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Message from the President

Happy Independence Day, Peach State 🍑 1116!

As we celebrate the Fourth of July and our freedoms, I hope you can slow down, enjoy time with loved ones, and rest and recharge.

We perioperative nurses care deeply for others, but summer is a good reminder to care for ourselves, too. Whether you vacation, enjoy the outdoors, read, or take a well-deserved day off, I encourage you to make your well-being a priority.

Our chapter will take a brief summer break and reconnect at our next membership meeting on September 9th. Watch for details as they become available.

As you plan professional development for the rest of the year, consider the Southeastern Perioperative Conference in Hilton Head, South Carolina (November 13-15). It offers education, networking, and connections with perioperative professionals across the Southeast. Visit the conference website for registration and scholarship information.

This year's conference will recognize outstanding perioperative nurses through the **DAISY** Award. Nominations are open July 1 through September 19. If you know a nurse who exemplifies compassionate, extraordinary care, please submit a nomination using the criteria and information attached in this newsletter.

We're also looking forward to our chapter cruise in January—a wonderful chance to combine education, fellowship, and fun while strengthening our chapter connections.

Our chapter grows because of members like you. If you'd like to get more involved, share ideas, ask questions, or offer suggestions, please reach out to me through Nursing Network. Your voice matters.

Thank you for your dedication to perioperative nursing and our Peach State Chapter. I wish you and your families a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone this fall.

Wishing you a joyful Fourth of July and a wonderful summer!

All the best, Camille Presberry - President, Peach State 🍑 1116 Chapter of AORN

 **DATES:**

-  September 9, 2026-Meeting
-  November 11, 2026-Meeting
- *Southeast Councils Conference*
Hilton Head Island, SC | November 13-15, 2026
-  January 13, 2027-Meeting
-  March 10, 2027-Meeting
-  May 12, 2027-Meeting

- **Business Meeting:** 6:30pm
- **Education Meeting:** Will directly follow business meeting

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NGHS-Braselton Ambulatory Surgical Ctr.
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Daisy Lifetime Achievement Award:



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Celebrating Nurses Who Have Devoted Their Life's Work to the Care and Compassion of Others The DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominate a nurse who has been a beacon of inspiration to others
at all career stages in the various and important roles of nursing

Criteria

- Demonstrated lifetime body of work in the larger perioperative nursing community in clinical practice, administration, education or research (articles, article citations, research, poster/podium presentations, policy/procedure, statements, guidelines, skills lab formats, study guides) that have advanced practice at the local, state, national and/or international level.
- An active member of AORN at the local, state, and national level for at least 5 years.
- Demonstrated engagement in the professional development of self and other perioperative nurses.
- Serves as a role model and advocate for perioperative practice and the advancement of nursing as a profession.
- Demonstrated advocacy for the improvement of staff and patient care.
- Recognized as a transformational leader.
- 20+ years of service.

Complete Nomination by 5pm on 9/19/2026:

<https://southeastperiop.com/daisy-awards/>

Daisy Nurse Leader Award:



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AORN DAISY PeriOperative Nurse Leader Award The award symbolizes leadership acts that exemplify excellence

The purpose of this award is to recognize extraordinary contributions to perioperative nursing through remarkable service, outstanding leadership, exceptional mentorship, effective advocacy, and/or innovative ideas that have had an enduring impact on perioperative nursing practice.

Eligibility: Must be a member of AORN and a perioperative registered nurse for a minimum of 2 years. Complete the nomination form and clearly describe a specific situation or story that demonstrates how this nurse made a meaningful difference

Examples include but are not limited to:

1. Led organization to increase membership by expanding or creating varied methods of involvement and/or participation.
2. Recognized in the community as a leader for both nursing and non-nursing activities.
3. Made a meaningful change within AORN at the local, state, or national level, such as succeeding in passing surgical smoke legislation in their state.
4. Is the AORN member that everyone wants on their committee because they exemplify AORN's Guidelines and best practices.

Complete Nomination by 5pm on 9/19/2026:

<https://southeastperiop.com/daisy-awards/>

The links to the online nomination forms are live now: <https://southeastperiop.com/daisy-awards/>



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Officer/Board/Delegate Willingness-to-Serve Form	
Chapter # 1116 Peach State	
I am aware of the eligibility requirements and responsibilities for this position and I have received a copy of the job description.	Indicate position:
I am willing to serve the Chapter in the position indicated for the term indicated on this form.	Indicate term of office:
Eligibility requirements: (all requirements must be fulfilled) Place a check in the box to verify each requirement. ☐ Maintained active membership status. (January – December of previous year) ☐ Attended two meetings during fall of current year. (September, October, November) ☐ Attended at least six Chapter meetings. (January – December of previous year) ☐ Activity record is attached. ☐ Served on at least one committee. (January – December of previous year) ☐ Served on Board for one term. (Applies only to President, President-Elect, or Vice President)	
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