requested that I present the idea to the Board of Directors for consideration for next year.

Legislative Corner

Kay Ball, RN, PhD(c), CNOR, FAAN

When the Music Stops, Grab a Seat!

Now that new and old members of the Ohio House and Senate are settling down a bit, the work must begin. First at hand was the assignment of members to committees. The Committees in the Ohio House that have the most impact on nurses are two Health Committees and the powerful Finance and Appropriations Committee. The Central Ohio members have been highlighted.

House Health Committee:

Chair - Barbara Boyd (D-Cleveland)

Vice Chair - John Carney (D-Columbus)

Edna Brown (D-Toledo)

Robert Hagan (D-Youngstown)

Tom Letson (D-Warren)

Deborah Newcomb (D-Conneaut)

Debbie Phillips (D-Athens)

Stephen Slesnick (D-Canton)

Roland Winburn (D-Dayton)

Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights)

Ranking Minority Member - Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napolean)

Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville)

David Burke (R-Marysville)

Courtney Combs (R-Hamilton)

Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green)

Bruce Goodwin (R-Defiance)

Matt Huffman (R-Lima)

Robert Mecklenborg (R-Cincinnati)

Scott Oeslager (R-N. Canton)

House Healthcare Access & Affordability Committee:

Chair - Loraine Fende (D-Willowick)

Vice Chair - Nancy Garland (D-Columbus)

Linda Bolon (D-Palestine)

Marian Harris (D-Columbus)

Mike Moran (D-Hudson)

Ranking Minority Member - Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania)

David Burke (R-Marysville)

Bob Hackett (R-London)

Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering)

Ross McGregor (R-Springfield)

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Matt Patton (D-Strongsville)
Brian Williams (D-Akron)

Todd Snitchler (R-Uniontown)

House Finance & Appropriations

Chair - Vernon Sykes (D-Akron)
Vice Chair - Linda Bolon (D-East Palmetto)
Barbara Boyd (D-Cleveland)
Edna Brown (D-Toledo)
John Carney (D-Columbus)
Ted Celeste (D-Columbus)
Kathleen Chandler (D-Kent)
Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati)
Steve Dyer (D-Akron)
Lorraine Fende (R-Willowick)
Jennifer Garrison (D-Marietta)
Jay Goyal (D-Mansfield)
Clayton Luckie (D-Dayton)
Mike Skindell (D-Lakewood)
Stephen Slesnick (D-Canton)
Peter Ujvagi (D-Toledo)
Tyrone Yates (D-Cincinnati)

Ranking Minority member - Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster)
David Burke (D-Marysville)
Matt Dolan (R-Novelty)
Clyde Evans (R-Rio Grande)
Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green)
Bruce Goodwin (R-Defiance)
Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City)
David Hall (R-Killbuck)
Ron Maag (R-Lebanon)
Jeff McClain (R-Upper Sandusky)
Ross McGregor (R-Springfield)
Robert Mecklenborg (R-Green Twp)
Seth Morgan (R-Huber heights)
Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania)

On the Senate side, the Senate Health Committee and the Senate Finance Committee will continue to impact nurses throughout Ohio. Here are the members of those committees. The central Ohio members have been highlighted.

Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee

Chair - Kevin Coughlin (R-Cuyahoga Falls)
Vice Chair - Karen Gillmor (R-Tiffin)
Stephen Buehrer (R-Delta)
David Goodman (R-Columbus)
Kirk Schuring (R-Canton)
Jimmy Stewart (R-Albany)

Ranking Minority Member - Sue Morano RN (D-Lorain)
Ray Miller (D-Columbus)
Shirley Smith (D-Cleveland)

Senate Finance & Financial Institutions Committee

Chair - John Carey (R-Wellston)
Vice Chair - Mark Wagoner (R-Ottawa Hills)
Gary Cates (R-West Chester)
Keith Faber (R-Celina)
Tom Neihaus (R-New Richmond)
Tom Patton (R-Strongsville)
Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati)
Jimmy Stewart (R-Albany)
Chris Widner (R-Springfield)

Ranking Minority Member - Dale Miller (D-Cleveland)
Ray Miller (D-Columbus)
Shirely Smith (D-Cleveland)
Jason Wilson (D-Columbiana)

Become aware of these members because they are the ones who will hear our concerns and ideas when bills are introduced. Don't ever be afraid to contact any of the House or Senate members to voice your opinions on healthcare issues.

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Central Ohio AORN is proud to announce member Joyce Cox won
"Outstanding Achievement in Public Policy Advocacy"
and will be receiving her award at Congress 2009 in 2 weeks.

Congratulations Joyce!

Joyce is also the featured member this month, so read on to learn more about her.....

Membership Spotlight

Kimberly A. Dillon R.N. , Membership Chairman

Name: Joyce Cox

Where you practice your perioperative nursing? Fairfield Medical Center and office of Dr. Steven Cox

What is your favorite book? For better or worse, I am a "here and now" person and enjoy interacting with live people rather than reading about them in books. The books I really enjoy are self-help and inspirational "feel good" books.

Are you a dog or cat person? Although I have a cat and two dogs, I prefer dogs. I grew up having as many as 16 cats and 16 dogs at the same time. My current dog, Cocoa, a Pomeranian is the love of my life and brings me purpose.

If you had 15 minutes with the President of the United States of America, what would you talk about? Healthcare Reform: Cost-effective, evidence-based, healthcare for all.

If money was no object, where would you like to vacation? Japan, the land of my wonderful, deceased mother.

Michael's theme for this year is "Suturing the Generation Gap". What do you do to suture the generation gap? Suturing the generation gap is an on-going task for each of us. I work with other generations utilizing their resources (such as EMR, text messaging, i-chats, webinars, emails, etc) in enhancing communication. I work closely with Generation X'ers in community activities and encourage them to get involved with not just nursing organizations, but other worthwhile events.

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Monthly Event Flyer – print out and bring to work. Invite your co-workers to join.

AORN of Central Ohio presents...

RADIONATION THERAPY: Glowing in the OR

Speaker: Sue Burke RN, BSN, CNOR

Date: March 10, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM Refreshments
7:00 PM Program

Location: Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital & Richard
J. Solove Research Institute
300 West 10th Av - Room 518

Parking: 12th Avenue or Hospitals Garages

Goal: To increase the knowledge of perioperative nurses on intraoperative radiation therapy.

Planners and presenters do not have any conflicts of interest related to this topic/program.

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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