PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - **Greetings to all 345 strong!** What a great start to our 2018 year! I want to thank each of the 42 members who braved the cold to attend our January Meeting. In addition to a great talk on Steam Sterilization and One Tray, by Barbara Harmer, we collected lots of warm winter wear and money for Foster Adopt Connect, had both productive committee and business meetings and celebrated my 60th birthday. Thanks to Innovative Sterilization We definitely embraced action: mind, body and spirit!! Technologies (IST) for providing dinner and our dynamic and knowledgeable speaker. Thanks to all who helped. Denett Costin, Marie Staples & I braved the cold at the Battle of the Bean 5K to support our charity partner, Happy Bottoms. We definitely embraced action: mind, body and spirit!!

Our 2018 Conference and Vendor Fair," New Trends in Health Care 2018" is Saturday, February 24, 2018, from 8-3:15. This is an excellent opportunity to network, meet vendors, and get 6.5CE for only \$45. We have a great line up of speakers and topics. Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included. We hope to see you and your co-workers. Let's make this annual event a big success.

The nominating committee is in search of one name to complete our officers' slate for the 2018-2019 year. That office is secretary. This person takes minutes at the board meetings which are monthly online and takes the Chapter business meetings minutes. This is a great way to get Board experience and be involved in your chapter. Please consider running if you are asked. Contact Megan Jackson, chair at mdjackson2006@yahoo.com.

Two nursing student scholarships will be awarded at the February 20 meeting. These qualified students are Denis DeZorzi, CST, of SMMC who is starting nursing school at Penn Valley and Emily Backs, who is a junior in nursing at Missouri State University of Springfield.

I invite you to participate in our service opportunity at The Franciscan Sisters in Independence, MO. Make plans to volunteer sorting instruments and supplies, Saturday, March 3, 2018. 9-noon.

The AORN Global and Surgical Conference and Expo in New Orleans is March 24-28.

- Congratulations to our delegates: Louann Huffman, Barb Adkins, Chris Blackburn, Cindy Davis, Libby Nasche, Julia
 Jackson, Deborah Shields, Amber Kling, Marie Barrentine, Denice Morrison, Ashley Shaw, Tracy Porter, and Erin Tharp,
 our 1st time attendee.
- There are over 25 attendees from our chapter from almost all the local hospitals.
- Congratulations to NKCH and CMH whose posters have been accepted for presentation at Expo.
- NKCH Periop 101 Poster "Chlorhexidine Gluconate Pre-Surgical Bathing: It's Your Best"
 - Sarah Jacobs
 Tia Kennedy
 Sara Rush
 Denice Morrison, mentor
- CMH poster on pre-warming orthopedic spine patients with Bear Paws:
 - Jessica Garden
- CMH poster on inpatient transfers to the OR:
 - Caleigh Brown
 Meredith Kopp
 Gentry Ehlert
 Sabrina Yasso
- CMH poster on "bear bag" belongings bag for pediatric patients:
 - Gentry EhlertMark Besinger

I hope to see you all at the next Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at St. Joseph Medical Center. Dinner begins at 5:30. Terri Sontheimer, our own chapter member and our 2017 Vendor of the Year is presenting "Do You Have Skin in the Game? The High Stakes of SSI", a review of preps and hand hygiene. This 2CE/dinner will be provided by 3M, Dan Schierling.

Just another reminder that the rest of the chapter meetings and the workshop will be at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Thank you for Embracing Action, Mind, Body, & Spirit to care for your patients.

Louann Huffman, BSN, RN, CNOR

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2017-2018 KCAORN President

A River Runs Through it AORNKC.ORG Feb 2018

President Louann Huffman wished everyone a Happy 2018, and encouraged us to "embrace action", as part of this year's theme, attend meetings and get involved committee signups will be available in the next few months for the 2018-2019 year. Participation in committees and chapter activities helps determine eligibility for chapter delegates to the annual AORN Conference and Expo. Hospitality - Carol Regan thanked Innovative Sterilization Technologies for our dinner, welcomed a member visiting for the first time, and guests from NKCH sterile processing department! November meeting minutes approved. Community Service – Melissa Harber shared the Thank You letter from the KC Zoo for our November donation to Adopt a Wild Child; Denice

service dogs who assist veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury. Until the April 17, 2018 meeting, continue bringing donations: old cell phones, (SAFEHOME); pop tabs (Ronald McDonald House); empty pill bottles (Medical Mission); diapers (Happy Bottoms Diaper Bank) and eyeglasses. Service project on Saturdays March 3 & June 2, 9:00-12:00 at Franciscan

scarves, gloves) were for Foster Adopt Connect. February collection will be for Battle Buddy

Minutes Morrison posted a "needs list" of items for the zoo. January collection (donations & hats,

Sisters (2100 N. Noland Rd, Independence) to sort and box medical mission supplies, instruments-helpful for those engaged in clinical ladder! Scholarships - Melissa discussed the one for an undergrad nursing student (\$350) has two applicants; since no one has applied for the CRNFA scholarship in recent years it was proposed to add \$250 from that for a combined amount of \$600 to split between the two undergrads whose name will be announced in February! Still available: There are two CNOR scholarships at \$200 each waiting for applicants and two scholarships at \$200 each for members going for a BSN, MS, PhD or DNP. Scholarship applications are due April 13, 2018. Theme for this year, "Embrace Action: Mind, Body and Spirit", prompted our chapter to hold wine & cheese tasting for new members (PR/Media - Tracy Porter) and educational trip to the KC Zoo medical facilities (Denice Morrison, Marie Staples). These engagement activities earned our chapter \$250 from National. Financial - Valerie Heckmaster reports November CD \$6826.00, Savings \$19,168.52 (\$25,994.52 together) and Checking \$18,047.20; December CD \$6826.00, Savings \$19,168.85 (\$25,994.85 together) and Checking \$19,170.78. Membership - Barb Adkins reports 340 members. 1st Time Attendee to Expo - Barb announced member Erin Tharp was chosen as the 13th funded delegate from our chapter. Erin read her essay at our meeting. Credentials committee - Marie Barrentine discussed chapter funded candidates (\$1200 each) include President, President Elect (Louann Huffman, Barb Adkins), 1st time attendee, and 10 delegates selected based on activity points (Chris Blackburn, Julia Jackson, Cindy Davis, Libby Nasche, Deborah Shields, Andrea Gunter, Amber Kling, Marie Barrentine, Denice Morrison, Ashley Shaw). Chapter Conference/Vendor Fair - Chairman Barb Adkins: Saturday Feb. 24., 7:55-15:30 St Joseph Med Ctr. Cost \$45 by check, \$50 online, 6.5 CEs for RNs and Scrub Techs. Breakfast, lunch, prizes. Nominating Committee - Megan Jackson: Offices to be elected- President Elect (Ashley Shaw), Vice President (Sharon Williamson), Secretary, Board Of Directors x2 (Libby Nasche and Jan O'Dell), and Nominating Committee x3 (Melissa Tullis, Mary Al Khazraji & Debbie Shields). Still in need of a candidate for secretary. Thank you to those who have answered YES to the call! Fundraising - gift cards see Deanna Cross; form and money due in March for April delivery. Banquet - Bucky Will: Tuesday May 1 at Johnny Cascone's, 91st & Metcalf, \$35, celebrating chapter achievements, scholarship winners, Member and Vendor of the Year, honoring retired members, officer inductions. Newletter - due Jan. 30 to Denett Costin for February. Chapter meetings at St Joseph Med Center for February, March and April. February 20, 2018, 5:30 dinner, 6:00 business, 6:45 program by Terri Sontheimer, 3M, "Do you have skin in the Game - the high stakes of SSI" (2 CEs). Denise introduced January program, Barbara Harmer, Innovative Sterilization Technologies: "Steam Sterilization -What do you Know?" Business meeting adjourned 6:45.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Jackson, Secretary.

DATE	January Financials 2018	AMOUNT
	SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
1/1/2018	Beginning Balance	\$19,168.85
	Interest Payment	\$0.33
1/31/2018	Ending Balance	\$19,169.18
1/1/2018	CD ACCOUNT	\$6,826.00
1/31/2018	Total Savings + CD	\$25,995.18
	CHECKING ACCOUNT	/
1/1/2018	Beginning Balance	\$19,170.78
1/4/2018	Stripe Vendor Wksp (\$285-\$8.57) Michael Voyles	\$276.43
1/11/2018	Stripe Wksp Reg. (\$48.50-\$1.71) T. Kuehn	\$46.79
1/11/2018	AORN - Chapter Engagement Incentive Award	\$250.00
1/16/2018	Stripe Vendor Wksp (\$285-\$8.57) Caitlin Rittenhouse	\$276.43
1/16/2018	ReadyTalk (online payment)	\$33.35
1/16/2018	Papa John's (food for Jan. mtg) #2097	\$230.00
1/16/2018	Cindy Davis - Delegate #2098	\$1,200.00
1/16/2018	Food for Jan. mtg DM #2099	\$75.67
1/16/2018	Deborah Shields - Delegate #2100	\$510.00
1/16/2018	Julia Jackson - Delegate #2101	\$620.00
1/16/2018	AORN Conf. Reg. (Julia, Amber, Erin, Deborah, Kathryn)	\$3,010.00
1/17/2018	Stripe Vendor Wksp (\$285-\$8.57) Tyson Ditmore	\$276.43
1/18/2018	Stripe Wksp Reg. (\$48.50-\$1.71) D. Stranckmeyer	\$46.79
1/19/2018	December Chapter Rebate	\$280.00
1/19/2018	Stripe Wksp Reg. (\$48.50-\$1.71) A. Valdez	\$46.79
1/23/2018	Stripe Vendor Wksp (\$285-\$8.57) Paul Brizzi	\$276.43
1/24/2018	Stripe Wksp Reg. (\$48.50-\$1.71) J. Bogers	\$46.79
1/24/2018	Stripe Wksp Reg. (\$48.50-\$1.71) D. West	\$46.79
1/24/2018	Deposit - Expo Reimbursement #2870 K. Blundell	\$580.00
1/24/2018	Deposit - Workshop Registrations (details available)	\$980.00
1/25/2018	Stripe Wksp Reg. (\$48.50-\$1.71) B. Reno	\$46.79
1/26/2018	Tracy Porter - Delegate #2102	\$1,200.00
1/29/2018	Stripe Wksp Reg. (\$48.50-\$1.71) R. Bell	\$46.79
1/31/2018	Vendor Wksp (check deposit) ISP	\$275.00
<mark>1/3</mark> 1/2018	Ending Balance	\$16,090.01



The Hospitality Committee would like to thank Barbara Ann Harmer, MHA, BSN, RN, Director of Clinical Services, Innovative Sterilization Technologies, (ONE TRAY) for providing our meal and program for our January meeting. The Papa Johns Pizza was delicious & we Louann's 60th Birthday cake for dessert. enjoyed **Our Program on Steam Sterilization:** What Do You Know informative and members earned 1 CEU. The meeting

in February will be held at St. Joseph Medical Center. Be sure to get your ticket as you enter for the free drawings.

was very interesting,

Our Theme for January's Prizes focused on Relaxing after the Holidays and getting in shape for the New Year.

Dinner will be ready at 5:30. Business meeting 6 - 6:45 with education to follow.

Respectfully, Carol Regan RN, CNOR Hospitality Chairmen, 2017-18

Hello AORN Friends,

Please find all three scholarship applications = CNOR, CRNFA, & Member scholarships on the following website, www.aornkc.org click on the Scholarships link and then click on and open the scholarship you Scholarships are interested in applying for in 2018.

- Two CNOR Scholarships are available in the amount of \$200.00
- One CRNFA Scholarship is available in the amount of \$250.00
- Two Member Scholarships are available in the amount of \$250.00. Deadline to submit the CNOR, CRNFA &/or Member Scholarship Applications is April 13, 2018. Hard copies of all three scholarship applications will be available at the February 20, 2018 Chapter meeting.

Thank you, Melissa Harber RN-BC, CNOR, CRNFA Scholarship Chair 2016-2017

DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2018 LAP SHEET

Please submit all information for the March Lap Sheet by **MARCH 1, 2018** Jews Letter

To: odenett@hotmail.com



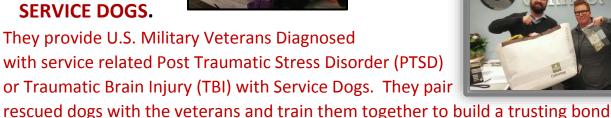
At our chapter meeting on January 16th, cash donations, totaling \$98.37, Community plus one giant bag and one large bag of mittens, gloves, scarves and hats were collected for **FOSTER ADOPT CONNECT** (formerly Midwest Foster Care and Adoption). All were delivered on Friday, January 19th by Deanna Cross, "They were very appreciative . . . their clothes closet was looking

During the month of February,

our chapter will support

pretty empty, this will help a lot . . . "

BATTLE BUDDY SERVICE DOGS.



similar to the battle buddy the veteran had while serving.



fosteradopt connect



RING . . . RING . . . RING . . . Three cell phones and one large bag of hotel size toiletries were collected and distributed to

SAFEHOME

(Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence).

Three small bags containing pop tabs were collected for the



Ronald McDonald House Charities sip, sip, sip. Two plastic grocery bags full of empty pill bottles (with the labels removed) were also collected.



There were no diapers collected for Happy Bottoms Diaper Bank in Kansas City.





WE ARE HAPPY TO RECYCLE YOUR **EYEGLASSES TO ASSIST OTHERS**

WITH THEIR VISION!!





All items will be collected at each meeting throughout the year until April 17, 2018. Thank you, Melissa Harber, MSN, RN_BC, CNOR, CRNFA **Community Services Chair 2017-2018**

Congratulations to our delegates:

Louann Huffman, Barb Adkins, Chris Blackburn, Cindy Davis, Libby Nasche, Julia Jackson, Deborah Shields, Amber Kling, Marie Barrentine, Denice Morrison, Ashley Shaw, Tracy Porter, and Erin Tharp, our 1st time attendee



Welcome – North Kansas City Hospital

Central Sterile Employees

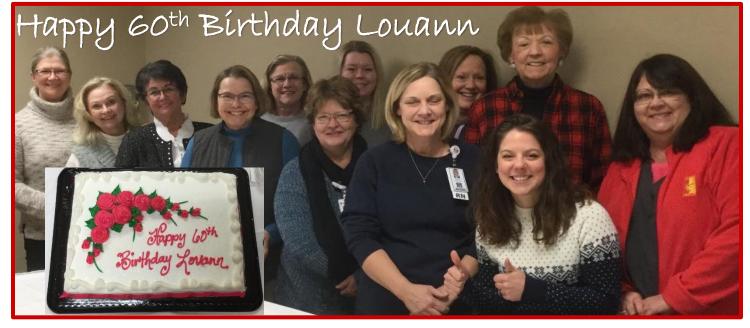


WELCOME

A New Face









TO OUR FELLOW AORN **MEMBERS AND NURSES**

Posters accepted at EXPO!!

NKCH PeriOp 101 Poster **Presenting at EXPO**

- Congratulations to Periop 101 Sarah Jacobs, Tia Kennedy, Sara Coslet and their Mentor Denice Morrison, whose poster has been accepted in the EBP category for AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo
- Application ID 49406
- Title Chlorhexidine Gluconate Pre-Surgical Bathing: It's Your Best
- Poster Type: Evidence-Based Practice
 - Also speaking at Workshop
 - And will display their poster at our Workshop, February 24

Congratulations to our fellow AORN members from CMH who are presenting 3 posters at EXPO

- Poster on pre-warming orthopedic spine patients with Bear Paws:
 - Jessica Garden
- Poster on inpatient transfers to the OR:
 - Caleigh Brown
 - Meredith Kipp
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 - Sabrina Yasso
- Poster on "bear bag" belongings bag for pediatric patients:"
 - Gentry Ehlert
 - o Marke Besinger

The 2018 End of Year Celebration (formerly known as the Banquet) will he held on

TUESDAY MAY 1st at Johnny Cascone's Restaurant 6863 W. 91st St. Overland Park, KS. 66212.

We will meet in their Banquet Room where cocktails will be served from the new cash bar beginning at 5:30 with dinner to be served promptly at 6:15 PM. The menu is your choice of an entree that you will select that evening:

elebrate with us! Lasagna or Fettuccine or Frank's Pasta (shrimp with lemon sauce). Or the Pasta Bowl (spaghetti, or mosticiolli or shell pasta Served with your choice of meat sauce, Italian sausage or meatballs). Included is salad, bread, and coffee/tea/soda service. And chocolate cake for dessert.

Special dietary needs accommodated;

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND DIETARY NEED IS APRIL 27TH, 2018

Reservations will be accepted at the February, March and April meetings for \$35.00. Reservations may be made online on the Aornkc.org website for \$38.50.

Please feel free to call me if you become aware of any AORN of Greater K.C. Retirees so that we may invite and recognize them.

Please join us for a fun and entertaining evening honoring Louann Huffman, her Board, and Committee Members and the new officers for 2018-2019.

> Many thanks, Bucky Will, BSN, RN 913-706-8291





AORN Proudly Presents

TERRI SONTHEIMER - 3M

Do You Have Skin in the Game:

The High Stakes of SSI

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:45 pm – 7:45 pm

2 CE

St. Joseph Medical Center Education Center Bldg D 1000 Carondelet Drive

Kansas City, MO 64114

Dinner provided 5:30 pm -Business meeting 6 pm

Speaker 6:45 – 7:45 pm