



HOLIDAY 2025

AORN Richmond Area 4702

SHARP LINES NEWSLETTER

Tori Hylton

President's Message

Our chapter year is in full swing and I can't believe the holidays are here. Our September, October, and November chapter meetings had great attendance and the speakers were very interesting. We are fortunate to have vendors providing dinner for several meetings in the upcoming year. Stay tuned for more details on Nursing Network. We have so many great things planned with AORN Richmond and we hope that you'll join us.

Our chapter has been hard at work helping in the community. We provided the Reinhart Guest House with snack bags, donated 90+ stuffed animals for the pediatric unit at St. Mary's Hospital, raised money for Safe Harbor, and provided clothing donations for Moments of Hope Outreach. It brings joy to my heart to see everyone's generous spirit and I'm so proud of our organization for helping our local community.

I want to thank the officers and committee chairs for all their hard work and dedication to our chapter. AORN Richmond wouldn't be as wonderful as it is without all of you! We want to help people become more active with our chapter. You can do that by joining a committee. We would love your help on the education committee to plan our next nursing conference or chapter meeting education session. Do you enjoy nursing research or want to be more active in nursing legislation — join these committees. We have a wide variety of committees and something for everyone. We'd love to see you at our next meeting and help you get involved with our chapter.

Jessica Ooms

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Jessica Ooms, BSN, RN,
CNOR

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CNOR

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CNOR, CSSM, NPD-BD

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Tori Hylton, RN

Kaytie Loving, BSN, RN

Sheila Walker, BSN, RN, CNOR

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sheila Flores, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA

Meghan Hamlin, BSN, RN, CSRN

Nicole Meredith, BSN, RN, CNOR,
CSSM

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hospital
from 6-8 pm in Education Room 163,
5801 Bremono Rd, Richmond VA 23226
(Meeting location may change, stay tuned for updates)

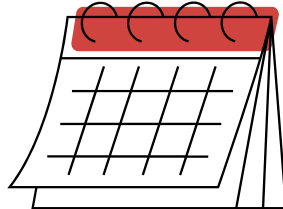
**December 8 (Holiday Social at the
Chickahominy Barn)**

January 19

February 21 (VCORN)

March 16

April 20



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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

January 12

March 9

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Awards

Donna Winderweedle

Education

Zelika Hargrove

Legislative

Christina Pond

Marketing

Kaytie Loving

Membership

Sheila Walker

Policy and Bylaws

Laurie Dameron

Ways and Means

Zelika Hargrove

Research

Chante Logan

Social Media

Imani Bogle

Angel Tree with Safe Harbor

Help us bring some holiday cheer to individuals in need. We are providing clothing and gifts for eight individuals. We've created a SignUp Genius with all the items listed. You can bring the gifts to the holiday celebration on December 8th or send an email to aornrichmond4702@yahoo.com to coordinate your donations.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4AAAAE2DA02-60361921-angel/177159849#/>



CNOR[®] REVIEW COURSE

Prep for your CNOR certification
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April 25 & 26, 2026 | St. Mary's Hospital

\$270 early bird registration
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Check with your organization about
reimbursement and get certified next year!

Meet our President-Elect!



Chante on a mission trip in Kajiado, Kenya

Q & A with Chante Logan, DNP, RN, CNOR

How long have you been involved with AORN Richmond Chapter?

I've been involved with AORN since about 2020. Nursing is my second career and OR nursing is my **FOURTH** specialty area.

How long have you been an OR Nurse?

I've been an OR nurse since 2015. I went through the internship at VCU as a VA employee

What is your favorite service line?

Ortho! Is there any other service?

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

I love the service aspect of AORN! I love to volunteer as a member of AORN and serve our community. Serving at the Reinhart house, Moments of Hope, planning the 60th anniversary celebration and VCORN conference were exciting!

What are your hobbies?

Life long learning, attending conferences, and now serving on international missions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 23 - Dec. 8

Angel Tree with Safe Harbor

December 6

Volunteering with Moments of Hope

December 8

Holiday Social @ Chickahominy Barn

January 17

Volunteering with Moments of Hope

January 19

Donation Drive for Little Hands of Virginia

Membership Update

285 Members

Save 20% off your AORN Membership!

Now through Dec. 1 the Cyber Week deals include:

- 20% off Membership
- \$30 off 2026 AORN Guidelines Book & eBook
- 25% off Online & ASC Education
- Free Party Package with AORN Expo 2026 Registration

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!

**Registration
is OPEN!**



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April 11-14, 2026 • New Orleans, LA

Awards Committee Update



Mary C. Evans Scholarship Award Recipient for 2025-26

This scholarship award was presented to Sheila Walker BSN, RN, CNOR. Sheila has been a member of AORN and our chapter for a number of years. She has inspired chapter members and peers to improve the quality of perioperative practice through dedication and leadership. She has held numerous positions in the chapter and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. She has supported a smoke free environment through legislative initiatives and presented a poster at the AORN Expo in Nashville that won an award. Her compassion, dedication and generosity touches countless lives throughout the community. She is an avid volunteer at the Reinhart House, ALS care and research supporter as well as participating in walks for childhood cancer (ASK). She has gone on mission trips with World Pediatric Mission in Belize and volunteers at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. In the words of those who nominated this recipient, her actions speak to her character; one rooted in empathy, dedication, and a tireless drive to improve the lives of others.

Sheila's husband, Billy, son Carter and Danielle Evans and daughter Olivia and Dan Gross were able to celebrate with her on this special night.



President Jessica Ooms and Donna Winderweedle with Sheila Walker and her family

AORN Richmond Chapter First Time Attendee to AORN Expo Scholarship 2025-26

This scholarship was presented to Tori Hylton, RN. She submitted an application that met all the requirements for the scholarship and allowed the committee to see a more personal side of the applicant as well as her professional perioperative nursing endeavors.

These awards help nurses to further their nursing degrees and provide financial assistance for attending the National AORN Conference and Expo. Our chapter is honored to help nurses on their professional advancement path and attending national conferences can be such an inspirational experience.

MARKETING REPORT

Kaytie Loving

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

11:30 am-1:00 pm

Dec. 6, 2025

Jan. 17, 2026

Feb. 7, 2026

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.

<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



Stuffed Animal Drive Success!

Our chapter collected 90+ stuffed animals in October and delivered them to the St. Mary's Hospital Pediatrics Unit. The children were so happy! Thank you for your donations!





Angle Tree with Safe Harbor

Nov. 23 - Dec. 8

Our Chapter is collecting items for our Angel Tree with Safe Harbor! We will support eight individuals this holiday season. The list of items (clothing, gift cards, & toys) can be found on the SignUp Genius QR code below and the link is also posted on Nursing Network.

Bring items to the holiday party on Dec. 8 or contact Jessica Ooms or Kaytie Loving to coordinate your donation at aornrichmond4702@yahoo.com



*Please help us support individuals
in need this holiday season!*

Legislative Committee Update

Thank you to Christina Pond for taking on the legislative committee chair role!

Virginia Nurses Association (VNA) Legislative Summit was held on September 25, 2025. The main atmosphere of the summit was to encourage nurses to become more involved in the political environment because healthcare is political. There were some guidelines on how to become involved and who to reach out to. Please contact aornrichmond4702@yahoo.com if you're interested in more information.

Lobby Day will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026!

VNA's Lobby Day is a day to advocate for nurses and the nursing profession at the General Assembly!

You do not have to be a member of VNA to attend and you must register. Please visit <https://virginiannurses.com/page/LobbyDays> and email aornrichmond4702@yahoo.com if you are interested in heading to the Capitol with our group.

We can work together to push policy successfully!



CONNECT WITH OUR CHAPTER!



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NEWSLETTER UPDATES

If you have any updates or information that you would like to include in the newsletter, please email Tori Hylton @ aornrichmond4702@yahoo.com



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



AORN
SAFE SURGERY TOGETHER

Richmond Area
CHAPTER 4702

Holiday Celebration

Date: December 8, 2025

Time: 6pm-8pm

**Location: Chickahominy Falls Barn,
10447 Woodside Farms Drive, Glen Allen**

Cost: Free

Dinner catered by Vinny's Restaurant.

Board members providing desserts & wine.

RSVP December 1, 2025 at

<https://aornrichmond.nursingnetwork.com/>



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your order
today

Sale ends December 12th
Don't Miss Out!

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- **Premium V-Neck** – \$27.99 (Black, Dark Heather Grey, Heather Navy, Purple Rush)
- **Softstyle Pullover Hoodie** – \$41.99 (Black, Sports Grey, Royal, Forest Green)

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IN YOUR LIFE — OR TREAT YOURSELF!**



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IN THE NEW YEAR



FOR THE

NEWBORNS!



**AORN DONATION DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF
LITTLE HANDS OF VIRGINIA**



Please bring in **ANY SIZE**
Diapers/Pullups and/or wipes
Biggest Need: Sizes 4, 5, 6 and
Pull-ups of any size!



**PLEASE BRING TO OUR CHAPTER
MEETING ON JANUARY 19TH, 2026**

For Questions/Concerns Please Contact
Kaytie Loving @ aornrichmond4702@yahoo.com



2026 VCORN CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

LEADING WITHIN AND BEYOND THE RED LINE

4.0 CONTACT HOURS PENDING



Saturday, February 21, 2026
0730-1600



HCA Center for Clinical Advancement
7300 Beaufont Springs Drive, Richmond, VA 23225

CONFERENCE SESSIONS:



Perioperative-Perianesthesia Relationships **Cameron Covington, CRNA**

Strengthening collaboration for safer patient care



Conflict Management

Leigh Anne Bartlett, AORN National Board of Directors

Strengthening collaboration for safer patient care XXXXXX



Transformational Leadership

Patty Carey, VP Surgical Services, Bon Secours, Richmond Market

Inspire teams, elevate performance, ignite change



Entrepreneurship

DeeDee Karanian, CRNA

Exploring innovation and opportunity

Target Audience: All RNs, Surgical Assistants, Surgical Technologists



**Click or Scan QR
Code to Register!**

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the key characteristics of transformational leaders.
- Identify common sources of perioperative team conflict.
- Discuss strategies to strengthen collaboration.
- Explore opportunities for nurse-led business ventures.

Learning Outcome:

After attending the session, 90% of attendees will be able to identify two pieces of knowledge to implement in practice.

Successful Completion:

Participation and post-evaluation submission, questions and answers during activity.

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Association of perioperative Registered Nurses, INC., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission in Accreditation. AORN recognized this activity as continuing education for registered nurses. This recognition does not imply that AORN approves or endorses a product included in the presentation.

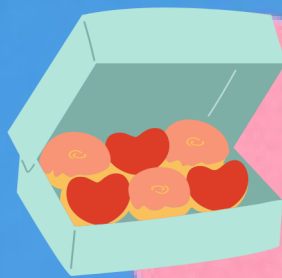
Random Acts Of Kindness

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR FIRST RESPONDERS!

THIS INCLUDES FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS/EMTS,
POLICE, NURSES, AND/OR DOCTORS

AN AORN SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

OCCURRING FROM FEBRUARY 1 - 15 ! JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!



ENGAGE WITH YOUR
COMMUNITY AND
SHOW SOME LOVE!

*For
you*

WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM YOU!
GO OUT AND GIVE
BACK TO FIRST
RESPONDER WITH
A BOX OF
DOUGHNUTS!

WHOEVER SENDS THE
MOST PICTURES OF
DIFFERENT ACTS OF
KINDNESS DONE FOR OUR
FIRST RESPONDERS WILL
WIN A PRIZE!

We ask that you send all pictures to our
Instagram account: @aornrichmond4702
or

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/richmondchapter.aorn
or

Email us: aornrichmond4702@yahoo.com

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 10/18 <u>Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach</u> 11:30 am Light Community Church 601 Azalea Ave 23227 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) • <i>Stuffed Animal Donation Drive for SMH Pediatric Unit in the month of October (due date 10/29)</i>	NOVEMBER 11/10 <u>Board meeting</u> 6-7:30 pm Reinhart Guest House 11/15 <u>Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach</u> 11:30 am Light Community Church 601 Azalea Ave 23227 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) • <i>Safe Harbor Donations for Christmas Family in November and December</i>
DECEMBER 12/6 <u>Volunteer with Moments of Hope Outreach</u> 11:30 am Light Community Church 601 Azalea Ave 23227 12/8 <u>Holiday Dinner</u> 6-8 pm at Chickahominy Barn (bring Safe Harbor donations)	JANUARY 1/12 <u>Board meeting</u> 6-7:30 pm Reinhart Guest House 1/17 <u>Volunteer with MoHope</u> 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) • <i>Donation drive for Little Hands of Virginia</i>	FEBRUARY 2/1-15 <i>Show some love to EMS, firefighters, & police officers (more info on Nursing Network)</i> 2/7 <u>Volunteer with MoHope</u> 2/21 <u>VCORN Conference and Workshop</u> 7:30 am
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 • <i>Help out Habitat for Humanity</i>	APRIL 4/11-14 <u>AORN National Conference</u> New Orleans, LA 4/18 <u>Monument 10K Volunteer</u> 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 • <i>Backpack donation drive (more information to come)</i>
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