

South Bay AORN News

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Presidential Pronouncements

By Frances Hikido, President

Greetings everyone! As I write this, I'll be off to New Orleans to attend the 52nd annual AORN Congress. I anticipate a very exciting Congress and am proud to represent our wonderful South Bay chapter!

We had a little business meeting last month at El Paso Cantina and the topic of discussion was the results of the survey and, of course, the raffle. By now I hope everyone has received his/her raffle tickets. This is one of our big fund raisers so please support the raffle and sell, sell, SELL!!! Remember, if you need any more tickets, let us know and I can send them to you! Aileen Cabatan-Almazan has sent out letters to the community requesting donations for prizes so if anyone else has connections, please let us know. More prizes, more winners! As for the survey...thank you to those who responded. Your opinions mean a lot to us and are very helpful. **Question 1: Would you be more willing to attend meetings if they were held quarterly rather than monthly? If so, which four months would you attend?**

The majority of the respondents liked the quarterly meeting idea. Some said they'd rather have the monthly meetings but they kept forgetting. The months people chose were September, January, March, May, and June for installation of officers. **Question 2: Would you attend if the meeting time was changed? Keep it at 6:00 p.m. - change back to 7:00 p.m. - how about 6:30 p.m.?** Everyone liked going back to the 7:00 p.m. time...that way they could feed

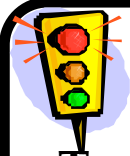


their families and get to the meeting. **Question 3: Would you attend if the location was changed?** One person stated that a rotation of facilities would be nice, but the majority preferred Torrance. Accessible parking was a big factor in that. **Question 4: Would you attend if the date was changed? Keep it the fourth Tuesday of the month or any other day?** This one was a bit all over the place...some could not in any way make it on Tuesdays, there were suggestions of Monday or Thursday and even a Wednesday. Someone suggested a Saturday; make it a half day session for four contact hours. **Question 5: Any suggestions to help increase attendance?** A lot of people suggested getting vendor support by way of refreshments. **Question 6: Any topics you would like to hear about?** There were a lot of good suggestions. A lot of requests for legal issues, surgical consents, injuries in the OR, Registered Dietitian for dietary considerations for all ages of surgical patients, bariatrics, laser surgery, On-Q pumps, brushless scrubs, MIS, ortho procedures, pacemakers and AICDs, evidence based practice standards...we had a lot of great topics which I will pass on to Eric Sadang, our president-elect. I want to thank each and every one of you who responded and came up with wonderful suggestions. I hope to see you at our next meeting, April 26, at Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center, 6 p.m. where Dr. Tiffany Rogers will be speaking to us about orthopedic surgery. See you all then!

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April 26, Tuesday, at 6 p.m.



Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center
3330 Lomita Blvd., Torrance

There's a six story parking structure next to the Health Conference Center and is easily accessible from Skypark Drive or Lomita Blvd. Need a map? See: www.torrancememorial.org/maphcc.htm.

Tiffany Rogers, MD, Spine Surgeon
Two (2) FREE contact hours

Queen Mary Two Night Stay plus a trip to Catalina Island

Purchase one raffle ticket for \$1 from any South Bay AORN member and you could spend 2 nights on the Queen Mary in Long Beach and take a lovely day trip to Catalina Island.

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The Catalina Flyer

The winner will be drawn at the AORN meeting on May 25 at Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center.

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