

Chapter Chatter

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NORTHWEST SUBURBAN CHICAGO CHAPTER #1411

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President's Message for NOVEMBER

“Perioperative Nurse Week (November 7-13, 2011) is a special time to recognize and honor perioperative nurses for their important role and commitment to safe patient care.” It is also a time to stand tall and be recognized as an integral member of your OR team. Keeping up with Standards of Practices and Policies, while staying focused during a busy schedule fraught with chaotic moments, is no easy feat.

Some of us have been around for over 30 years and some are just beginning in the perioperative arena. Regardless of the generation of which you are a member, you share the same passion and commitment to achieve safe practice and patient satisfaction.

We need to incorporate some fun in our daily work. Celebrate this special event with your colleagues: plan a potluck, create a collage of your staff, give each other a special note of recognition, or maybe organize a get-together after work.

Join our chapter in celebrating Perioperative Nurse Week on November 5th at Glenbrook Hospital, Conference B, C, D. Registration starts at 0730AM. Ann Marie Herlehy, our National President is our special guest. To boost the fun, we will have an hour of Zumba class from 10:30-11:30 AM. Please come in your comfortable clothes, and bring a towel and a water bottle. It is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Come and plan to have some power action fun with us!

Sincerely,
Tey O'Meara



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2011-2012 AORN Chapter 1411

November 12th
Monthly Meeting (Saturday) at Glenbrook Hospital
Celebrate Nurses' Week
Presenter: Anne Marie Herlehy
Zumba Class to follow
(flyer on the next page)

Come to the meetings and network with other OR nurses, enjoy a dinner out, and accrue free CEU's at each meeting. Bring a colleague!

No meeting in December

January meeting and Educational offering will be back to the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Lutheran General Hospital

Meeting Location:
Lutheran General Hospital
10th Floor Green Room
Board Meeting 5:00 pm
Business Meeting 6:00 pm
Educational Offering 7:00 – 8:00 pm



We need your email address for speedy Newsletter delivery.



AORN/Northwest Suburban Chicago Chapter 1411
Educational Seminar
November 5, 2011
Glenbrook Hospital
Conference Room B, C, D
2100 Pfingsten Road

Registration starts at 0730AM
Continental Breakfast

Educational Program
Influencing Safe Perioperative Practice
(1 contact Hour)

Ann Marie Herlehy, DNP, MSN, CNOR
AORN National President

Zumba Class
Instructor: Lissette Jimenez
Certified Zumba Instructor

\$5 fee for non-members only
Comfy work out gear a MUST

59th Annual Congress in New Orleans, LA
Theme: WE CARE INFLUENCING SAFE PERIOPERATIVE PRACTICE
March 24-29, 2011

AORN Congress is the opportunity of the year to get energized and connected with more than 5,000 others in the perioperative field.

- More than 100 sessions of education with networking and career building opportunities in 6 days
- 5,000 exhibitors representing 500 of the newest perioperative surgical products

Registration going on:

- **Register to be a self-appointed delegate**
- **New Orleans Housing is 50% Full**

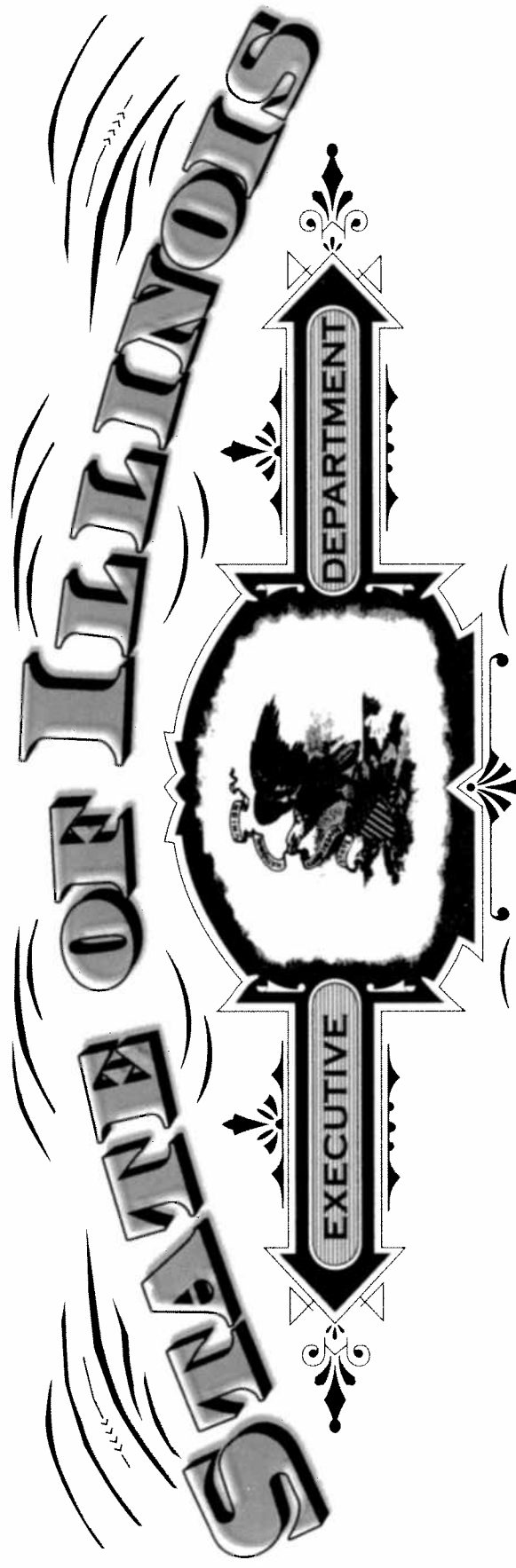
Mark the Dates

- Vendor Fair: February 11, 2012 at Swedish Covenant Hospital. Fees: \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. There will be 2 CEU.
- Chapter 1411 35th Anniversary: Will celebrate on December 2. More information will be posted in our Chapter's website.
- Spring Work Shop: April 14, 2012. Possible sites: Glenbrook Hospital or Evanston Hospital.
- Chance to win \$50 in a raffle for members including Board members with perfect meeting attendance for the year 2011-2012. **Winner will be announced during the Installation Dinner.**

From Jodi Gaski, Outreach Committee Chair:

Please bring non perishable food items for the WINGS food pantry to the November 5th meeting. You may also donate gift cards from Jewel, Dominick's, Walmart, and Target. Collect at your hospitals too. The more support the more families we will be able to reach and help. The holiday season is approaching and those without the resources to feed their families are in our thoughts and hearts. Spread some joy with your generosity.

Ever serve in a soup kitchen? Let's get a group together and help in a church in Des Plaines. Email me for details at jodi.gaski@advocatehealth. If you have served in your neighborhood or are planning too, please send details too.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during, and after surgical intervention; and,

WHEREAS, serving in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgical centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the best care possible for surgical patients; and,

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to surgery, prepare a plan for the care a surgical patient will receive and prepare the operating room and patient for surgery; and,

WHEREAS, surgical patients rely on the skills, knowledge, and expertise of perioperative registered nurses, who uphold a long tradition of improving surgical safety and the quality of patient care; and,

WHEREAS, the Association of perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN), is a 40,000 member strong organization with state and local chapters nationwide which supports perioperative registered nurses in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers; and,

WHEREAS, during the week of November 7-13, 2011 AORN and its members across the country will celebrate Perioperative Nurse Week; and,

WHEREAS, Perioperative Nurse Week recognizes the contribution perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 7 – 13, 2011 as **PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK** in Illinois, in recognition of perioperative registered nurses' important role and commitment to safe patient care.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this NINETEENTH day of OCTOBER, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

ELEVEN, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD



Dee White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR