

AORN eChapter May President Message...Happy International Nurse's Month!

Traditionally, the AORN eChapter President shares a president's message throughout their year, and May is the perfect month to kick this off. After becoming President during AORN EXPO in March, celebrating global volunteer month in April, and now celebrating international nurse's month in May, it just seems the perfect time to remind all of you what you mean to your community.

It is often a Magnet® journey exercise to have nurses reconnect to purpose by reflecting upon and sharing why they became a nurse. It's interesting that this Magnet journey somehow knew, even before the pandemic, that nurses give so much of themselves that they need occasional reminders of why they chose this journey in the first place. As nurses, we are living in interesting times, to be certain. Some of us need healing, and some of us are ready to push forward and forge a new path. This year, I believe nurses must be reminded of why their community needs them, too.

There is a lot of buzz right now around AI (Artificial Intelligence) and what it means for nurses. There is even a movement to get nursing recognized as a STEM profession. Nurses have a unique opportunity to get involved and guide future technology if not outright invent and innovate it. No one knows more than us the challenges we face, how to overcome them, and we have strength in numbers.

I love technology and all things progress. I truly believe if we use it well, it can make our lives easier and more fulfilling by freeing us up to have time to connect with the people in our lives – family, friends, colleagues, and even our patients. One thing is certain, there is no going back to how things used to be, and that's okay. We are on the verge of living in better times. I firmly believe there isn't a healthcare issue that nurses cannot solve. This is why, year over year, our patients vote us the most trusted. They have faith in us. Perhaps it's time for us to find ways to have faith in each other, and certainly to have faith in our own abilities.

It is my hope that AORN eChapter will provide a safe haven for you this year, to re-connect and connect with other nurses worldwide. And, to achieve a global sense of belonging and boundary-less knowledge sharing toward a common goal of making healthcare safer for our patients and team members.

Happy Nurse's Month to the most fearless colleagues, advocates, problem-solvers, glass-ceiling breakers, inventors, innovators, boundary breakers, and boundary setters that make healthcare safer.

#YesWeCan and #TogetherWeRise 🦋🤝🌍

With Gratitude~
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