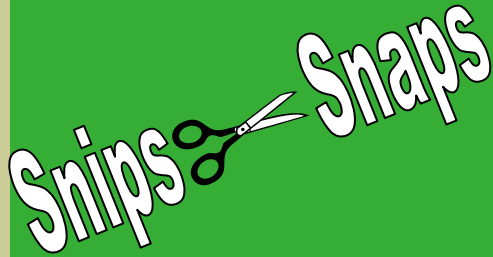


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NEWSLETTER



Message from ORNAA President

Warm greetings to all.

The days are getting longer and warmer giving reason to look hopefully for a new and bright season. One does not have to look far to see how fortunate we are to live in Alberta.

The devastation resulting from natural disaster and war bombards us daily by spontaneous news coverage. These reports bring to mind the exciting and heart wrenching stories we have heard at perioperative conferences, as told by OR travel nurses and officers. They remind us all that we have the knowledge base and skills to be part of such a team and to experience travel with a “perioperative” international flare. What a topic to generate discussion with our colleagues.

Alberta is home to many OR nurses who have been part of missions, international humanitarian projects, and military perioperative work. Encourage them to share their experiences and how they became involved. Perhaps they would speak at your district meeting. Even consider using the “telehealth” technology so more nurses could benefit from the session. Just the thought of having the ability to be part of such an experience is inspiring. Perioperative nurses are a unique group who truly do make a difference to their patients.

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A pause for thought.

Enjoy your spring , and the thoughts and ideas that may be seeded to grow.

Kelly M Kuz

ORNAA President

Writing Award Recipients 2009

Bev Reach and Gloria Nemecek - SORNA



Colleen Marcotte - NORNA



Bev Reach - SORNA



Please submit all 'Snips and Snaps' articles electronically to:

education@ornaa.org

**Include your full name,
district and, if applicable,
the references.**

Next newsletter deadline: May 15, 2010

Articles Posted Since Last Newsletter

09DEC - NCORNA - Laparoscopic Minimally Invasive Surgery - Julianna Kudryk

09DEC - SCORNA - DIC - Maureen McDonald

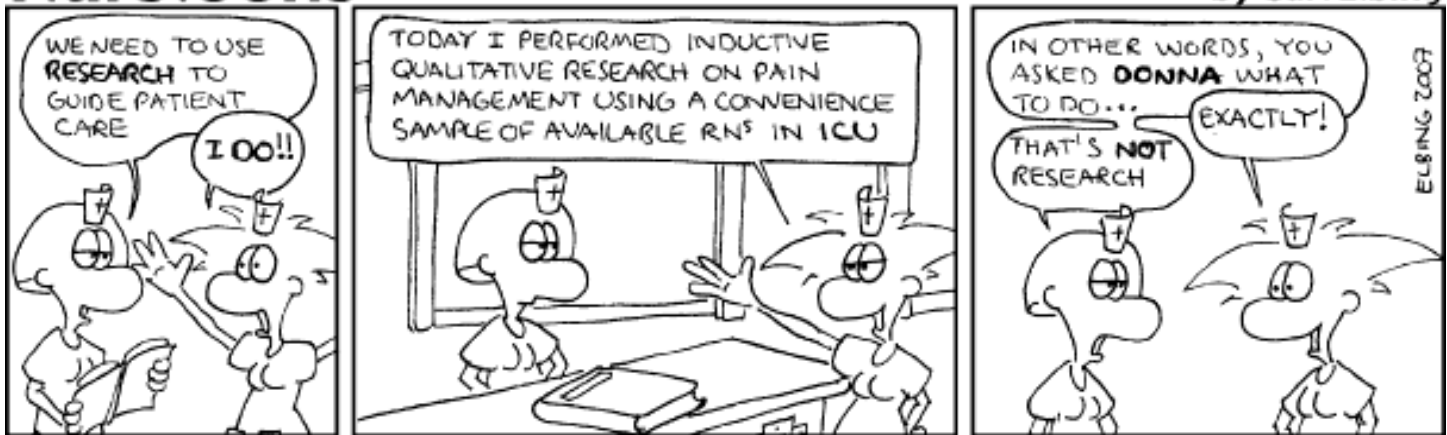
10JAN - NCORNA - H1N1 Virus - Aliya Karmali

10JAN - NCORNA - Walking After Midnight - Patricia Chrystian

10JAN - SCORNA - How Dry Is Your Mouth - Karen Wyshinski

Nurstoons

by Carl Elbing



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- Reminder to submit nominees for the Muriel Shewchuk Leadership Award and the Promising Star Awards
- Look at the online events section for district meeting information
- Share your inspirations, stories, and poems with other ORNAA members. Recently did research for a degree course? Why not submit an original, referenced article to 'Snips and Snaps' and you may qualify for a writing award!

District Reports

NORNA - Michelle Tolton

Greetings from the north, and our best wishes for 2010 to all members. NORNA has 48 members, our largest membership yet, from Ft. McMurray, Yellowknife, Seba Beach, Grande Prairie, McLennan.

Our December 1st Education session, Stryker Orthopedic Workshop, was well attended by 30 members. Our spring Education session is awaiting confirmation from J&J/Ethicon, to present: Working towards Zero SSI by Maureen Spencer. The May 2010 education session topic will be announced later.

Approximately ½ of our 750 cookbooks have sold. We raised \$800.00 as a "squares" draw from donated gifts, as part of 2009 Perioperative Nurse Week.

We have launched a contest for our NORNA logo, the winner to receive a free 2010-2011 membership.

Congratulations to Colleen Marcotte, winning \$250 at the ORNAA Conference hosted by SORNA for her poem submission.

The 2011 ORNAA conference planning committee is planning it's first meeting shortly.

NCORNA - Pam Rooney

To date – 214 members

Not much to report – A great membership meeting in November – DNR in the OR by Dr. Mark Ewanchuk, Anesthesia and ICU Medicine. Very thought provoking and timely. This was a great meeting put on by Fort Saskatchewan.

There are a few nurses looking forward to the retirement package.

They will be sorely missed

Looking forward to our next meeting, which has not been announced as yet.

CORNA - Kara Utri

Happy New Year from CORNA! Current membership is 31, with 1 Honorary.

Our November 24th meeting was held in Lacombe. We had two members speak on their experience at the national conference in NFLD. This included photographs, souvenirs/giveaways, and a viewing of a copy of the framed original print. It was very well-received.

Two members won registration reimbursement for attending 2009 ORNAA conference.

Our next meeting is on March 6th, along with our Spring Workshop.

We are thrilled to have Kelly Kuz visiting Red Deer on March 11th to promote ORNAA and hopefully increase membership numbers.

SCORNA - Catherine Kelly

Current membership is 138 active members, 2 honorary members.

Our Spring Workshop plans are being finalized.

A SCORNA member education funding lottery was held and a member from the Alberta Children's Hospital won \$600.00 to be used for an educational opportunity of their choice.

SORNA - Bev Reach

MEMBERSHIP – 45

Our November meeting was held on November 19, 2009 In Medicine Hat. It was our annual dinner meeting in celebration of OR Nursing.

Program - ORNAA Organizational Information and Highlights of ORNAA Membership – Presenter Kelly Kuz – ORNAA President.

Position of President Elect still remains vacant with no nominations/volunteers at this time.

Motion was passed to change the current organizational structure of the executive – the proxy positions were deleted.

Members were again reminded that any member could and are encouraged to attend ORNAA meetings as an observer.

The SORNA survey summary was presented. The survey committee and the executive will have a meeting and present the recommendations to the membership at the March meeting.

Winners of the membership draw were Susan Bodie and Edith Amend – both will be reimbursed their membership fee. Marg Ensminger gave a brief history and complimented all Alberta OR Nurses for being at the forefront of leadership in the Perioperative Specialty.

Next Meeting March 25, 2010 - teleconference hosted by Lethbridge.

*To do what nobody else will do, in a way
that nobody else can do, in spite of all we
go through; that is to be a nurse.*

~Anonymous~

