

# NewsScan

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## *President Message*

Spring is coming, hopefully we have made it through the worst of winter! We have lots of things happening in the next few months.

## **Fundraising:**

Currently we have the Online auction running. Items are open for bidding through March 7<sup>th</sup>. Several items have not had a single, so check out the website, share the link with friends and family and find the treasures awaiting you. We have theater tickets, amazing baskets, restaurant and retail gift cards, a three-day stay ocean front in Ocean City, tickets to museums, gardens, a wine tasting, simulation sessions for a Cessna airplane and so much more. See page 9 for other details.



Jane Flowers, Terri Ridel, Bev Stiles and Marie Wells were hands on at the Pit Beef Sandwich event in Cambridge on February 12<sup>th</sup>.



## March Popcorn Sales Fundraiser:

Later in March we will be having a three-day fundraiser, selling popcorn via an online platform. Super easy, send the link to friends, they purchase online and the product is mailed directly to them. The company, **Double Good Popcorn** retains 50% of the proceeds, our Chapter receives the rest.



## Meetings:

For March we have a live/hybrid meeting planned at University of Maryland Medical Center

**March 10, 2026 @6pm**



The Past, The Present and The Future of Hepatic Artery Infusion  
Dr. Joshua Jolissaint, MD, MSc, Surgical Oncologist

In Person Meeting (Hybrid option) at University of Maryland Medical Center  
22 South Greene St., Baltimore MD 21201  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Round Room, W3L201  
Cheese & crackers, Fruit, Desert provided

## Elections:

- **Chapter Elections & Committee Participation:** We are still looking for individuals interested in running for Chapter Offices and working on committees. If you think you might be interested, reach out to Kristin Kraus, Henriette Kelley or Rachel Skrbin to find out what is involved. In addition to officers we need folks to assist with committees, especially the Education committee to help organize speakers and meeting content for the upcoming year. Willingness to Serve forms need to be in by the end of the month.
- **National Participation:** Opening for 2026-2027 members to volunteer to participate on the National level committee or taskforces are now posted. If interested in signing up complete a National willingness to serve form
- **National elections:** remember that every AORN member has a vote in the National elections. Information on the candidates for National office is in the January edition of the Journal

### Meet the Candidates Live Town Hall



🕒 Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10:00am MT - 12:00pm MT

📌 Webinar/Online

📄 Posted by Association of periOperative Registered Nurses on 1/21/2026

📁 Posted in **AORN HQ Announcements**

#### Description

Meet the Candidates Live Town Hall

**National Business Meeting:** At the end of March, National is calling a Special Business Meeting, open to all members:

### AORN Town Hall and Virtual Special Business Meeting



🕒 Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:00pm ET - 8:00pm ET

📌 Webinar/Online

📄 Posted by Association of periOperative Registered Nurses on 2/11/2026

📁 Posted in **AORN HQ Announcements**

#### Description

AORN's Virtual Town Hall and Special Business Meeting will share major updates - from ethics revisions and DEI progress to new and updated Position Statements, task force highlights, and Expo 2026 planning.

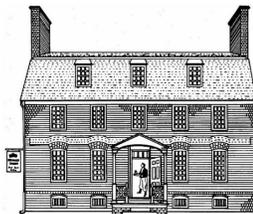
**April brings EXPO.** All Chapter members please let Lisa Myers, our delegate chair, know if you are attending EXPO so that she will have an accurate delegate count to report at EXPO roll call. We look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to attend in New Orleans!

### May Event:

At our May meeting, held at the Lighthouse Bistro in Annapolis, we will be announcing our election results and celebrating the conclusion of a successful year for the Chapter. Look for the flyer, and RSVP as soon as you are able, as the seating here is also limited.

### May Social Event:

Mark your calendar, and be on the look out to register for our May social, as seating is limited. At the end of the month we are once again planning the Spring Tea at Reynolds Tavern in Annapolis. If you haven't joined us for this event before, it is a lovely event, with delicious tea, sandwiches and treats.



*Reynolds Tavern*  
*Annapolis, Maryland*



I hope to see you all at our upcoming events as we progress through the busy spring. Thanks for all you do for the Chapter. I have appreciated everyone's support and engagement.

*Greetings,*

*Marie Wells MS, RN, CNOR*

*President, AORN Baltimore # 2101, 2025-2026*



## Reminder:

Nursing Network available at: ***Nursingnetwork.com***

Log in or set up your account as an AORN member to stay up to date on the latest happenings within the chapter and beyond (this has replaced OR nurse link). Under "My Groups" access information to events, newsletters, treasurers report, education and so much more for the Baltimore Chapter!

The screenshot shows the Nursing Network website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "My Groups", "My Home", and "Log Out". Below this is a header with the "nursingnetwork" logo and a navigation menu including "ASSOCIATIONS", "PRECEPTORS", "EVENTS", "ON-DEMAND CE", "RN JOBS", and "RESOURCES". The main content area features a blue banner with the text: "Nursing Network is the professional network connecting nurses with the groups they belong to, colleagues they support, and resources they need." Below the banner is a "My account home" button. The section "What's Happening on Nursing Network?" displays four key statistics:

- Nursing Events:** 687. Description: "Locating upcoming nursing events has never been simpler. Search the largest directory of national, statewide and local nursing events online." Button: "Search events".
- Nursing Jobs:** 8,296. Description: "Our niche network specializes in the highest quality career opportunities. Search our national collection of nursing jobs and land the perfect position." Button: "Search jobs".
- Nursing Industry Updates:** 27,166. Description: "Connect to the largest source of real time nursing news. All posted by top association board members and delivered directly to your inbox." Button: "Join now".
- Nursing Associations:** 926. Description: "Find and follow associations that matter to you and receive the latest news and announcements, event invites, and important association communication." Button: "Search associations".

The screenshot shows the AORN Baltimore Chapter website. The header features the AORN logo with the tagline "SAFE SURGERY TOGETHER" and "Baltimore CHAPTER 2101". Below the header is a "Stay Connected" section with "Following" and "Active Member" buttons. A navigation menu on the left includes: "Moderator Control Panel", "Home", "About Us", "News & Announcements", "Upcoming Events", "Career Center", "Photo Galleries", "Preceptor Directory", "Meeting Minutes", "Contact Us", and "Association of periOperative Registered Nurses". The main content area is titled "AORN Baltimore Chapter" and includes a description: "The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) aims to unite registered nurses in maintaining the highest professional standards of perioperative nursing practice to encourage optimal care of the patient before, during and after operative and other invasive procedures." Below this is a promotional banner for "eCount Surgical" with the text "Take the Free 2-Unit CEU SureCountSurgical.com" and social media links for Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, and a "Join AORN!" button. The "Recent News & Announcements" section includes two entries:

- Chapter Meeting March:** "Please join the Baltimore Chapter of AORN, #2101, for our monthly meeting. The speaker is Heidi Nanavati, MSN, CRNP, CNOR. Heidi will be speaking... Posted by [Terri Ride!](#)"
- Baltimore Chapter February Meeting:** "Due to the winter weather advisory, tomorrow's meeting will be virtual ONLY, for everyone's safety. Please join us at 6pm Tuesday February 11th via... Posted by [Marie Wells](#) in [Meeting Update](#)"

At the bottom, there is a link to "View all news & announcements →" and a partially visible "Upcoming Events" section.

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## Monthly Meeting Update

Baltimore AORN will have meetings both virtually and in-person

Links will be available on the emailed flyers, Nursing Network and FB

CHs will be available depending on the educational offering

Thank you all again for your willingness to stay a part of AORN!

## *Secretary's Minutes*

*Completed version submitted by Shruti Thomas, et al, are reviewed & approved by an AORN committee then posted on Nursing Network under Meeting Minutes.*

*Please see electronic minutes for information regarding previous meetings.*

## Treasurers Report

Will be posted to the New Nursing Network web page,  
[Nursingnetwork.com](http://Nursingnetwork.com).

Once you have created your log-in and have "AORN Baltimore Chapter" as one of your groups, the treasurers report will be found in a folder under

## *Media Library*

Any questions about navigation, please reach out. Thank you



# AORN of Baltimore Leaders 2025-2026

◆ **President:** Marie Wells

*\*President Elect: Lisa Myers*

◆ **Secretary:** Shruti Thomas

◆ **Treasurer:** Beverly Stiles

◆ **Education:** Kristy Wheeler (she would like a friend)

◆ **Board of Directors:** Linda Kempcke

Lamoan Brown

Barb Nalley

◆ **Nominating Committee:** Racheal Skbrin

Kristen Kraus

Henrietta Kelly

Terri Ridel (non-voting member)

◆ **Fundraising Committee:** Barb Nalley, Jane Flowers, Linda Kempcke

◆ **Scholarship Committee:** Terri Ridel, Tracey Penaloza, Kristy Wheeler



*\*Not all newly elected leaders were present.*

## Greetings from your 2025-2026 AORN Board of Directors!



*\*Top Row Left -Right: Rebecca Vortman, Hung-Fu Lin, J.D. Buchert, Debra Callender, Leigh Anne Bartlett, Nikki Washington, Daphny Peneza*

*\*Bottom Row Left -Right: Brenda Larkin, Jaimie Ridout, Darlene Murdock, David Reinhardt, Laura Gayton*

# AORN Yearly Calendar of Events

## March 2026

<b>Business and Education</b>	<b>Community and Social</b>
Stephanie Reed: UMMC	Surgical Smoke Bill Hearing on March 4th
Topic: Hepatic Artery Infusion	

## April 2026

<b>Business and Education</b>	<b>Community and Social</b>
EXPO April 11-14 New Orleans	

## May 2026

<b>Business and Education</b>	<b>Community and Social</b>
5/12	5/16
Nurses Week/Induction	<b>Spring Tea social</b> (look for upcoming flyer on Nursing Network)
Lighthouse Bistro Baxter sponsoring	Reynolds Tavern in Annapolis

## June 2026

<b>Business and Education</b>	<b>Community and Social</b>
???	

# Help support the AORN Nursing Scholarship and Education Fundraiser

<https://new.biddingowl.com/AORNBaltimore>



**Categories**

- All (28)
- Arts and Crafts (2)
- Entertainment (1)
- Getaways (1)
- Gift Baskets (5)
- Gift Cards (4)
- Music and Media (1)
- Recreation (13)
- Restaurant / Dining (1)



AORN (Association of periOperative Registered Nurses) of Baltimore serves periOperative Registered Nurses across Maryland. We are a diverse group of nurses whose focus is providing the highest quality of care to our surgical patients. Our AORN Chapter has over 600 members, and as an organization we support educational initiatives. Funds raised from this on-line auction will support periOperative Nurses continuing education, academic scholarships for those attending both undergraduate and graduate Nursing programs, and other service projects.

Find your treasure amongst the 27 amazing items available for purchase, ranging from a weekend rental in Ocean City, to restaurant and shopping gift cards, tickets for activities such as a skipjack cruise on the Chesapeake Bay, a wine tasting, symphony, museums and theatre tickets, Cessna flight simulation sessions, summer theatre tickets and amazing baskets and craft items created by our donors.






Preview the site and jump in to bid. You can even set up auto bidding, if you choose for those items that your heart really desires.

All proceeds from this auction will support perioperative Nurses continuing education, academic scholarships in both undergraduate and graduate programs.

Bidding is open online and ends March 7th! Please take a minute to peruse over 25 items up for auction and enjoy shopping in the comfort of your own home.

## Editor's Report

Greetings members,

As spring approaches, it brings with it a season of renewal, growth, and exciting opportunities within Association of Peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN). Nationally, we look forward to Congress this April in New Orleans—a time to connect, learn, and bring back innovative ideas to strengthen our practice. Locally, our chapter is blossoming as well, with our Tea Social and upcoming dinner meeting in May, along with a variety of fundraising efforts to support our mission. Through continued educational offerings and member engagement, we remain committed to leaving this chapter better than we found it. Most importantly, we must encourage the next generation of perioperative nurses to get involved, ensuring we uphold the highest standards and continue delivering exceptional patient care for years to come

Fondly,

Erin German, RN, BSN, CNOR

