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Message From the President

This is my last news letter as your president. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support and help this year. We all know it is difficult to find the extra time to attend meetings and help on committees, thank you for giving your time. I am looking forward to supporting Jane in the coming year, as she becomes your president at our June 24th meeting.

Thank you,
Jenny Cato



Election Results

Officers elected at the May meeting are:

President Elect: Krista Johnson

Secretary: Kathy Kohout

Board of Directors Janice Steyn

Martha Wallis

Nominating Committee: Joan Javeed

Ken Breaux

Thanks to the above who are willing to give time for our chapter. And many thanks to those who voted.

Installation of officers will be at the June 2110 dinner meeting. Be there to support our new officers and thank those leaving their posts.

June Dinner Meeting

The June AORN meeting is a dinner meeting along with installation of new officers. This year we will be meeting at Cat City Grill. It is located at 1208 W. Magnolia Ave., Fort Worth. 817-916-5333 They have a website of catcitygrill.com for additional information.

We will be meeting on June 24 at 5:30 pm. If you plan on coming, please contact Mary Wismann at 817-788-0125 or marywismann@aornfw.org and let her know who will be attending. We need to give them a number by Wednesday June 23. This a relaxed fun dinner.



Surgical Smoke: Connecting the Dots



Ken Eddings from Buffalo Filter presented our educational session in May. He discussed surgical smoke from lasers and surgical devices. We learned our regular surgical masks do not filter out the small particles emitted in the plume. 1 gram of ablated tissue from the CO2 laser is equal to 3 cigarettes. 1 gram of tissue from an ESU is equivalent to 6 cigarettes. 41 different chemicals have been isolated in surgical smoke. Eddings stated that research has shown viral disease has been transmitted by laser generated plume. In another study confirmed melanoma cells re-

leased into plume with the use of electrocautery. The cells were viable and could be grown in culture.

He discussed the need of 3 filters to capture plume – pre-filter, activated carbon and ULPA. We were shown an example of a smoke evacuator and how it can be used on the pencil cautery. We were also shown different types of filters for use on the wall suction and the Neptune.

Dues Increase

Don't forget to renew your membership with AORN. The present dues are \$100 for one year or \$270 for three years. Beginning July 1, 2010 dues will be increased.

Contact AORN to renew early, even if your membership is not due now, to take advantage of the reduced rate.

2010-2011 Meetings

It was voted at the May meeting to continue meeting at Texas Health Harris Fort Worth in the education department.

Consider joining a committee. We have several available and some will need new chairs. If you are interested contact Jane Pence at JanePence@texashealth.org.

It is fun meeting with each other and working together.

Ways & Means

We are still planning on an educational offering on Sat. Oct. 2. It will have a trauma theme. Please keep this date open. CEU's will be offered.

We are looking for help with the committee. Please watch for date and time of the next WAM meeting.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**

