President’s Message

Happy 2017 chapter!

As we spring forward with warm weather, the seeds we have sown are sprouting new possibilities! Let us begin by reflecting upon our accomplishments:

 ✓ Our membership has continuously grown!
 ✓ On March 11, we will host the Virginia Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses Workshop and Semi-Annual Meeting, welcoming both new and returning colleagues.
 ✓ Our chapter members have logged over 160 volunteer hours.
 ✓ We continue to support nurses’ education (through scholarships, conferences, and local chapter meetings).

A great big “THANK YOU” to all who have contributed their time, talent, and resources while elevating our values of communication, innovation, quality, and collaboration. Special thanks to the members of this chapter’s board of directors and each committee member. Your contributions have not gone unrecognized.

There’s more to come, as we continue to support grass-roots legislative initiatives, develop evidence-based practice and, establish standards of excellence in the delivery of perioperative nursing care. This has truly been a year to remember, thanks to “The Power of YOU”!

❖ “Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” —Henry Ford

Sincerely,

Nicole M. Meredith, RN CNOR
AORN Richmond Chapter President

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Ways & Means Committee Report

The annual Golf Tournament will be hosted on Thursday September 21, 2017 at the Hunting Hawk Golf Club. The committee will collect $5 from each chapter member at the March, April and September chapter meetings. The money will help defer the costs of prizes. We would appreciate everyone's contribution. Diane Evans will collect the money.

Here are ways that you can help with the golf tournament:

- Sign up to play or find family or friends that are interested in playing
- Contribute prizes or get donations
- Talk to businesses about sponsoring the tournament

If you want to pass a name along to the committee, it would be greatly appreciated. Sponsor money is basically profit for the chapter. The committee needs everyone's help!

The committee will raffle a Verizon pad at the VCORN meeting. Chances are 1/$1, 5/$3, 10/$5. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Bonnie Garretson at 804-229-3996 or black.labs.three@gmail.com.

The t-shirt design will be presented at the next chapter meeting and hopefully the campaign will run for three weeks in April. So be on the lookout for a chapter email near the end of March with the info.

The next committee meeting will be March 20 at 4:30pm at Panera Bread located at 8800 Staples Mill Rd, Richmond, VA.

Thank you for your support.

Bonnie Garretson & Diane Evans, Co-Chairs Ways & Means Committee

Awards Committee

Mary C. Evans Award

The paperwork to nominate a nurse for the Mary C. Evans Award is on the RichmondAORN.org website under chapter forms, Mary C. Evans Award forms. Please look under the awards tab to see who has received the award in the past. All paperwork is due to Donna Winderweedle (deewind440@aol.com) or Faye Hughes (hughesfo@aol.com) by June 1, 2017. Please email us if you have any questions concerning this award. We look forward to recognizing a nurse that has promoted this chapter through their outstanding service.
Board of Director Meetings for 2017

- March 13: St. Mary’s Hospital Auditorium
  (meeting at 5:30pm to discuss the budget, BOD meeting at 6pm)
- May 8: TBD

Chapter Meetings

March 20, 2017
Nursing Implications and Cardiac Surgery
Antionique C.H. Jones, CRNA, DNAP

April 17, 2017
Pediatric Plastic Surgery from Head to Toe
Sharline Aboutanos, MD/ Pediatric Plastic Surgeon

May 15, 2017
Dinner & Installation of Officers

State Meeting

March 11, 2017: 7:30am-3:15pm
Virginia Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses Workshop
& Semi-Annual Meeting

Understanding and Coping with Life Challenges
- New Innovations in Hormonal Therapy—Dr. Zvonko Spasik
- The Aging Population—Judy DellaRipa
- Music Therapy—Megan Martin, MA, MT-BC
- Caring Canines—Greg & Aleta Shelton

Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital Auditorium Room 164
5801 Bremo Road, Richmond, VA 23226
4 Contact Hours, Continental breakfast and lunch provided

Words of thanks from Bonnie Vencill:

I would like to recognize and thank the members of the Education/Program Committee for their hard work and dedication. They provided this chapter with quality education sessions this year. It has been my pleasure to serve as Co-Chair with Joann Schroeder, and fellow members Janet Shortt, Carla Beattie, Anne Bliss, Jan Heizer, Deborah Martin, Jean Watling, Janet Wingfield, Cathy Sweeney, Debbie Bartol and Zelika Hargrove. Session speaker suggestions, topics of interest and all input from each of you to our committee members is greatly appreciated. Encourage a friend to attend the workshop and come to our future monthly meetings!
Research Committee Report

Cathy Sweeney, Carla Beattie and Janet Shortt will present their research poster “The Prevalence of Personal Electronic Devices in the Peri-Operative Setting” to 2017 AORN Conference in Boston on April 1-5.

Legislative Committee Report, March 1, 2017

Protecting Health Professionals in the Workplace

HB1921 SB973 Great news! On Feb 20th HB 1921 was signed by Governor McAuliffe and will go into effect on July 1, 2017! Under current law, increased penalties only apply to a battery against an emergency healthcare provider in the emergency room of a hospital or other facility providing emergency care. This bill ensures that health professionals are protected equally in the hospital setting or other facilities providing emergency care, and not only in the emergency room. The bill also requires the Department of health to work with stakeholder groups to develop guidelines regarding the publications of penalties for battery on a healthcare provider and for the training of healthcare professionals and providers in violence prevention programs. If you or someone you know contacted your legislator in support of this bill –THANK YOU!

RN Circulator Bills introduced in VT
Legislation requiring an RN as Circulator for every operating room for the duration of the surgical procedure was introduced recently in Vermont. House bill 126 and Senate bill 31 were introduced by champions of patient safety Rep. Kathleen Keenan and Sen. Virginia Lyons. AORN is working closely with the perioperative nurses in Vermont. Over 30 states address the role of RN circulators in operating rooms. AORN Government Affairs will continue to advocate for these bills and provide updates on the progression.

AORN will celebrate with all healthcare providers National “Time Out” day sometime in June. More information will be announced. I hope to meet with AORN Government affairs Danielle Glover personally when I travel to the AORN Surgical Conference/Convention in Boston. If you have any questions/concerns please document them in writing and I would be more than happy to discuss the issues with Danielle. You can also contact Danielle personally at dglover@aorn.org if you have questions or concerns. You can consider adding your name to the AORN roster to participate in the third Monday of each month National Legislative Forum conference phone calls.

Save the Date: VNA Spring Conference: Nursing Ethics & Moral Distress on April 25, 2017 at The Place at Innsbrook: located at the Innsbrook Shoppes, 4036-C Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie P. Vencill, RN, CNOR
Chair Legislative Committee

Nominating Committee

The slate of candidates will be presented at the March chapter meeting and voted on at the April meeting.
Marketing Committee Report

Pictures from CARITAS, the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the Reinhart Guest House
I want to thank everyone that has volunteered or made donations. You guys are amazing!!! If you’re interested in helping out or want more information please contact me: Jessica Ooms (jessguido10@yahoo.com).

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Upcoming Volunteer Activities

Saturday April 8th, 10am-2pm
BARK (Bandit’s Adoption and Rescue of K-9s) in Ashland, VA
Walk the dogs and clean kennels

Saturday May 13
Susan G Komen Race for the Cure in Richmond, VA
It’s the 20th year anniversary and sure to be a fun time!!
Volunteer Options:

- **Course Marshalls** - Volunteers are needed to help direct Race participants along the course in locations where they might get "lost" and to cheer participants on. Both jobs are equally important! Each Course Marshal will be assigned a location along the course.

- **I AM KOMEN™ Rover** - Volunteers will walk the island, encouraging Race participants to go to the I AM KOMEN® tent to spin the prize wheel, answer a breast health question, and make a declaration to take one or more action steps that may reduce the risk of breast cancer.

- **Island Greeters** – Brown’s Island greeters will help direct Race participants and answer any questions participants may have.

- **Post-Race Food** - Volunteers need to help set up the Post-Race Food area and distribute food and water to participants as they come back from the Race.

- **Start Line & Finish Line** - Volunteers are needed prior to the Race to assist in separating the runners and walkers into corrals. Volunteers will need to help make sure runners are able to start first and that walkers follow behind. At the Finish Line, volunteers hand out water and direct participants back to Brown’s Island to enjoy post-Race activities.

**Donation Drive for Boots to Suits:** [www.bootstosuits.org](http://www.bootstosuits.org)

BOOTS TO SUITS is a Junior League of Richmond clothing voucher program for men and women administered through The Clothes Rack to assist veterans transitioning from military life to a new career. The program provides veterans with two free career outfits, consisting of a suit and a business casual outfit or two business casual outfits. Vouchers can be used at either of the store's two locations, enabling veterans to shop a greater selection of sizes and styles. Spouses of veterans who are job seeking and are the main provider of the household are also eligible.

**What to Donate:**
Men’s & Women’s attire: dress pants, khakis, button-up shirts, polo shirts, ties, sweaters, blazers, dresses, skirts, blouses, slacks, belts and shoes.
Other items accepted: clothing for children, jewelry, home decor and light furniture.

You can bring items to our chapter meetings on March 20 and April 17 and the items will be dropped off. Donation slips will be provided. If you would like to drop off items yourself, here are the addresses:

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