



## Message from the President

The holidays are behind us and once again it's time to regroup and assess how the next weeks and months will play out. Although I have not been one to develop a list of resolutions, I do consider January as a time to consider "new beginnings", and at times that requires a look at the past successes and failures.

Since the first half of my term as President of the Central Oklahoma AORN chapter for 2002-2003 has passed, I feel compelled to consider how we've done thus far. I am disappointed that there has been such poor attendance at the chapter meetings, despite the fact that the programs have been well planned and presented. Is there a lack of interest and if so, why? Perhaps the electronic newsletters and the hospital ambassador program are not working to keep you all informed in a timely manner about the meetings, programs, and

activities of the chapter. Is snail mail still the method of choice to communicate with all of you even though the cost will be approximately \$75.00/ month? This is a priority of your leader-

ship group and we need to know what is best for the majority.

One final thought. A chapter cannot be successful unless the total membership makes a commitment. The President, the Board, the Leadership Group, the Hospital Ambassadors acting alone cannot make it happen for you, individually or collectively. What does AORN membership mean to you? Your Nominating Committee is beginning to develop a ballot for 2-003-2004. Are you interested and willing to set up and get involved in order to influence the things that hold value to you? Please consider the challenge and let us hear from you.

Sincerely,  
June



Happy Winter

## 50th Annual AORN Congress Delegates Chosen

The local Board of Directors met prior to the December meeting to select Congress delegates. Our local chapter is allowed 7 delegates. The earned points of members who submitted them, were reviewed and discussed.

The delegates representing our chapter for the trip to Chicago will include: June Ricards (President), Dennis Wiltfong (Pres. Elect), Lori Fialkowski, Janet Lewis, Bea King, Loretta Cates, and Dan Burke. (Alternate-Julie

Harger)  
Congratulations! Everyone enjoy the Windy City!



### Special points of interest:

- *Coming in February:*
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- **AORN National President**
- **Betty Shultz**
- *Monday, February 17*
- *Integris Baptist Medical Center*
- *Please note different day!*
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## **January Program**

“A Little Bit of Peds”  
Robert Evans, MD

Tuesday, January 21, 2003  
7:00 pm

Integrus Baptist Medical Center  
Classrooms K & L