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AORN OF CENTRAL PA CHAPTER 3908 October 2025

There is NO meeting in October! See below
for November's education

THE JOY OF SERVING ON A MEDICAL MISSION

Presenter: Cindy Thompson, BSN RN



COME JOIN US!



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missions*

Meeting will be held November 11, 2025
Penn State Lancaster Medical Center
2160 State Rd, Lancaster, PA
Room 2106- 7:00 PM



Dear Colleagues,

Where did the summer go? I can't believe October is already upon us! Vibrant fall colors surround us making Pennsylvania one of the most beautiful states this time of year. As we said at the September meeting, chapter meetings will be held every other month, alternating between Penn State Lancaster Medical Center (LMC) and York Hospital. The dates and locations of the meetings are as follows:

November 11, 2025 – LMC
January 13, 2026 – virtual zoom
March 10, 2026 – York Hospital
May 12, 2026 – LMC
June 9, 2026 – dinner meeting

Brenda Ulmer, MN, RN, CNOR, FAORN, past president AORN national, provided an excellent presentation on smoke evacuation, "*Clear the Air: The Time is Now*". Franklin Marshall, Conmed rep, sponsored the program. We had a disappointing turnout for a national speaker on such a timely topic. PA smoke bill, HB 27, has not yet passed in both the Senate and House. Meetings will be held in October, November, and December at the state legislature and hopefully the bill will come up for a final vote. We will keep you informed and request assistance as needed to contact your local representatives.

A few years ago, our chapter sponsored a Perioperative Nursing Award, formerly the Barb Serniak Award, which was presented to a nurse and/or student new to the perioperative nursing profession. There has been a lack of applicants for this award in the past few years. As a result, the Board has decided to develop new requirements for the award. Once the criteria have been finalized active members in good standing will have the opportunity to apply for the award. More information will follow.

Are you planning to attend the Global Conference and Expo in New Orleans April 11 – 14, 2026? Housing has opened for the conference. It is important to secure your housing early as many hotels fill quickly. Grant applications to attend the conference, sponsored by the AORN Foundation, opened on October 2. The submission deadline is Sunday, November 30th at 11:59 PM PST. Registration will open in early October. If you plan to attend, are a member in good standing, and active in the chapter through meetings and activities, you may be eligible to apply to attend as a chapter delegate. Please see any board members for additional information.

There are many events happening throughout the months of October and November. The Guidelines Workshop will be held in Philadelphia October 11 at the Hilton in Penn's Landing. The cost to attend the program is \$40 with CEUs available. Topics include ERAS, Smoke Evacuation, and Preventing Retained Surgical Items. Why not plan a road trip with colleagues and attend this worthwhile program?

Enjoy the amazing fall foliage and wonderful weather. Hope to see you at the November meeting at LMC!

Regards,
Kathleen Law, DNP, MS, RN, CNOR
Chapter President



AORN 2025-2026 CHAPTER 3908 GENERAL MEETING

September 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by president, Kathy Law at 8:10 PM. Tonight's presentation was "Clear the Air, the Time is Now," was sponsored by Conmed representative, Franklin Marshall. Brenda Ulmer, MN, RN, CNOR, FAORN was the guest speaker. 2.0 CEUs were offered through Pfiedler. Attendees were given the QR code to submit in order to obtain credit. Kathy thanked Brenda and Franklin for the timely presentation.

Minutes for the May 13, 2025 combined BOD/general meeting were reviewed. A motion by Denise McMillan, second by Susan Glass, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Kathy presented the August 1, 2025 treasurer's report on behalf of Kim Dodson. Report will be filed.

Committee Reports:

Budget / Finance: No additional report.

Bylaws updates: No report.

Education for 2025/2026: We decided to change the frequency of our meetings to every other month. We will rotate the meeting places this year between York (York Hospital) and Lancaster (Penn State Health Campus).

- ❖ November- Cindy Thompson, Medical Missions Meeting will be held at LMC
- ❖ January- (virtual)
- ❖ March- TBD
- ❖ April- No meeting, Congress
- ❖ May-TBD
- ❖ June- Dinner meeting

HersheyPark: Elaine Kohan will remain the contact person.

Legislation: Kathy provided an update on HB 27, Smoke Evacuation bill. The bill did not get a full Senate vote before the legislature adjourned for the summer. The Senate is scheduled to meet in September, October, November and December. Hopefully the bill will come up for a vote before the end of the year. Kathy will keep members informed if assistance is needed to contact legislators. Local state legislators were invited to attend tonight's presentation by Brenda Ulmer.

Membership: Susan Glass reported the membership numbers on Nursing Network still don't appear to be correct. Upon reviewing the roster, Susan found several duplications. According to Nursing Network, chapter 3908 has 293 members.

Newsletter: No report.

Nominating: No report.

Perioperative Nursing Award: The award will be revised to support active chapter members' attendance at the Global Expo, i.e. pay for attendee registration.

Ways and Means: No report.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements:

Kathy discussed the results of the survey that was handed out at June's meeting. Results indicated rotating meetings between different locations and holding meetings every other month. The next meeting (November) is scheduled at the Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center (LMC). January meeting will be virtual. The March meeting will be held in York. The May meeting will be held at LMC. The June meeting will be the annual dinner meeting. J&J indicated they would continue to sponsor the June meeting.

AORN Expo- 4/11/2026 - 4/14/2026 New Orleans, LA

We are looking into participating in community events as part of our community service. Members indicated they would like to help at the Central PA Food Bank. The Teal Blanket Foundation is looking for help with their event in October at The Vineyard at Hershey.

Kathy reported Denise McMillan and husband Jay, will compete in the London marathon. A requirement of their participation is to raise funds for a charity. Denise and Jay will run in support of Whizz Kidz, a not for profit which provides wheelchairs for individuals who can't afford them. Discussion followed and it was decided by members present to support Denise and Jay. Motion by Amy Kitner, seconded by Beth Magid, to donate \$1000 to Whizz Kidz on behalf of Denise McMillan for the London marathon. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by Jan Fry and seconded by Patti Williams. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Law (on behalf of Patricia Hufnagel)

Help Wanted



CLICK HERE to check out the volunteer information for Hersheypark! Contact Elaine Kohan with questions at lainie2285@aol.com or 717-578-6734

RAMP volunteers, please remember to bring your valid photo ID to EVERY RAMP shift to sign in.

We have Food & Beverage Shifts. Please send an email to sign your volunteers up. Include your group name in your email with the volunteer's full name and email address. Include the date(s) and shift times that they would like to volunteer for. Shifts are filled first come first served. Please see the attached Volunteer Manual for parking, check in and dress code information.

Make special note - the check in location is now in Volunteer Check In in the Historic Hersheypark Arena - the same location where volunteers checked out.

As a reminder Food and Beverage volunteers are required to take the F&B Volunteer training and fill out the F&B Volunteer Acknowledgement

Volunteers will follow these steps to complete the Food & Beverage training prior to their shift:

1. Click on the link to launch the [F&B Volunteer Training 2021](#). This training is approximately 20 minutes in length.
2. After watching the training, you MUST fill out the form [F&B Volunteer Acknowledgment](#) form

In addition we have received RAMP Codes! If you have anyone interested in getting RAMP certified or recertified, please send your volunteer's name, email address, and we can send you the RAMP certification instructions.

The volunteer must be at least 21 years old and be willing to commit to at least 3 RAMP shifts during each year the RAMP certification is valid. RAMP certificates are valid for 2 years.

Current Available Shifts: contact Elaine Kohan at lainie2285@aol.com or 717-578-6734 if interested