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Presidents Message

Yes it's February already! Hope everyone had a wonderful Valentines Day!

A special thanks to Good Samaritan Hospital who hosted our January meeting and to Christinea L. Ginder CRNA who spoke on "Malignant Hyperthermia". She gave an excellent presentation. I know, I have a better understanding of Malignant Hyperthermia.

Our February meeting will be at Carbondale Memorial Hospital with **Dr. Joseph Rubelowsky** speaking. His presentation is about experience as an army surgeon serving in Afghanistan. **Joseph Rubelowsky, M.D.**, is a Open Heart Surgeon at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Details to follow later in newsletter.

Our February meeting will also be our pre-congress meeting. Please read information in the January 2004 issue of the AORN Journal regarding issues to be discussed at congress and the 2004 Slate of Candidates. Please bring comments and views to meeting. Delegates from our chapter will be voting on these issues at congress . They are representing you. Therefore they need your input on how to vote. This is very im-portant!!

Also it is time to think of our own slate of candidates for our chapter . Our Fiscal year ends May 31, so we will be voting for new officers and board members by April meeting. To be elected this year: President Elect, Secretary, Board members-3, nominating committee. Those of you interested we need your willingness to serve form. Please contact those serving on nominating committee or myself for a form. These need to be in by April 1 Meeting. We need you!!

Get involved!!!

Your president

Doris meadows

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FYI

Our March meeting will be April 1 Due to AORN Congress falling on the week of our meeting date. We will have a regular meeting night on April 29.

About our Speaker

February 26, 2004: Memorial Hospital of Carbondale at 405 West Jackson Street, Carbondale. Dr. Joseph Rubelowsky will speak at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1C.

Sometimes the best way to understand things and events that are going on in distant lands is to hear from someone who has been there first hand. My presentation is about experience as an army surgeon serving in Afghanistan.

I, Joseph Rubelowsky, M.D., the Open Heart Surgeon at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, served a four-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve mission with the 339th Combat Support Hospital at Bagram Air Base near Kabul. You will see the conditions in Afghanistan, and what it is like to work as a surgeon in a war zone, and what is being done for the Afghan people.

While there, myself, and other physicians treated the sick and wounded, regardless of nationality or affiliation, in primitive surroundings. We treated hundreds of people whose only crime was to be born in the wrong place. Military surgeons in field hospital work in difficult conditions

and must make do without the benefit of distance phone call to Carbondale to ask the advice about brain surgery from our neurosurgeon Sumeer Lal, M.D.

You will see photos of the base and canvas tents, our houses, piles of sand bags and doctors in fatigues and camouflage working in operating room housed in a trailer. Photos will also show a land in crisis. There are haunting photos of desperate people in bright clothing against a dusty, mountainous country savaged by decades of oppression, poverty, occupation, war, and tribal feuding. The most heartbreaking are the children injured by the land mines.

The primary mission of the medical team was to treat American and coalition soldiers, but it is also there to care for the people of Afghanistan. In fact, most patients were Afghans. We treated traumatic injuries and every day illness. Often nurses and doctors traveled into the country to bring dental care, primary care, and inoculations to the people. They also helped the Kubal Hospital with supplies and guest lectures. There was a lot of humanitarian work going on. There is not a more compassionate army in the world.

Dr. Rubelowsky is a very interesting speaker. Come and hear him speak at our next AORN meeting at Carbondale.

Thought for the Day!!

God counts her tears...

This is written in the Hebrew Talmud, the book where all of the sayings and preachings of rabbis are conserved over time. It says: "Be very careful if you make a woman cry, because God counts her tears.

The woman came out of a man's rib.

Not from his feet to be walked on.

Not from his head to be superior,
but from the side to be equal.

Under the arm to be protected,
and next to the heart to be loved."

REMINDERS!!!!!!!

Calendar of events

AORN Chapter 1402 monthly meetings

February Chapter meeting:

February 26, 2004 at Carbondale Memorial Hospital Carbondale, IL. Speaker: **Joseph Rubelowsky, M.D.**, Open Heart Surgeon at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. **1.2 contact hours** to those who attend. **See Meeting Notice.**

March Chapter Meeting will be April 1

At Heartland Hospital Marion IL

Aesculap, and their Nurse Consultant, Peggy Pittenger, will present: "Instrument Care & Handling". Contact hours will be provided.

April Chapter meeting

April 29 at So IL Orthopedic Center, Mt Vernon IL. Melodie Anderson RN BSN CNOR will speak on "Fire Safety In the OR." Contact Hrs will be provided.

Spring Seminar: May 8, 2004. Sponsored by Chapter 1402, Belleville Southwest Chapter 1410

National Events:

March 21-25, 2004: AORN Congress 2004 @ San Diego ,Ca.

July 2004: 7-16-04 @004 Focus on Leadership: Celebrating Our Value, Denver CO

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Current AORN Chapter 1402 list of CNOR's/CRNFA's

CRNFA's noted with ** behind there Name

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Congratulations to all!!