



CUTTING EDGE

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Message from the President

Blessed Holiday Greetings to you and yours! So few days left and so much to do! Isn't that always our lament at this time of the year and isn't it a shame that the hustle and bustle distract our focus from the true meaning of Christmas. My sincere wish is that we all take a deep breath and make a vow to enjoy our family and friends as we shop, wrap gifts, write cards, and bake cookies.

Did you know that there are a total of 105 of the Central Oklahoma chapter membership who have their CNOR and 9 who are CRNFAs? That is truly commendable! Do those of you who have these distinctions have any trouble getting enough CEUs within the five year period? I have been impressed with the high quality of programs provided at our local AORN chapter meetings since I transferred here

almost four years ago. One does have to attend the meetings, however, to take advantage of these good programs. Are the programs meeting your needs? If not, how do you make your needs known? Your current leadership group would very much like to hear from you so we might help

fulfill the CEU requirement to maintain this wonderful certification honor.

During the short business meeting following the educational offering at the December meeting, we will announce the delegates and alternates to the 50th Annual AORN Congress, being held March 23-27, 2003 in Chicago, IL. The point system for selection of these honors was included in the November newsletter. If you are planning to attend Congress and wish to be considered as a delegate or alternate, please make sure that one of the leadership group has your point documentation by December 13th. Your Board will meet prior to the Chapter meeting to make the final decisions.



June Ricards

Merry Christmas

“Opportunity” Department has Name Change

A new name...new logo...new colors...and a re-launching of services are on the horizon for the Perioperative Interim Management and Consultation offices. A more aggressive approach is planned for in the Interim Management Market.

Look for more information with advertising, mailings, and upcoming Multi-specialty Conventions. **“And just wait until Congress...”**

Please feel free to contact Kim Boerner RN, Director, at (303) 755-6300 x 313 or

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Special points of Interest:

Reminder for Board Members:

Short business meeting prior to December Meeting for selection of 2003 Congress delegate and alternates.

Time: 6:30 pm

Thank you!

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2002 OR Nurse Week/Perioperative Nurse Week

Another November has come and gone. Along with that thought reminds us another OR Nurse Week (or now referred to as Perioperative Nurse Week) has been observed as well. A few members have offered to share the activities enjoyed at their respective facilities.

Saint Anthony- a catered lunch was provided for all perioperative services. (Genevieve Z.)

Mercy- an open house was held. Fun activities for the participants included looking through a microscope at a \$5.00 bill, viewing the stealth set up, lap set with an abdomen filled with balloons and fishing worms (and attempts for removal!), video of a Lap Chole, and a back table set up with various supplies...gowns, sponges, etc. Refreshments were served, and a display booth was set up near the cafeteria for all to enjoy. Pictures were taken of RNs with CNOR, CRNFA, and clinical ladder. Great success! (Bea K.)

Children's Hospital @ OU Med Center- the nurses received gifts such as nurse bracelets, personalized tote bags, and lunch for 2 days! Scrub techs and support staff were also highly commended. (Annette R.)

Bone & Joint- official posters were hung in the Operating Room and hospital lobby, and veggie trays and sodas were provided one afternoon. A gift of the AORN Pt Safety themed organizer/legal pad was given to OR staff, as well as Anesthesia CRNAs, PACU RNS, and X-Ray Techs. (Julie H.)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year





December Meeting
Laurie Limke, RN
Clinical Education Specialist
“Vagal Nerve Stimulators
December 17, 2002
7:00 pm
Snacks to be provided!
Baptist Medical Center
Classrooms K & L



**Board Members:
Don't forget meeting
6:30 pm
For selection of
2003 Congress Delegates**