

Chapter Chatter

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NORTHWEST SUBURBAN CHICAGO CHAPTER #1411



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Dear Colleagues,

Philadelphia seemed a fitting setting for the 58th AORN Congress. The home of Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, the 1st Capital of the United States and site of the 1st Continental Congress. Here Thomas Jefferson wrote and read the Declaration of Independence. Our founding fathers dissatisfied with British tyranny, pursued their demand for independence. They were fearless risk takers, unsatisfied with the status quo. They sought a paradigm shift. One of the speakers at Congress, Erik Wahl said” It is fear that stands in the way of challenging thought processes and daring to think differently.”

Change was a reoccurring theme of many sessions. Speakers empowered us to be fearless in advocating for our patients, abandoning the “we have always done it this way “attitude and opening our minds to the road less traveled. Collaboration, cooperation, and a leveling out of the lines of communication with physicians, ancillary team members, and facility administration will support the transformation to a new paradigm. Nursing plays a key role in facilitating the changes to achieve the outcomes of today's world of health care reform.

AORN has proposed new membership options, to encourage all Perioperative Nurses to share in the benefits of membership. There are many opportunities for free CEU's at our monthly meetings, come and bring a colleague, they may become our future leaders.

Kathy Folena RN,BSN,MS,CNOR
President Chapter 1411, 2010-2011

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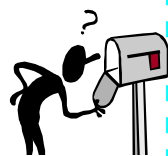
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Nominating: Sophia Schild, Ellen Mayer, Debe Gonzales

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We Need
 Your E-mail
 address for
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 Newsletter
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Future Meetings:

2010-2011 AORN Chapter 1411

Saturday, April 9th

Chapter 1411 Educational Workshop

Theme: WELL BEING

Place: Swedish Covenant Hospital

ANDERSON PAVILLION

Foster and California, Chicago

Registration & Breakfast 0730

Program 0800-1030

See Flyer attached – 2 CEU's

Tuesday, May 10 – at Lutheran General-10th floor Green Room
Board Meeting 5-6PM

Dinner and Chapter meeting with Chapter Elections – 6-7PM
CEU Presentation: 7-8PM

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm; Natural History, Diagnosis, and Treatment".

Tuesday, June 7 – Installation Dinner for New Officers

Place - Wild Fire, Glenview

The Chapter officers encourage you to support your chapter by attending monthly meetings. Come and network with other OR nurses, enjoy a dinner out, and accrue free CEU's at each meeting. Bring a colleague who might be interested in joining!!

ALL GUESTS WELCOME!

Contact hours for all continuing nursing education activity are applied for through the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's

Commission on Accreditation.



Congress Tidbits

March 19-24, 2011

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

What a great historic place! Once again it was a week full of hustling and bustling but fun and memorable. Excellent speakers and plenty of takeaways to bring home, and I am not talking about goodies from the exhibit hall.

- New this year-every member had an opportunity to vote. Deborah Spratt is the new President-elect; Anne Fairchild was reelected for Treasurer; Darin Prescott, Victoria Steelman, Martha Stratton and Annette Wasielewski for Board of Directors; Holly Ervine and Susan Seitz for Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.
- The new AORN Sharps Safety Tool Kit was designed by a multidisciplinary team and now available free to members.
- Speaker Lucian Leape, MD, health care analyst, talked about the future of Health Care. One-size-fits-all hospitals have evolved to become accountable care organizations (ACOs). The common themes of these organizations would be standardization of care: which means every patient will receive the same quality of care. To be successful, it must consist of interprofessional teams accountable to the patient, society, and to the organization.
- Bill Duffy received the 2011 award for Excellence.
- Universal Access proposal was met with enthusiasm at the Forum. The universal Access Task Force was appointed to create options to entice some of the more than 300,000 perioperative registered nurses who are not AORN members to join. Some of the options include packages for hospitals, ambulatory surgery center, a rural hospital membership, and a large hospital standard member plan. This proposal is still in working progress and will look at budget, resources, and additions/deletions to make it beneficial for everyone.
- Future of nursing is outlined by the IOM: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation partnered with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to assess the need to transform the nursing profession. The biggest emphasis is for nurses not to lose sight of the incredible opportunities to participate in changing the direction of the nursing profession and have a direct effect on health care reform.

Please plan ahead for Congress 2012. It will be in New Orleans and our President Ann Marie Herlehy has fun-filled events prepared for us.

Tey O'Meara, RN, MSN, CNOR

AORN/NWSCC President-elect

North Suburban Chicago Chapter of AORN # 1411

Chapter Delegate Report from AORN Congress 2011

Reported by Sophia Schild, Legislative Chair Chapter 1411

The 2011 Congress in Philadelphia took place on March 18 to March 24. This year's theme was *Freedom to be*. Our chapter was represented by 7 delegates and one alternate delegate. There were many opportunities to see vendors show their products, attend the poster presentations and educational programs, taste good food and network.

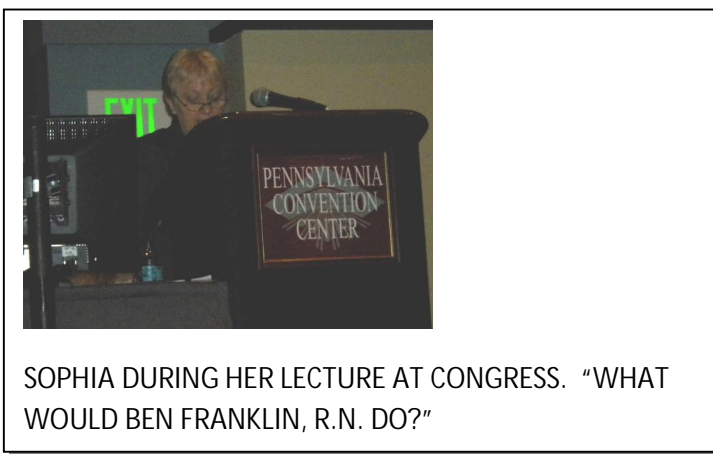
1.. Educational Opportunities

There were multiple programs for contact hours available through AORN on topics in nine tracks. The tracks included ambulatory, clinical, education, ethical/legal, infection control, informatics, leadership, professional development and quality. The pre congress workshops began on Friday and ended on Sunday afternoon. One of the keynote speakers were on the Art of Vision presented on Sunday afternoon another was by Lee Woodruff who spoke about the remarkable recovery of her husband who was hurt in Afghanistan. Specialty assemblies provided 1.0 contact hours and other educational programs were 1.0 or 1.5 contact hours. There were also over 170 posters on varied topics for contact hours. The poster displays were available for viewing from 7 am to 5 pm on Sunday through Wednesday and 7 am to 12 pm on Thursday. The vendors also presented many educational programs on varied topics.

Hot topics on *TheFuture of Nursing: Moving Forward to Improve Patient Care* and about the website, <http://thefutureofnursing.org>. *The Future of Surgery* also presented the role of robots, virtual reality; military unmanned surgery drones at the battle front and news of tissue and organ growth for all organs but the brain. These were but a sample of the varied interesting and informative programs for nurses, educators, managers and anyone interested in learning.

Noteworthy are presentations by our own Carrie McGraw on Lateral Violence, Sophia Schild on What Would Ben Franklin OR RN Do? Carrie and her team provided a stimulating program on lateral violence in the workplace which included her website on that same topic. Sophia and her team mates presented a program on legislative issues with an introduction to AORN grassroots legislative movement. From the Chicago Chapter, Bill Duffy spoke on double gloving at the Cardinal booth and Bill Culver addressed issues of safety and security of your computer in an education session.

2. The Election Results
3. The Exhibit Hall
4. CCI Lounge
5. ICORN Meeting
6. First time as a delegate
7. Delegate business
8. Speaking at Congress



SOPHIA DURING HER LECTURE AT CONGRESS. "WHAT WOULD BEN FRANKLIN, R.N. DO?"



MY CONGRESS EXPERIENCE BY JODI GASKI, RN BSN CNOR DELEGATE FOR CHAPTER 1411

My Congress experience this year in Philadelphia was just what I needed to recharge my tired over-worked body, mind and spirit. The historical location made the site-seeing more than enjoyable and educational, it also moved me. The presence of the liberty bell resonated the sounds of freedom and impressed upon me again the struggles our country and its citizens have endured and overcome. One heroine, Betsy Ross, was far ahead of her time working beyond the designated female role of just hemming garments to sewing our flag in secret risking her life and freedom. Stories on screens at our first nation's capitol and home of first president George Washington told the heart-breaking experiences of slaves living in fear, denied the basics of humanity. Motivational speakers at Congress empowered me to continue to strive and do my best, to identify obstacles and seek solutions. This is what we do as nurses in our practice. We show compassion for our patients, we seek to improve our work environment and always keep patient safety and patient's rights at the forefront. Congress provided me as always the tools to improve my practice with educational sessions I attended and the opportunity to explore some of the 5,000 participating Vendor's new products that decrease work load and improve patient care. It's been 50 years since AORN held Congress in Philadelphia, and I look forward to the next time in 2017.

My AORN Philadelphia 2011 Congress – Some Thoughts

By Jessica Ambrosia

AORN Congress, this year held in Philadelphia with the theme “Freedom to Be” was an event-filled celebration of perioperative nursing and all that we can achieve. Two of our very own NWSCC members exemplified the theme by making their debuts as presenters at Congress this year. First was Sophia Schild, my roommate at the Four Seasons, who, as a new member of the National Legislative committee, was a co-presenter of the session titled “What Would Benjamin Franklin RN Do?” It was about how nurses can become involved in shaping laws that affect healthcare. Way to go, Sophia!

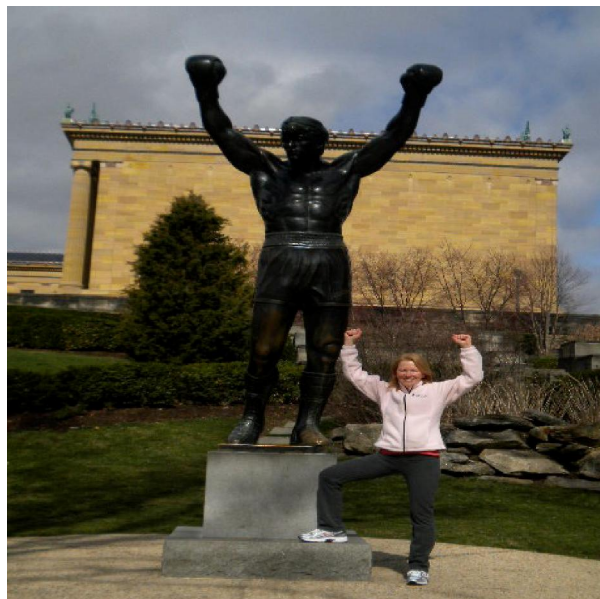
Our second distinguished presenter was Carrie McGraw, who, along with her two graduate school colleagues put together a very timely and well received session entitled “Lateral Violence in the Workplace.” Overwhelming audience participation was a testament to how important this often unspoken topic is to us.

Attending these two sessions and seeing our colleagues and friends on the dais was truly a highlight of Congress for me. Other highlights included running in Rocky’s footsteps up the stairs at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and striking a triumphant pose alongside the bronze statue of said Rocky; viewing the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and pounding the cobblestone streets in search of the best cheesesteak. Jim’s on 4th and South Street was the winner, served “with” (onions) and “Whiz” (Cheese Whiz).

The Chicago Chapter was also well represented, with Bill Duffy receiving AORN’s 2011 Excellence in Nursing Award, and presenting at two sessions and on the exhibit floor. Bill Culver gave a presentation too. And of course what a proud moment it was when the venerable President’s Gavel was passed to AnneMarie Herlihy and she started her tenure as our AORN President!

If you have not yet experienced Congress, I urge you to attend. It is fun, inspiring, and you will come home energized.

JESSICA AT THE FAMOUS “ROCKY” STATUE IN PHILLY





OPEN POSITIONS	BUDGETED HOURS	HOURS
<i>Specialty Resource (General/Trauma)</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	<i>0700-1500</i>
<i>Specialty Resource (GU)</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	<i>0700-1500</i>
<i>Specialty Resource (Ophthalmology)</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	<i>0700-1500</i>
<i>Registered Nurse First Assist (RNFA)</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	<i>1500-12300</i>
<i>Clinical Educator</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	<i>0700-1500</i>
<i>Certified Surgical Tech</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	<i>1500-2300</i>

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Celebrate
Earth Day – April 22, 2011
A Billion Acts of Green®



First held in the United States in 1970, **Earth Day** is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural resources and environment.

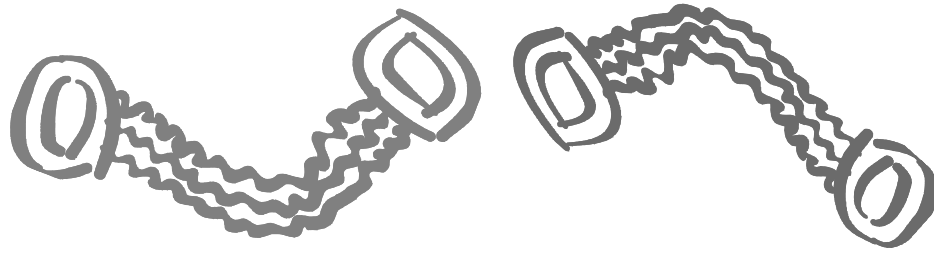
Following a huge oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, California in 1969, and outraged by the resulting devastation in California and the political inertia in Washington D.C., Gaylord Nelson, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, proposed a national teach-in on the environment to be observed by every university campus in the United States. **Earth Day** is now observed on April 22nd each year by more than 500 million people and several national governments in 175 countries.

This year, recognizing the power of millions of individual actions, **Earth Day** 2011 will be organized around **A Billion Acts of Green®**: personal, organizational, and corporate pledges to live and act in support of the environment. The goal is to register one billion actions in advance of the Earth Summit in Rio in 2012. Some actions could include:

- planting a tree/garden/flowers
- turning off lights/computers/appliances when not in use/converting to compact fluorescent light bulbs
- washing clothes in cold water/lowering the temperature of your hot water heater/not running water while brushing your teeth
- walking or riding you bicycle instead of driving/checking the tire inflation to improve the fuel efficiency of your car
- reusing/recycling to reduce the amount of garbage that enters the waste stream

A Billion Acts of Green® demonstrates the kind of environmental impact that can be made when millions of people, organizations, and corporations, make commitments, whether large or small to better their environment. Whether you pledge at **A Billion Acts of Green®** or not – make a **GREEN** pledge to act and save your environment.

Submitted by Mary Pedersen,RN Chapter 1411



AORN NWSCC Monthly Meeting
Saturday, April 9, 2011
at
Swedish Covenant Hospital
Anderson Pavilion
(Foster & California, Chicago)

Our Theme: Well-Being

Registration: 7:30-8:00

Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010

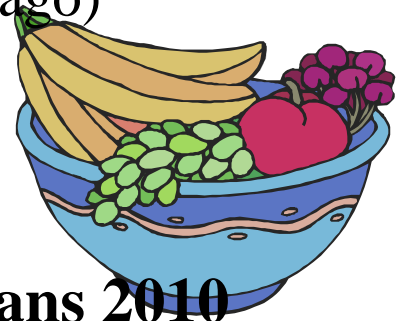
8:00-9:00

Exercise & Fitness

9:30-10:30

Presenter: Jenny Schwartz RD, LD

(Applications for Continuing Education Units have been submitted)



Vendors from Lia Sophia and Avon will be present

