OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

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WELCOME TO OUR

AORN Chapter Newsletter



Newsletter Update

Thank you for reading our newsletter!
Where are the pictures? The pictures can be viewed on the chapter website at: sfbayarea.nursingnetwork. com Click on **Photo Galleries** to view past events. The site has chapter news, announcements, and more...

In this newsletter:

Inspiration, Chapter member Spotlight information on upcoming events, & more!
Keep Reading!

Upcoming Events

- **CA Chapter Officer Dinner, Il Fornaio Restaurant, 327 Lorton Ave., Burlingame, CA, 94010, 11/6/26 @ 1730**
- **"Risk of Pressure Injury in Operative and Procedure Areas", Wence's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill, CA, 11/13/26, @ 1800**
- **Virtual- "The Count Was Right Until It Wasn't, Rethinking Surgical Counts, Trust, & RSI Prevention", 01/07/27, 1800-1900.** Join Zoom Meeting: Copy and paste into browser if not redirected via link below https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83883141797?pwd=xHRMm7x2pVLKGdaYQolN3GvNvtjIBz.1&jst=2

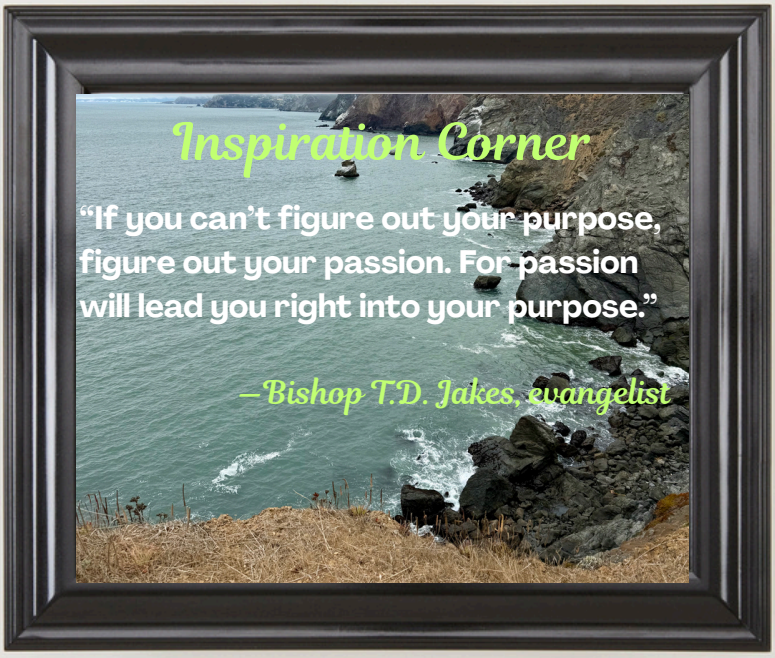
Volunteer Events:

Food Rescue Volunteer Morning
White Pony Express
2470 Bates Avenue
Concord, CA, 9452
Saturday, November 21, 2026
0845-1100 PST

Monthly Group Hike
Tennessee Valley Trailhead
591 Tennessee Valley Road
Mill Valley, CA 94941
Saturday, October31, 2026,
0830-1030 PST



Use the QR Code to register for any of the events & Receive Instructions



AORN Spotlight



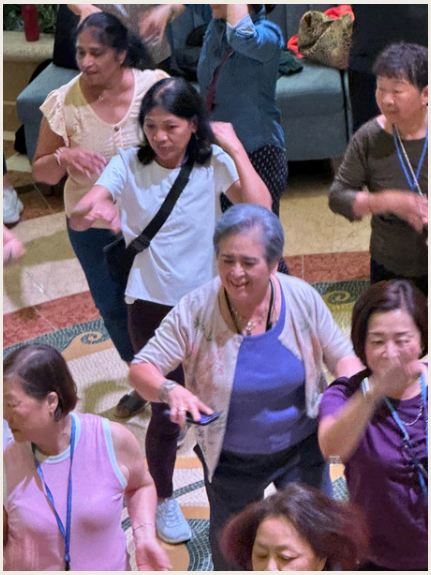
Marci Mori, RN

Marci Mori, BSN, RN, CNOR, has been an RN since 1995 and has worked at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center (ABSMC)-Berkeley Campus since July 7, 1980. She specializes in orthopedic surgery but also works with GYN & general procedures. She believes surgery is a process of fixing what isn't right & attempting to improve a patient's condition. This is shown in how she cares for people and animals.

Specialties:

Orthopedics, GYN,
& general surgeries

Hobbies: Simple crocheting, pickleball, line dancing/ dancing, & baking are her current activities. She'd like to do more traveling, try paddleboarding & Ultralight flying, although it may be too late for these activities...having pets again would be great, also.



Marci Line Dancing

Favorite Foods:



Marci's Baked Goods



Marci enjoys green salads, occasionally pasta or potato salad, and selected items from Thai, Mexican, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Korean, & BBQ- prefers hamburgers over hot dogs. For dessert, she enjoys fresh peach pies or cobblers and chocolate peanut butter ice cream.

Clinical Corner



A member of the surgical team asks,
"How can I keep the surgical field organized when the surgeon is diligently working"?

Structure the Mayo Stand and Back Table Consistently. **Pass with purpose** by handing instruments directly to the surgeon in the position of use, and receive them back immediately after use to maintain control over the flow. **Use instrument mats or magnets** to temporarily dock frequently used tools neatly and upright. **Count and track continuously,** with interim counts of sharps, sponges, and instruments, to identify missing or misplaced items before clutter or safety hazards develop. **Energy Device Control**: Energy devices (like a Harmonic Scalpel or LigaSure) are frequently used & need to be contained on the field to avoid burns to the patient and team. **Enforce Holstering**: Always return energy devices to a holster that's attached to the drapes. **Avoid Blind Hand-Off**: Keep a hand open and positioned to safely take the instrument from the surgeon as they finish using it. **Use Verbal Resets**: If the drapes become cluttered, tell the surgeon what items you're removing to declutter the field.

Reference:
Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses. (2026). Guideline for sterile technique. In Guidelines for perioperative practice (pp. 277–314). AORN, Inc.

Before We Go...

If you know of an RN or nursing student(s) who should be featured in our newsletter, please submit their name & and contact information to:
Wanda Harkless-Johnson at wtheblessed5@gmail.com

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Please consider joining our monthly group hikes. They are great ways to reduce stress while networking with other healthcare professionals. Joy Chau plans our hikes, which occur once monthly; forward your hiking suggestions to:
Joy Chau at jbchaurn@gmail.com

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If you know of any AORN members who are not enjoying their membership benefits, encourage them to become active. Also, encourage non-members to become members.

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All nursing students, new graduate nurses, Periop 101 students, or other healthcare professionals, are encouraged to participate in our Chapter's events. For additional info, Contact Wanda: wtheblessed5@gmail.com