



October 2018

Chapter 4409 would like to thank Kelli Litterst of 3M for for sponsoring October's education and dinner for our monthly meeting. Susan Symons, BSN, RN, 3M Clinical Specialist presented "Do You Have Skin in the Game"? which not only gave our members in attendance great information but 1 CEU as well. Kelli and her team have been great supports of Chapter 4409 in the past as well as nurses throughout the San Antonio community.

AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo is scheduled for April 6-10, 2019

AORN is a member based organization and each year it holds its annual **AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo**. This year's event will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. AORN encourages local chapters to send delegates to vote on issues brought forth by the Board of Directors. The items brought forth by the BOD can have a profound impact on all perioperative nurses throughout the country and the world. Being a delegate and taking the time to listen to the issues and casting your vote is a very important responsibility.

The number of delegates a chapter can send each year depends on the size of the chapter. Because Chapter 4409 is considered a large chapter with over 300 members we can send up to 15 delegates to the next **AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo**. Historically our chapter has sent delegates to our national conference each year and those who attended as a delegate were selected based on a point system. The way members can earn points is through attending meetings, holding a position as an officer or board members, committee activities or supporting Chapter 4409's volunteer activities here in the San Antonio area. Each activity members participate in earns them points. The more activities you support, the more points you can earn. The members with the highest points at the end of the year are selected as delegates. Members point sheets were due at our October meeting and are currently being tallied by our president elect Andrea Pruitt. If you could not make the meeting and have not turned in your point sheet please do so by scanning a copy and sending it to Andrea Pruitt at andreapruitt@icloud.com All point sheets are due by October 15, 2018.

Point sheets are calculated from July of the previous year to June of the current year. Point sheets can be obtained from our website <https://www.aornsanantonio.org>

Meeting Attendance

Meeting attendance has shrunk over the years and fewer nurses are attending monthly meetings or are willing to chair or be a member of a committee. Currently we are in need of one additional board member and have two committees that need support. If you are interested in being a board member or working on a committee please contact David Taylor, President of Chapter 4409 at 210-386-3066.

To encourage meeting attendance Chapter 4409 is offering a paid registration to the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo. Yes you read that correctly. All active members who bring a colleague(s) to our up coming meetings (October and November) will be eligible. Every time you show up your name will be placed into a drawing. In addition, you will receive one additional entry for each person you bring to the meeting. The more members you bring the more chances you get to win. One lucky winner will be drawn at random at our annual Christmas function. So, mark your calendars and bring a friend or two to the next meeting.

Calling all members who have published an article, presented a poster or spoke at a conference!

If you have published an article in a professional magazine or journal, presented a poster at a conference, or was a speaker at a national conference, we want to hear from you. Chapter 4409 will be adding a section to our website that recognizes the professional works of our members. Please send us PDF files of your published work and posters. If you were a speaker, send us a photograph along with the topic of your presentation and where you presented. We want to show the nursing community all of the great work each of you are doing for our profession.

Elf Louise

For those of you interested in participating in a community activity this holiday season, **Elf Louise's** annual event takes place December 2, 2018, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested please contact Christallia Stark directly at cstarks1956@gmail.com This activity is a great way to delegate points for Expo 2020. This activity is limited to 20 people.

AORN Foundation

In past years AORN San Antonio Chapter 4409 has donated funds to both the foundation's silent auction as well as to their scholarship funds. In the past our donations to the silent auction and scholarship fund totals \$500 and \$2500 respectively. Two years ago our chapter established an endowed scholarship fund totaling \$25,000. This endowment will live in perpetuity and offer nursing scholarships to nurses living and going to school in Texas. This year we are continuing our commitment to the foundation and donating \$500 to their silent auction and we are considering adding to our endowed scholarship. If you are interested in making a personal

donation to chapter 4409's endowed scholarship please contact David Taylor at 210-386-3066 or one of the Board of Directors for more information.

AORN San Antonio Chapter 4409 Scholarship and Grants

We have updated the documents that outline the monies we give in the form of scholarships and grants to the nursing community. Go to our website and review these documents and see if you qualify for a scholarship or grant.

If you have not checked out our website lately, go there now and see what's new. Go to <https://www.aornsanantonio.org> and see the latest information and updates.

Next Meeting: Monday November 12, 2018

Speaker: Jackie Kennedy, Baxter

Topic: Surgical Hemostasis (2.0 CEU)

Dinner Sponsorship: Yes

* Educational activity subject to change without notice