AORN Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2012
Bennigan’s Grill & Tavern
226 17th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201
(located in The District of Rock Island)

Chapter Meeting : 6:30pm
Program : 7:00-8:00pm

Program: Journal Club Article
Crucial Conversations
(this program was postponed from May to June)


Facilitator: Sue Goddard-Gerrald RN, BSN
The December 2011 issue of Journal of Hospital Infection published the article "Variables associated with surgical site infections of breast cancer surgery". This study conducted in a Bogota, Columbia University Hospital was a retrospective review. Advanced cancer of the breast at the time of diagnosis was evident in 42.3% of their patients.

The sample of 199 patients had undergone breast conserving surgery or radical mastectomy between January 2005 and August 2007. The overall rate of surgical site infection (SSI) was 19.1%.

1. What SSI rate was associated with radical mastectomy surgeries?
   a. 10 %  
   b. 8.3 %  
   c. 29.4 %

2. What SSI rate was associated with breast conserving surgery?
   a. 10 %  
   b. 12.8 %  
   c. 3.8%

Clinical implications: Evidence-based strategies should be implemented including timely antibiotic administration. SSIs occur more often than expected for this group of cancer patients.

Answers: 1. c, 2. c.
Chapter 1408 Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2012
Meeting held at Godfather’s Pizza in Davenport, IA
Called to order at 6:55pm by President, Christie Coverdill
Quorum not established.
April 12th meeting minutes reviewed. Approval of meeting minutes tabled to June meeting.

Open Discussion:
Congratulations given to Christie in acknowledgment of her new grandbaby!
Group discussion that there are still open positions in the chapter for next month’s election. Members will put “feelers” out for the President Elect position. Previous experience for the President Elect must have held an office or Board of Directors.

Committee Reports
Budget and Finance: Michelle Mathias on the checking acct balance = $1,455.55. Savings acct = $96.21. Funds will be deposited from monies collected from GMC at tonight’s meeting in addition to the $178 from Trinity Bettendorf’s money. Nurse’s raffle money will be deposited also.

Education: Julie Nevills was not in attendance to give an education report. Victoria Steelman commented that there are opportunities for virtual congress online through AORN.

Legislative: Sue Goddard-Gerald discussed national legislative news. Sue reported a follow up to the Tennessee House Bill 3138 – RNFA reimbursement. Jane Kusler-Jensen, MBA, BSN, RN, CNOR is the new Chair of AORN National Legislative Committee. Ms. Kusler-Jensen has served on the AORN Board of Director’s and is well versed in health care reform and the issues facing perioperative nurses. Pennsylvania House Bill 2290 proposes requiring certification of Central Processing /Supply Technicians. This bill would require certifications to be obtained within 2 years after 01/01/2013. Failure to obtain certification would mean dismissal from employment. 12 hours of continuing education each year is required as part of the bill. AORN supports the HB 2290 in an effort to ensure central processing personnel are appropriately educated and meet the continuing education standards. Currently, New Jersey is the only state requiring Central Processing certification.

AORN endorses Consensus Statement and Call to Action for sharps safety. Needle stick injuries still occur from lack of education and training, complacency and/or frugality. Call to Action for OR personnel include: improve sharps safety in surgical setting especially during instrument passing and after use. Front line users must be involved in the selection of safety devices.

Membership: Christie Coverdill thought we currently had 67 members. Deb Edgeworth brought about a discussion asking what an expected rate of AORN member participation in their AORN chapter. The thought was that the average maybe be somewhere around 25% of members attend chapter meetings and events. Discussion ensued if we should consider recruiting more members? Deb asked for each facility to get an idea of how many nurses we each have in our operating rooms and bring this number to the next meeting.

Nominating: The slate for the 2012-13 ballot of officers was published in the May newsletter. Nominating Committee members: The officer of President -Elect still remains open. Christie was going to speak to a member or two to see if he/she is interested in being the President Elect. Voting will take place at the June 14 meeting. Members are asked to vote and submit a sealed, signed envelope containing the ballot to the June meeting.

Bylaws & Policy: No report

Spring Raffle: Michelle to report numbers and dollars at our June meeting.

Old Business: Volunteers are still needed to audit the checking and savings accounts. The chapter needs two members to complete this task before year end in June.

Fundraising: Ideas were discussed pertaining to chapter fundraisers. Possibility of holding a trivia night, a casino night, or an outing where our members dine or serve at a local restaurant. Recommendation of a Chapter 1408 Facebook page to help promote fundraisers or as an additional form of communicating to our AORN members.

New Business: None

Adjourned,
Meeting minutes transcribed and written by Michelle Mathias in Julie Shafer’s absence.

Post Meeting Discussion about fundraising continued for an hour. Crucial Conversations will be postponed to the month of June with facilitator Sue Goddard-Gerald.
2012-2013 Ballot of Officers
AORN Chapter 1408

Please vote for the indicated number of candidate(s) for each office.
Vote by placing an X on the appropriate line.
Place your ballot in a sealed envelope, sign your name on the outside of the envelope.
Absentee ballots should be done the same.

President Elect vote for one
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Vice President vote for one
   ________ Michelle Mathias

Secretary vote for one
   ________ Jayni Weber

Treasurer vote for one
   ________ Sue Siltman

Board of Directors vote for two
   ________ Julie Shafer
   ________ Robin Brethwaite

Nominating vote for one
   ________ Barb Elliott
   ________ Elaine Martin