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President's Message

Hello and welcome to the 2019-2020 year for our Richmond AORN Chapter! I am excited to serve as your President and look forward to working with all of you to make this a successful year for our chapter. Our National AORN Theme is 20/20 Vision - Creating our Future. Here are some hot topics for our upcoming year.

*We have great educational presentations planned for our new year, including a visit from Kerilyn Vox, from AORN National Headquarters. We will also have a world renown author and speaker, Ann Hamric who will have a presentation on Moral Distress in today's world. These ladies will be at our October meeting so please plan to attend and bring your friends!

* As you will remember we trialed a new meeting time for our monthly chapter meetings for the last year. We would like to revisit and vote on possibly returning to our original time for meetings which is Check in - 6:15-6:30, business meeting 6:30-7:00 and educational program from 7:00-8:00. Please come in September so you can vote!

*We are exploring new fundraising ideas for our chapter such as RMC events, which would include local events such as football games, and concerts.

*Please remember our annual golf tournament is September 19, 2019 at Hunting Hawk Golf Course. We need golfers and sponsors.

*Please sign up for committees at our September meeting, we would love to have some new faces and ideas for our new year.

I look forward to seeing and working with everyone and will see you at our September Meeting.

Cathy Sweeney





Board of Director Meetings

All Board of Directors Meetings are held at the Reinhardt House and begin at 6:00 p.m. Dates for the upcoming 2019 meetings are:

September 9, 2019

November 11, 2019

Chapter Meetings for 2019

Venue: Henrico Doctors Hospital Forest
1602 Skipwith Road
Williamsburg Room (first floor)

September 16

Bleeding Management in Surgery

Presenter: Clinton Davis

Times: 5:45-6:00 p.m. Sign-in; 6:00-6:30 p.m. Business meeting;
6:30-7:30 p.m. Educational Offering

October 21

A Visit from a National AORN Representative

TIME: may change depending on September Chapter meeting vote

November 18

Topic TBD

Presenter: Dr. Bladergroen

TIME: may change depending on September Chapter meeting vote

December

Christmas Dinner

TBD

Chapter and Board of Director meetings are open to the public. You do not have to be a member to attend. Feel free to join us and bring a friend.



Caring Notes

AORN Richmond Chapter would like to express care and concern for members who are ill, have had surgery, or have a death in the family. If anyone is aware of a member who needs a caring note, with the permission of the concerned person, please contact Debbie Bartol at bartol.debbie@gmail.com.



Awards Committee Report

The awards committee met in August to review the nomination packets for the Mary C Evans Award that will be presented in the fall. We thank all the members who nominated someone for this award.



Education Committee Report

AORN Chapter Meetings:

9-16 Bleeding Management in Surgery
1 contact hour, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Educational Offering

10-21 A Visit from A National AORN Representative

11-18 Dr. Bladergroen

12-? Christmas Dinner

Next meeting will be immediately before the board meeting in September.



Legislative Committee Report

The VNA and VCNP are hosting the annual Central Virginia Nurses Legislative Reception on Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 5:30pm to 8pm. Local legislators and candidates for office will be available to take questions and exchange ideas on the future of healthcare in Virginia with nurses and nursing students. The location is: Bistro 27, 27 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220. Convenient parking is available in the pay lot directly behind Bistro 27 at Adams & Grace Street. Bring your parking receipt to your server and Bistro 27 will reimburse your \$5 or \$7 parking fee with a credit to your check. All Virginia nurses are invited, but registration is preferred. You may register online at www.virginiannurses.com.



Legislative Committee Report (continued)



The VNA is sponsoring the 2019 Legislative Summit at the historic John Marshall Ballrooms on November 12, 2019. Attendees will learn how to be a powerful advocated for nursing and for the health of all Virginias. Critical issues facing nursing and healthcare will be examined and the statewide impact of the results of the November 5th election will be discussed. The costs are: VNA Members \$99; Nonmembers \$125; Students \$59; and Retired Nurses \$79. Participants that attend the entire program will receive 5.25 contact hours. Registration is online at www.virginianurses.com.

The current AORN Policy Agenda can be found at <https://www.aorn.org/government-affairs/policy-agenda>. If you are interested in getting involved legislatively, AORN has a monthly National Legislative Forum conference call on the third Monday of every month that is recorded. AORN's Government Affairs Team: Amy Hader, JD, General Council and Director of Government Affairs and Jennifer Pennock, MS, Senior Manager, Government Affairs. Contact information: Phone: (303) 755-6304, ext. 246; Fax: (303) 755-4219; and Email: grassroots@aorn.org.

Marketing Committee Report

Donation Drives

We're collecting school supplies for William Fox Elementary School. See the flyer with the list of school supplies at the end of the newsletter on page 8. Donations are due at the Sept. 16 chapter meeting.

We will be packing shoeboxes for Operating Christmas Child, which is part of Samaritan's Purse. We will collect items at the October and November chapter meetings and have a packing party on Thursday November 21 from 5-7pm at the Reinhart Guest House. Shoeboxes will also be handed out at the September chapter meeting if people would prefer to fill their own boxes. Participants will choose a boy/girl and pick an age range, 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, and 10-14 years old. The full list of gift suggestions can be found on their website: [How to Pack a Shoebox](#)

Here are some examples:

- A Wow item, doll, musical instrument, soccer ball with inflatable pump
- Personal care items, soap, hairbrush, toothbrush, wash cloth, blanket
- Clothing/Accessories, shirt, pants, underwear, shoes, socks, bracelets, hair bows
- Crafts, crayons, markers, paper, coloring books, markers, picture books, stickers, playdough
- Toys, jump rope, ball, slinky, finger puppets, Etch a Sketch
- A Personal Note

Please consider including \$9 to cover the cost of shipping and you will receive a label to track the destination of your shoebox package.



Marketing Committee Report (continued)

Volunteer Activities

Monday September 23 Serve Dinner at the Reinhart Guest House, 5:30-7pm, 8 volunteer spots available
<https://reinharthouse.org/>

Saturday October 26 & Sunday October 27 Help at the Celtic Festival, which supports the Cullather Brain Tumor Quality of Life Center, volunteer opportunities in the morning and afternoon/early evening
<https://vacelticfestival.com/>

Thursday January 30, 2020 Serve Dinner at the Reinhart Guest House, 5:30-7pm, 8 volunteer spots available

The next Marketing Committee meeting will be on October 21 at 5:30pm before the chapter meeting at Henrico Doctors Hospital in the Williamsburg Room, 1602 Skipwith Road.

Please contact Jessica Ooms with any questions or if you have donations to drop off, 240-538-1833.



Membership Report

September 2019	
Member Type	Number
Standard	203
3-year Member	24
2-year Member	21
Group Member Level 2	8
Retired Member	15
Lifetime Member	13
Associate Member	7
Group Member Level 4	5
Student Member	9
Leader Member	4
Total	309



Newsletter Committee Report

The Committee will produce three newsletters this coming chapter year; Fall, Winter and Spring. Anyone wishing to provide possible newsletter content please contact Gloria at 4gloriajtaylor@gmail.com.





Nominating Committee Report

At the September meeting we will have an informational sheet about what each of the office requirements are. By doing this the members will have time to think about a part of the leadership of this chapter.



Policy and Bylaws Committee Report

The Chapter is seeking a new chair for this committee. If you are interested, contact Cathy Sweeney.



Research Committee Report

The committee is looking for members. We would like to start working on a project. If anyone is interested in being a part of this committee please signup.

Ways and Means Committee Report

The Golf Tournament is September 19th at Hunting Hawk Golf Course. We still need volunteers to help at the tournament, all day or half the day. If you have any donations or prizes, we can use, please get them in as soon as possible. We are also asking each member to donate \$5 to help with expenses.

We are also looking for other ideas for fund raising.

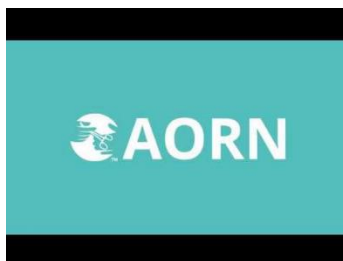
Please consider joining the committee, or submit any ideas you may have.

The next meeting is September 9th at 4:30 at Toast on Patterson and Three Chopt.



First Ever Membership and Committee Drive

We were excited to host our first ever Membership and Committee Drive on August 19, 2019. The site was Chickahominy Falls, in Glen Allen. *James River Winery* provided a wine tasting event as well! It was great to see some new faces as well as current members. A fun time was had by all!




Upcoming Educational Opportunity

9th Annual
**2019 Perioperative
Nursing Conference**

Saturday, September 21, 2019
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

The Westin Richmond Hotel
6631 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23230

QUESTIONS
Contact VCU Health Continuing Medical Education | cmefinfo@vcuhealth.org | 804.828.3640

School Supply Drive for William Fox Elementary School



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils (#2 - Sharpened) • Markers (Thin - Crayola) • Crayons (Crayola) • Erasers (Toppers) • Erasers (Big Pink) • Scissors (For kids) • Pencil Sharpener (Manual) • Tape Roll • Index Cards (White - 3x5) • Composition Books (B&W Marble) • Dividers - For Binders (5 tabs with pockets) • Ruler • Markers - Sharpies (all sizes and colors) • Glue Sticks • Pocket Folders (Plastic with fasteners) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markers - Expo (Dry Erase) • Highlighters • Composition Books • Binders • Notebook Paper • Pocket Folders • Calculators • Head Phones • Colored Copy Paper • Clorox/Lysol Wipes • Ziplock Bags • Tissue Boxes • Electric Pencil Sharpeners • Hand Soap Bottles • Hand Sanitizer Bottles • Paper Towels |
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Please help us support a local school in need. Bring school supplies or a monetary donation to the Richmond AORN chapter meeting on September 16th. Contact Jessica Ooms with any questions, 240-538-1833.

