

AORN 1411

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## President's Message

As I complete my term as President of our AORN Chapter 1411, my heart is filled with gratitude. Serving alongside such talented perioperative nurses has been both an honor and privilege. I have been continually inspired by the dedication, compassion, expertise, and resilience demonstrated by our members each day.

Together, we have learned, grown, supported one another, and strengthened our commitment to providing safe, high-quality perioperative care, while also serving our communities in fundraising initiatives and charity events. What I will remember the most is the spirit of teamwork and friendship that makes this chapter so special.

Your constant support guided my path as a leader. Every accomplishment reflects the contributions of our board members, committee volunteers, and members who generously shared their time, talents and encouragement to our profession.

As the role moves into capable hands of new leadership, I have great confidence in the future of our chapter. I encourage each of you to stay engaged, continue mentoring others, and never underestimate the positive impact you have on patients, colleagues, and the nursing profession.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve you. I look forward to supporting our chapter in new ways and celebrating all that lies ahead.

With sincere appreciation,  
Kathy Bradley RN  
Outgoing Chapter President

## President-Elect Message

Dear Chapter 1411 Members,

As we begin a new chapter year, I am honored and humbled to be installed as your AORN Chapter 1411 President on June 2nd. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me and look forward to serving our chapter with a leadership style grounded in collaboration, transparency, inclusivity, and professional growth.

I believe that strong leadership begins with listening. Together, we will continue to build a chapter where every member feels valued, supported, and empowered to contribute. Our collective experiences, knowledge, and passion for perioperative nursing are what make Chapter 1411 strong. The energy and inspiration from the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo held in New Orleans this past April continue to resonate. Members from across the country gathered to share best practices, innovative ideas, and evidence-based solutions that advance patient safety and perioperative excellence. The conference reinforced the importance of professional engagement and lifelong learning as we navigate the ever-evolving healthcare environment. As we enter June, we also recognize National Time Out Day on June 10. Established by AORN in 2004 and supported by The Joint Commission, this observance highlights the importance of the surgical time out as a cornerstone of patient safety. More than a checklist, the surgical time out reflects a commitment to teamwork, communication, and verification that the right patient receives the right procedure at the right site. It serves as a reminder that every member of the surgical team has both the responsibility and the authority to speak up and advocate for safe patient care. I also encourage those who are not yet actively involved in our chapter to consider joining us. Chapter 1411 offers valuable opportunities for networking, education, leadership development, and professional connection. Whether you are new to perioperative nursing or an experienced professional, there is a place for you in our chapter, and we welcome your participation. As we move forward together, I encourage each of you to stay involved, participate in chapter activities, share your expertise, and support one another. Whether you are a new member or a seasoned perioperative nurse, your voice matters and your contributions strengthen our profession. Thank you for your dedication to perioperative nursing and to AORN Chapter 1411. I look forward to serving alongside you and continuing our mission of promoting excellence, patient safety, and professional development.

Respectfully,

Cherry Alcedo, MSN, RN, CNOR-CARD, CNOR-VASC

President-Elect, AORN Chapter 1411 Incoming Chapter President



**Installation Dinner**  
**June 2, 2026    RSVP Required**



**ATTN: AORN 1411 PERIOP NURSES**  
**DINNER/EDUCATION WITH JOHNSON&JOHNSON**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 5:30 PM**  
**SEASON'S 52 IN SCHAUMBURG**  
**RSVP ONLY <https://forms.gle/xxAstYADMk2evPGr9>**

**ANY QUESTIONS?, PLS ASK CHERRY**

## Delegate Report

### By Cherry Alcedo

AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2026 Delegate Report Cherry Alcedo, MSN, RN, CNOR-CARD, CNOR-VASC AORN Chapter 1411 Delegate I was privileged to represent AORN Chapter 1411 as a delegate at the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2026, held April 11–14 in New Orleans, Louisiana. This premier event brought together perioperative nurses, leaders, educators, researchers, and industry partners for four days of education, governance, professional development, and networking. The conference was guided by AORN President Darlene Murdock's theme, "Lighting the Pathway," emphasizing mentorship, leadership development, innovation, and advancing perioperative nursing practice through evidence-based care. Attendees participated in educational sessions, leadership forums, research presentations, and hands-on learning opportunities while earning continuing education contact hours to support lifelong learning and certification readiness. A major component of the conference was participation in the House of Delegates (AORN Congress), where delegates engaged in the governance of our professional organization. Delegates voted in leadership elections and approved several key position statements, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Perioperative Nursing, RN First Assistants, prevention of wrong-patient, wrong-site, wrong-procedure events, and the role of the Perioperative Nursing Professional Development Practitioner and Specialist. Notably, the newly adopted AI position statement affirms that AI can support, but never replace, the perioperative registered nurse. Delegates also approved a motion requiring AORN position statements to be presented to members for discussion and vote before adoption, unless urgent Board action is necessary, reinforcing transparency, member engagement, and shared governance. Additionally, portions of the RN First Assistant position statement were referred back to the National Committee on Education for further review. The conference also marked a leadership transition as incoming AORN President David Reinhart introduced his presidential theme, "Building with Purpose," focusing on intentional leadership, strengthening perioperative systems, workforce development, and sustainable improvements in patient care and surgical outcomes. Additional highlights included expansion of national task forces focused on artificial intelligence and clinical innovation, continued emphasis on workforce well-being and safety culture, promotion of smokeless operating room initiatives for surgical plume safety, reinforcement of latex-free environments, and growth of the AORN Center of Excellence framework as a model for accountability, standardization, and quality improvement. AORN Foundation recognitions included Chapter Board Member Maria Carmencita (Chic) Duffy, Outstanding Nurse Philanthropist, honored for her leadership, mentorship, advocacy, and sustained commitment to advancing perioperative nursing through scholarships, grants, and professional development. Additionally, William (Bill) Duffy was recognized at the Expo for his distinguished careerlong mentorship and prior AORN national leadership contributions. Key Takeaways for Practice • Shared governance strengthens staff engagement and ownership of practice changes. • Workforce well-being, civility, and a strong culture of safety remain essential for retention and quality patient care. • Professional development, certification, and lifelong learning support clinical excellence and career growth. • Emerging technologies and AI will increasingly influence perioperative workflows and patient outcomes. • Leadership development is critical to sustaining excellence within the profession. • Evidence-based practice and standardized processes remain foundational to quality and safety. One of the strongest messages reinforced throughout the conference was that meaningful change is difficult to achieve alone but becomes far more attainable when pursued collectively with a team united by a shared purpose. Building that alignment and commitment within our perioperative teams will be essential as we continue advancing patient care, professional practice, and the future of perioperative nursing.

## Share Your Time & Talent!

### Chapter Willingness-to-Serve Form

| Officer/Board/Delegate Willingness-to-Serve Form                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |
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| Chapter # <b>1411 NorthWest Suburban Chicago Chapter (NWSCC)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am aware of the eligibility requirements and responsibilities for this position and I have read &amp; received a copy of the job description as written in the Chapter 1411 Bylaws found in the Chapter's Nursing Network .</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Indicate position: PE, VP, Sec, Board, Nominating Committee, or other committee/task force position. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am willing to serve the chapter in the position indicated for the term indicated on this form.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Indicate term of office:                                                                             |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eligibility requirements: (all requirements must be fulfilled)</b><br/>Place a check in the box to verify each requirement.</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintained active membership status. (January – December of previous year)         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attended two meetings during fall of current year. (September, October, November)         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attended at least four chapter meetings. (January – December of previous year)         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity record is attached.         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Served on at least one committee. (January – December of previous year)         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Served on Board for one term. (Applies only to President, President-Elect, or Vice President)         </div> </div> |                                                                                                      |
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| <u>Kathy R Bradley</u><br>Nominating Committee Advisor/Past President                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>Sheila Aiello</u><br>Nominating Committee Chair                                                   |

**Pls submit form to both emails:**  
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**krbradley1@aol.com.**

## Chapter 1411 Scholarship Form

### AORN 1411 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Approval process To qualify for reimbursement from the Chapter for attendance at an educational offering you must demonstrate your active membership in the Chapter by having attended a minimum of 50% of the meetings in the past 12 months. If you are receiving financial support from other sources for educational offerings, you must certify that receiving reimbursement from the Chapter will not then exceed the total cost of the offering.

Requests for reimbursement from the Chapter should be received prior to attendance at the educational offering. Reimbursement up to a maximum of \$100 will be issued upon receipt of proof of attendance at the educational offering (proof of payment) and approval of the Board of Directors.

Applications should be submitted to a member of the Scholarship Committee or a member of the Board of Directors.

#### For Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors only:

\_\_\_\_ Application approved                      Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Application denied                      Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature (scholarship committee chair or BOD member)  
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#### General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Cell \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_

Member since \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings attended in last 12 months \_\_\_\_\_

#### Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Course information

Name or title of educational offering \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of educational offering \_\_\_\_\_

Cost or tuition total \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email form to: [mynameistey@gmail.com](mailto:mynameistey@gmail.com)



## ICORN Event Topgolf Schaumburg

Topgolf Sunday Funday on May 31st was enjoyed by vendors and by members of different chapters & their families. Thank you to all vendors, Mepilex/Molnlycke, Solventum, & Tidi for your undying collaborative partnership with RNs from IL State Council chapters.

This event was the brainchild of Chap 1418 (Jennifer Gregg), Chap1401 (Tiana Dunlap), Chap 1411 (Chic Duffy & Tey O'Meara).

The activities were electrifying & fun! Winners were chanced picked. Activities ranged from the following: split-the-pot, Topgolf top scorers (3 prizes sponsored by 1418), & vendor visit prizes (3 prizes sponsored by 1401). Another great success activity was the auction table. All revenue gained from the auction sales rolled back to the chapters that brought the auction items.

The modern Mediterranean food served was more than enough to satiate your appetite on a nice breezy summery afternoon...golden spiced chicken, grilled steak, lemon rice, shredded lettuce, grilled vegetable medley, flatbread wedges, crumbled feta, pickled red onion, babaghanoush, tzatziki, roasted red pepper hummus, pesto orzo salad, cucumber tomato salad, marinated olives. The staff welcomed us with lots of refreshing drink choices like fountain soda, iced tea, coffee & water.

As the conference room ended for us, the fun flowed continuously to the vast open spaces of the Topgolf bay areas. Whether you are a golfer or not, your style is as good as anybody's. Whether you are a high or low scorer, your score is as good as anybody's. No judgement at all. Why! Because it was a Sunday Funday!!!

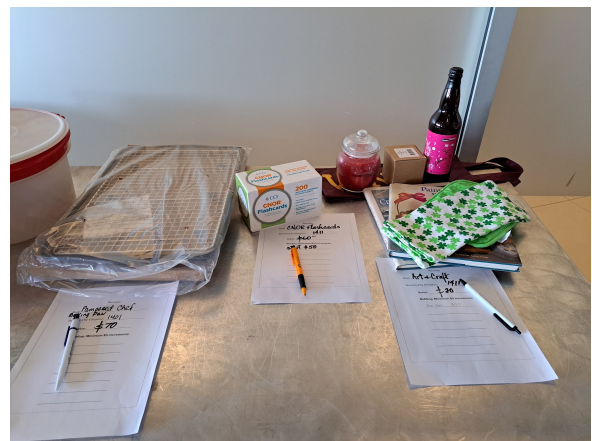
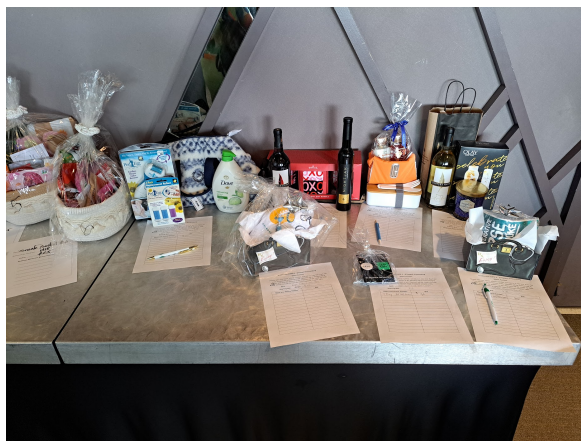
Chic Duffy

ICORN Chair





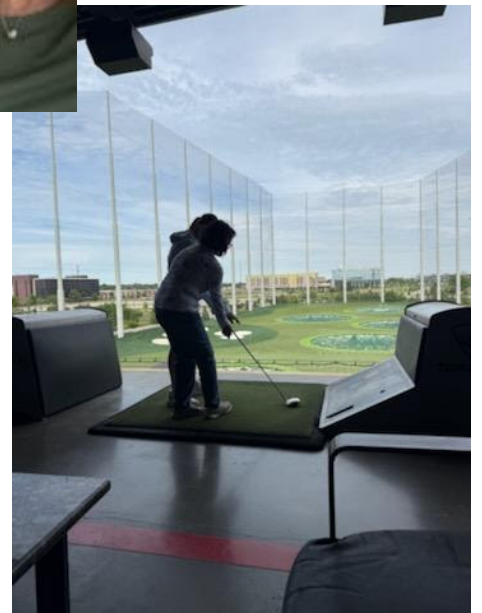
Auction Table



## Golf Bay Area









# Committing to Safety and the Surgical Time Out

<https://www.aorn.org/article/the-story-of-the-time-out>



**Bill Duffy, Father of Time-Out**



## June Observances & Awareness

- **Pride Month:** Celebrates LGBTQ+ history, culture, and advocacy.
- **National Immigrant Heritage Month:** Recognizes the diverse backgrounds and impacts of immigrants.
- **Caribbean-American Heritage Month:** Highlights the culture and contributions of Caribbean Americans.
- **Men's Health Month:** Raises awareness about preventable health problems and encourages early detection.
- **National PTSD Awareness Month:** Focuses on public understanding and trauma support.
- **June 1:** World Environment Day kicks off.
- **June 8:** World Ocean Day.
- **June 10: National Time-Out Day. A day for every perioperative team member to recommit to patient safety.**
- **June 12:** Loving Day (commemorating the 1967 Supreme Court decision that legalized interracial marriage).
- **June 19:** Juneteenth (commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans).
- **June 20:** Summer Solstice (the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere).
- **June 21:** Father's Day & International Yoga Day.