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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Certainly, America is no stranger to epidemics. 300 years ago, when we were still a colony, the port of Boston experienced its worst outbreak of smallpox. Ships sailing into a city were required to spend 40 days in quarantine on an island in the harbor before being allowed to enter the city. Even then, it was recognized that seamen appearing to be healthy, could be harboring an infectious disease. One night, a few sailors broke ranks and slipped through the lockdown. What happened next was inevitable. During the 1721-22 smallpox epidemic, 5,700 Bostonians out of a population of 10,600, became infected and 844 died. The severity of this epidemic prompted a local Puritan minister, Cotton Mather, to contact a Harvard physician named Zabdiel Boylston and propose an experimental procedure he had heard about in Europe. The medical procedure was called "variola" and involved implanting tissue from an actively infected smallpox patient into an open incision on the arm of a healthy individual. As archaic as this seems, it produced an attenuated version of the disease resulting in immunity to the dreaded illness. Dr. Boylston variolated 248 patients and, amazingly, only 6 died, but 242 survived the controversial procedure. This would become our country's earliest experiment with public inoculation, and in doing so, generated our first debate for supporting or opposing inoculation efforts. Of those inspired by research into immunization, Dr. Edward Jenner would go on to create the technique to inoculate people using a variant of smallpox, called "cowpox". As a result of Dr. Jenner's efforts, the dreaded smallpox has been virtually eradicated from the face of the earth.

Now we are in the midst of yet another plague, only this one isn't confined to just one city... it's worldwide...and it's holding us hostage. It seems like COVID-19 doesn't want us to get on with our lives. With the advent of vaccines, we were all so optimistic that when summer arrived everything would be "peachy". After the cancellation of the 2020 AORN EXPO in Anaheim, all our chapter delegates were excited to attend 2021's Expo in Orlando, in spite of the fact that it was in Really Hot AUGUST. But, unfortunately, COVID had other ideas. Uptick in Florida cases and hospitalization rate skyrocketed. 10 days before, the long-awaited, greatly anticipated AORN convention was scrubbed. AORN did invoke Plan B and EXPO was, again, delivered through a virtual format. We know that this was for our own protection, but it was still a huge disappointment. According to the latest survey, 88% of physicians, but only 74% of nurses have received the COVID vaccine. A convention center...not the safest place!!

This past year has been a challenge for our Greater Cleveland Chapter, but we have managed to navigate the choppy waters and stay afloat. With the assistance of many individuals and "zoom" and "free-conference-call" we were able to provide quality presentations, in addition to, continuing education to our members who need to renew their RN licenses this year. I'm pleased to say that we are moving forward with in-person meetings and have some exciting plans in store for our members. However, please remember to check our website for updates and changes to our meetings. It's difficult to admit, but we're NOT in control. The delta variant (and its unknown variables) is in the "drivers-seat". If it does become necessary to make changes for time/place/speaker, that information will be on our website.

Enjoy the rest of summer...stay safe...stay strong.... See you in September.

Cindy Tucker, President

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, let me introduce myself. I am Laurie Gronowski, a staff RN at the Beachwood ASC/OR. I have been a member of AORN since 1994 and a local chapter member since 1997 when I moved back to Cleveland. I have been a delegate at the National Meeting many times, most recently in 2017.

AORN has many valuable resources for you to utilize, from CE's to webinars, the discussion boards, tool kits, access to journals but one of my best resources over the years has been the networking at the meetings. Yes, it takes time but, it is only 2-3 hours 9 times a year. Over the years, I have watched the attendance drop at the meetings, this can be discouraging but as a chapter we are doing wonderful things, come check it out.

If you are an active member, you can also qualify to attend Expo as a delegate or even be a recipient of one of our nursing scholarships if you are continuing your education. Keep in mind that if you are CNOR, they will be changing the way you earn your recertification starting next year. It will not be all CE's; it will be similar to the clinical ladder process. Which means, if you are on a chapter committee that counts for points or if you give a CE presentation (which we can help attain the CE's) at a meeting. Come check us out, we would love to have you.

Delegate point sheets have been handed out or mailed to you, these must be returned by the October meeting. The point sheets are used not only for delegates at Expo but for those that qualify to run for office. I will not be at the September meeting, but Linda Bowen has agreed to collect them for me.

Sincerely,
Laurie Gronowski BSN, RN, CNOR



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Greater Cleveland chapter covers quite an extensive area, from Ashtabula to Lorain and down to Akron. If you know of a meeting location that is preferably free, has AV equipment we can use, easy access, and handicap accessible please let us know who to contact.

We are looking for members to join the Membership committee. The committee responsibilities are not difficult, and it is a great way to meet people. Some of the committee responsibilities:

- Sit at the sign-in table at a few chapter meetings
- Email Member Renewal letter reminders (*we provide the email list and the letter*)
- Hanging notices about meetings in the lounge at work
- Reminding people of meetings

If you are interested in joining us on this committee, please let us know. Remember, if you are CNOR, recertification will no longer be just by CE credits, involvement in different ways will be used for points—this would count!

Your involvement is what continues to make this chapter a success and we want to bring educational topics of interest to all, outreach programs and fundraising projects that all members are proud to be involved with.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Gronowski BSN, RN, CNOR
Linda Bowen, MSN, RN, CNOR(e)
Membership Committee Co-Chair(s)

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

*As of August 31, 2021,
we have 258 members*

Please welcome the following
new or returning members:

MAY

Michelle Confere – CCF
Jodie Grel – Toledo
Joshua Jones – Ahuja
Autumn Montgomery – Student
Kristina Valentic – Unknown
Nicholas Weber – CCF

WELCOME BACK

Arlene Mollahan – Unknown

JUNE

George Dickinson – Unknown
Natalie Kalabon – CCF
Marsha O'Connell – CCF
Joseph Scaglione – Unknown
Matthew Shayler – UH

WELCOME BACK


Angela Lyons – Unknown
Maryann McQuarrie – Unknown
Mary Rohaley – UH
Richard Schule – STERIS

JULY

Jordan Bowerman – Mercy
Benda Dodson – Toledo
Matthew Shaylor – UH



AORN NURSE LINK

AORN has updated the OR Nurse link tool and the icon  is now located on the main home page upper left corner. Once you have logged into the main AORN page, www.aorn.org, you can navigate around OR Nurse Link without logging in a second time.

It is easy to log on and get started: Your **username** is your email address that AORN national has on file and your **password** is your member number. The Greater Cleveland AORN group page is still there and we will continue communicating through it.

With the updates though, it is not possible (at the moment) to attach a document that you can open from your email. You must go to the site and look at the message or the resource area of our page. Make sure to contact national and update your email when you change it. Thank you.



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WEBSITE

Our website domain is the Nursing Network website. You will be able to access some of our webpage if you are not a member but to access all the areas (bylaws, meeting minutes, etc.) you will have to sign up and log on. Join the new website to receive email alerts and meeting information.

FALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



SEPT
22
2021

“VALUE BASED LEAN SOLUTIONS”: Creating Standardization Efficiencies in the OR

Speaker: *Lorrie Calabrese BSN RN CNOR AGTS CCSVP* | **Sponsored by:** *Molnlycke Healthcare*

Place: Coopers Hawk Restaurant & Winery – 27200 Harvard Rd., Orange Village, OH 44122

Time: 5:15-6:00 Social Meet & Greet | 6:00-8:00 2 CEs Dinner & Chapter Meeting

For everyone's safety, it is essential that you have received the COVID vaccine to attend this event. RSVP is required. Seating is limited.

RSVP by September 17, 2021, To:

Heather Mangold: heather.mangold@molnlycke.com / 1-614-271-6358

Lorrie Calabrese: lorrie.calabrese@molnlycke.com / 1-216-225-3762

OCT
20
2021

“Mentoring Program” – College Now, there are no CEs for this presentation

Speaker: *Jabari Dorsey from College Now*

Place: South Franklin Circle – Main Bldg., Round or Chautauqua Room – 16600 Warren Court, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

Time: 6:15 pm Networking | 7:00 pm Meeting | 7:30 pm CE program

NOV
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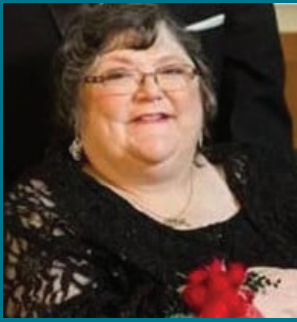
Restraints: What Nurses Need to Know, 2 CEs

Speaker: *Matt Smith* | **Sponsored by:** *TIDI Products: Support Caregivers, Protect Patients*

Place: South Franklin Circle – Main Bldg., Round or Chautauqua Room – 16600 Warren Court, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

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TRIBUTE TO SHERRY PETRYSZYN



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long-time AORN member Sherry Petryszyn on July 27, 2021. Sherry fought a long and hard battle with cancer, never

giving up and always trying to be cheerful. She was a perioperative nurse for over 40 years and was very active in the chapter serving as President, Secretary, on the Board of Directors and on many committees. She was passionate about education, serving as a perioperative educator and teaching at Honduras School of Nursing for 5 years.

Sherry was also active in Ohio Council and volunteered for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Our Student Nurse Scholarship will now be The Sherry Petryszyn Scholarship, in her memory. Contributions in her memory can be sent to Stage 4 Ministries, St. Luke's Church, 3810 Ridgewood Drive, Copley, OH 44321.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT
16**

2021

Ohio Council Meeting

12 noon
China Garden Buffet
79 W. Schrock Rd., Westerville

**OCT
30**

2021

Mega Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m.
South Franklin Circle, Chagrin Falls

**NOV
17**

2021

Board of Directors Meeting

Prior to Regular Meeting

**NOV
04**

2021

Mentor High School Career Day

**NOV
07-13**

2021

Perioperative Nurses Week

Nurses: A Voice to Lead

