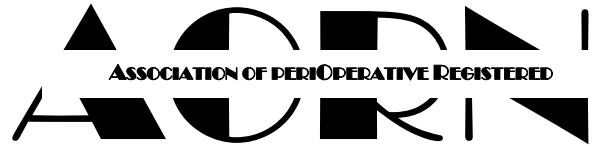


Chapter Chatter

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NORTHWEST SUBURBAN CHICAGO CHAPTER #1411



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you didn't attend the Saturday February 7th educational seminars at Swedish Covenant Hospital you missed out on three excellent speakers. But at our next Chapter meeting Tuesday, March 10th we plan on having an outstanding presentation on MRSA so be there, or be square. Don't let the weather keep you away this month, because we miss not seeing you.

Well March is finally here and spring is just around the corner. I hope that many of you are going to be able to have the opportunity to go to the AORN's National Congress March 14-19th at McCormick Place. As I mentioned in a previous message St. Patrick's Day will occur during Congress and the Chicago parade will be celebrated on Saturday March 14th. AORN will be participating by have a Trolley in the parade and the parade begins at 11 AM and will be televised.

All chapter members from all Illinois are invited to join by walking along side the Trolley. The Illinois Chapter Presidents and any national officers or Board members that wish to attend are invited to ride the Trolley. The organizers are asking that you wear "Green" scrubs for this event to be in the parade. Remember to wear warm clothes under your scrubs, because one never knows what the weather could be like.

As you know a big part of why we meet annually at Congress is to elect our new National Officers and Board. You chapter delegates represent the chapter members "you" in casting our delegate votes. This years six delegates are; President-Elect Sophia Schild-St. Mary's Medical Center, Titiana Lacson-Lutheran General Hospital, Felicia Schallmo-Lutheran General Hospital, Sue Clausen-Highland Park Hospital, Tey O'Meara-Highland Park Hospital, Sherry Goldstein-Hinsdale Hospital and one alternate delegate Jessica Ambrosia-Evanston Hospital. We as Chapter 1411 delegates will be acting on your behalf to vote for the best candidates to lead our national organization into the future. So take this opportunity to contact anyone or the entire group of delegates to let us know your opinion as to who we should cast our chapter votes for.

We have been allowed to have a merchandise table this year at Congress and will be selling the Chicago Skyline and Shamrock pins as well as our chapter member cookbooks. Please contact me if you are coming to Congress and can give up one hour of your time to help man the sales booth. Please check your congress guide for the meeting day and time for the ICORN meeting, remember bring your lunch with you.

AORN is allowing this year for multiple people (four) to use one registration badge so one person can go per day. This will allow for the surrounding hospitals to let their staff attend at least one day at a discounted rate. I hope to see you at Congress, look for us your delegates we'll be volunteering at the Jerry G. Peers lecture and will have on a Shamrock scarf. Now don't forget everyone is Irish on St. Pat's Day in Chicago.

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Foundation: Tita Lacson, Fina Beltran

Membership: Tita Lacson

Legislative: Kathy Folena

Newsletter: Felicia Schallmo

Ways & Means: Sue Clausen

**Nominating
 and Website:** Randolph Schild

Outreach: Jodi Gaski



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Future Meetings:

2008-2009

TUESDAY, March 10, 2009

Lutheran General Hospital, 10th FLOOR GREEN ROM

Board Meeting – 5-6 PM

Chapter Meeting and Dinner - 6-7 PM

7-8 PM EDUCATIONAL CEU

MRSA – FINANCIAL & CLINICAL IMPACT (see flyer)

Speaker: Janet Strong, RN CNOR, Molnlycke Healthcare

AORN Congress – Chicago, IL March 14 -19, 2009

TUESDAY, April 14, 2009

Lutheran General Hospital, 10th Floor Green Room

Board Meeting 5-6 PM

Chapter Meeting and Dinner 6-7 PM

Educational CEU 7-8 PM

DEVICE MANGEMENT IN SURGERY (PACEMAKER, DEFIBRILLATOR)

SPEAKER: Ruby Gubat, APN/CNS

TUESDAY, May 12, 2009 Lutheran General Hospital, 10th Floor Green Room

Board Meeting 5-6PM

Chapter Meeting and Dinner 6-7 PM

Educational Presentation 7-8 PM

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Installation Dinner for New Chapter Officers

Place: TBA

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.

SOME FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

PRESIDENT : Invited Carmencita Duffy from the Chicago Chapter to the Board meeting. Carmencita asked our chapter to volunteer to host one of the Congress sessions. We chose to volunteer for the Jerry Peers General Session.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Sophia was ill. It was recognized that the February seminar, that Sophia chaired for our Chapter, raised \$1,050.

TREASURER: Sue has sent a \$200 check to National AORN for the Foundation Chapter Challenge. Sue announced we are still looking for non-delegate volunteers to sell Shamrock pins and cookbooks at Congress for our Chapter. Anyone who could help us out should contact Sue by email at susan11548@comcast.net

OUTREACH: Jodi will try to raise some money for our troop project at Congress.



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- *O.R. managers can find experienced personnel to fill your long-vacant positions.
- *Vendors can showcase new products or advertise your tried-and-true equipment directly to the nurses who use them.

Advertise here and see the responses and reactions. A full page ad is just \$100, ½ page is \$50, and ¼ page is \$25. This is a very cost-effective way to get your needs into the hands of your direct market every month. For information call or email Sue Clausen, 847-696-0625, susan11548@comcast.net.



Educational Workshop Report

On Saturday February 7, 2009, our chapter hosted a 4-hour educational workshop. In attendance were over 30 persons to take part in the meal and education presentations. Many new and old faces were seen and heard networking. We are grateful that they came and hope that they will continue to attend our monthly meetings and gain insight and contact hours as 2009 moves in to 2010 and we are must meet the requirements for the 20 contact hours for our RN licenses.

The topics included:

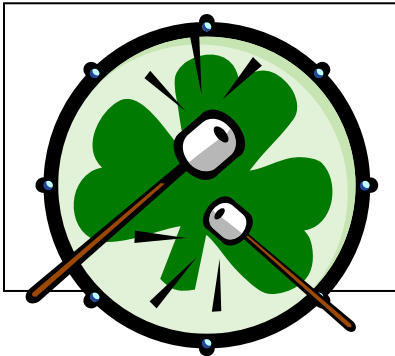
- Negligence in the Operating Room
- Pressure Ulcers
- Double Gloving

The responses in the evaluations were positive. The positive attitude extended to the jovial atmosphere in the auditorium of Swedish Covenant Hospital. Our hosts provided us a well-lit, clean and professional appearing facility. I would like to thank our hosts for their generosity. Additionally, I wish to thank our speakers for their informative, timely and innovative presentations.

Sincerely,

Sophia Schild, EdD, MSN, RN, CNOR
President Elect

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
NEWS FOR THE CHICAGO AORN CONGRESS
COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!**



The parade is on Saturday March 14th. We will be meeting at 11am on Columbus Drive at our parade slot (which still has not been provided by the City).

The trolley will be for national, international guests, and chapter presidents.....still working on the finalities for the trolley. We ask for a \$5.00 donation which a portion will go to cover expenses but the majority will be donated to the foundation. We ask that if you are marching in the parade with the others, to wear green scrubs.....given it is Chicago, temps will either be in the 60s or -60s.....LOL. That's our lovely City for you!!!

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AORN Fox Valley #1412, President

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH CHAIRMAN

Hi Chapter Members,

I want to share the following email I received from Maj. Ouellette. We have sent 248 boxes since we began this Chapter mission in May 2007. We are down to 2 sites. Our other site is where CPT Derral Prowant served, and now CPT Angelo Fiore is stationed. Our funds have been depleted at the present time. Thank you to those who have faithfully supported our nurses at war. We will continue to send boxes when donations are received. Jodi Gaski RN BSN CNOR Community Outreach Chair



Dear Jodi:

It has been fairly steady. Lots of "distinguished visitors" have been coming through the hospital lately. Yesterday, I had to brief one of our 4 star generals. Plus lots of other generals with him. Those of us chosen to brief, could not be in scrubs. So I had to wear my uniform, with my required pistol harness. On the "outer core" walls of our OR, are pictures of the first hospital, which was all in tents. I felt like an historian, being here in the 1st group to set up, the 2nd for the move to the newly built hospital, and here now.

We had two severe trauma bringbacks going, while I was briefing. I explained our board with the listing of all surgical patients of the day. Two more patients were detainees or prisoners. One had a tonsillectomy, and another a hemicolectomy for a colon cancer mass.

One of the severely wounded bringbacks, was now changed to detainee status, not Iraqi military. The day before, 3 were brought to our facility, after an explosion. In the ED, a CRNA had trouble cutting away clothing. A large wad of cash was discovered, and turned over to our admin personnel. The story gets more and more interesting. But when these two, plus one more arrived, we did 4 amputations, 3 on one alone. Time was near change of shift, so we were able to get "to go" boxes for dinner for the staff of 27 in the rooms. As night shift arrived, they were sent to eat. All finished by 10p.m.

Then a huge sandstorm and winds. Doors were blown off the "cadillacs" or shower trailers. Date trees snapped. Sunglasses with padding, to keep out the sand, are a must. Muslim or linen scarves are used to wrap our faces, to walk outside, to keep out the sand and dust from our eyes, nose, and face. They are thin enough to see through and breathe without inhaling dirt. Everything was flying. I laughed as I saw a small area rug. I thought "flying carpets."

Got to go, trauma call x 1 in Ed. I'll let you know about this one. I hear choppers

Mary-ellen

The Clinical and Financial Impact of MRSA



Date: **3/10/09**

Time(s): **7-8 PM**

Location: **LGH GREEN ROOM, 10TH FLOOR**

Presented by:
Janet Strong, RN, CNOR

Mölnlycke Health Care US, LLC

Overview

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is a specific strain of the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterium that has developed antibiotic resistance to all penicillins, including methicillin. Although MRSA has traditionally been seen as a hospital-acquired infection, there is currently an epidemic of community-acquired MRSA in the United States. Therefore, it is imperative that healthcare professionals remain aware of the challenges presented by MRSA. This continuing education activity will provide the participant with up-to-date information on both hospital-acquired and community-acquired MRSA. It will present an overview of the latest MRSA statistics and trends, including its clinical and financial impact on the healthcare system. The current challenges of community-acquired MRSA will be explored. Various infection prevention strategies with proven success will also be discussed. Opportunity will be provided for questions and discussion of the issues.

Learner Objectives

After completing this continuing education activity, the participant should be able to:

1. Explain the evolution of MRSA.
2. Discuss the current clinical implications of MRSA.
3. Identify the financial impact of MRSA.
4. Differentiate between hospital-acquired MRSA and community-acquired MRSA.
5. Describe effective MRSA infection prevention strategies.

California State Board of Nursing Credits

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This continuing education activity is approved by the Association of Surgical Technologists, Inc. for 1.0 CE credits for continuing education in surgical technology.

IACET

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