

# Fort Worth AORN #4406 Newsletter

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## Message from the President

I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. With the beginning of the school year also comes the beginning of a new year for Fort Worth AORN. The Ways and Means committee along with the Education committee is in the process of planning an exciting education seminar for the fall.

Our first meeting is just a couple of weeks away on September 24<sup>th</sup>; I hope each of you is planning to attend. This year, one of my goals is to increase membership participation in the monthly meeting -- so bring a co-worker!

At the September meeting, we will be presenting the slate of candidates for Congress Delegates and reviewing proposed by-laws changes.

At the October meeting, we will be voting on Delegates and the by-laws changes.

The Meetings are held at Harris Fort Worth in the Rob Rutledge Auditorium in the Education Center. Park in

the visitor parking tower and take the elevator to the basement. The Education Center is adjacent to the elevators.

You will receive a parking validation sticker at the meeting.

We will still have our meet and greet at the OLD Neighborhood Grill before the meeting. It's just a fun way to get to know each other outside of work.

I am looking forward to seeing you September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Your President

Jenny Cato RN, CNOR



## September Meeting

Our first meeting of the year will be Thursday September 24 at Harris Methodist Fort Worth in the Robb Rutledge Education Auditorium. It is found on the basement "P" level of the parking garage. You can park in the garage. There will be parking passes issued. A map to Harris can be found on page 2 of this newsletter

Business meeting will start at 6:15. then a short break with education session at 7 pm. Our guest speaker will be Dr. David Shepherd and he will be discussing the use of robotics in urology surgery. 1 CEU will be offered.

## Meet and Eat

We will be meeting at The Neighborhood Grill prior to the AORN meeting around 4:30. It is located on Park Place.

Come and enjoy the food and the informal gathering.

## Ways and Means and Education Meeting

There will be a joint meeting of the Ways & Means Committee and Education Committee prior to the AORN business meeting on Sept. 24. It will be held at The Neighborhood Grill at 4:30. If you are member of these committee or want to become a member your presence will be appreciated.

Due to the changes in the laws for money making events, our chapter must look for other ways to raise revenue. We are planning to put on our own education seminar in Jan. or Feb. We need your help. Please come to this meeting and help them with ideas.

## FYI

If you wish to get in touch with a FW AORN officer, e-mail them using the office title then @aornfw.org. An example: President@aornfw.org. or Secretary@arofnw.org.



## IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS BY “SNAIL” MAIL, PLEASE READ

Everyone has to cut back on expenses in these hard times, and our chapter is looking for ways to reduce our costs as well. We are moving toward utilizing the internet more often by e-mailing members instead of using “snail” mail. If you have an e-mail address, either at work or at home - or both, please send it to Mary Wisman at [marywisman@aornfw.org](mailto:marywisman@aornfw.org). You can call her at her home, 817-788-0125 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and e-mail address. She will return your call or e-mail to confirm your e-mail address. If you do not have access to email or receiving the newsletter by e-mail is a hardship, please advise Mary so you can continue receiving your newsletter via the US Postal Service. Your Board of Directors wants everyone to be informed of chapter news and are looking at better and more economical ways to accomplish this.

## Proposed Chapter Bylaws Changes



Proposed chapter bylaws amendments will be presented at the September business meeting. The proposals reflect updated national bylaws as well as changes to our requirements for a quorum, structure of the Nominating Committee, distribution of the May ballot for officers/BOD, electronic and mailed meeting notices and the use electronic voting when available.

Our current bylaws state in Article XII:

**Amendments to these bylaws may be made at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to vote.**

**An amendment to the bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.**

The chapter will vote for the changes at the October meeting.

The bylaws changes are attached to this newsletter with explanations of the proposals, which fulfills the 30 day notice.

Submitted by the Bylaws Committee

Krista Johnson, chair  
Kathy Alexander  
Jenny Cato  
Janet Craun  
Joan Javeed  
Jane Pence

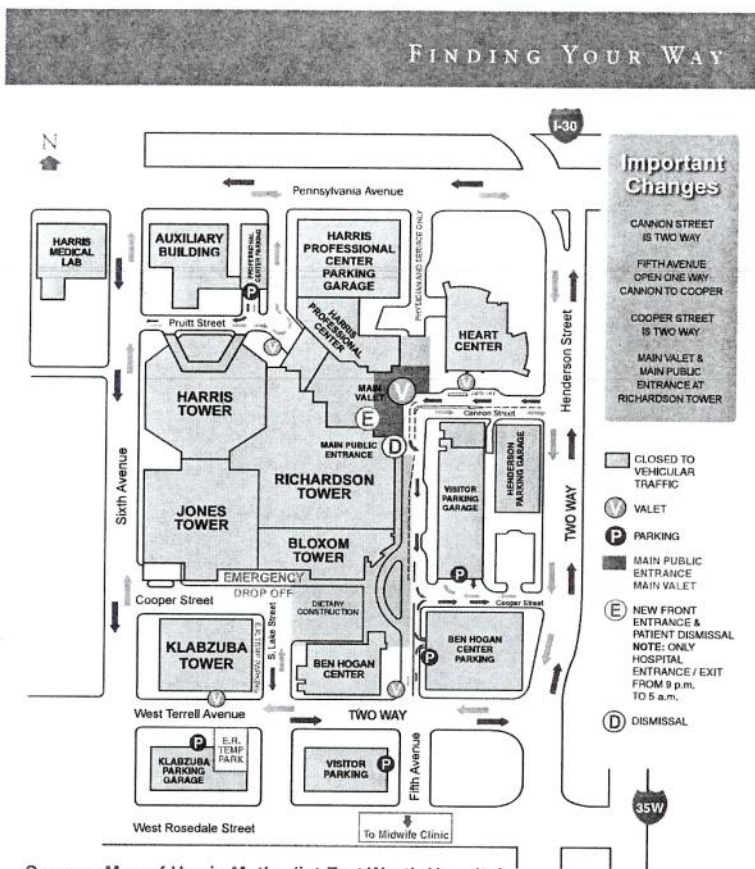
## Obituary

This summer our chapter lost two long time members.

Phyllis Gardner, a long time employee at Harris Methodist Fort Worth, passed away on July 25, 2009. She had retired several years prior to her death.

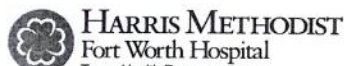
David Benton, an employee at Baylor All Saints, passed away on August 11, 2009.

Many of us have worked with these two excellent nurses during their careers. Our prayers go out to their families. They will be missed.



Campus Map of Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital

Please use this map to help you safely and easily navigate the hospital campus. If you have questions or concerns about traffic flow at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, please call 817-250-3900.



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# Delegate to 2010 AORN Congress

If you feel you qualify as a delegate for our chapter, please fill out the form below and bring it to the chapter meeting or mail it to our post office box. Requirements for eligibility of delegates can be found under our chapter by-laws Article IX. You can contact Krista Johnson if you have any questions by e-mailing her at Secretary@aornfw.org.

## WILLINGNESS TO SERVE FORM FOR DELEGATES TO 2010 AORN CONGRESS In Denver Mar. 14 - 18, 2010

Delegate responsibilities located in the Fort Worth Chapter 4406 Policy:

### Responsibilities of Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

- a. Delegates and alternate delegates will submit a brief report of one educational session attended that will be published in the chapter newsletter. This report is to be submitted to the Newsletter Committee Chairman by the next monthly business meeting.
- b. In the pre-congress delegation meeting, each individual will designate the educational seminar to avoid duplication of reports. Delegates and Alternate delegates will check in at a pre-determined location prior to all House of Delegates Business Meetings and Forums of the House of Delegates. All of these meetings are required.
- c. Alternate delegates will be readily available at all times during the meetings in the event they are needed to fill a vacancy. Once they are elevated to delegate, the alternate delegate serves as a delegate for the remainder of the Congress, including voting.

### Expenses

- a. One half of the designated money will be given to each delegate and alternate delegate prior to departure. The second half will be given at the completion of the individual's responsibilities. Any expenses incurred over and above the amount given by the chapter will be the responsibility of that person.

### Penalty

- a. Failure to comply with the above responsibilities will cause forfeiture of one's eligibility for delegate and/or alternate delegate for the next 2 years.
- b. Failure to comply with the above responsibilities will cause forfeiture of the second half of the designated money.
- c. There will be no exception to this rule for missing delegate duties.

I submit my name for the delegate ballot to serve at AORN Congress 2010. I have met the eligibility requirements according to our chapter by-laws in Article IX and am willing to carry out the duties representing Fort Worth AORN Chapter 4406 as delegate to 2010 AORN Congress.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring signed form to the September meeting or you can mail it to: Fort Worth AORN, P.O. Box 87, Fort Worth, TX 76101. If you mail it, please make sure to mail it approximately 5 days prior to the September meeting.