



# AORN Greater Houston # 4407 Pacemaker Newsletter January 2009

## January Education Session

January 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)

## Happy New Year Message

### Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will;  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
When the funds are low, and the debts are high;  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;  
When care is pressing you down a bit  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out;  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;  
And you can never tell how close you are;  
It may be near when it seems afar.  
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -  
It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.

<http://www.villagehero.com/motivational-poems.htm>

### Announcement!

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

Next Meeting:  
January 20<sup>th</sup> 2009

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

**Michael E Debakey VA  
Hospital  
2002 Holcombe Blvd  
Houston, Tx 77030**

**Go to main entrance to the hospital. Proceed straight ahead to main elevators and go to fourth floor. Signs will be posted.**

**Nancy's cell 281-798-1843**

**Journal Article to be reviewed comes from the November 2008 AORN Journal titled:**  
**Hand-Off**

**Communication: A Requisite for Perioperative Safety**

**You will find this article in your November 2008 journal and on the website on the opening page**

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The logo for the Triple Star Gala features the words "Triple Star" in a blue serif font, with a blue star above the "i" in "Triple" and another blue star above the "a" in "Star". Below "Triple Star" is the word "Gala" in a blue cursive script font, with a blue star above the "a".

# Triple Star Gala

**2009 Triple Star Gala Honorees**

**January 24, 2009  
The Houstonian Hotel**

**Dr. Anthony Estrera - Memorial  
Hermann**

**Dr. Tien Ko - HCHD**

**Dr. Eugene Alford - TMH**

**Dr. Cindy Calder - TOH/GHA**

**For more information on purchasing seats see  
website under [events](#).**

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AORN Greater Houston #4407

Chapter Meeting Tuesday November 18th, 2008

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

- Welcome & Happy PeriOperative Nurses Week.
  - The theme this year was "Perioperative Nurses: Influencing the Future of Safe Patient Care"

**Minutes:**

Read, Corrected, and Approved by a reading committee.

**Chapter Reports:**

- Nakeisha Washington reported:
  - Billboard for PeriOperative Nurses week had been up
  - Proclamations for PeriOperative Nurse week celebration were received from the following
    - City of Houston
    - City of Bellaire
    - Missouri City
    - State of Texas
- Trish Rodriguez reported the Nurse of the Year Awards were presented to the following:
  - Ginny Baird
  - Dolcis Bonner
  - Beverly Griffin
  - Leslie Santos
  - Larry Tabon
- CNOR review course report was given by Nancy Allen
  - Class had over 90 students
  - Very positive feedback from Students regarding the organization of the class and also the instructor
  - Renee Khalar RN, BSN, MBA, CNOR was the instructor
  - Thank you for everyone who participated to make it a success
  - Thank you for The Methodist Hospital for hosting this event
  - A thank you was also extended for our vendor participation
- JoAnn Oliver and Trish Rodriguez were presented by the Mayor of Bellaire Cindy Seigel the Proclamation for PeriOperative Nurse week celebration
- Trish Rodriguez reported that the Hurricane Relief Fund distribution was to be
  - 15% of the proceeds from the Tri-Chapter conference will be given to AORN members affected from Hurricane Ike
  - We had 5 applicants for funds
  - Our Board of Directors will decide how that money will be distributed
  - We hope to have the funds distributed before Christmas
- Trish Rodriguez reported that:
  - Dessert with the Doctors was held November 1, 2008
  - Joint sponsorship with AKA and HCHD
  - Was very successful and that at the last minute they added two more physicians
  - There was also many questions for the doctors
- Membership Report was given by Stephanie Lackey: at this time we have no quorum.
  - Total members: 576
  - Students: 2
  - Visitors: 4
- Education Report was given by Fred Perry:
  - Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery
  - Chris Imler of Real Hand
  - Dinner provided by Chris Imler of Real Hand
  - Next Meeting: Jan 20, 2008 "Project Cure"
  - Dinner to be provided by Charity Cotton of Memorial Hermann Hospital
- 2009 Annual Gala Report was given by Pat Hercules:
  - When: Saturday Jan 24, 2009
  - Reception: 7:00 pm
  - Dinner & Dancing 8:00 pm
  - Where: The Houstonian
  - 111 N. Post Oak Lane Houston, TX 77024
  - Winners are:
    - Anthony Estrera – Memorial Hermann Hospital
    - Tien Ko – LBJ General Hospital
    - Eugene Alford – Methodist Hospital
    - Anesthesiologist unconfirmed
  - The chapter member with the highest dollar sales for the Gala wins a free registration to the 2009 AORN Congress in Chicago, Illinois!
- TCORN report was given by Trish Rodriguez:
  - Texas Governor Rick Perry also congratulated us on PeriOperative Nurses Week and issued us a proclamation for Perioperative Nurse Week!
  - Annual Conference January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at North Austin Medical Center
- Treasure Report was given for Karen White by Judy Swanson
  - The report was over the financial performance from June through and including September
  - Balance Business Interest ending Nov 18<sup>th</sup> was \$25,719.80

- Legislative Report was given by Joanne Oliver
  - Election Results
  - Contact Elected Officials
  - Union Activity
  - Model Bill
  - Grassroots
  - Proclamations
- Policy and Procedures report was given by Trish for Beverly Anderson
  - The following Policies will be reviewed this year
    - Budget & Finance Committee
    - Bylaws
    - Bylaws Committee
    - Communications Committee
    - Education Committee
    - Legislative Committee
    - Membership Committee
    - Policy & Procedure Committee
    - Tellers Committee
    - Delegates/Alternate Selection
    - Nominating Committee
    - First Time Attendee
    - Delegates to FHPW
    - Board Liaison
    - Approval for use of Chapter Materials
    - Document Retention
  - Job Descriptions for review are
    - President
    - Vice President
    - President-Elect
    - Treasurer
    - Secretary
    - Board of Directors
    - Committee Chairman
    - Delegate/Alternate Delegate
    - Secretary
  - Revisions 2008/09
    - 1. Bylaws
    - 2. Budget & Finance Committee
    - 3. Policy & Procedure Committee
    - 4. Treasurer
    - 5. Bylaws Committee
  - Policy and Bylaws:
    - Currently Article IV – Officers - Section E Treasurer reads:
      - Monitors the fiscal affairs of the Association and provides reports and interpretation to the membership and the Board of Directors.
    - Proposed Change:
      - Monitors the fiscal affairs of AORN Greater Houston Area Chapter and provides reports and interpretation to the membership and the Board of Directors. Has signing privileges on the AORN Greater Houston Area Chapter bank account in order to conduct the banking business of the association.
  - There was no quorum at this time
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- Ad hoc Committee reports
- FHPW Report was given by Joanne Oliver
  - Edna Ashy is recovering from surgery, for contact information see Debra.
  - Check website for meeting information
- Research Committee report was given by Carrie Claffey
  - This evenings research meeting was well attended
  - Check website for next month's research article
- Quorum Established.
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- A motion was made to accept the proposed change. Motion had a 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Proposed Change passed.
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  - Motion was amended to include the President Elect also. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed.
- Trish Rodriguez reported that Nathalie Walker's surprise gift to us was a one year membership to AORN and the winner was Carrie Claffey.

Meeting Adjourned at 18:25

Respectfully submitted by Candace Scheresky

### **Websites to visit:**

- [www.aorn-greaterhouston.org](http://www.aorn-greaterhouston.org)
- [www.tcorn.org](http://www.tcorn.org) (ONLY \$15 TO JOIN)
- [www.aorn.org](http://www.aorn.org)
- [www.fhpw.org](http://www.fhpw.org)
- <http://www.texasnurses.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=7http://www.aorn.org/PublicPolicy/AORNAdvocacy/>
- [www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx)
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- [www.legis.state.tx.us/](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/)

Delegate forms for Congress  
 2009 Chicago March 14-19  
 can be found on web at  
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