

# AORN Greater Houston #4407 Pacemaker Newsletter



May 2009

## May 19th, 2009 Education Session

The US Health Care Crisis: What Nurses Need to Know  
About Health Care Reform

By

Dr. Ana Malinow  
Baylor College of Medicine

Sponsored by Trey Lozes of Covidien

May meeting will have contact hours for this continuing nursing education activity and it has been applied for through the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation(1.0 CE)

Thank You

John Garrett & Huntleigh Medical  
for sponsoring our April 2009 meeting!

## National Nurses Week 2009 *Nurses: Building a Healthy America*

National Nurses Week is celebrated from May 6-12, and ANA salutes nurses across the U.S. this year with the theme – "Nurses: Building a Healthy America". This theme reflects the commitment nurses make every day for their patients, their communities and their country.

Happy Nurse Week to AORN Greater Houston!

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### Announcement!

• Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month.  
No meetings in December, July & August

Next Meeting:  
May 19th, 2009

**Voting for officers this meeting!**

430pm – Journal Club  
530pm – Business  
630pm – Education

Michael E DeBakey VA Hospital  
2002 Holcombe Blvd  
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Journal Article to be reviewed comes from the February 2009 AORN Journal titled:

Do Surgical Personnel Really Need to Double Glove?  
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[www.aorn-greaterhouston.org](http://www.aorn-greaterhouston.org)

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Chapter Meeting Tuesday April 21st, 2009

Meeting Called to order by President Trish Rodriguez at: 17:35

- Welcome

**Minutes:**

Read, Corrected, and Approved by a reading committee.

Chapter Reports:

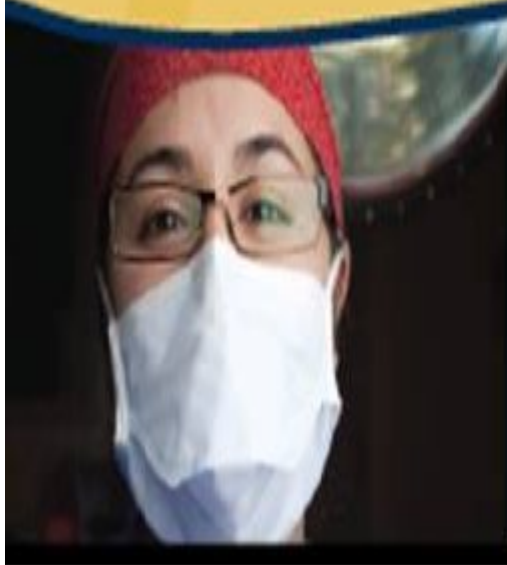
- Treasure Report was reported by Trish Rodriguez
  - We have a \$83,578 balance before all bills are paid
  - Expenses \$55,624.95
  - Income \$17,683.55
  - Ending Balance \$45,637.16
- A Question from the membership was brought up to have the board consider relooking at funding the delegates that went to congress in March. Trish said she would look into it.
- Nominating Committee was reported by Trish Rodriguez
  - Voting will be at the May meeting
  - Officers on the ballot are
  - President Elect: Candace Scheresky
  - Secretary: Cheryl Marsh
  - Board of Directors: (2 to be selected)
    - Stephanie Lackey
    - Ann Prather
    - Trish Rodriguez
  - Nominating Committee:
    - LaSandra McMorris
    - Emerald Smith
- Stephanie Lackey Membership Chair reported:
  - 549 Members
  - Quorum met
  - 6 Nursing Students
- Legislative Report was given by Joanne Oliver
  - Nursing Shortage Bill
  - Over time
  - Grassroots
  - Legislation
  - Advanced Practice Nursing
- Federation Report was given by Joanne Oliver
  - Debra Belgard is our representative
  - Trish Rodriguez will be our Woman of Excellence
  - The federation meets 4 times a year
  - Debra Belgard has a feature of AORN on the website
- Journal Club report was given by Yvonne Damico
  - Tonight's article was to have been Pressure Ulcers
  - Will post new Article on Web Site
- Congress Report was given by Joanne Oliver
  - Congress was held in Chicago from March 14-19<sup>th</sup>
  - We had 16 delegates
  - Total attendance 11,243
  - International Workshops
  - Peter Graves spoke on Quiz bowl
  - Exhibits
  - Pat Hercules spoke on AORN Works
  - Joan Persaud spoke on the Poster presentations
  - Joanne Oliver announced that the Houston chapter won the Gold Large Chapter Award
  - Joanne Oliver was selected to receive the Excellence in State Council Management Award
  - Becky Chalupa reported on the House of Delegates
  - Karen White reported the bylaw changes
  - National Election results were read
- Chapter member news: please keep in our thoughts
  - Veronikia Lee is at St. Luke's hospital
  - Laurie Mitchell's Mom has passed away
  - N. Walker's Mom has passed away

Meeting Adjourned at 18:15

Respectfully submitted by:

Candace Scheresky

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Elections 2009-2010  
Ballot

President Elect. (1) To be elected

*Candace Scheresky*

Secretary (1) To be elected

*Cheryl Marsh*

Board of Directors (2) to be elected

*Stephanie Lackey*

*Ann E. Prather*

*Patricia Rodriguez*

Nominating Committee (2) to be elected

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**AORN Journal Club Article** to be reviewed can be found in the February issue of AORN Journal. The meeting to review the article will be at 430pm at the VA Hospital on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for Yvonne Damico (ydamico@tmhs.org) and Carrie Claffey (cclaffey@tmhs.org) who will be leading the discussion on this timely topic for our practice. The article can be found in Journal or on the website at [www.aorn-greaterhouston.org](http://www.aorn-greaterhouston.org).

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