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AORN members,

Welcome. This is an ambivalent time of the year for me. As one who dislikes cold weather, I appreciate the sounds and scents of Spring. Unfortunately, it is also the time of the year we lose an hour of sleep; the good with the bad.

David Taylor, your President -Elect, Criselda Sanders, Treasurer, and I recently met with our chapter's financial counselor, Alexander Baez. After answering his questions, reviewing the bank statements and input from David, Criselda and me, he has provided us with a good working budget. The proposed numbers were based on past expenditures and consideration to anticipated cost increases.

Alexander Baez will be speaking with the Board this Monday to discuss the proposed 2018-2019 budget. The Board hopes to have the 2018-2019 budget finalized for and approval at the May meeting.

The Scholarship committee has yet to meet to provide us with an updated application process. As time is closing in on us, I pulled the Scholarship Application used by AORN. The scholarship can be used to help fund your certification for your CNOR and help with your educational advancement. Don't be shy, if you are seeking your BSN or MSN, let our chapter help you. I will bring copies of the application to the Board meeting for review so we can move forward.

Our April meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Pappasitos from 6p-8p will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> mixer of the year. Hosting the event is Christina Huff with KCI, Acelity. Most of us affectionately know her as Christina Prevena. Mixers are held to promote camaraderie as well as time to visit with members and possible new members. This is a good time to bring fellow OR nurses to learn more about our professional organization. Our 2018 Fiesta medal will be available as well. Please RSVP to [Rachel.barrera2@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.barrera2@gmail.com) or text at 210-827-9088 if you plan to attend. AORN members and fellow OR nurses only please.

If your OR has had new CNORs in the past year or two, please encourage them to attend the April mixer. At minimum, let us know who they are as this is an exciting time for the new CNORs and we want to congratulate them. I've only heard from one hospital. A number of you have been recently certified and we truly want to congratulate you.

Unfortunately, we were not selected to walk in the King William Parade. This is a huge disappointment to us. Aside from our pre-Fiesta mixer on April 9<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter doesn't have any plans for a formal gathering. We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Fiesta. For those who do not celebrate too much on the last Saturday of Fiesta, join us at the Under the Bridge feeding to the homeless of San Antonio on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The suggestion to serve hotdogs rather than pasta this time was brought up. We will put the info on the website as time nears.

Lastly, the AORN EXPO will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans this year. Our chapter is sending 7 delegates. Delegates are chosen based on the amount of points accrued by each member throughout the year. With this in mind, we are nearing the election of next year's officers. As our chapter grows, this is a great time

to be an officer. As an officer, you will have the guidance of past officers as many of us are nearby to help. Bring your OR nurse friends to the meetings and get involved. It would be grand to send a new group of members to the biggest event of AORN. It will be a memorable time in your career. The learning and the experience itself of being among thousands of AORN fellow nurses is remarkable in itself.

This month we are fortunate to have two speakers present. This will shorten the business portion of our meeting time. Therefore, if you have a particular question or item that you need to bring to our attention, do not hesitate to contact me prior to the meeting.

Our first speaker will be Tammie De La Barre from Clear Flow

Following is Christina Rundburg from Medtronic speaking on Recommended Practices for Electrosurgery

Online CEUs are available for both presentations.

Dinner will be provided by Medtronic.

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