



**March 2019**

**Happy Saint Patrick's Day!**

Saint Patrick's Day, also known as the feast day of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in what was known as Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established numerous monasteries, churches, and schools. He is known for many legends. Two he is most known for is for driving the snakes out of Ireland and the use of the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland celebrates his day with religious services and feasts.



It was emigrants, particularly those in the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a secular holiday of revelry and celebration of all things Irish.

**AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo**

If you have not registered to attend the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo it's not too late, you still have time. Our chapter is sending 12 delegates this year to represent the members of South Central Texas.



Get ready to cast your vote for candidates in the 2019 election from March 11 to April 9, 2019. Here are a couple of ways to inform your vote:

- Review candidate bios and election statements <https://www.aorn.org/about-aorn/governance/voting-matters/meet-the-candidates>
- Review questions asked of the candidates and their responses <https://www.aorn.org/about-aorn/governance/voting-matters/questions-for-candidates>
- Visit <https://www.aorn.org/about-aorn/governance/voting-matters> for more information.

### Chapter Mixer - April 15, 2019

April's general meeting is canceled because it conflicts with the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo. **HOWEVER**, we are please to announce that Chapter 4409 will be hosting a Spring Mixer - Sponsored by Christina Huff of Acelity.



**Mixer Location:** Stone Werks at the Rim at 5807 Worth Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78257  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019  
**Time:** 6pm-8pm

### Behind the Scenes

Your Chapter Board of Directors have been working hard on many different projects to support you the members. Two projects that are nearly complete is a review of the Bylaws and the policies and procedures. Once complete we will present to our membership for review and vote. If you have questions before the review and vote please let one of your board members know.

### Recruiting for Chapter Committees

Chapter 4409 is looking for members to support several of our committees. If you are interested in joining one or more of our committees contact any of the Officers or Board of Directors who can provide you with information.

Current committee openings include:

- Bylaws & Policy Committee
- Nominating and Membership Committee

- Ways and Means
- Budget and Finance
- Program and Education Committee
- Scholarship & Awards Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Website & News Letter Committee

### **Willingness to Serve**

AORN is a membership run organization and our chapter is only as strong as its members who are willing to serve. Well, it is that time again and Chapter 4409 is looking for members in good standing who are interested in being a candidate and running for one of our Officer or Board of Director positions. If you are willing to serve please contact Rachel Barrera.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on April 15, 2019 at Stone Werks located at 5807 Worth Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78257  
6-8pm. Sponsored by Acelity.

**Thank you!** The AORN San Antonio Chapter #4409 Board of Directors would like to thank Acelity for their generosity and support for our Spring Mixer.