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## President's Message



### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE** 2007-2008

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather, graduations, family gatherings, cookouts and especially our profession of Perioperative Nursing! We have had a very busy and productive year for the Richmond Area Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses. Our chapter met every month from September to May. We gained knowledge from our speakers and much needed contact hours. Our business meetings kept our committee's on track and served as a communication tool. A special thank you to our webmaster Sue Cheatham for creating and maintaining our new web address:

[www.richmondaorn.org](http://www.richmondaorn.org) . I encourage each of you to "surf the web" share this information with your colleagues. Together we can continue to "grow our chapter"!

Our ways and means committee and the membership successfully carried on our tradition of the "All Star Gala".

We recognized the Dean of Nursing of Virginia Commonwealth University Nancy Langston as our Richard B. Caspari Award Recipient. In March we were able to send six delegates and one alternate to Anaheim California to vote and participate at the National AORN Congress. We donated \$1,000.00 to the AORN Foundation Owen's and Minor Scholarship and also met the chapter challenge and donated one dollar for each member of our chapter to the Foundation. If you are considering obtaining your BSN, Master's or PhD then please submit an application for monetary support from the AORN Foundation.

The recipient of this year's Mary C. Evans Award was our past President Tami Zobel. Congratulations! I hope that each of our members have taken the time to register as a "grassroots" member with National AORN. Our "sister state" West Virginia was able to pass the RN Circulator for every patient into law! We too can accomplish this goal. We must know our individual legislator's and communicate that we care about the **safety** of our patients. Plan to attend the Virginia Council of PeriOperative Nurses meeting on **September 20, 2008** at INOVA Alexandria Hospital. With rising cost of everything a decision has been made to

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support and carry out a “golf tournament” instead of our annual gala. Our ways and means committee needs everyone’s energy, contacts, and participation. The date is September 23, 2008 and the location is the Richmond Country Club. Go online to our website and see what YOU can do to “make it HAPPEN”! Finally I want to thank our membership for the wonderful support given to me this past year. We are seeing new faces and they continue to come back! If you have idea’s to help our chapter flourish or things that could be improved please feel free to contact any officer, board member or even go online and zap us an email. Your voice will be heard! Enjoy the rest of your summer and bring a friend to the September 15, 2008 chapter meeting!

Bonnie P. Vencill, RN, CNOR



## President’s Message 2008-2009

Embrace the future with Influence, Conviction and Creativity is the theme of Congress 2009. We all possess the ability to apply each of these attributes to our organization and daily lives. The question is will each of us have the motivation and commitment to accomplish greater tasks as a cohesive group.

Even the smallest accomplishment has a great value, because it promotes a positive influence. Once we begin to create value, we move forward creating even more value to our organization and goals. The best thing about success is that it provides greater opportunities to grow, expand and influence others in our initiatives.

The point is do whatever you can to support your organization. Even if you start small you will be moving in a positive direction. There is always something you can do, contribute an idea,

support a cause or join a committee to influence others.

Your ability to accomplish does not fade but will become more powerful. We all have the conviction to make a difference in the lives of our patients and families by providing and promoting high standards of care in the perioperative field.

Create a little bit of success and you will experience how great it feels to achieve goals. There is no limit to what we can accomplish if we can embrace the future with our influence, conviction and creativity.

I look forward to serving as President of the Richmond Chapter and would like to encourage the members to share their ideas and thoughts with the Officers and Board Members throughout the year.

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