



August 2018

Welcome Chapter 4409 member to a new year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you, the membership to your new Officers and Board Members.

David Taylor MSN, RN, CNOR (President)  
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Vanessa Lewis BSN, RN, (Vice President)  
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I would like you to know that your officers and board members have been hard at work over the summer preparing for this years events and we look forward to seeing everyone again at our monthly meetings. Our meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of every month starting in September 2018 – June 2019. Our meetings will be held at the Baptist School of Health Professions, which is located at 8400 Datapoint Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229. So mark your calendars and bring a friend or two to the meetings.

This year we have set some hefty goals for ourselves. We are trying to grow our chapter and expand the things we do each month. Our success is in our membership and depends on our member's willingness to be a part of a larger collective. We are proud to serve but need your help.

Our goals are...

1. **Education:** To provide our membership with current and relevant education each month. We want our education to be something we can all use in their daily practice. Because of Kumi Sarles' BSN, RN, CNOR efforts we are doing just that. Kumi has put together a

series of talks that is sure to please and support our member's educational needs. Come join us each month to hear some great speakers. If there is a particular subject you would like to hear or if you yourself would like to be a speaker at one of our meetings let us know and we can add you to our calendar.

2. **Technology:** We will continue to utilize technology to expand our outreach to our membership. Currently our website <https://www.aornsanantonio.org> is up and running, and is for the members. It is our hope that it will provide you with timely information and give you access to forms, documents, and other resources when you need them. It will continue to evolve over time so visit our website often for up to date information and happenings.
3. **Meeting Times and Places:** The Baptist School of Health Professions has been a great place for us to gather and meet. However, we know not everyone can make it to medical center area for various reasons. We also know how busy your lives can be. As an organization we are exploring ways to change that. We would like to use technology to help us bridge the gap and give more member's access to our meetings and the education offered each month. If you would like to be a part of this transformation please come to our meetings and help us change the way we meet, educate and network.
4. **Community Service:** Supporting our community in and around the San Antonio and Hill Country areas is important. Our service efforts will make a difference in the lives of those we serve, making our communities better. Our chapter is currently exploring areas we can be of service. If you have ideas on where Chapter 4409 can help support other causes or projects in our community, please share your ideas with us at our meetings. Currently we are serving our homeless community by feeding the hungry Under the Bridge and supporting the Elf Louise project, but want to do more.
5. **Conferences:** Each year we support delegates at the AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo. But we know not everyone can attend, someone has to stay back and keep the department running. Our chapter leadership is exploring ways to support its membership by providing support to attend other surgically related conferences. In the mean time, don't forget to keep your AORN Chapter 4409 delegate count sheet up to date. You may have earned enough points to secure a spot as a delegate at the AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo in Nashville, Tennessee.
6. **Networking:** This year we will continue having mixers every few months. These events will be located throughout the city to encourage more of you to come out and meet one another, network and explore new ideas. So checkout the website for our next mixer and mark your calendar. You don't want to miss it.

The Chapter is short one board member. If any member in good standing would like to become a member of our board please see our president, David Taylor MSN, RN, CNOR or our vice president Vanessa Lewis BSN, RN, CNOR for information.

I along with the the Board of Directors would like to thank Jackie Kennedy from Baxter for serving as our Industry Representative. Jackie provided our organization with countless hours of community service and her counsel was instrumental in all of our efforts. I along with the Board

of Directors would also like to welcome Jim Long from Medline as our new Industry Representative.

Next Meeting: Monday September 10, 2018

Speaker: Shannon Callihan, Stryker

Topic: Maxillofacial Injuries: Perioperative Patient Care (1.0 CEU)

Dinner Sponsorship: Yes, Chapter 4409