



Sharp Lines

President's Message

Embrace the Future with Influence, Conviction, and Creativity was the theme of Congress 2009. I feel this past year our Chapter has certainly influenced others by encouraging and inviting our peers to join AORN, attend chapter meetings, and participate on committees. This is reflective in the increase of the membership to 239. A large number of student nurses also attended our meetings this year. Their enthusiasm for the profession of nursing is truly inspiring.

Our creativity was seen in the innovative way the chapter raised funds for nursing education. The Ways and Means Committee did an outstanding job on our golf tournament. Smaller fund raising events also aided our ability to donate funds to the AORN Foundation for nursing scholarships.

We continued to support the Richard B. Caspari Award that was presented to Dr. Rick Meyers in October at VCU Medical Center. The symbolic crystal number 1 will carry on to serve as a reminder of a lifetime of achievement in the orthopaedic field from the nurses who have had the pleasure to know and work with him.

Legislative initiatives were also a priority this past year. As a chapter, we supported the legislative efforts and have

increased the chapter's grassroots members by 25. We added a legislative page to our website to promote awareness concerning the RN Circulator legislation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for making this past year such an enriching experience. It has allowed me to see the chapter and AORN through a different perspective, increasing my knowledge and skills in the perioperative and leadership arenas. The accomplishments this year would not have been possible without the membership, committee chairs, Board of Directors and chapter officers. I truly cannot thank you enough for the time, efforts, and support you have given me during the year.

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. No limits exist to what we can accomplish if we embrace the future with our influence, conviction, and creativity. I wish you all a wonderful summer and encourage you to check the Chapter website often for fundraising activities over the summer. I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings in the fall and know you will support Lisa as she steps forward as President.

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"I've learned you always find time to do the things you really want to do."

From *Live and Learn and Pass It On*

Upcoming Chapter Meeting Dates

May 11, 2009 6:00 PM
Dinner and Installation of Officers
Bottega Bistro

September 21, 2009 6:00 PM
Evolution of Treatment for
Rhinosinusitis
SMH Auditorium

October 19, 2009 6:00 PM
Maintaining Normothermia
SMH Room 163

November 16, 2009 6:00 PM
TBD
SMH Auditorium

December 2009
Holiday Celebration
TBD

January 18, 2010
TBD

February 15, 2010
TBD

March 22, 2010
TBD

April 19, 2010
TBD

May 17, 2010
TBD

Newsletter and Website Info

Check out the Richmond AORN website for the latest newsletters, chapter activities, fund raising events, award nominations, and more. Go to www.richmondaorn.org Information for future newsletters can be sent to Debbie Martin at dlmar10@aol.com

Awards Committee

Please take time to identify and submit nominations for the Mary C. Evans Award. This award recognized individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Richmond AORN Chapter. Nominations are due to Faye Hughes by June 1, 2009. For guidance, contact Faye at 804-730-1553 or hughesfo@aol.com

Nominations are also due for the Richard B. Caspari Award by June 1, 2009. These nominations go to Ruth Vaiden. Once identified, an appropriate venue will be planned. For more information, contact Ruth at 804-515-1724 or RVa1044315@aol.com

Board of Director Meetings

June 8, 2009	SMH	Room 159 @ 6:30 PM
August 10, 2009	SMH	Room 156 @ 6:30 PM
September 14, 2009	SMH	Room 159 @ 6:30 PM
November 9, 2009	SMH	Room 156 @ 6:30 PM
January 11, 2010	TBD	
March 8, 2010	TBD	
May 10, 2010	TBD	



Ways and Means

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:30pm in the 7th floor Ambulatory Surgery lounge at St. Mary's Hospital. Please make every effort to attend. Planning is underway for a golf tournament on October 6, 2009 at Richmond Country Club. We will need lots of participation to make the event happen.

The next activity will be a Richmond AORN Benefit Week at Fuddrucker's, 8205 West Broad St., 5 - 9 pm each day. Inclusive dates: May 18 - 23. Diners must present the flyer to the server to attach to your receipt for us to get credit. The flyer may be downloaded from the Chapter

website. Think about giving a flyer to everyone you know!!!

Please consider contributing your Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificate to the Chapter. Organizations must have \$1000 in certificates to be eligible for the donation. Last year we earned \$185 from the Ukrop's Golden Gifts Program.

Continue to think about fundraising activities that we can participate in for the coming year. With the AdvaMed laws changing dramatically in July 2009, our medical partners will be affected as to how they may sponsor our fundraising activities. Any and all ideas will be welcomed and considered.



Additional Educational Activities

June 5 - 6, 2009 - Perioperative Magnet Preparation Conference, Chicago, IL

July 17 - 19, 2009 - AORN Leadership Conference, Denver, CO

October 24, 2009 - Workshop and VCORN Meeting – Health Issues and Aging, Richmond, VA

September 11 - 12, 2009 - Informatics Conference, Denver, CO

October 29 - November 1, 2009 - Fall Specialty Conference, Orlando, FL

March 13 - 18, 2010 - AORN Congress, Denver, CO



Every patient deserves a perioperative nurse.

Reminders:

- Visit the Chapter website for the latest updates to chapter activities. Go to www.richmondaorn.org
- Submit **Delegate Point Sheets** and documentation to Tamie Zobel. They must be post marked no later than June 1, 2009. Point Sheets may be found on the Chapter website.
- Please support chapter fundraisers. These activities allow the chapter to assist in funding delegates to AORN Congress as well as fund the Owens and Minor Scholarship that was set up by Richmond AORN.
- Consider earmarking your tax-deductible AORN Foundation contributions to be applied to the Owens and Minor Scholarship.
- Interested in applying for an AORN Educational Scholarship? Go to www.aornfoundation.org
- Chapter bylaws and policies are now on the Chapter website.

Legislative Updates

This year our Chapter's main focus was to increase membership in national AORN grassroots legislative initiative. Thanks to all members who joined and continue to encourage others. Activities included:

- The State of Virginia was recognized by National AORN with a grant of \$250.00 to VCORN for our increase in grassroots membership. We were one of the top five states with the most grassroots members.
- We still have other chapters in VA that need to participate. The first chapter to send in the completed forms with more than 85% participation in grassroots membership will win a monetary prize from VCORN.
- AORN has also provided an opportunity for grassroots members to educate our state and federal legislators and to help the public understand the role of the perioperative registered nurse and our singular focus on the patient. The link provides a model letter that can be emailed to the newspaper in your area.
- A networking meeting took place with Steve

Balog, Ruth Vaiden, and Bonnie Vencill at the VNA office with Shirley Gibson on April 30, 2009. Initial steps were taken to develop a strong relationship with VNA and other organizations that can help support our legislative causes.

Bonnie Vencill had the opportunity to attend the Nurse In Washington Internship (NIWI) from March 29-31, 2009. Three primary issues that will benefit all patients were the focus:

1. Supporting \$215 million for the Nursing Workforce and Development programs at the Health Resources and Services Administration in Fiscal Year 2010 funding.
2. Provide additional FY 2010 resources to the National Institute of Nursing Research.
3. Show support for nurses by placing statements in the Congressional Record about the importance of the nursing profession to the health care system.

See additional details on the Chapter website.

Become a **Grassroots** member today!

2009 Congress delegate reports may be viewed on the Chapter website.

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