PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Reflections on the Upcoming Congress and Next Year’s Chapter

Dear Colleagues,

February is a short month that always feels longer because of the colder weather and snow. Think bright and sunny thoughts about our upcoming Congress in San Diego the first week of March 2-7!

We have submitted a foundation donation (a large all-leather, cream embossed Coach tote bag and a leather embossed, butter-colored wristlet) from the combined Massachusetts chapters of AORN, along with the state council. Consider serving as a delegate for our chapter while at Congress! And don't stop there... consider taking on a more active role within our chapter leadership by reaching out to a member of the nominating committee for information.

Very soon, we as leaders of Massachusetts Chapter 1 will be thinking about next year. We will be looking to discuss topics for our continuing education calendar. If you have ideas of something you’d like to see presented, please email me.

We also are still planning the combined AST, AORN, and IAHCSMM meeting. We have met to look for sites that would accommodate people from all areas of Massachusetts and the surrounding areas; more to come once the details become finalized.

I am still hoping to have some donations for fundraising for our Spring Workshop or our banquet; please email me if you would like to donate something for a fund raiser. As always, thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our profession of Perioperative Nursing! Stay warm…

Respectfully submitted: Kelly Kollar, MS, RN, CNOR, Massachusetts Chapter 1 President

Next Newsletter Deadline March 12

The next chapter newsletter will be published in April, with copy due by March 12. Please e-mail your copy to Kim Wheeler at Kimberly.k.wheeler@lahey.org.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pediatric Specialty Assembly to Collect Pillowcases

At the 2013 AORN Congress being held in San Diego, the Pediatric Specialty Assembly will once again be collecting pillowcases to donate to a local hospital in San Diego. Here’s some background information on this initiative that was taken from the organization’s website, www.conkercancer.org:

“In 2002, Ryan Kerr was diagnosed with a rare childhood cancer. The founder, Cindy Kerr, began making pillowcases to brighten up his hospital room and to put a smile on his face. He loved it and she began making pillowcases for other children with cancer at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

“In 2008, Ryan lost his very brave battle with cancer but the pillowcase project -- now a not-for-profit called ConKerr Cancer–A Case for Smiles -- has grown in amazing ways. In just two years, Cindy and thousands of volunteers have provided nearly 35,000 pillowcases to sick children in hospitals across North America and in South Africa. School groups, sewing circles, church groups and fabric stores have all pitched in and are making pillowcases for the kids.”

The pillowcase pattern can be found on the ConKerr Cancer website, www.conkercancer.org.

This community project is open to the entire AORN membership. AORN members can contribute by either making a pillowcase or by purchasing a pillowcase suitable for a child. AORN members attending Congress can bring their pillowcase and drop them off in a designated location at Congress that is yet to be identified.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

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AORN Massachusetts Chapter 1
CE Calendar 2013

March 16, 2013, Saturday
(Snow Date: March 23)
Time: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Registration 7:30 AM

Spring Workshop on Integrated Health Practices
Julie Rutkowski, RN, MS – Feng Shui
Marilyn Moonan, RN, BSN, CPN, CCTN, CCAP - Reiki
Cynthia Graziano, RN, CPN – Guided Imagery
Yoly Harmuth, RN, BSN, CCAP – Aroma Therapy
Jane Murphy, RN, MS, PNP-BC, CPHQ – Spirituality

Place: 2 Pond Park, Hingham
Contact Hour 5.0 (pending approval)
Fee TBD

Cootie Party date and location have changed since the original calendar was released. It will be held on Tuesday, April 23, in the Courtyard Conference Room at New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH). RSVP to Theresa Jasset attjasset@partners.org or phone 617-525-7936 by Friday, April 19. A light dinner, treats and prizes will be available, as well as contact hours (pending approval). Topic to be determined (TBD).

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Respectfully Submitted
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CEC UPDATES

February 12 Meeting -- The February 12th chapter meeting was previously considered as a web-based meeting, but instead will be a live meeting in the Potter Conference Room at NEBH. The meeting is from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the education program will follow from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Education will be on Sterile Processing Department (SPD) Updates, presented by Mark Duro; 1 contact hour (pending approval) will be offered. (The Board of Directors will consider potential approaches to a web-based platform for meetings and education for next year).

Spring Workshop -- The Spring Workshop on Integrated Health Practices is on Saturday, March 16, at 2 Pond Park in Hingham (same location as the Fall Workshop). Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with education starting at 8 a.m. The registration form will be available soon on the Chapter 1 web site with an e-mail notification to be sent. 5 contact hours (pending approval) will be offered.

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