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## President's Message

Greetings to Chapter 4702! This is my opportunity to put in writing and express my sincere appreciation for allowing me to serve as your President this past year. I began with a lantern and theme "Be the Light." I leave you with that same message. I know 2020 is the "Year of the Nurse," so let's begin our new year with that same light shining bright. We are our future!

From the Board of Directors to the Chapter members, you have fulfilled my life and made me so proud of all of our accomplishments. This was a difficult end to my presidency with the Corona Virus epidemic hitting us in March. We were unable to have our fun event at Top Golf and for that I am sad. However, please know this will continue to be a planned event and we hope to hold the event in August as a kickoff to our 2020-2021 Chapter year.

Our accomplishments have included accepting new technology and incorporating it in our chapter meetings and communications. Thankfully, we have kept our membership numbers over 300 and close to 325 members. We have welcomed new members and have seen interest from them to join committees and become involved in our chapter.

I was so happy to see a great turnout for our FIRST virtual chapter meeting in April. We had members join us on the virtual meeting who normally are unable to come because of work constraints. Thank you! The virtual meeting will count as a chapter meeting towards delegate points. Also, the lack of our March event will not count against anyone when tallying delegate points.

This is not farewell, but see you soon. Please be safe.

Your President,  
Cathy Sweeney  
2019-2020





### Board of Director Meetings

All Board of Directors Meetings are held at the Reinhardt House and begin at 6:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be in June. Date and time to be determined by the incoming President.

### 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:

May

Installation of Officers will most likely be done by conference call meeting. Please check our website for up to date information. [richmondaorn.org](http://richmondaorn.org)

We are seeking topics and speakers for educational offerings for our 2020-2021 Chapter year. If you have an idea or would like to suggest a learning opportunity please contact Nicole Meredith or Zelika Hargrove.

**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.**

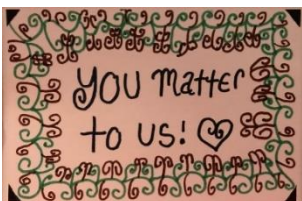
### Chapter News

Congratulations are in order for a job well done! Our Chapter has been awarded a Five Star Rating for 2019. National appreciates and recognizes our hard work, timely feedback, and submission of our Chapter Accountability Standards (CAS) items.



### Caring Notes

AORN Richmond Chapter continues 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 first virtual Chapter meeting! It was held on April 20, 2020. There was a quorum for the meeting which allowed us to conduct business. Members who normally cannot attend due to shift work were able to attend. Nicole Meredith, Zelika Hargrove, and Cheryl Anne Young are members of the committee and worked very hard to make this a reality for the Chapter.

Be sure to make use of Facebook page, **Richmond Chapter AORN**. Announcements and valuable information can be found on our page.



## Awards Committee Report

The Mary C. Evans Award

Please send your nominations to Donna Winderweedle at [deewind440@aol.com](mailto:deewind440@aol.com). You can review who has received the award in the past by going to the Richmond AORN website. Nominations are due by **June 1, 2020**. Please take the time to nominate your peers who have made a difference in our chapter by providing outstanding nursing care and leadership. If you need any assistance please contact Donna or Faye ([hughesfo@aol.com](mailto:hughesfo@aol.com)).



## Delegate Committee Report

To all of our delegates we are sincerely sorry for the cancellation of EXPO due to the Corona-virus. We welcome and encourage all members who are eligible to submit a delegate packet for Orlando in 2021 by June 1, 2020. Please submit an electronic and paper packet.



## Education Committee Report

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### Legislative Committee Report

Utah held hearings on Smoke Bill 2-12-20. UTAB SB 105 was heard in the Senate Business and Labor Committee. AORN and many perioperative nurses provided testimony in support of the bill and responded to a number of questions from committee members.

Kentucky Smoke Bill Passed. Senate 2-18-20 SB 91, a bill to require surgical smoke evacuation in Kentucky operating rooms, passed the Kentucky Senate unanimously. The bill moved quickly through the Senate Health and Welfare Committee without opposition.

Nebraska Rejected Surgical Technologist Registry Proposal 2-11-20. The Nebraska legislature voted against a long-standing proposal by Nebraska surgical technologists to be registered by the state board of medicine.

National Nurses Week May 6-12, 2020

We encourage all to become involved!

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### Marketing Committee

Unfortunately, most of our volunteer activities have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stay tuned for upcoming information by email or on our Richmond AORN website.

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!!



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## Membership Report

March 2020	
Member Type	Number
Standard	216
3-year Member	23
2-year Member	31
Retired Member	11
Lifetime Member	13
Associate Member	4
Group Member Level 4	4
Student Member	12
Leader Member	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>



## Newsletter Committee Report

The Winter newsletter was distributed and posted to the website in mid-November. The third newsletter of the chapter year will be produced in the Spring and likely distributed in April. Submit articles, photos or announcements to Gloria at [4gloriajtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:4gloriajtaylor@gmail.com).



## Policy and Bylaws Committee Report

A comparison review of the Chapter Bylaws and 2018 National Bylaws guidelines is underway. No resource for Chapter Policy & Procedures was located on AORN National website. Kerilyn Vox was contacted for direction. She confirmed our Bylaws are up to date reflecting the most recent 2018 bylaws found on AORN website. Ms. Vox stated, “we actually do not require chapters to have policies for their Chapter Accountabilities Standards anymore. They are welcome to create those on their own.” With that information, the Committee will wait until after the Virtual 2020 EXPO meeting to see if changes are indicated for the Chapter policies and bylaws.



## Research Committee Report

If you have an idea that you are passionate about, please contact Debbie Bartol to start your research.

Chapter members have presented posters historically at AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo. It is a lot of fun and a great way to earn points for your clinical ladder!



## Ways and Means Committee Report



The Chapter is planning a workshop in conjunction with VCORN for November 7, 2020.

Anyone with ideas for fundraising for our chapter in 2020 please contact Anne Elliott at [kceame@verizon.net](mailto:kceame@verizon.net). We welcome new ideas!

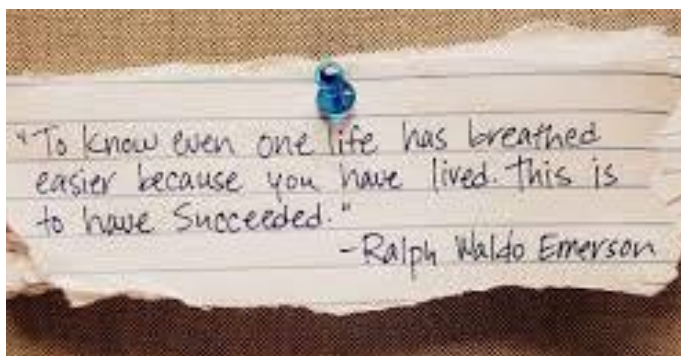
## Save the Date – November 7, 2020

**AORN/VCORN Workshop at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, VA  
"Preparing for Your Future"**

Sheila Flores and Cathy Thomas are co-chairs for the Food Committee. Debbie Bartol will chair the Silent Auction Committee. Carla Beattie is in charge of the vendor signups and contributions.

Four speakers have been secured for this event to address finances, the multi-generational workforce, and various legal issues.

Please sign up to help. Contact Janet Shortt or Cathy Sweeney, if you wish to help!



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Board of Directors— Jessica Ooms, Carla Beattie, Janet Shortt, Cathy Thomas, Anne Elliott

**Best wishes for a positive and productive Chapter Year!**

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