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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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Presidents Message

Welcome Members!

I am so excited to be starting my year as your new AORN of New Orleans - Chapter 1902 President! In the previous two years on the Board, I have been active, behind-the-scenes, getting some exciting changes in place for the membership. We have a Facebook page, a Twitter account, a Website, and now, thanks to Carrie Thomson, a Young Professionals Blog! These tools I give to you to use, and to *share*, as we move forward this year "Bridging the Gaps!"

The Generation Gap: Having four distinctive generations (The *Veterans*, The *Baby Boomers*, *Generation X*, and The *Millennials*) together for the first time in the workplace, we will find the gaps are the distinctively different historical, political, and social experiences that define each generation, shape their values, and mold their work ethic. Generational expectations also generate varying attitudes toward authority, professional goals and workplace expectations.

Honoring older traditions, and creating newer ones together, is a one way we will start bridging the generational gap this year.

The Physical Gap:

Surrounded on all sides by a body of water, a *Lake*, a *River*, or numerous *Canals*, New Orleanians know just how important bridges are. AORN of New Orleans - Chapter 1902 includes both Orleans Parish and Jefferson Parish now. By reaching out, extending our welcome, we would like to make sure that *all* members of our chapter feel included by inviting members from all over the South Shore to help bridge the physical gap.

The Informational/Intellectual/Inspirational

Gap: Information, Education, and Inspiration, three key gaps we seek to continually keep bridging. One main goal is to provide a CEU on all regular meetings. However, we also know that many members do not work a "regular" shift, either; so, another way to "bridge" that gap is to have CEU

opportunities for members on "off" hours, say, on a Saturday. We also have vendors, and corporations that can provide us with Webinars and other ways to get CEUs in the comfort of your own home, after a late shift, or a day off. Bridge the gap to inspire yourself, and others, to be the most educated and informed Peri-Operative Nurses that you can be!

Our new Board just recently met to put our Calendar of Events in place, work on updating By-Laws, and create important Committees. If you are interested in participating on any one of our committees, wish to volunteer your time, or even need points for your Clinical Ladder; please contact me or any one of your Board/Committee member for more information. For the most recent updates, please keep checking us out on:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the year!

Ramie



Installation Banquet – Bridging the Gap

The 2013-14 Officers of Chapter 1902 were installed on June 26th. Members and guests socialized at The

Steak Knife Restaurant on Harrison Avenue. The chapter would like to thank Life Cell for their generous

support in sponsoring the dinner. As a result the banquet became a fundraiser.
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Installation Banquet – Bridging the Gap continued



Stay connected and bring your special talents to “Bridge the Gap”

All money raised will be used to support educational activities of the chapter.

The evenings’ program began with an invocation by Ursula Allain, which highlighted aspects of the “Bridging the Gap” theme Ramie has chosen for the coming year. In her familiar fashion Ursula began:

“We live in an area where we are physically separated from each other by bodies of water, the biggest being the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain.

However there are many bridges to help us bridge the gap and stay connected. Some of the bridges available are: the “Greater New Orleans” bridge, the “Huey P. Long”, “Lake Pontchartrain Causeway”, the “Twin Spans”, 310, 510. Don’t forget the ferries, which give us a slow connection and

And don’t forget communication in all its’ forms: cell phone, facebook, twitter, and just plain old fashioned face to face to telephone. Communication

gives us the opportunity to stay connected or to reconnect with people who have influenced our lives both personally and professionally. Communication also will allow us to meet new people who will help us on the road ahead.

Please take the time this year to bring your special talents in helping Ramie to bridge the gap and close the gap to the things that separate us.”

(Ursula Allain)

The dinner continued and Nathalie Walker performed the installation. The 2013-2014 Chapter 1902 officers are:

President: Ramie Miller

President-elect: Melissa Guidry

Vice President: Nathalie Walker

Secretary: Amanda (Mandy) Martin-Sanchez

Treasurer: Sharon Guardina

Board of Directors:

Brenda Falanga

Mary Anne Toledano

Carrie Thomson

Ann Burghardt-Dieck

Open Position

Nominating Committee:

Frances Hughes, Chairperson
Nancy Iovino

Mary Morvant

Ramie presented a short program and activity entitled, “Bridging the Gap” that addressed the different generations within the chapter. A correlation was made with the widening of the Huey P. Long Bridge. She talked about widening the access to the chapter and making this a goal for the new chapter year. Each table member had a small car and each table was given a piece of the “bridge” to connect to form one cohesive circle. The presentation was the perfect way to “connect” the members to start the new chapter year!



**-Another Gavel for Memories
Installation Banquet Photo**

Board Meeting Summary from the Secretary

The first Board of Directors meeting took place at Ochsner Baptist in the Harmony Room. Ramie Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 10:10AM

Attendees: Ramie Miller, Nathalie Walker, Mandy Martin-Sanchez, Sharon

Guardina, Brenda Falanga, Mary Anne Toledano, Carrie Thomson, Ann Burghardt-Dieck. General membership attendees: Cindy Fitzsimons, Darlene Russo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VACANT POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Open positions on the board:
There is currently one Board

of Directors position to be filled due to the resignation of Beth Eustis. The June newsletter asked any interested members to contact one of the members of the board; interest in the position was expressed by two current members of the chapter. Nathalie made a motion to appoint Darlene Russo to the vacant position,

it was seconded by Sharon. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Darlene to the vacant Board of Director position. The Board of Directors for the 2013-2014 year are: Brenda Falanga, Mary Anne Toledano, Carrie Thomson, Ann Burghardt, and Darlene Russo.

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Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 169

Members - 125

Lifetime – 3

2/3yr - 22

Retired – 8

Associate – 5

Student Members - 5

APSNA – 1

When you renew, please check your membership card to see that it states "Chapter 1902. With online renewal, many members have been assigned to Membership at Large. Your name is then not on our Roster and our Chapter does not receive the chapter dues you pay. Sharon recently received a check for \$400.

Invite all Perioperative nurses to our meetings!

AORN Resources



<http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx



<https://twitter.com/AORNOFNewOrlean>

(You are seeing it correctly; there is no "s")

Chapter Webpage:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

AORN trivia

It might be a good time to start a new segment of the newsletter, to see what you know about our professional organization and our local AORN Chapter. Test your knowledge... if you have been to meetings or to Congress, you will probably remember some of these interesting facts and information. Plus, if you read the Journal, Chapter Newsletter and visit the website, you will have found some of these facts or statements along the way. Have fun!

1. When was the first CNOR exam?
2. How many nurses passed the first CNOR exam?
3. When was the first AORN Journal published?
4. Where was the 10th Annual Congress?
5. Who was Chapter 1902 President for the term in 2005- 2006?
6. Before Perioperative Nurse Week was established, the AORN House of Delegates approved a resolution to

designate a day each year to promote consumer education and enhance public knowledge regarding the role of the perioperative nurse. What year was this and what was this day called?

7. What state was credited as founder of AORN?
8. What year was the New Orleans Chapter founded?
9. Congress was held in New Orleans in March, 2012; which Annual Congress was this (how many years)?

10. How many years/times has the Annual Congress been held in New Orleans?

Ten questions; how many answers did you know? Much of it may depend on how long you have been a perioperative nurse, though I hope you took the time to ask or look up what you might not have known... and I hope you had fun during the process!

You can find the answers within the newsletter!

Brush up and get ready for the next edition!

Membership News

OCHSNER BAPTIST - With 172 more days to go, all women's services departments currently located at Ochsner Medical Center on Jefferson Highway, including OB/GYN clinics, Labor and Delivery, Maternal Fetal Medicine and Robotic Surgery, will move to the **Women's Pavilion** at Ochsner Baptist. Surgeons are already moving in and making Baptist their new home. In conjunction with this move, the Ochsner's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit also will move to Ochsner Baptist. The Gynecology-Oncology services will remain at Ochsner Medical Center:
<http://www.ochsnerbabies.org>

Baptist recently held a "Baby Shower," a recruitment for nurses to staff the new **Women's Pavilion**, and currently welcomes two more OR staff nurses, *Rebecca "Becky" Dempre*, and *Jamie St. John*, and a new Chief Executive Officer, *Dawn Anuszkiewicz*. The OR is still looking for more nurses to staff our growing facility.

Please visit:
<http://www.ochsner.org/careers/nursing/>

OCHSNER MAIN CAMPUS
Nicole Champagne, MSN, RN has been named the new Administrative Clinical Coordinator, replacing Jeff Ashford. Congratulations Nicole!

AN UPDATE FROM MARY MORVANT:

July 10, 2013 7:00pm

Let me start with, Thank you Jesus! Just returned from MD Anderson in Houston. I am so very happy to report that the doctors are amazed. They are pleased but totally surprised that my scan is clear again. No sign of tumor or chest fluid.

Dr. Rice wants me to return in 4 months for a repeat scan and visit with him. The oncologist said she hopes I will not have to see her again except in passing in the hall. Thank you everyone for your prayers. I know it made a difference. I am still having neuropathy in the legs, but it is improving. My sadness is being exchanged for happiness.

WE WOULD LOVE TO ADD AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FACILITY AND HAVE A WHOLE PAGE OF INFO!

? QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For our first scrub of the day, do we need to scrub with water and a brush, or can we use the hand rub product?

Answer

A traditional, standardized surgical hand scrub with an antimicrobial agent, nonabrasive sponge, and water does not have to be the first surgical hand scrub of the day before an alcohol-based surgical hand rub product is used. The purpose of a surgical hand scrub is to reduce transient and resident flora, which

also may reduce health care-associated infections.

If a surgical hand rub is the preferred product selected for surgical hand antisepsis, personnel should use an alcohol-based surgical hand rub product with demonstrated persistence and cumulative activity.

The product also must have met US Food and Drug Administration regulatory requirements for surgical hand antisepsis.

For more information on hand hygiene, see the [Recommended Practices](#) for Hand Hygiene in the *Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices, 2013 Edition*.

Trivia answers found within the newsletter.



Board Meeting Details continued

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The State Council alternate position is also vacant. Ramie made a motion that Carrie Thomson be appointed to fill the open position. The vote of the Board was unanimous. Nathalie, as the chapter's Vice-President, is the representative on the State Council, and Carrie will be the alternate.

Frances will continue to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter and Mary Anne Toledano will transition to take over the newsletter over the next year. Frances is asking that the information for the newsletter from each hospital be sent to her by the 25th of each month. The minutes from the meeting will be sent shortly afterwards so that the newsletter can be sent out to the membership by the 6th of the following month. A set date for the submission of the information for the newsletter will make it easier for everyone to adhere to and get each facility's information included. This will allow for the bulk of the newsletter to be put together before the chapter meeting and then just add the minutes from the chapter meeting and any last minute info.

COMMUNICATION:

To keep the Chapter connected, the following are operational:

- Chapter website (<http://aornofneworleanschapter1902.com>) – Updates will be posted at least on a bi-weekly basis by Ramie or a designee.
- Chapter Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/AORN-of-New-Orleans-Chapter-1902/267291809982320?ref=hl>)
- The chapter also has a Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/AORNOFNewOrlean>)

Chapter Blog: Carrie Thomson discussed the "National Young Professional Task Force." Shana (from Baton Rouge) was appointed to be on this task force. Carrie is suggesting a blog for the younger members of the chapter to get together and network. It could be a daily/weekly shout-out to the membership. Carrie has already created the blog but it is not live yet. It is on BlogSpot. AORN1902.blogspot.com and will be linked to the Facebook page and the website. This is a free site. The Board overwhelmingly supported the chapter blog! Blog Spot could be a standing section of the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Membership committee will be available to greet members at the meeting and facilitate the incorporation of new members into the group. Nametags at the meetings and possibly something more permanent for board

members will be available. Each current member is being challenged to bring a new member into the group and be in charge of introducing them to other members.

Brenda will be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Ann will be the Chairperson of the Student Membership Committee, a subcommittee of the Membership Committee. Ann will work on getting to the make a presentation to the nursing students in the area schools and invite them to the AORN chapter meeting. Sharon suggested that flyers be posted at the schools announcing when the chapter representative would be available at their school.

Krewe Captains will fall under membership in the future.

Ramie will give a list of the area facilities and contact persons to Brenda to start trying to bring current members (and possibly new ones) back to the meetings. Brenda will ask to have a Krewe Captain at each facility to send reports to the newsletter for publication.

When members renew their membership: **MAKE SURE TO VERIFY THAT THEIR CARD HAS CHAPTER 1902** on it for our chapter. If it does not have chapter 1902, call AORN IMMEDIATELY. We have had some of our members fall out of the chapter and into the Member-At-Large.

Student Nurses Association Conference is coming up in October. The State Council would like to set up a mock OR suite at the conference as a way to stimulate interest and recruit interested students into the perioperative areas. Ramie is the state treasurer and Nathalie is our chapter's representative on the State Council; both are in support of this event.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

Sharon volunteered to be the Chairperson for this committee. Fundraising is the major focus of this committee. This group will work with the Education Committee to try to have two ½ day programs this year. Mary Morvant will work with this committee. Ramie has contacted Spectrum about AORN sponsoring an Instrument workshop this year. Mandy will be the "oversight" for the continuing education. (Mandy will be the chair of Education Committee.)

Fundraising: Nathalie gave an update about the chapter shirts she and Ramie wore at the last chapter meeting. Nathalie put in a preliminary order for Dry-Fit shirts with the Logo (White collared shirt with the Logo) and the Polo shirts (turquoise with the Logo). She is projecting that the Dry-Fit shirts will sell for \$30/shirt and the Polo will be \$20/shirt. Nathalie also suggested that the chapter come up with a fun theme for a t-shirt. We can have a contest to design the front or back of a t-shirt and sell them for \$10-\$15. The company that she contacted said that the design could have up to 5 colors. The Board discussion was to move forward with the three kinds of shirts.

Board Meeting Details continued

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Nathalie is the chairperson of the Legislative Committee. If there are any bills statewide, Nathalie puts the updates and comments in the newsletter. For time out day, Nathalie put info in about how to write a letter to the editor for publicizing it. She participates in a Legislative conference call once a month and reports to the State Council and chapter.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

The Board will meet at least every quarter. The suggestion was to have the meetings after a regular monthly meeting.

Ramie is also looking for a drape for a table with the AORN Logo to use to create a more professional look when the chapter participates in events. If it cannot be found in President's box that Melissa Guidry has for the chapter, a new one will need to be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS mentorship role with the creation of the Past President Advisory Committee. This is NOT a Board position but rather an advisory committee with a focus to groom new leaders and support the Board. Linda will be our Past President Advisory Committee Chair for this year.

PAST PRESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

In order to mentor new chapter leaders, Linda Levesque and Ross Cunningham will take a leadership.

BYLAWS:

As the Vice-President, Nathalie chairs the Bylaws Committee. The committee will keep the bylaws and policies updated. Currently, letters and other ways means of communication. To assist with this goal, the chapter would like to create an official Ombudsman and possibly recruit Ursula to serve in this capacity. Also, possibly a Historian position to work with the Ombudsman would capture the chapter's activities in pictures. Nathalie volunteered to coordinate the sharing of pictures with the newsletter, website, and other chapter communication resources.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sharon reported that the current balance in the chapter bank account is \$4,441.90. She reviewed the Treasury Standing Policy and is proposing the following changes:

Proposal for changes:

Currently: \$150 holiday; \$150 for crawfish; \$150 for installation; \$100 for outgoing president's gift
Proposal: \$200 for Holiday Social; Eliminate funds for Crawfish; Leave \$150 for installation; Leave \$100 for outgoing president's gift.

CHAPTER 1902 MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2013-2014:

The dates for the 2013-2014 meetings are below.

Each facility representative will be responsible to secure a room for the meeting that will accommodate about 50 people. The facility representative will also coordinate/update the Education Chairperson (Mandy) with the plans for the continuing education program at a minimum of 45 days prior to the meeting date. The facility representative will also be responsible to coordinate the refreshments for the meeting (either through their facility of secure vendor support). Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month EXCEPT in months when the meeting date would conflict with Congress of local holidays (such as Mardi Gras).

Meeting and Proposed Event Dates (** signifies date NOT the 4th Wednesday of the month):

- July 24th – Tulane (Linda Levesque has a sponsor for the meeting).
- August 28th – Ochsner New Orleans – Susan Overman – Skin Injuries or SSI (Board Meeting to follow – Bylaws discussion)
- September 25th – Ochsner Baptist (Ramie or Dianne)
- **October 19th or November 9th – Workshop (½ day)
- October 23rd – East Jefferson General Hospital (Michelle Blank)
- **November 20th – OR Nurse Week (Sharon Guardina) – Board of Directors Meeting after chapter meeting
- *December – No meeting*
- **January 18th or 25th (depending on availability of rooms) – Seminar/Vendor Fair; Ochsner Mary Anne Toledano will see about room. Sharon suggested to check out the medical meetings
- February 19th – Ochsner Kenner (Carrie Thomson)
- **March 19th – Brenda Falanga's house (Metairie) Meeting and pot luck dinner before Congress March 29-Apr 2). Board of Directors Meeting to follow.

April 23rd – Post Congress Meeting. Booklets from Congress FREE to first come, first serve. Members have 30 days from Congress to submit the CEs from the Congress booklets. This meeting will be at the Charity School of Nursing (Ann). Someone needed to work on vendor. Mandy will present a program (the suggestion is that it should be something that would be of interest to both members and student nurses).

- May 28th – Rudy – Touro or University – Jeopardy
- June 25th – Installation Dinner

GOALS FOR 2013-2014:

Ramie reviewed the goals for the chapter meetings and newsletters:

- 1 – There will be an Agenda for all meetings (Ramie)
- 2 – Meetings start and end on time
- 3 – Newsletter information will be submitted by the 25th of the Month and published by the 6th of the next month.

Chapter 1902 Calendar

- June 29, 2013
Board Meeting
Ochsner Baptist
- July 19, 2013
Volunteer Leadership
Academy - Denver
- July 24, 2013
Chapter Meeting
Tulane Medical Center
- August 28, 2013
Chapter Meeting @
Ochsner New Orleans
Jefferson Hwy
- September 25, 2013
Chapter Meeting @
Ochsner Baptist
- October 23, 2013
Chapter Meeting @
East Jefferson
- November 20, 2013
OR Nurses Week
(Sharon Guardina)
- December, 2013
No Meeting

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www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

Education

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SALLY G. COCHICO, BSN, RN, CNOR

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LYNNE KENNEDY, PhD, MSN, RN, CHPN, CNOR, CLNC

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Newsletter Format

Although I have received many positive remarks related to the changes made to the newsletter over the past months, the newsletter was done in Microsoft Office Publisher.

I discovered that newsletter files would not

open through my "regular" version of office on my home computer. For that reason and since the newer versions of "word" have newsletter templates, we have moved to a document template. Ramie liked the

new format and we hope you like it, too!

I am thrilled that Mary Anne and I will work on the newsletter going forward. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please let us know!

frances

Trivia about Our Organization... the answers...

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. November 10, 1979 | 7. New York |
| 2. 686 | 8. 1950 |
| 3. January 1963 | 9. It was the 59 th Annual Congress |
| 4. Washington, D.C. | 10. 6; In 1974, 1978, 1994, 2000, 2005 & 2012 |
| 5. Nathalie Walker | |
| 6. 1979; OR Nurse Day | |

Hope you had fun and challenged your memory or searched for the answer!

If you have a good question, send it to Mary Anne or Frances.



Photo from Installation Banquet

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AORN Meeting Tulane Medical Center

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