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## President's Message

Greetings to Everyone! I wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season. Please take time to spend with your loved ones to laugh, share stories and make memories. I hope to see you at our Christmas Party on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The party will be held at 10447 Woodside Farms Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059. This will be at the barn in Chickahominy Falls Neighborhood. This dinner is provided by our Board of Directors. Come enjoy good food and fellowship!

I look forward to 2020 in our chapter. We have great things going on in our chapter including the addition of our new Facebook page and trialing a teleconference to enable members to attend meetings remotely. More to come in the new year.

Also, remember anyone who renews their AORN membership before December 15, 2019 will be entered into a raffle for two \$50 Amazon gift cards.

Thank you!  
Cathy Sweeney



Volunteering at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival





## 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 2020 meetings are:

January 13, 2020

March 9, 2020

May 11, 2020

## Chapter Meetings for 2020

Venue: Henrico Doctors Hospital Forest  
1602 Skipwith Road  
Williamsburg/Jamestown Rooms (first floor)

Business Meetings are from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Educational Programs:

### January 20

*Topic TBD*

Presenter: Shay Kidd

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

### February 17

*Topic Lupus and a Wives Tale*

Presenter: Jennifer Camacho

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

### March 16

Recruitment and Retention Event TBD

### April 20

*Topic TBD*

Presenter: Shay Kidd

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

### May

Installation of Officers 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](mailto:bartol.debbie@gmail.com).



## Ad Hoc Committee Report

We are very excited about our new Facebook page and live teleconferencing possibilities for our chapter. The teleconferencing application was tested at the November Chapter meeting and shows great promise. There are some logistics to be worked out in the near future. Stay tuned...

Be sure to search for our Facebook page, **Richmond Chapter AORN**, if you are on Facebook.



## Awards Committee Report

We are proud to announce the Mary C Evan's Scholarship Award Recipient for 2019-2020 is Carla Beattie RN, CNOR. This award has a special meaning because she was nominated from her perioperative peers who recognized her for her dedication and leadership. Thank you, Carla for your continued support of AORN and our Chapter. We are proud of all your accomplishments and congratulate you on this outstanding award.



## Education Committee Report

AORN Chapter Meetings:

December: Chapter Christmas Dinner

January: Shay Kidd TBD

February: Jennifer Camacho - Lupus and a Wives Tale

March: Recruitment and Retention Event

April: Shay Kidd TBD

May: Installation of Officers



## Legislative Committee Report

The Central Virginia Nurses Legislative Reception was held on Thursday, October 3, 2019. Members from our chapter who attended were: Debbie Bartol, Zelika Hargrove, Jan Heizer, Chante Logan, Nicole Meredith, Shana Rodriguez and Cathy Sweeney.



The VNA sponsored The Legislative Summit at the historic John Marshall Ballrooms on November 12, 2019. 5.25 contact hours were awarded.

### Perioperative Nurses Week was celebrated November 10–16, 2019

If you are interested in getting involved legislatively, AORN has a monthly National Legislative Forum Conference call on the third Monday of each month that is recorded. Sign up on the AORN website under Government Affairs.

The current AORN Policy Agenda can be found at <https://www.aorn.org/government-affairs/policy-agenda>

*Be an Advocate - together, we can make the profession stronger and our patients safer!*

## Marketing Committee Report

We will be taking time off from volunteering and collecting donations in the month of December.

Our first volunteer activity in the new year, will be serving dinner at the Reinhart Guest House on Thursday January 30, 2020 from 5:30-7pm (all volunteer spots have been taken). The marketing committee is working on a volunteer activity in the month of February. Stay tuned for more details. In February and March, we will be collecting donation items for Caritas and we will volunteer at the Furniture Bank on Saturday April 4. For a full list of donation items, please visit the website: [Donate Items - CARITAS - Shelter. Jobs. Recovery. Hope.](#) (click on the link for more information)

If you have any ideas for volunteer activities or donation drives please contact Jessica Ooms at [jessguido10@yahoo.com](mailto:jessguido10@yahoo.com) or 240-538-1833. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered their time or given donations this year. It's all very much appreciated and every little bit helps!!



## Membership Report

September 2019	
Member Type	Number
Standard	193
3-year Member	24
2-year Member	20
Group Member Level 2	8
Retired Member	15
Lifetime Member	13
Associate Member	6
Group Member Level 4	5
Student Member	10
Leader Member	6
Total	300

**Remember**, if you renew your AORN membership by December 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card! There will be two lucky winners!



## Newsletter Committee Report

The Committee met on November 11<sup>th</sup> and outlined the path forward for the structure of the newsletter. The content will remain the same for the most part and the back page will be devoted to current local and national AORN events and information, as well as some historical chapter items as space allows. The Committee is cognizant of the financial aspect to the newsletter.

Anyone wishing to provide possible newsletter content please contact Gloria at [4gloriajtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:4gloriajtaylor@gmail.com).



## Policy and Bylaws Committee Report

The Chapter is seeking a new chair and members for this committee. It is a fairly low maintenance committee, a good one to start with. If you are interested, contact Cathy Sweeney.



**Hope to see you at the Christmas Party December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

## Research Committee Report



The committee is looking for members. If you have an idea you are passionate about please contact Debbie to start your research. We have presented at AORN in the past and it's a lot of fun. It's also a great way to get points for your clinical ladder. If anyone is interested in being a part of this committee please signup.

## Ways and Means Committee Report



The Golf Tournament was September 19<sup>th</sup> at Hunting Hawk Golf Course. We had about 48 players, the weather was perfect, and we made about \$4,000 for the chapter. Many thanks not only all the folks who came out to play, but the Ways and Means Committee for planning this year's event, and to those who helped the day of the tournament (Jean, Cathy, Bonnie, Faye, Pat and Pam).

We would love to have new members join the Ways and Means Committee for future fundraising events! Contact Anne Elliott at [kceame@verizon.net](mailto:kceame@verizon.net). Thanks!



We would like to remember Helen Anderson, a past president of the Richmond AORN Chapter. The Chapter is donating \$50 to the AORN Foundation's Owens and Minor Scholarship Fund in her honor.



**Mary C. Evans Award Winner – Carla Beattie**



**Perioperative Nurses Week 2019 - SRMC**



**Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse**

