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## AORN Richmond Area 4702

[www.richmondaorn.org](http://www.richmondaorn.org)

### Message from the President

Greetings AORN Richmond Chapter!!

We welcomed spring, summer, and now it's fall...  
Now we welcome you back one and all!

This year has been filled with lots of changes,  
some unforeseen.

We thank you for your hard work and dedication  
fighting COVID-19.

We will resume our chapter meetings with  
educational sessions.

Hope you have had time to brush up on your  
teleconferencing lessons.

Moving forward yet not forgetting the past,  
Perioperative nurses are always ready for the task.

Dedicated to life-long learning with patient safety in  
mind.

Saving lives and making a difference one patient  
at a time.

Our chapter and its' committees remain very active  
please consider joining us!

Chapter activities, leader contact information, and  
other information can be found

via <http://www.richmondaorn.org/>.

Chapter Committees:

- Marketing
- Research

- Ways and Means
- Legislative
- Policies and Bylaws
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Awards
- Education and Programs
- Delegate Selection

### Important Dates to Remember

#### September:

#### Surgical Technologists' Week

- September 20 - 26, 2020

#### November:

#### Election Day (Local and National)

- November 3, 2020

#### Perioperative Nurses' Week

- November 8 - 14, 2020

#### Veterans' Day

- November 11, 2020

Whether virtually or in-person, we're as close as a click, text, call, or email. **We are your local resource to a global community of perioperative experts!**

Very best,

Nicole M. Meredith, RN CNOR

2020-2021 AORN Richmond Chapter President



## Board of Directors Meetings

All Board of Directors Meetings are held at the Reinhardt House and begin at 6:00 p.m. Dates and times will be announced as available.

## Chapter Meetings

All meetings will be held virtually through Zoom until further notice. Access info will be delivered by e-mail based on National AORN member e-mails on file.

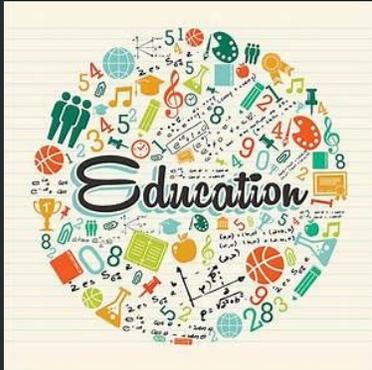
When in-person meetings are deemed safe, we will return to our original venue:

Henrico Doctors Hospital Forest, 1602 Skipwith Road,  
Williamsburg Room

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.

## Chapter News

Cathy and I have discussed the situation concerning holding the workshop this year. Due to the current environment of Covid-19, the decreased seating capacity of SMH auditorium, and the anxiety of the population of large gatherings, we have decided to postpone the workshop until 2021. We usually have 60-80 participants plus vendors which would make for an excellent fund raiser. As AORN Expo has been delayed to August 2021 we could hold the workshop in April, May, or June when conditions have hopefully improved. Many venues have postponed events, and we feel this is the best route to take. We have 4 excellent speakers and would rather hold the workshop when more people can safely attend. We will keep you informed on a projected date as we evaluate the current situation.



**Education  
committee chair  
Sheila Flores**

## Educational Programs

September 21,2020 -

Active and Passive Hemostatic Agents meet the Coagulation Cascade

Speaker - Terri Siebert, RN

October 19,2020 -

My personal Journey Through Covid 19

Speaker - Tenaja Lynch, CRNA

November 16,2020

Surgical Management of Pelvic Organ Prolapse

Speaker - Dr. Tovia Smith

December - Christmas Dinner

January 18,2021

TBD

Speaker- Dr. Jonathan Foote

February 15,2021

Management of Bariatric Gynecological Patients

Speaker - Dr. Karen Jefferson

March 15, 2021

TBD

April 19,2021

TBD

May 2021

Induction of Officers

AORN Spring Conference

April, May or June 2021

August 7-11,2021

**AORN EXPO in Orlando FL**



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Awards Committee

Donna Winderweedle

### Delegate Committee

Zelika Hargrove

### Legislative Committee

Carla Beattie

### Marketing Committee

Jessica Ooms

### Membership Committee

Cathy Sweeney

### Newsletter Committee

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### Policy & Bylaws

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New: Sherry Crocker

### Research Committee

Debbie Bartol

### Ways & Means

### Committee

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### Nominating Committee

Anne Bliss

Debbie Bartol

# REPORTS

## AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The awards committee will be meeting to review the nominations for the Mary C. Evans award. We thank everyone for submitting their nominations.

Thank you,  
Donna and Faye

## DELEGATE COMMITTEE REPORT

The AORN Richmond Chapter Delegate Selection Committee members are Zelika Hargrove, Nicole Meredith, Sheila Flores and Carla Beattie. The committee members will review candidates' packets to represent our chapter at AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo. This year we received four packets for review to attend AORN Expo 2021. To place yourself in position to be a chapter delegate for 2022, now is a great time to engage in chapter activities by joining a committee. Delegate packets are due by June 1 st of each year. Delegate packet information can be found on our website at

<http://aornrichmondva.homestead.com/>

If you have any questions about the delegate selection process, please reach out to any Delegate Selection Committee member.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

### Perioperative Nurse Week: November 8-14, 2020

VCORN President, Debbie Bartol, has submitted a proclamation request to our governor for special recognition of perioperative nurse week.

**The VNA Legislative Summit** will be held virtually on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020**. Speaker, Daniel Carey, MD, Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Prices have been reduced to \$59 for members, \$79 for non-members and retired nurses and \$29 for students.

### AORN Government Affairs Health Policy News

AORN legislative committee reports that 2020 saw a surge in surgical smoke evacuation legislation

## MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Marketing Committee plans volunteer events and donation drives for our chapter. We help our local community and even plan donation drives that have reached around the globe. Here are some of the volunteer events that we have participated in the past: we have served many meals at the Reinhart Guest House, worked at the Celtic Festival (which supports the Cullather Brain Tumor Quality of Life Center), worked at the Furniture Bank at Caritas, and walked dogs at BARK (Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s). We try to volunteer with these organizations on a regular basis to show our continued support, which they have really come to appreciate. Here's a list of some donation drives that we have conducted in the past: school supply drive for Fox Elementary, created shoe boxes for children around the world with Operation Christmas Child (part of Samaritan's Purse), donation drive for Caritas Furniture Bank, and we collected donations for Safe Harbor (a local women's shelter).

We are conducting a food drive for Feed More, a local food bank in Richmond, in September & October. Since our meetings are currently virtual, we will have to collect non-perishable food items at home or work. If able, please set up a collection box at work and encourage your co-workers, family and friends to help with our efforts. There are several people that have offered to collect donations at local hospitals:

\* Jessica Ooms: St. Mary's Hospital, [jessguido10@yahoo.com](mailto:jessguido10@yahoo.com)

\* Zelika Hargrove: HCA Healthcare, [grove\\_zelika@yahoo.com](mailto:grove_zelika@yahoo.com)

\* Nicole Meredith and Debbie Bartol: VCU, [rvaarn@yahoo.com](mailto:rvaarn@yahoo.com) & [bartol.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:bartol.debbie@gmail.com)

<https://feedmore.org/give/giving-food/>

We will collect donations until Friday Oct. 30. Jessica Ooms will be collecting the food donations and bringing them to Feed More. Please contact her if you have any questions or need to schedule a donation drop-off: [jessguido10@yahoo.com](mailto:jessguido10@yahoo.com).

In November and December we have decided to support Fox Holiday Socks, which is donation drive for the Salvation Army Christmas Center. We will collect items to fill Christmas stockings for local children in the area. Here is the link from last year's event: <https://vadentist.com/fox-holiday-socks/>. I'm sure there will an updated site soon with new information.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are very happy to announce our membership has continued to increase since January 2020, despite the current pandemic situation in our country. Our current membership is about 355, in January we had 308 members. This is awesome and we are so happy about our chapter's continued growth. Please contact me if you know of anyone who is interested in joining as there are package deals through AORN, that we can access and sometimes save our new members some money.

Please know that we always welcome and encourage new members to join committees! You can check out our local website at [Richmondaorn.org](http://Richmondaorn.org) or contact any board member anytime.

Also, if you know of anyone in need of a pick me up card or sympathy card please contact me by email or text!  
Thank you everyone for making our chapter ROCK!

## POLICY AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Welcome to Sherry Crocker as the new Chair of Policy & Bylaws! We appreciate her interest in AORN Richmond 4702 and look forward to supporting her in a new role. Our Policy and Bylaws are up for review based on any future recommendations from AORN National. The current editions, of each report, are on our AORN Richmond website ([www.RichmondAORN.org](http://www.RichmondAORN.org)). We welcome anyone that would like to join our committee this year. It is a great way to get involved and the work can be accomplished from the comforts of your own home. This is the perfect way to social distance and still stay involved with supporting Preoperative nursing.

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

No golf tournament this year. No meetings due to Social distancing.

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*BEST WISHES FOR A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE CHAPTER YEAR*

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