

Greater Cleveland Chapter of AORN



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Friends and Colleagues,

I hope everyone had blessed holiday celebrations with family and friends. As we begin the new year, I would like to reflect on our chapter's accomplishments and set goals for the coming year.

First, I would like to thank the officers, board members, and members of the Greater Cleveland Chapter. Because of your dedication and support we fulfilled our mission: To promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures by providing practice support and professional development opportunities to perioperative nurses.

Through fundraising efforts, we can offer the Annual Sherry Petryszyn Student Nurse Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to an eligible Nursing student, the Allen-Laing and C. Joan Gowin \$500 scholarships for qualifying Greater Cleveland Chapter members toward advanced degree in the Nursing field, and CNOR grants for qualifying Greater Cleveland Chapter members. Eligibility requirements and applications are found on our website (www.greaterclevelandaorn.nursingnetwork.com). In addition to our scholarships, we also offer stipends to our delegates representing our Chapter at AORN Expo. This year we are allotted 13 delegate seats.

Our education committee has done a fantastic job scheduling speakers for our chapter meetings with CE offerings. See our educational programs in the newsletter or on our website and join our chapter to take advantage of these programs.

Our Fundraising events include LaVera Party Center Drive-thru Dinner. This event was successful, and we will be repeating it in May. We also have a Sip and Paint fundraiser event on February 1st, a Malley's Chocolate Easter candy fundraiser beginning in February, and a Wine Tasting in April. Check out our calendar of events in this newsletter and on our website for more information.

Our Outreach efforts have supported the McKinley Outreach Center in Western Lake County with monthly donations of diapers, toiletry items, and household necessities. Thank you all for your donations. Kathy organized a group of volunteers to End 68 Hours of Hunger-packing food bags for school age children. Nancy has organized another successful Salvation Army Ringing the Bells at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor. We were even recognized on the front page of The News Herald.

As I think about my personal and professional goals for the coming year, I would also like to set goals for our chapter. We have many great educational, outreach and fundraising opportunities already set up for the first half of the year. I would like to challenge those members who are inactive, or any perioperative nurse thinking about becoming involved in a professional organization to please consider joining our chapter. Volunteer at our events. Join a committee. Become eligible to represent our chapter at Expo. Meet and network with local, regional and international nurses.

In closing, I would like to share the following quote from Donna Wilk Cardillo, MA, RN, CSP, FAAN. "When I think about all the patients and their loved ones I have worked with over the years, I know most of them don't remember me, nor I them. But I do know that I gave a little piece of myself to each of them, and they to me, and these threads make up the tapestry that is my career in nursing." This resonated with my installation theme of Quilts and has really captured how I feel about my Nursing Career.

Never forget the difference that you make!

Laura Farabaugh RN, CNOR
AORN of Greater Cleveland Chapter President

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Year's Greetings from the Greater Cleveland Chapter. With the arrival of 2025, we begin to focus on AORN's

National Expo in Boston MA this year. Our chapter has been allotted 12 delegates. The following members have returned a completed Point sheet and are, therefore, eligible to serve as officers/BOD for our chapter, as well as representing the Greater Cleveland Chapter as delegates to AORN EXPO in Boston MA on April 5-8, 2025.

Cindy Tucker
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Laurie Canala
Jacqueline Lantis
Annette Pirozek

These members continue to play active roles in our chapter's monthly activities, and we wish to express our appreciation for their dedication to AORN and our chapter. If you are considering attending AORN EXPO in Boston and you are qualified to serve as a delegate, you must contact me by February 5th, 2025, so that our chapter can add you to our delegate roster and make the appropriate arrangements.

Hoping to see you at an AORN Greater Cleveland Chapter meeting in 2025 or at EXPO in Boston....or BOTH.

Sincerely submitted,
Cindy Tucker

*AORN of Greater Cleveland Chapter
Vice President*

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND NURSING NETWORK (NN) WEBSITE

AORN National has decided to utilize Nursing Network as the social platform for the organization, changing from OR Nurse Link and Periop Corner. The good news is that we have been using this platform as our chapter website for many years, but we will see some changes as well. So please be patient as we navigate these updates.

You will be able to access some of our webpages if you are not a NN member but to access all the areas (bylaws, meeting minutes) you will have to sign up and make a password, if you haven't done so over the years.

Updates on chapter doings and meeting information will be emailed via NN.

www.greaterclevelandaorn.nursingnetwork.com

According to our Membership Management page on NN we currently have **237 members**.

AORN national website was updated last year, if you have not logged in and created a new password, please do so. This will keep our roster updated and you will receive updates from our chapter NN website.

www.aorn.org

Make a New Years Resolution to make sure you are up to date on both websites.
Many thanks!!

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE AND KUDOS



Members continue to support **The McKinley Community Outreach Center** and our President Laura Farabaugh's initiative.

Please bring items to the March and May meetings.

"End 68 Hours of Hunger" is a public non-profit effort to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school Friday and the free breakfast they receive in school Monday.

Chapter members President **Laura Farabaugh** and her husband **Ken**, **Kathy Savochka**, **Cindy Tucker**, **Nancy Fellows** (not pictured)

Laurie Gronowski, **Maryanne Miano-Royer**, and **Laurie Canala** who joined together on November 18th to bag non-perishable items for Lake County schools. It certainly was a humbling experience.



A huge thank you goes out to **Kathy S.** for coordinating the event.



It looks like it is a beginning of a yearly community commitment – once again chapter members **Laura Farabaugh, Kathy Savochka, Cindy Tucker, Nancy Fellows, Laurie Gronowski, Maryanne Miano-Royer, Laurie Gronowski, Evangela Rice, Jessica McMillin, Theresa Brown, and Geneva B. Sarratt** “Rang-the-Bell” for the Salvation Army at the Great Lakes Mall, Mentor, on December 7th.

We are so grateful, as is the Lake County Salvation Army, for those that took the time to stop by and give to help others. Our kettle collected **\$410.75!** Our best effort yet!

And look who made the Lake County News Herald! Amazing!

Thank you to **Nancy F.** for coordinating the event.



Congratulations to Chapter Secretary, **Nancy Fellows**, for co-authoring an article in Healthcare Purchasing News, January 2025 Issue, entitled “Back to Basics in the SPD”. She was quoted along with Damien Berg, Healthcare Sterile Processing Association (HSPA), VP of Strategic Initiatives. Fellows quoted, “A strong, skilled, competent SPD staff performing essential invasive surgical device reprocessing is critical to quality patient care and safe patient outcomes.”



Perioperative Nurses Week, November 10-16, 2024, was recognized by Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor John Husted, State Senator Jerry Cirino, State House Representatives Jamie Callender District 57, Tom Patton District 17, and Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives, Jason Stephens as well as Lake County Commissioners John Plecnik, Rich Regovich, and John Hamercheck. Kudos to **Nancy F.** for reaching out to our legislators and acquiring these memorable documents.



SPRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



**JAN
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VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY! MUST HAVE VIDEO ON

“The History of Nursing Advocacy and Current Issues Facing Nursing and AORN”

Speaker: Laura A. Gayton MHCA, BSN, RN, CNOR, CSSM, National AORN Board 2023-2025

OR Manager at St. Louis University – South Campus, Missouri

Time: 6:00 pm Networking | 6:15 pm Meeting | 7:15 pm CE Presentation

**MAR
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BOD & CHAPTER HYBRID MEETING

“The Truth About Iodine Allergies; What Perioperative Nurses Need to Know”

Speaker: Laila Bailey DNP, RN, CNS, CNOR, ACNS-BC, Inova Fairfax Hospital

Place: Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, OH 44094

Health Technology Building - Room H005-H008

Time: 6:00 pm Networking | 6:15 pm Meeting | 7:15 pm CE Presentation

**MAY
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CHAPTER HYBRID MEETING

“Traumatic Experiences of Personnel After Involvement in a Medical Error”

Speaker: Julie Cahn DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CNS-CP, NPd-BC, CNOR, FAORN, Chapter Member

Place: Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, OH 44094

Health Technology Building - Room H005-H008

Time: 6:00 pm Networking | 6:15 pm Meeting | 7:15 pm CE Presentation

VIRTUAL ACCESS

<http://bit.ly/AORNVirtual>

Meeting ID: 536 402 3231

Passcode: gdg60t

UPCOMING EVENT

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2025

Sip & Paint Fundraiser with 50/50 Raffle

Our fundraising activities support our scholarships and grants. Please join us inviting family members and friends!

January 17th Deadline!

Time: Doors Open at 1:30 pm
Painting Begins 2:00 pm
Place: Wickliffe Senior Center, 900 Worden Rd.
Cost: \$40.00 per person



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB

2025

Malley's Easter Candy Fundraiser

Time: Begins after Valentines' Day
Contact for Information to Order:
Laurie Canala at moosie324@hotmail.com
or 216.598.8143



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Wine Tasting Event

Time: 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Place: Heinen's Chagrin Falls, Wine Tasting Room
20 Plaza Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Checks Payable: AORN of Greater Cleveland

Reservations: Cindy Tucker, (440) 893-9109,
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Time: 12 noon
Place: Der Dutchman Restaurant (Buffet)
720 State Route 97W (right off I-71)
Bellville, OH 44813

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LaVera Party Center Drive-Thru Dinner Chicken Parmesan Dinner Order ONLINE

at www.la-vera.com by Sunday, May 18th at 10 p.m.

Cost: \$55.00 (feeds 4-6)

Pick-up: Monday, May 19th

Place: Behind LaVera 3200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills

Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Chapter reimbursed \$10 per meal ordered.
Let everybody know!

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AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo "Ignite Your Passion For Perioperative Nursing"

Place: Boston, MA

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Breakfast MEGA Meeting

For Officers, Board Members, Committee Members

Time: 9 am – 12 noon

Place: South Franklin Circle
16600 Warren Circle, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

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Chapter Installation Dinner for 2025-2026 Officers and BOD

Place: Generations at Guido's, 12809 Chillicothe Rd.,
Chesterland, OH 44026

Time: 5:30 pm Social | 6:00 pm Dinner
Continue to check the chapter website for
additional information

TO BE FOLLOWED BY ...