

Greater Cleveland Chapter of AORN

 FALL 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and Colleagues—

As we look forward to what will be a successful year, I want to send out some thank yous. Nancy Fellows and Laura Farabaugh, thank you for your support, guidance, and mentoring. I am still a work in progress! Thank you to Marilyn Frazier for stepping up and accepting the President Elect position. I will do my best to be of as much help to you as Nancy and Laura have been for me. Also, a shout out to Annette Pirozek for her support early in my career and her continued encouragement and support.

My installation theme centered around baking and how we are ALL an important part of the mix. Each of us brings different strengths and talents to our group. It will, as always, take each of us to make our organization successful.

During our monthly meeting I value each person's commitment, whether you join us in person or by zoom. I hope that everyone will join us to socialize, get involved and hopefully learn from our educational opportunities. Thank you to the education committee, Teresa, Marilyn, and Barb for your hard work.

We already have a LaVera meal set up for October 20th. Please join us to "Ring-the-Bell" at Great Lakes Mall on December 13th. At my installation everyone was very generous in supporting End 68 Hours of Hunger. We have three boxes of peanut butter and jelly that I will be delivering to them. For those not familiar with this group they pack bags of food for children in Lake county schools to take home each weekend. For some children this might be the only food they have in the 68 hours between their school lunch on Friday and their school breakfast on Monday. They pack and donate more than 700 bags each week. I will continue to collect shelf-stable food (please see the list elsewhere in the newsletter for their needs) and will set up a volunteer day for us to pack.

One last thanks to Laurie Gronowski for keeping our nursing network site up to date and sending out e-mail notifications. I am not particularly good with technology, so I am very happy for her help!

Please let me know your questions or concerns as the year progresses. I will continue to work hard for our success, and I count on each of you (the ingredients in our mix) to help.

Sincerely,

Kathy Savochka, RN

AORN of Greater Cleveland Chapter President

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Linda Bown on receiving the 2025 Vice President's Award in recognition for her hard work, passion, and dedication to our chapter. A \$75.00 check is awarded for the most non-officer points accumulated during the period from July 1 to June 30 of the previous year.

Linda is long time resolute member of our chapter. Ask her anything and she knows the answer! She has held numerous offices including President. Congratulations Linda, well deserved!

GREATER CLEVELAND AORN CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS



The Chapter has scholarships to assist those RNs that are advancing their careers, as well as our student nurse scholarship and CNOR Grant. Check Nursing Network or contact a Chapter Board member for information.

Qualifying members of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of AORN are eligible to apply for the **C. Joan Gowin Scholarship** of \$500.00 toward expenses (tuition/books) at the college or university of their choice. The applicant must be working toward an advanced degree in nursing.

Qualifying members of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of AORN are eligible to apply for the **Allen-Laing Scholarship** of \$500.00 toward expenses (tuition/books) at the college or university of their choice. The applicant must be working toward a BSN or higher or working toward an advanced degree in nursing, education or management/business that supports perioperative nursing.

CNOR Grant – The purpose of this grant is to encourage members to become certified or to assist with a one-time recertification.

This grant is awarded up to three (3) grants of \$400.00 each annually. A maximum of one (1) lifetime award per member. Award period will be in the fiscal year beginning July – June of respective years.

Sherry Petryszyn Student Nurse Scholarship will award one annual, \$1000 scholarship to a nursing student currently enrolled in their final year of school in an undergraduate baccalaureate, diploma, or associate degree RN program. Application deadline December of respective year.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As of August 18, 2025, we have 237 members.

Please welcome the following new members:

DECEMBER 2024

Amy Ashton - UNK
Rick Discenza - CCF
Cynthia Douglas - Bon Secours
Rachel Lublow - Lorain ASC
Brandee Reese - CCF
Toni Slevinski - UNK

JANUARY 2025

Rebekke Hammad - CCF
Stephanie Jeckel - TriPoint
Angie Phillips - Assoc - Ansell

FEBRUARY 2025

Joseph Chike - Ashtabula
Craig Demagail - CCF
Patricia Thomas-Dixon - UNK
Isha Giesey - AYA Healthcare
Krystyna Howard - CCF
Kimberly Lessick - TriPoint
Stephanie Lloyd - Crys Clinic
Elizabeth Pero - CCF
Jesse Rogers - Grant Med Ctr
Cali Stuursma - CCF
Deborah Watson - Crys Clinic
Kristina Yoder - Assoc - Ansell

MARCH 2025

Allishia Harala - CCF
Kelly Luipold - Brecksville ASC
Holly Yurchiak - Medina

APRIL 2025

Robert Garr - Hillcrest
Michelle Kahle - CCF
Dana Karas - Aultman
Iliana Santiago - CCF

MAY 2025

Nicole McClellanm - Firestone ASC
Margaret McKay - B eachwood Plas ASC
Laura Niederst - UH
Kelli Penick - St Elizabeth
Olivia Saflund - Fisher Titus

JUNE 2025

Michelle Bergeron - Student
Jordan Hosta - TriPoint
Megan McMichael - Geauga
Megan Snow - Southwest
Shannon Synk - UH

JULY 2025

Taylor Chiacchiero - UH
Janet Dyer - Metro

AUGUST 2025

Kelly Anne - UH
Listy Barnhart - AYA Healthcare
Dave Brown - Bon Secours
Chad Eckert - UH
Max Heinle - UH
Thomas Hink - Lake West
Karen Maier - UNK
Melissa Negron - CCF
Hunter Waldron - Ahuja
Amy Wierzbicki - UNK



**SEP
17
2025**

CHAPTER HYBRID MEETING & DINNER CATERED**“Journey to Zero Maternal Harm”**

Speaker: John-Michael Speelman, Sales Representative, Styker Surgical Technologies

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 1 CE Presentation

**OCT
15
2025**

BOD & CHAPTER MEETING & DINNER CATERED**“The Ins and Outs of Counts – Advances in Surgical Count Technology”**

Speaker: Judit Jarret, STERIS Procedural Products

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

Health Technology Building – Room H005-H008

Times: 6:00 pm Networking | 6:15 pm Meeting | 7:15 pm 1 CE Presentation

**NOV
9-15
2025**

PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK

Always recognize someone who has inspired you!

**NOV
19
2025**

CHAPTER HYBRID MEETING**“Abdominal Pressure Strategies to Improve the Culture of Safety in Endoscopy”**

Speaker: Allison Eger, BSN, RN, AMB-BC, CGRN Clinical Educator, COLOWRAP, Inc.

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

Health Technology Building – Room H005-H008

Times: 6:00 pm Networking | 6:15 pm Meeting | 7:15 pm 1 CE Presentation

**JAN
21
2026**

VIRTUAL (ZOOM) MEETING ONLY!**“Understanding the Principals of Reprocessing: Surgical Instruments and Medical Devices”**

Speaker: Nancy Fellows, MSN, MPA, RN, CNOR Advanced Sterilization Products

Times: 6:00 pm Networking | 6:15 pm Meeting | 7:15 pm

“This activity has been submitted to the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses for approval to award contact hours. The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.”

VIRTUAL ACCESS <http://bit.ly/AORNVirtual> Meeting ID: 536 402 3231 Passcode: gdg60t



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Please bring items to
each meeting for:



End 68 Hours of Hunger

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ☐ Mac n' Cheese
full size boxes or cups
- ☐ Boxed Pasta Meals
- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Canned Pasta
- ☐ Canned Vegetables or Fruit
- ☐ Pop Tarts
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Individual Packages of Oatmeal
- ☐ Full Size Boxes of Cereal
- ☐ Individual Snacks
*chips, cookies, gummy snacks,
pudding cups*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025-2026

**OCT
11
2025**

Ohio Council Meeting



Time: 12 noon
Place: China Garden Buffet
79 W Schrock Road, Westerville, OH 43081

**DEC
13
2025**



Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign

Come Join us to Ring-the-Bell
Volunteers Needed!

Time: 10 am – 6 pm, 2-hour interval
Place: Great Lakes Mall | Mentor, OH
DICK's Sporting Goods entrance inside the mall
Contact: Nancy Fellows at nfellowsobn@gmail.com
or (216) 952-3044

**OCT
20
2025**

LaVera Party Center Drive-Thru Dinner

Chicken Cutlet/Italian Sausage/Penne Pasta Dinner
Order ONLINE by Sunday, October 19th at 10 p.m.

Cost: \$60.00 (feeds 4-6)
Pick-up: Monday, October 20th
Place: Behind LaVera 3200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills
Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Chapter reimbursed \$5 per meal ordered.
Let everybody know!

**NOV
01
2025**

Breakfast MEGA Meeting

Officers, Board Members, Committee Members

Time: 9:00 am – 12 noon
Place: S. Franklin Circle
16600 Warren Court, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

CHECK NURSING NETWORK FOR UPDATES

End 68 Hours of Hunger

Volunteers needed to pack bags!

Sip & Paint Fundraiser

Our fundraising activities support our Scholarships!
Please join us and bring your family members and friends!