President’s Message

The New Year is a great time to sit back and reflect on the past year. It’s a good time for us to evaluate the goals we have set for our chapter and determine how we’re doing. We have really been making strides toward reaching our goals. Our first three meetings saw a great attendance at the chapter meetings. We have seen a significant increase in our membership. We have to give Texas Children’s Hospital a big hooray for their part in increasing our membership. They have taken advantage of the AORN facility package program.

We have had a very successful Perioperative Nurses Week. We received proclamations from the cities of Houston, Pearland, Baytown, Missouri City, and Sugar Land. Our chapter had a billboard with our slogan of “Patient Safety First! One Registered Nurse for each Surgical Patient”. Scurlock OR in The Methodist Hospital allowed our chapter to host a student project there. It was attended by junior high students and was a great success. There were many other activities hosted by area hospitals to celebrate the week.

We have begun our charitable projects as well. AORN and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority hosted the Dessert with Doctors Event. This was very successful. Approximately 75 people attended. We had presentations by Project Cure and have had some members attend the orientation to volunteer for this organization. We were very proud to have Ann Prather represent our organization as a “Woman of Excellence” in the Federation of Houston Professional Women’. Our delegates, Joanne Oliver, Edna Ashy, and new delegate Debbie Belgard have also very well represented us.

As far as communication goes, we have done a great job. We have had great newsletters and have a website that we can be very proud of. Our website can be accessed through the national AORN website.

Please continue to keep up the good work as we move through the rest of the chapter. I look forward to working with each of you.

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Communication/Newsletter
As of September 2006 the Newsletter will be available only via email and on the website: www.aorn-greaterhouston.org
If there are any members who absolutely do not have access or prefer a mailed copy, please contact: Beverley Anderson, P.O. Box 31633, Houston, TX 77231-1633, Phone: 713-441-5687.

Information for the chapter newsletter is due the Friday after each chapter meeting. In months in which not meeting is held, the information is due the Friday after the second Wednesday. Please email your information to drlam97@sbcglobal.net

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Committee Reports

NOMINATING

Delegates/Alternate Delegates to Congress

If you are planning to attend Congress in Orlando next year, please consider serving as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate. See the “Willingness to Serve” form is in this Newsletter or on the Website. And submit to any member of the Nominating Committee.

Report

Next year’s Board vacancies are: President-elect, Secretary, Board of Directors (2) and Nominating Committee (2)

The Nominating Committee will be soliciting volunteers to fill those offices. It’s not too soon to be thinking of running for office. Each month the Newsletter will feature the offices to be filled and will have a brief description of the responsibilities.

Federation of Houston Professional Women

Delegates to the FHPW: Applications are being accepted from any member wishing to serve as Chapter Delegate to the FHPW. Deadline for submission is the November Chapter meeting. Please send all applications (Scholarship, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, FHPW) to: Beverley Anderson, P.O. Box 31633, Houston, TX 77231-1633

Thank You

Thanks to Michael Martin and Charlie McGuire (IMS) for providing refreshments and CE at the November meeting.
TCORN Seminar Scheduled for 
January 27-28, 2007, 
North Austin Medical Center, Austin, Texas

By Joanne Oliver and Trish Rodriguez

This is your chance to meet with your State and National Leaders and look at the future of perioperative nursing!

"Protect the Future: Our Patients, Our Practice, Ourselves"

Program includes:

- Paula Graling, President AORN
- Patrick Voight, Board, AORN
- Beverly Kirchner, Board, AORN
- Mary Jo Steiert, President Elect, AORN
- Kathy Bunker, Texas Emergency Rescue Service
- Jim Willmann, Legal Counsel, TNA
- Kathy Thomas, Executive Director, BNE
- Marsha Jones, Lobbyist
- Beverly Kirchner, Board, AORN
- Mary Lynne Weemering, AORN North Harris Montgomery County
- Nathalie Walker, Chair National Legislative Committee

Please make your reservations to attend this dynamic session!
Go to http://www.aorn.net/home.asp?site=texas
For direct links to more information including registration

Program
10.0 Contact Hours

Saturday, January 27
Registration & Exhibits 7:00 – Program 8:15

Creating the Vision: Promoting Our Practice, Protecting Our Patient, Preserving our Future
Paula Graling, President, AORN

2007 and Beyond: Will Our Profession, Hospital, and Patients Survive?
Patrick Voight, Board Member, AORN

The Silent Scream: Violence in the Healthcare Workplace
Beverly Kirchner, Board Member, AORN

Ethics in Perioperative Practice: Protecting the Patient, Protecting the Practitioner
Mary Jo Steiert, President Elect, AORN

Protecting Those in Need: Rescue Nursing
Kathy Bunker, Rescue Nurse

Legislative Forum: Protecting Perioperative Nursing Practice
Jim Willmann, Legal Counsel, TNA
Kathy Thomas, Executive Director, BNE
Marsha Jones, Lobbyist

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Sunday, January 28
Program 8:00

China: New Horizons for Perioperative Practice
Beverly Kirchner, Board Member, AORN

Who’s Got the Clot: Protection from DVTs and Pulmonary Embolism
Mary Lynne Weemering, AORN of North Harris County

Professionalism: Raising the Personal Bar
Nathalie Walker, past Board Member, AORN
AORN Greater Houston Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2006

Called to Order at 1731

Welcome:
President Becky Chalupa welcomed everyone and thanked IMS for providing refreshments and this evening’s Program.

Establishment of Quorum: Yes

Minutes:
Read, Corrected, and Approved by a reading committee.

Public Awareness:
Geraldyn Patterson reported
• OR Nurses Week will be November 12-18
• “We are There for Safe Care” will be the theme this year
• Billboard will be at 290 and Fairbanks from 6:30 am Nov 12 to 6:30 am Nov 13
• Sponsored by Hunter Cameron, Stryker Libinger
• We have received the proclamation from Baytown
• We will receive the proclamations from Houston, Bellaire, Pasadena, Sugar Land, Baytown, Pearland, and Missouri City on Monday at St. Luke’s with Becky Chalupa
• Student Day Open House will be on November 18, 2006
• Limited to 25 Students
• The Committee needs volunteers as well as supplies
• Dessert with the Doctors was at Ben Taub on October 21, 2006, great Success!! 90 participants, thanks to Ben Taub and the AKA Sorority
• November 18, 2006 will be an Open House at Methodist Hospital Scurlock Tower

Treasurer:
Karen White reported:
• Business Checking $19,264.94
• Investment account $23,631.79
• Proposed Budget for 2007 presented
• Fiscal year runs from January through December
• Voted on and passed by membership present

Communication:
Laurie Mitchell reported:
• Deadline for the next Newsletter is November 10, 2006
• You can e-mail to aomghn@yahoo.com
• Newsletter is on line at aorn-greaterhouston.org
• Alternate email address for submissions is drlam97@sbcglobal.net
• Please update your e-mail addresses, we have had several returned
• No newsletter for December. Next one in January

Legislative Committee:
Joan Oliver reported:
• Texas Congress goes into session January 9, 2007
• NLAC and TNA are closely watching the BNE Sunset Review process
• National Board meets on November 9-11, 2006
• Texas peer review process is being considered for deletion (TPAPN) and having the Nurses report directly to the BNE.
• Details are in the Newsletter
• BNE is set for the Sunset Review on Nov 14, 15, 2006
• A Lobbyist will be allowed this year, however no funding provided, may request donations from AORN members
• 12 Members of NLAC will be meeting with the Association of Surgical Technologists on December 2 to discuss Certification versus Licensure.
• Review statements on AST.org/texas
• E-Mail comments to Joanne Oliver or Trish Rodriguez (E-mails in Newsletter)

Membership:
Candace Scheresky reported
• 506 members, Quorum established this evening.

Education:
Trish Rodriguez reported:
• Seminar on January 28, 2007 “Protection of Nurse and Nursing Practice”
• Will be held at the Hotel Za Za (Formerly the Warwick Hotel
• Nominees this year are:
  • Dr. Richard Stasney - Methodist
  • Dr. Harold Miller - Ben Taub
  • Dr. Glenn Landon - St. Luke’s
  • Anesthesiologist is Dr. Alex Rosas - Methodist

Federation Houston Professional Women:
Edna Ashy reported
• Federation Houston Professional Women is comprised of 52 different women’s groups
• Next meeting is on January 22, 2007
• Need Volunteers for nominations for representatives for 2007
• Edna Ashy
• Joanne Oliver
• Debra Belliguard
• Paula Barber

Student Project:
No report this Month

TCORN:
Joanne Oliver reported:
• Seminar on January 28, 2007 “Protection of Nurse and Nursing Practice”

Research:
Yvonne Damico assumed Chairmanship and reported
• Will develop a Journal Club
• To meet before each AORN Chapter meeting
• To promote evidence based practice

Policies and Procedures:
No report this month

Old Business:
None this month

New Business:
None this Month

Adjourned at 1810
THE AORN OF GREATER HOUSTON PRESENTS THE

Triple Star Gala

Saturday, January 20, 2007
HOTEL ZAZA (formerly the Warwick Hotel)

Featuring the Presentation of the

2007 DISTINGUISHED SURGEON/ANESTHESIOLOGIST AWARDS

HONOREES:
DR. GLENN LANDON • DR. HAROLD MILLER
DR. RICHARD STASNEY

DISTINGUISHED ANESTHESIOLOGIST:
DR. ALEX ROSAS

FOR TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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AORN of GREATER HOUSTON

Scholarship Application
AORN Members

Please complete and submit with supporting documents to Chapter President.

Name: ______________________________________________ Application Date: ____________

Street Address: ______________________________________ Home Phone: _____________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________ ____ Work Phone: ______________

Current Employer: ____________________________________

☐ Full Time ☐ Part time

List experience related to scholarship for which you are applying in the space at the bottom of form, or attach additional sheet.

To be completed for ACADEMIC TUITION Reimbursement

Present Education/Certification (Certification, degrees, etc.):

Education / Degree sought: __________________________________________________________

College/University Planning to Attend: ______________________________________________

Course Title: _________________________________________ Hours / Credits ______________

Estimated Expenses: ____________________________ Start Date ______________

_________________________________________________________________________________

To be completed for SEMINAR / CONFERENCE Reimbursement

Title: ____________________________________ Date of Seminar: ________________________

Registration Cost: __________________________ Other Expenses: _______________________

Organization sponsoring the seminar: ________________________________________________

Note: Copy of the seminar flyer identifying date, fee, and objectives/content must be attached for reimbursement to be considered.

Please list below your personal objectives for attending the seminar:

Submit completed application with supporting documents to:
Beverley Anderson, P.O. Box 31633, Houston, TX  77231-1633
AORN of GREATER HOUSTON

Scholarship Application
Nursing Students

Name: ___________________________________________ Application Date: __________
Street Address: ___________________________________ Daytime Phone: ____________
City, State, Zip: ___________________________________ Work Phone: ____________
School of Nursing: ________________________________ ☐ Full Time ☐ Part time

Program Type: ☐ Masters ☐ Assoc. Degree ☐ Other ________________________________
Type of Degree Sought: ________________________________
Current GPA: _____ Semesters Completed: _____ Projected Graduation Date: ________

Estimated expenses for the semester:

If Currently Employed, Complete the Following Section

Current employer: __________________________________________
Job Status: ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Hours/month
Job Title/Duties:

Additional Documentation Needed

1. Copy of previous semester grades.
2. Copy of registration for the current semester.
3. Personal statement expressing association with or interest in Perioperative Nursing.

Mail completed application and all required documentation to:

Beverley Anderson, Chairman, Education Committee
P.O. Box 31633
Houston, Texas 77231-1633

Form 206B
AORN of GREATER HOUSTON

Willingness-to-Serve as a Chapter Official

Name: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Phone: (Home) ____________________  (Work) ____________________  (Fax) ____________________

Work Position/Title: __________________________________________

Institution: __________________________________________

Member:  AORN of Greater Houston  _____ years  Other AORN Chapters  _____ years

Number of Meetings attended:  ____ Last year (Sept. - June)  ____ This year (Sept. - March)

Houston Chapter activity: (Officer, committee chair/member, delegate/alt. delegate to Congress or FHPW, etc.)

Chapter/committee accomplishment(s) of which I am particularly proud is:

Chapter activity in other Chapters:

___________________________________________________________________________________________

I have maintained continuous active membership in AORN for the past two years and I am willing to serve in the office of:

☐ President-Elect  ☐ Secretary  ☐ Board of Directors
☐ Vice President  ☐ Treasurer  ☐ Nominating Committee

My motivation for seeking this office and strengths/qualifications I bring include:

If elected, I will fulfill all requirements of the job description as well as maintain continuous active membership throughout the duration of my term of office.

_____________________________________________________ ___________________
Signature Date
AORN Delegates / Alternate Delegates
Congress 2007 • Orlando, Florida

Please select three (3). Indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd Choices

Delegate / Alternate Delegate
(Three to be elected)

Maria Arcilla [ ]
Cheri Ackert-Burr [ ]
Pat Hercules [ ]
Geralyn Patterson [ ]
Thelma Vilela [ ]

Submit your absentee ballot to:
Beverley Anderson, P.O. Box 31633, Houston, TX  77231-1633

Deadline for submission is January 5, 2007
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

January 2007 Meeting - Wednesday, January 10
Business Meeting: 5:30p-6:30p * CEU Presentation: 6:30p-7:30 p

January 20: Triple Star Gala at Hotel ZaZa

January 27-28: TCORN Seminar; Austin, Texas

Call AORN Customer Service at 800-755-2676, ext. 1 or www.aorn.org


If your hospital is planning an event or upcoming seminar, please e-mail us at: aornghnl@yahoo.com, Subject: Calendar

AORN of Greater Houston to Benefit from Randalls Good Neighbor Program

Thanks to all members and friends who have designated AORN of Greater Houston as their preferred recipient with the Randalls Good Neighbor Program.

For those who are not familiar with the program, Randalls donates a percentage of participant’s total grocery purchases to the Chapter. It’s easy to set up! On your next visit to Randalls, present your Remarkable card and ask the cashier to activate the AORN of Greater Houston Account, Number 5703, with your card before your groceries are scanned. That’s it!

You won’t need to give the account number on future visits, and the Chapter will continue to receive a percentage of your purchases as a donation from Randalls until you say otherwise. If you do not already have a Randalls Remarkable card, applications are available in each Randalls store. Be a part of this remarkable way to support your Chapter and save $$$ while shopping.
Wednesday, January 10, 2007
Business Meeting: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
CEU Presentation: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Kelsey-Seybold Administration Building
(feeder road on I-610 South, turn right on Lakes at 610, behind Joe’s Crab Shack entrance, in back, near flag poles)


Contact hours for this continuing education activity have been applied for through The American Nurse Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.