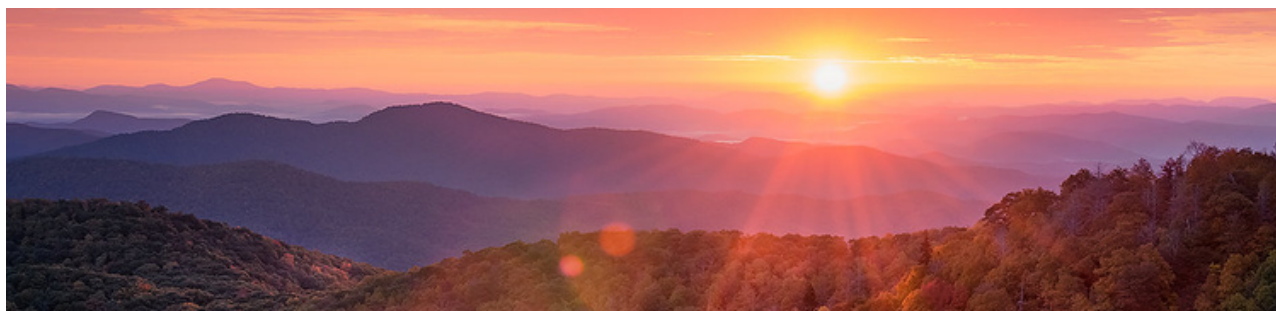

FALL 2025

AORN Richmond Area 4702

SHARP LINES NEWSLETTER

Brittany Ozanski & Tori Hylton



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Ooms

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed time with your family and friends. I'm looking forward to the start of fall with cooler temperatures and watching the leaves change colors. Fall is also the start of our chapter year and we have so many fun events planned. We have educational speakers and dinners scheduled for the September, October, and November chapter meetings. When you attend the business and education meetings, you will have the chance to learn more about our chapter, committees, earn continuing education credits, mingle with nursing friends, and have the chance to win surprise drawings. We hope to see you at our first meeting on September 15th at 6 pm at St. Mary's Hospital. We also have fun events scheduled, including a Flying Squirrels game (September 13), participating with Safe Harbor's Walk to End It at the Libbie Mill Pier (September 27), and a holiday dinner (December 8). Stay tuned for more details about events with our chapter on our Nursing Network website, Facebook, and Instagram. There is also a calendar posted, which shows dates and times of events planned from September 2025 to May 2026. We will continue to add events and send updates on social media and Nursing Network.

National AORN president, Darlene Murdock, set our theme for the year, "Lighting the Pathway." This theme is rooted in the legacy of Florence Nightingale, but it also gives us inspiration for the upcoming year and the future of nursing. I love this theme. As nurses we need to guide others by being role models, mentor new nurses, and remember the importance of continuous learning. We should be advocates for our patients and stay informed about nursing legislation and policies.

Many of us became nurses because we are compassionate people and want to provide our patients with excellent care. AORN is a great avenue to stay connected to current evidence-based practices and learn about surgical technology and advancements. We hope to see you at our chapter meetings this fall and would love for you to become more involved with the chapter. Together, we can make a difference and advance the profession of nursing.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Jessica Ooms, BSN, RN, CNOR

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Chante Logan, DNP, RN, CNOR

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Zelika Hargrove, DNP, RN, CNOR,
CSSM, NPD-BD

SECRETARY

Laurie Dameron, BSN, RN, CNOR

TREASURER

Amanda Ringhoff, MSN, RN

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hospital
from 6-8pm in Education Room 163,
5801 Bremono Rd, Richmond VA 23226

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 8 (Holiday Social @
Chickahominy Barn)

January 19

February 21 (VCORN @ St. Mary's
Hospital)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Reinhart Guest House,
1100 Libbie Ave, Richmond VA 23226

September 8,

November 10

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Imani Bogle, BSN, RN

Tori Hylton, RN

Kaytie Loving, BSN, RN

Sheila Walker, BSN, RN, CNOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Awards

Donna Winterweedle

Education

Zelika Hargrove

Legislative

NEW CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!

Marketing

Kaytie Loving

Membership

Sheila Walker

Policy and Bylaws

Laurie Dameron

Ways and Means

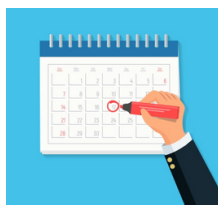
Zelika Hargrove

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sheila Flores, BSN, RN, CNOR,
RNFA

Meghan Hamlin, BSN, RN, CSRN

Nicole Meredith, BSN, RN, CNOR,
CSSM



Meet Our New Chapter President!



Q & A WITH JESSICA OOMS

How long have you been involved with AORN Richmond Chapter?

I've been involved with our chapter since 2010. I've served our chapter in a variety of ways, including newsletter editor, Board of Directors member, President-Elect & Marketing Committee Chair.

How long have you been an OR Nurse?

20 years in the OR and 15 years at St. Mary's Hospital

What is your favorite service line?

Ortho

What's one of your favorite things about being involved with AORN?

Going to the Global AORN Conference & Expo as a delegate. It's such an amazing experience where you have the chance to meet other nurses, explore the vendor exhibit hall, attend education seminars, and be reminded about how awesome it is to be an OR nurse!

What are your hobbies?

Snowboarding, paddleboarding, & doing anything outside

I'm looking forward to serving our chapter this year as president & I'm excited to see what we will accomplish together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 13

Richmond Flying Squirrels Game

Sept 27

Safe Harbor Walk To End It

Awards Committee Update

The awards committee would like to thank the membership for the nominations for the Mary C. Evans Award. This award will be presented at the October meeting. We would also like to thank the members who submitted their applications for the Chapter's First-Time Attendee to Expo Scholarship for 2026. All applicants will be notified of the results and the scholarship will be awarded at the October meeting.

Membership Update 269 Members

The renewal cost is down to \$125/ year from \$170. Check out the monthly option if that works better for you, which starts at \$11.99.

Periop 101 members can renew for 1st and 2nd year at \$50, then \$99 for the 3rd year.

If you are new to the profession, less than 3 years (and not from a Periop 101 program) you can join for \$50 the 1st year and \$99 years 2 and 3.

Renewal for a retired member is \$40 per year

If you have an issue with joining or renewal contact AORN customer service @ 1-800-755-2676, choose option#7 or email custsvc@aorn.org

New members are always welcome, bring a friend to the meetings!

MARKETING REPORT

Kaytie Loving

Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach clothing ministry (Saturday Servings)

Saturday, Aug. 30, Sept. 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 20, 2025
11:30am-1:30pm

We will continue to volunteer once a month with MoHope, usually the last Saturday of each month. Stay tuned for updates on Nursing Network.

Location: Light Community Church, 601 Azalea Ave, Richmond, VA 23227

You can volunteer or bring donations to share with people in need. Men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes. Blankets, sleeping bags, book bags, reusable grocery bags. We volunteer with the clothing ministry, but they also provide individuals with a hot meal, a bag of non-perishable items, offer bike tune-ups, prayer, and blood pressure checks with a nurse

Website: <https://momentsofhopeoutreach.org/>

No need to RSVP for volunteering. You can contact Jessica Ooms if you have donations that you'd like to contribute, jessica.richmondaorn@yahoo.com

Donation drive for St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Unit:

We are collecting stuffed animals for children in the month of October. Bring items to the October 20th chapter meeting or contact Jessica Ooms to coordinate donation drop off or collection, jessica.richmondaorn@yahoo.com



OR Nurse T-shirt

Let everyone know that you're an OR nurse with this fun t-shirt. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support registered nurses and nursing students in furthering their education.

www.bonfire.com/or-nurse-cut-through-the-chaos/



SAVE THE DATE!

AORN National Conference
April 11-14, 2026
New Orleans, LA

RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!

Do you or someone you know like to research new topics? Do you like to help others learn new things? This may be a good fit for you! Please let one of the officers know if you are interested.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!

The Legislative Committee keeps the chapter members informed about state and federal healthcare legislation that affect perioperative nursing.

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

If you have any updates or information that you would like to include in the newsletter, please email Brittany Ozanski @ bmarie354@gmail.com or Tori Hylton @ vnbartos@yahoo.com

Be an advocate. Together we can make the profession stronger and our patients safer.

AORN Richmond 2025 - 2026

SEPTEMBER 9/8 <u>Board meeting</u> 6-7:30 pm Reinhart Guest House 9/13 <u>Flying Squirrels Game</u> 6 pm 9/15 <u>Chapter meeting</u> 6-8 pm St. Mary's Hospital, Room 163 Education Presentation by Dr. Coster on Thoracic Surgery (dinner & CE credit provided) 9/20 <u>Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach</u> 11:30 am Light Community Church 601 Azalea Ave 23227 9/27 <u>Walk to End It</u> 10 am at the Pier at Libbie Mill Surgical Striders (OR team) walking to raise money for Safe Harbor	OCTOBER 10/20 <u>Chapter meeting</u> 6-8 pm St. Mary's Hospital, Room 163 Education presentation by Dr. Khader on Advances in Resectable Pancreatic Cancer (dinner & CE credit provided) 10/25 <u>Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach</u> 11:30 am Light Community Church 601 Azalea Ave 23227 • <u>Stuffed Animal Donation Drive for SMH Pediatric Unit in the month of October (due date 10/29)</u>	NOVEMBER 11/10 <u>Board meeting</u> 6-7:30 pm Reinhart Guest House 11/17 <u>Chapter meeting</u> 6-8 pm Location: TBD Education presentation by Eric Davis with Molnlycke Implementing a Climate of Safety: Consensus Recommendation on Surgical Gloving (dinner & CE credit provided) 11/22 <u>Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach</u> 11:30 am Light Community Church 601 Azalea Ave 23227 • <u>Safe Harbor Donations for Christmas Family in November and December</u>
DECEMBER 12/8 <u>Holiday Dinner</u> 6-8 pm at Chickahominy Barn (<u>bring Safe Harbor donations</u>) 12/20 <u>Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach</u> 11:30 am Light Community Church 601 Azalea Ave 23227	JANUARY 1/12 <u>Board meeting</u> 6-7:30 pm Reinhart Guest House 1/19 <u>Chapter meeting</u> 6-8 pm Location: TBD Education presentation by Kim Duggan with Pacira on ERAS 2.0: Shaping the Future of Surgical Care (dinner provided) • <u>Donation drive for Little Hands of Virginia</u>	FEBRUARY 2/8 - 2/14 <u>Show some love to EMS, firefighters, & police officers (more information to come)</u> 2/21 <u>VCORN Conference and Workshop</u> 8 am St. Mary's Hospital Auditorium and Education Rooms
MARCH 3/9 <u>Board meeting</u> 6-7:30 pm Reinhart Guest House 3/16 <u>Chapter meeting</u> 6-8 pm Location: TBD • <u>Help out Habitat for Humanity</u>	APRIL 4/11-14 <u>AORN National Conference</u> New Orleans, LA 4/18 Monument 10K Volunteer 4/20 <u>Chapter meeting</u> 6-8 pm Location: TBD	MAY 5/11 <u>Board meeting</u> 6-7:30 pm Reinhart Guest House 5/18 <u>Chapter meeting and Installation of Officers</u> 6-8 pm Location: TBD • <u>Backpack donation drive (more information to come)</u>
JUNE 6/1 Applications due for the First-Time Attendee Scholarship, Mary C. Evans Award, and Delegate Packet	JULY	AUGUST Stay tuned for additional info on chapter meetings, volunteer events, donation drives, conferences, and social activities with AORN Richmond.

AORN (Association of periOperative Registered Nurses) Richmond

We have monthly chapter meetings on the third Monday of every month (September - May)

Our next meeting is on Monday, September 15th at 6 pm

St. Mary's Hospital, 5801 Breemo Road, Richmond, VA 23226 (Room 163)

Education presentation by Dr. Coster on Innovations in Thoracic Surgery and dinner provided by BD

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN AORN RICHMOND???

- * Fellowship with other nurses and healthcare professionals
- * Stay informed of current surgical technologies and perioperative advancements
- * Participate with advocacy efforts to help improve the profession of nursing and enhance healthcare
- * Education sessions with continuing education credits and food
- * Fun events like a charcuterie board class, paint night, holiday gatherings, mocktail night, and more
- * State and national workshops, conferences, and expos
- * Participate in local volunteer events and donation drives to help those in need in our community
- * Get involved in nursing research or evidence-based practice projects
- * Attend the national AORN conference and expo as a delegate representing our chapter and get inspired about perioperative nursing

JOIN YOUR LOCAL NURSING ORGANIZATION TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER AND HELP THE PROFESSION OF NURSING!!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:

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www.facebook.com/richmondchapter.aorn

Instagram @aornrichmond4702

For more information, email us at richmondaorn@outlook.com

AORN RICHMOND CHAPTER MEETING



Monday September 15, 2025



6:00 pm Arrive and get dinner

6:15 pm Business meeting

7:00 pm Education presentation



St. Mary's Hospital, 5801 Bremo Rd,
Richmond, VA 23226 (Room 163)

Presentation: Innovations in Thoracic Surgery by Dr. Jenalee Coster, Thoracic Surgeon

Learning Objectives:

1. Introduction to thoracic surgery
2. Operation safety in thoracic surgery: emergency conversion from robotic to open
3. Advances and innovations coming in thoracic surgery

*1 CE credit will be awarded at the completion of
the presentation and dinner will be provided by BD*

Please register using the QR link, so we know how
much food to order. We look forward to seeing you!

**Reach out to Jessica Ooms if you need
help signing up for the meeting,
jessica.richmondaorn@yahoo.com**

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**COME CATCH A GAME WITH
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**YOU'RE INVITED TO A
FLYING
SQUIRRELS
GAME**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

FIRST PITCH 6:05 PM & FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME

**THE DIAMOND
3001 N ARTHUR ASHE
BLVD, RICHMOND, VA**

**PURCHASE TICKETS
ONLINE OR AT THE
STADIUM**



**RSVP to Jessica Ooms
jessica.richmondaorn@yahoo.com**



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
CHECK IN: 9AM

THE PIER AT LIBBIE MILL
LIBBIE LAKE E ST,
RICHMOND, VA 23230



AORN Richmond Stuffed Animal Donation Drive for St. Mary's Pediatric Unit

Please consider supporting this donation drive by buying new stuffed animals. There will be a collection box in the SMH MOR Lounge. You can bring items to the chapter meeting on October 20th or contact Jessica Ooms at jessica.richmondaorn@yahoo.com to coordinate your donation.

Items will be donated on October 29, 2025

