Next Meeting
November 9th, 2006
OLD CHICAGO
3030 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport
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Hospital Captains
TMC 7th
Christie Coverdill
TMC West
Connie Melby
TMC Terrace Park
Jen Stiles
GMC East
Joan McCarthy
GMC West
Helene Robinson
GMC Illini
Collette Kissling
MOA/ORA
Barb Kohley
Spring Park
Julie Shafer
Clinton/Unity
Becky Gluesing
Muscatine
Lynn Volkl

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Nominating Committee
Denise Westendorf
Connie Melby
Sue Wilson

Nut Orders due Nov 22, to Helene Robinson.
If you have not received your order forms, contact Helene Robinson or Becky Gluesing.
PeriOperating Room Nurses – Who Needs Them?

PeriOperating room nurses – *Who needs them?* After all, it is common knowledge that patients arrive in the operating room and are shortly sedated and asleep. The patient is wheeled through the OR doors on a stretcher, then strapped down on a cold, hard operating room table completely helpless. An anesthesiologist injects “something” and the patient is completely insensitized. He cannot speak, see, hear, touch or feel. All senses are completely gone. He is then under the control of a surgeon who wields the scalpel, while giving commands to the operating room nurse. At the end of the operation, the anesthesiologist discontinues the anesthesia. The patient is wheeled to the recovery room or intensive care areas where nurses then resume nursing care.

_This is a fallacy!_ The patient _does_ receive nursing care in the operating room, and probably it is the most intensive care focused on the patient as an individual.

PeriOperating Room Nurses—Who are they?
They are licensed, professional nurses who have mastered the fine art of pantomime. They speak through the expression of their eyes and give assurance with the touch of a hand. They are endowed with all the knowledge of a unit nurse, the mechanical ability of a trained professional, the electric swiftness of a computer, and the patience of a saint. They cannot be recognized in their scrub gowns, caps and masks. And they live behind the sign marked “Operating Room – No Admittance.”

PeriOperating Room Nurses—What do they do?
Because the patients are completely without normal senses, the nurse must be his or her eyes, ears and mouth. They are also the heart and hands. They reassure and try to alleviate fears. They are the patients’ psychiatrists, seeking tonal qualities of voice to understand the real meaning of what is said. They are mechanical engineers that sort through cabinets of instrumentation to find the right instruments to fit the patients’ diagnoses and the surgeons’ preferences. They are chemists who know that certain types of drugs react incompatibly with some types of anesthesia and disease. They are microbiologists who can spot an invisible germ from across an operating room. They are the patients’ pharmacists who know all types of disinfectants and antiseptics to kill and reduce the number of harmful organisms that surround the patients. They are electrical engineers who can read EKG’s and understand the principles and practices of the electrosurgical machines, electric drills and all other electronic equipment used for that particular patient. They are the mother or father to a child, and an assistant to the surgeon. They are patients’ teachers through preoperative visits, and the understanding guidance counselor during postoperative phase. They are the patients’ family counselors as well.

Coincidentally, they are educators for auxiliary personnel and resource persons for the unit nurses and medical and physical therapy students. They are the buffer for the surgeons when they need an outlet. They can live on coffee and cracker for hours at a time. They require advanced training, but no relief from tension.

PeriOperating Room Nurses—Where are they?
They are found not only behind closed doors, but they can be found on the units doing pre and postoperative teaching. They are present in the ambulatory surgery setting doing the preoperative phase, the operating room phase, the postanesthesia recovery phase and the postoperative phase. They can be found on the infectious disease committee. They can be found teaching in classrooms, consulting with surgeons, and attending meeting, workshops and seminars. They can be found evaluating new products, writing procedures, studying new methods and reviewing anatomy. They can be found sitting next to you. You’ll know them for they are specialized nurses working under a handicap. Their handicap is time. And patients’ lives rely on that time.

PeriOperating Room Nurses – Who needs them?
Special nurses in a quickly paced, rapidly growing, highly specialized field of nursing care, who needs them? During one day or one operation, always one patient needs an OR nurse.

**Happy PeriOperating Room Nurse Week!**

**From the local Association of Operating Room of the Quad Cities, i.e. AORN**

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AORN Quad City Chapter 1401

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**Do you have any pictures of our Chapter Activities?**

Bring them to the meeting and they will be submitted to President Graling for a pre-processional video at Congress 2007!
AORN Meeting October 12, 2006

Call to order: 6:30pm.
Quorum was established.
Introductions were completed.
Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written, first Vari Nelson, second Helene Robinson.

Committee Reports
Budget and Finance – Paula Metz, Treasurer. Deferred.
Education – Helene Robinson, Vice President. The November meeting will be held at Old Chicago. Valleylab rep, Jed Rebelsky will provide a Fire Safety program and offer CEU’s. Please contact Helene with attendance numbers.
Legislative – Nancy Montgomery. Plans for National Time Out day are being finalized. Iowa has no new legislation. Illinois; RNFA reimbursement laws are going through committees. Medical Malpractice Reform is in committee deliberation. National Nurse’s Act was introduced last March. A bill was introduced to make June 5 through June 8 National Health IT Week. “A Nurse in Washington” internship is being sponsored by AORN. This is the same week as AORN Congress. Attendee would have the opportunity to learn Washington DC processes. A member of our Chapter is encouraged to apply.
Membership – Connie Melby. We currently have 93 members.
Bylaws and Policy – Vari and Sue. Deferred.
Perioperative Nurse’s Day – Barb and Stacy. Brochures were distributed with periop products. Barb submitted an article to the newspaper.
Nominating – Denise Westendorf, Connie Melby, Sue Wilson.
Denise and Sue were not present for the meeting. Julie and George volunteered to count ballots since Connie was on the ballot.

Fundraisers:
Golf Outing was held 9/21/2006 at Emeis – Joy Sellers.
No report.
Spring Raffle – Julie Schaefer and Nancy Montgomery volunteered to chair the spring raffle.
Fall Nut Sales – Helene. Order forms have been distributed. Please return these to Helene.

Old Business –
Book audits – no report.
Newsletter distribution- Christie distributed by e-mail; some could not read it. Christie will fax it to those who cannot read it and is attempting to have it posted on the Genesis website.
ICORN meeting is in Springfield 10/14/2006. Christie will attend. Call her if you are interested in going along. Perianesthesia Conference is being held this Saturday, October 14 in Des Moines. Membership Door Prize for the November meeting for member lapsed over 1 year. Names will be put in a hat for those who are not current members who have attended a meeting in the last 6 months.

New Business: Our chapter will be taking photographs to submit to AORN Connections at the request of AORN President Graling. 5 photos need to be submitted by 1/12/2007.

The meeting was paused awaiting voting results.

Chapter Delegates to 2007 AORN Congress are: Connie Melby and Paula Metz. Alternates are Helene Robinson and Becky Gluesing. Christie Coverdill and Joy Sellers will be attending as President and President Elect. Thanks to George and Julie for counting ballots.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Connie Melby