



**May AORN Meeting**

**Thursday, 5/12/2016 at 6:30 pm**

**John Ellis from Ellis Medical Buffalo Filter**

**'Overcoming Obstacles to Smoke Plume Evacuation:  
What's Stopping You'**

**Bierstube, 415 15<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Moline, Illinois**

Teleconferencing available for the meeting

Remember to bring toiletry items for donations to shelter

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## *Minutes: March 10, 2016*

To use Ready Talk for remote access to our business meeting dial in at 866-740-1260. The access code will be 5081429. Please dial in by 6:25 so meeting attendance can be recorded. This is an exciting opportunity for members to participate when they cannot physically attend. Isn't technology wonderful?

The Thursday, March 10, 2016 meeting was held at City Limits, 4514 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Island, Illinois.

President Sue Goddard-Gerrald called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00pm. The Board met to discuss the topic of eligible delegates to attend Convention this year in Anaheim, CA. Two members, Connie Melby & Jayni Weber were previously interested in attending, but due to personal reasons declined. Sue Goddard-Gerrald had graciously offered her delegate status to any eligible member in good standing wishing to attend. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the chapter will not be sending any delegates to Convention this year.

Sue discussed the topic of utilizing Ready Talk at the chapter meetings. Members unable to physically attend the meeting could phone in and listen in on the meeting agenda/discussion. Those members using Ready Talk would identify themselves and would receive confirmation of chapter meeting attendance. Those members using Ready Talk would not be able to receive CEU's for the educational program offered at the meeting. The cost of using Ready Talk is \$0.04/minute. 45 minute meetings would cost the chapter \$1.80. The Board approved using Ready Talk at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sue Goddard-Gerrald will coordinate Ready Talk usage with National AORN.

Julie Shafer discussed the membership newsletter distribution list. The distribution list is not accurate and Julie discovered that newer members were not receiving the newsletter. Plus, non-members that did not renew membership continue to receive the newsletter. Julie will contact Becky Gluesing to discuss a resolution prior to submitting the May newsletter.

Julie Shafer discussed the value of continuing education at the meeting programs. It was decided by the Board that if the chapter paid for the CEU's for the meeting, the non-members attending would pay \$5.00 for obtaining CEU credit. Current members would obtain the CEUs for free.

Sue Goddard-Gerrald discussed the nurse's week raffle fundraiser. Sue Siltman volunteered to print the tickets and host the fundraiser. Ticket sales will begin April 1. The drawing will be held May 9-13 with the usual monetary winnings. Julie Shafer will assist Sue Siltman in getting the raffle tickets distributed to the various hospitals and ASCs.

Hy-Vee offers a car wash fundraiser for non-profits. Julie Shafer will inquire and bring the information to the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Elections for the Board of Directors were discussed. Elections take place in May and the Board asked for volunteers to run for office. Sue Goddard-Gerrald will bring this discussion to the membership at the meeting tonight.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:25pm. Members attending: Sue Goddard-Gerrald, Julie Shafer & Sue Siltman.

President Sue Goddard-Gerrald called the chapter meeting to order at 6:30pm. Introductions were made by the attendees.

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the January were reviewed and the following correction was made. Under **Fundraising**, Julie Shafer identified that the nut sales never lose money. We purchase the quantity ordered from direct sales and upcharge the purchase price as recommended by TerriLynn, Inc. Money was lost in the raffle that was held during the same time frame as the nut sales drive. \$350 dollars in prizes was distributed and only \$318 was collected. Becky Gluesing will review the monetary loss of the raffle held for Perioperative Nurse's Week 2015 at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. As Becky mentioned in the January 14, 2016 newsletter, we recommend not running 2 fundraisers simultaneously in the future.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie Shafer reported for Becky Gluesing in her absence. Julie reported that the checking balance is \$3,682.23 with \$91.21 in savings.

**Membership:** 37 members. 8 staff from Genesis will be joining the chapter after they complete Peri-Op 101.

**Education:** The evening's educational offering was presented by Mark Haneline from Surgical Solutions on "OR Environmental Hygiene". For attendees to receive the 2.0 CEUs, they were requested to contact Mark Haneline via email to obtain the continuing education link. The educational offering was very informative and included evidence based practice for environmental cleaning practice.

Vicki Ferguson suggested a meeting location for the May meeting. Vicki identified that Bier Stube in downtown Moline, IL has a private room. Julie Shafer stated she would call to find out if there is a fee to book and inquire about the availability of May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.

Sue Goddard-Gerrald has secured a speaker and presentation for the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The topic to be presented by John Ellis from Buffalo Filter will be “Overcoming Obstacles to Smoke Evacuation: What’s Stopping You?” This educational opportunity provides 1.5 CEUs.

**Bylaws & Policy:** Sue Goddard-Gerrald reported that Becky Gluesing will update the members on the recently revised Bylaws & Policy manuals. They will be posted online at <http://www.genesishealth.com/careers/nursing/aorn/>. Becky also plans to report on the progress of the chapter’s Accountability Standards at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Legislative Report:** Sue Goddard-Gerrald reported to the group that she will write a letter to the editor of the Quad-City Times and State Legislators to inform them of the value of Nursing. Nurse’s Week is May 6-12.

In February 2016, a healthcare worker was caught swiping a fentanyl syringe from atop an anesthesia cart in a Colorado hospital. This remains a problematic area of concern, since all Schedule II-IV medications must be locked up and not left unattended. Nurses are responsible to ensure patient safety in the operating room and could be found liable for staff working under their supervision.

Tennessee is considering legislation (HB 2332) requiring mandatory Central Service certification. Thus far, New Jersey, New York & Connecticut have passed legislation requiring Central Service Technicians to be certified.

Nebraska has rejected recommendations by the state’s Association of Surgical Technologists for licensure. The Board of Health cited concerns that licensure for surgical technologists could decline access to services, particularly in rural areas.

**Fundraising:** The chapter members discussed options for fundraising. It was decided to forego the golf outing and instead continue to have the Nurse’s Week Raffle. Sue Siltman will chair the event and Julie Shafer will co-chair. Nurse’s week is May 6-12. Since this starts on a Friday, it was decided to hold the raffle May 9-13. Sue Siltman will begin the work on getting the tickets printed and distribution is planned for the first week in April.

Sue Goddard-Gerrald reminded the group that Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of sales if volunteers from the chapter bus tables and help customers. The charity event is held on Monday nights only and must be booked in advance.

**Old Business:** Community service reminder: Bring toiletry items to the May chapter meeting for the Food Pantry & Shelter at Hope Church in Le Claire, Iowa. The shelter is in great need of these items.

Becky Gluesing will report on the progress of filing the Accountability Standards and Bylaws & Policy Manual submitted to National Headquarters.

**New Business:** Sue Goddard-Gerrald announced that March 13-19 is National Patient Safety Awareness Month.

Sue asked the members if there was anyone willing to serve as a chapter officer. Wendy Munoz and Mary Pedersen stated they were willing to serve. New chapter officers will be appointed/elected on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Sue Goddard-Gerrald will discuss these two members eligibility with the chapter Board members.

Sue Goddard-Gerrald anticipates utilizing Ready Talk at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, allowing members to attend the chapter meeting via teleconference. Ready Talk will be set up through National AORN and has been utilized in other chapters nationwide.

Reminder: Clinical ladder portfolio's use community involvement activities as development in achieving nursing advancement. Our chapter sponsors activities with Hope Church in Le Claire, Iowa.

Public comment is open on AORN's web site regarding: Guidelines for Information Management is February 22 - March 27.

New payment options are available when joining AORN, as the annual dues increased to \$160/person. Check [www.AORN.org](http://www.AORN.org) to view options.

Respectively Submitted,

Julie Shafer, Vice President, President-Elect Chapter 1480