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President's Message

"Share Your Passion, Illuminate Our Profession"

The quote above is our National AORN President (Mary Jo W. Steiert) theme this year. As your President I also believe we can share our passion for perioperative nursing and safe patient care, while igniting the light for others to follow in our footsteps. Together we can accomplish so much! I hope each member had a wonderful summer and is ready to rekindle the flame of friendship and collegiality.

Donna Winderweedle (President Elect), Sue Wilson (Chair of VCORN), Faye Hughes and I were able to attend the Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado from July 20-22, 2007. We listened to dynamic, motivational speakers and networked with AORN staff and other members from all across the country. It was awesome to see our chapter's picture at the Awards Table as the 2007 recipient of the Chapter of the Year Award! Our chapter and Merit Medical donated a very generous contribution to the AORN Foundation earmarked for scholarships. Over sixteen thousand dollars was donated to the Foundation at the Leadership venue alone.

"Many hands make light work!" A Committee sign up sheet will circulate at our September meeting. This is your chance to work with fellow members in small groups and build relationships! New ideas, reaching out of the box and working together we can accomplish much. You can and do make a difference to our chapter, our patients and our community.

Legislatively our chapter continues to work collaboratively with AORN Government Affairs, VNA and our lobbyist Leslie Herdegen. Joining AORN "grassroots" can be achieved online via www.aorn.org or calling 800-755-2676 via Government Affairs department. Each and every patient deserves a periOperative Registered Nurse. Do you have a personal story as the Registered Nurse caring for your patient who made an impact on care and/or safety? We must quantify our belief with real data. My new email address is cnor1@comcast.net and I would love to hear from each and every member of our chapter. Please come to the 3rd Legislative Reception Sept.20, 2007 @ Owens & Minor at 6:30pm and bring a friend!

Share your passion of perioperative nursing with others and together we'll light up our profession!

Bonnie P. Vencill, RN, CNOR
President Richmond Area AORN



Monthly Chapter Meetings 2007-2008

Refreshments 6:00 pm
Business Meeting 6:30 pm
Program 7:00 pm

September 17, 2007

“Caring Theory”

Pam Hash, RN

St. Mary’s Hospital

December 3, 2007

Holiday Celebration

Board of Directors

Lisa Baltimore’s Home

April 21, 2008

TBA

May 19, 2008

Dinner Meeting &

Installation of Officers

October 15, 2007

“Mentor Like Batman”

Beth Neese, RN

St. Mary’s Hospital

January 21, 2008

TBA

February 18, 2008

TBA

November 19, 2007

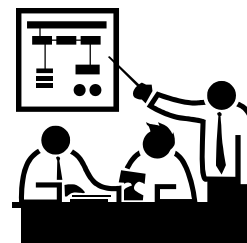
“Can You Hear Me?”

Ginger Grant

St. Mary’s Hospital

March, 17, 2008

TBA



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee would like to welcome everyone back from our short summer break. We look forward to seeing you real soon. The Nominating Committee would like to encourage you to participate in our monthly chapter meetings and be active on committees.

We will be seeking to fill the following positions for our chapter in April 2008:

President Elect

Vice President

Secretary

Board of Directors (3)

Nominating Committee (2)

In order to be eligible you must attend at least 5 meetings: must be active and involved in chapter affairs and must be an active member of a current standing /or special committee.

Please come join us!

Sharon Vaughan Co- chair

Sue Wilson Co-chair

Jean Watling

Board of Directors Meetings 2006-2007

All members are invited to attend Board meetings.

August 13, 2007 6:30pm
Board of Directors Meeting
Rm 159 SMH

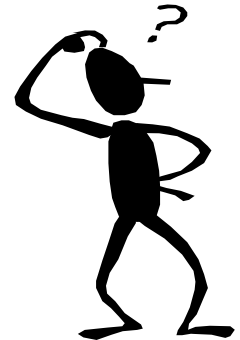
September 13, 2007 6:30pm
Board of Director Meeting
Rm 163 SMH

November 8, 2007 6:30pm
Board of Director Meeting
Rm 159 SMH



DID YOU KNOW

Your AORN Chapter offers:
Scholarship money to fund educational opportunities outside of AORN Congress?
Financial Loan to take the Certification Exam?
Assistance with dues?
Monthly educational sessions with approved contact hours?
Opportunities to network with nurses from other facilities?
Opportunities to be involved in the organization?
A website with current info about the chapter and applications



Richmond Area AORN Website

I need to know any information to be displayed on our website, like upcoming community, professional, hospital events/programs. The website currently includes forms, newsletters, a picture album, and chapter contact information. Would members like anything else to be included on our site? Please let me know. Richmond AORN Website: www.aornrichmondva.homestead.com

Sue Cheatham

Upcoming Schedule of Events

September 20, 2007

Legislative Reception

Owens & Minor Medical Supply



September 22, 2007

Fall Workshop/VCORN Meeting

“ Women’s Health Issues”

Bon Secours Memorial School of Nursing

November 11-17, 2007

Perioperative Nurse’s Week

November 16, 2007

Fall Summit

LCVN (Legislative Coalition of Virginia Nurses)/VPN (Virginia Partnership for Nursing)

February 23, 2008

Spring Workshop/VCORN Meeting

“ Minimally Invasive Surgery”

St. Mary’s Hospital Auditorium

March 30– April 3, 2008

AORN Congress

Anaheim, CA



Newsletter Requests



The next newsletter will be sent out in December. Please have all information, reports and breaking news typed and submitted to Bonnie Garretson, threeblacklabs3@verizon.net or Lisa Baltimore, baltol@aol.com no later than December 10, 2007



ALL STAR GALA UPDATE

The Gala Committee has met several times to plan for the upcoming "ALL STAR GALA " to be held November 3, 2007 at the Richmond Sheraton West. The evening will begin with an auction, awards ceremony, dinner, and dancing to the music of "Docs of Rock". Proceeds from the Gala will help provide funding for educational opportunities for our members, the AORN Foundation, and nursing education. The committee requests that all members solicit donations for the silent auction

The Caspari Award for 2007 has been awarded to Dr. Nancy Langston, Dean of VCU School of Nursing.

Gala chair for this year is Pam Wheadon—pjw-rn-cnor@earthlink.net

Please visit the Gala website at www.richmondaorn.com for more information.

Bylaw Changes

The following changes are being brought to the membership for approval at the October meeting. Written copies will be available at the September meeting.

Article III

Membership and Dues

Section C. Retired

3. May not serve as a delegate of Chapter 4702 to the AORN House of Delegates.

Article V

Nominating Committee-Nominations Eligibility-Elections Terms-Vacancies-Removal

Section 3. Eligibility

- A. To be eligible for elective office as a member of the Board of Directors or as a member of the Nominating Committee, a nominee must currently provide ~~or have previously provided~~ perioperative nursing care that address(ed) the needs of patients preoperatively, intraoperatively, and postoperatively.
- F. A retired Perioperative RN is ineligible to hold office.

Article IX

Delegates

Section 1. Eligibility

- B. A retired Perioperative RN is ineligible to serve as a chapter delegate of 4702.

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