



September 2018

Last year, under the leadership of Rachel Barrera, ADN, RN, CNOR past president, our chapter received AORN's National Five Star Rating. An achievement many chapters did not obtain. Our chapter is fortunate in its leadership and their willingness to serve. In fact, several of our current leaders have held various positions in our chapter's leadership over the years. Because of their willingness and hard work we achieved this honor and are proud to celebrate with other high caliber chapters who have received the same recognition. I along with the board would like to thank those who worked so hard to make this happen. Our chapter will be submitting the work accomplished over the last year in hopes of achieve the same Five Star Rating. It is my hope that we continue to work hard and provide our nursing communities opportunities to grow.

There is a caveat in all of this. An organization such as ours can only be successful through the work of volunteers. The hours each member contributes to his or her chapter, their community and to nursing, as a whole matters. By attending our meetings you are involved in something bigger than yourself. By participating in the events whether it be our symposium, educational offerings, mixers or community service you are giving back. Imagine what we could do if each of our 300+ members supported our chapter in a small way. The officers and board members cannot do it alone. We are asking for you to get involved, help us drive our chapter to new heights and be the best in the nation.

Many thanks to all the officers and board members who graciously gave of your time to support Ellen Ott (a long time chapter member) in feeding the homeless Under the Bridge located at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Austin. On September 30, 2018 Ellen along with five board members from AORN Chapter 4409 took time out of their busy lives to prepare food and fed the hungry. In other community support, David Taylor MSN, RN, CNOR our current chapter president volunteer for two days at the Cibolo Nature Center, disassembling a research shed. The structure had been in place for more than ten years and had become a safety hazard.

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to thank all of you who have given so much of your time to serve your communities. If you would like our chapter to support you in your community activities please contact one of our officers and/or board members.

If you would like to serve on our board or chair a committee we would welcome your support and leadership.

Have you checked out our website lately? Go to <https://www.aornsanantonio.org> and see what we are up to.

Next Meeting: Monday October 8, 2018

Speaker: Peggy Prinz Luebbert, MS, CLS, CIC, CSPDT

Topic: Perioperative Bundles (1.0 CEU)

Dinner Sponsorship: Yes, Kelli Litterst, 3M Healthcare