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### President's Message

Fellow Colleagues:

I am honored at this time to begin my term as President of Central Ohio's AORN. I have always considered myself an advocate for both nursing and patients. My theme for my Presidency reflects our national AORN president, Patrick Voight's theme. This mission returns to the AORN mission "... promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures by providing practice support and professional development opportunities to perioperative nurses ..."

This is a crucial time in healthcare. We, as perioperative nurses need to encompass the following 3 things: Patient and staff safety, quality of patient care and collaboration with those across the table- whether it be an operating room table or

a boardroom table. This can be accomplished by assessing what needs to be done to make sure that people in our communities have access to quality healthcare at an affordable cost, planning the changes that need to be made, implementing that plan and evaluating how the plan is achieving our goal.

I plan to focus on patient and staff safety through contact hour offerings at meetings. I want to encourage our membership to become more involved at the grassroots level to ensure that our patients receive the quality of care they deserve. This can be achieved by helping to get the RN Circulator Bill passed, collaboration with legislators; hospital administrators and other health policy makers. The perioperative nurse can bring a unique perspective in the world of much needed healthcare reform.

I am excited and energized to begin this new role. Please join me to make Central Ohio AORN the GREAT chapter I know it can be.

Safety First,  
Kimberly A. Dillon, RN,  
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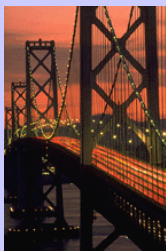


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### Committee Membership Opportunities

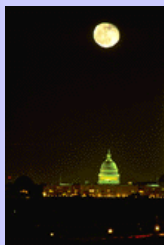
Bylaws Committee: Joyce Cox, chairperson  
Legislative Committee: Kay Ball, chairperson  
Membership Committee: Chairperson needed  
Nominating Committee: Chairperson needed  
Program Committee: Linda Carifa, chairperson  
Ways and Means Committee: Bonnie Young, chairperson  
Workshop Committee: Chairperson and Co-chairperson needed

**\*\*Any member can be a committee member. Committee membership is a great way to be involved with the chapter and builds leadership skills\*\***



**Public Health Care? Check out the Leg Corner!**

**“Currently 2.4 trillion dollars are being spent every year on healthcare.”**



**Dr. Ball in 'da house!**

## Legislative Corner

Kay Ball, RN, PhD, CNOR, FAAN

# Healthcare Reform: Are You Ready?

On Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, I attended an invitational round table discussion of healthcare reform issues for Ohioans. I was honored to represent the MidOhio District Nurses Association and AORN of Central Ohio. Other invited guests included representatives from the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Health, Ohio Association of Health Underwriters, Abbott Labs, Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Northwestern Mutual, Ohio Pharmacists Association, AARP, Ohio State Medical Association, and a few others.

In preparation for this meeting, I contacted the Ohio Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association to make sure I was representing the nursing community with what we want in a reformed healthcare environment. Here are some talking points from the American Nurses Association:

- *ANA remains committed to the principle health care is a basic human right and that all persons are entitled to ready access to affordable, quality health care services.*
- *ANA supports a restructured health care system that ensures universal access to a standard package of essential health care services for all individuals and families. A health care system that is patient-centered, comprehensive, accessible, and delivers quality care for all is something that should not be a partisan or political issue.*

As nurses, we have seen first-hand the high prices and escalating costs of healthcare today. Currently 2.4 trillion dollars are being spent every year on healthcare. Changes in our healthcare system will ultimately lead to significant healthcare savings while, hopefully, improving the quality of care received.

ANA strongly supports a public health insurance plan option that assures patient choice is a reality and not an empty promise. This type of plan would make healthcare affordable as it would generate needed positive competition in the insurance market while encouraging patient-centered, value-driven healthcare delivery.

The vital role of the nurse in a transformed healthcare system must be fully recognized. The importance of Advanced Practice Nurses to deliver primary care and to authorize Nurse Practitioners to lead Medical Homes' must be identified. Commendations are given to the House and Senate for passing bills that bolster the nursing profession – particularly in the Title VII Nursing Workforce Development Programs. Recognition also goes to Congress for addressing other issues for nurses including support for Nurse Practitioners to lead the Medical Home Model, creation of a Public Health Investment Fund to provide a more stable baselines of funding for Title VIII through 2019, updating advanced education nursing grants and nurse loan repayment and scholarship programs, and the recognition of Nurse Managed Health Centers that provide efficient, sensible, and cost-effective primary healthcare.

We have a long way to go to reach a consensus on healthcare reform but at least nursing now is playing a vital role in the debate on what our healthcare transformation will look like. We, as nurses, must continue to monitor closely these changes to protect the future of the next generation.

## Congratulations

**!!! Congratulations to Kay Ball who graduated in May from the Virginia Commonwealth University after successfully defending her PhD dissertation.  
Way to go Dr. Ball !!!**

**September Meeting**

**AORN of Central Ohio**

*Presents*

Using Evidence Based Practice  
to

Impact Hospital Acquired Infections

Speaker: Dr. Allen Morrison, Jr., MD, MSc, FACP, FIDSA, Epidemiologist

**September 8, 2009**

Polaris Surgery Center  
300 Polaris Parkway  
Westerville, Ohio 43082

Facility tours 5:30 & 5:45 PM  
Presentation 7:00 PM  
Refreshments provided by CareFusion

1.2 Contact Hours Pending



**Ohio Council Meeting Schedule**

**OH Council of periOperative RNs**  
**Saturday September 12, 2009 12N-3:30PM**

**Hunan House Gourmet Chinese**

**2350 E Dublin Granville Rd**  
**Columbus, OH 43229**

**(614) 895-3330**

**NOTE: RESTAURANT DOES NOT OPEN THE FRONT DOOR UNTIL 12 NOON**

The meetings are attended by periOperative Nurses from every Ohio AORN chapter. The meetings are normally held centrally in Columbus and the locations are being rotated.

The meetings are quarterly and start at 12 noon Saturdays:

December 12, 2009—Location TBD, Holiday Gathering

February 20, 2010—Location TBD, Pre-Congress/OH Council

June 12, 2010—Location TBD, Election 2010-2012 Chair & Sec

Each Month's  
Event Flyer will  
be featured on  
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it out and hang  
it where you  
work.

**This Might Interest You.....**

**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, hand-crafted .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.*

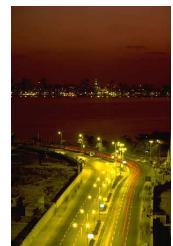
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### **Caregivers Coming Together**



### **Meeting Minutes: May 2009**

From: Mary Rogers, Recording Secretary  
Subject: AORN Chapter 3603 Meeting Minutes  
Date: May 12, 2009

The Annual Banquet was held at La Scala Italian Restaurant, Dublin, Ohio. 18 members and 3 guests attended. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Italian cuisine.

The guest speaker was Fred Wills, Director of Diversity and Inclusion from Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. He used a Power Point presentation to discuss disparities in the healthcare system. He identified concepts of inclusion in healthcare. He reviewed the role of diversity and inclusion in the pediatric healthcare setting. He identified generational factors relating to diversity and inclusion and how these differences impact the healthcare system for workers and patients. He emphasized that awareness of these differences impact consumer confidence, a facilities' market share and employee retention.

Joyce Cox, Education and Scholarship Committee Chair awarded two Certified Nurse Operating Room scholarships. Michael Burnett is a new CNOR and Mary Rogers renewed her certification.

President Michael Burnett thanked the board and committee volunteers that have worked with him over the past year. He thanked the members with fragrant candles. Board of Directors—Kay Ball, Joyce Cox and Pat Dobie—were given blue candles representing truth and wisdom. Vice president Linda Carifa was applauded for the educational offerings with green signifying creation and growth. Treasurer Bonnie Young received a white candle for truthfulness and honesty. An Orange candle for loyalty was presented to President Elect Kim Dillon. Cecelia Garr Brandt, Recording Secretary was not in attendance. Heather Nihiser, Newsletter Secretary and Mary Rogers, Nominating Committee Chair were also thanked. Michael announced that Mary Rogers will fill the Recording Secretary seat vacated by Cecelia Garrabrandt and Becky Burton will serve one year on the BOD to Linda Carifa and Kim Dillon presented Michael with a gift card and floral arrangement in a New Age glass vase. Erick was thanked for his past work on the Newsletter formatting and Erick has agreed to work with the Newsletter Secretary for another year. THANK YOU, ERICK!!

Michael concluded the ceremony with the induction of Kim Dillon as 2009-2010 AORN Central Ohio Chapter 3603 President.

Kim Dillon outlined her vision for the coming year. Her theme reflects the National theme of Safety in the OR. She also will emphasize Grass-roots involvement and hospital policies. Kim stated that she would conduct her first BOD meeting on June 9, 2009.

With no further business, Becky Burton moved to adjourn, seconded by Kay Ball.