



# NEWSLETTER:

## August-September 2021

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More Education will be recorded and added—keep checking for new entries



Interested in topics on “Managing Millennials”? Or tired of managing generations? here is an interesting Lead article in *INC*. which makes an interesting view on the subject.

<https://www.inc.com/jeff-haden/a-study-of-600000-people-shows-secret-to-managing-millennials-is-to-quit-thinking-of-them-as-millennials.html>

### Education CE Webinars (Planned)

#### Wednesday, August 25:

Decision Making and Surgical Attire Guideline Adherence 8pm E 7pm C 6pm M 5pm P

Carole “Gert” Mayes, PhD, RN, NPD-BC, CNOR

Register at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4516275187271/WN\\_6y5xH-HhTraYisWXx5kujA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4516275187271/WN_6y5xH-HhTraYisWXx5kujA)

*You will receive notifications of registration for upcoming events, but to pique your interest....*

#### Wednesday, September 22:

Escape Rooms and Other Interactive Education Methods 8pm E 7pm C 6pm M 5pm P

Lisa Morgenthaler, MN, RN, CNOR



***One week remaining*** to submit your application for a \$500 grant for Research or EBP project. Applications are due **August 31, 2021**. Please go to <https://echapter.org> and click on the eChapter Research/EBP web page.

## Big News!!!

**Penny Smalley** and **Rebecca Vortman** need our applause on their leadership, tenacity, and grassroots efforts in getting the State of Illinois to pass legislation mandating evacuation of surgical plume—

The law goes into effect January 2022





## **Kudos to these eChapter AORN award winners—We could not be prouder!!!!**

*Rebecca Vortman, DNP, RN, CNOR --Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Education*

*Daphny Peneza, MSN, RN, CNOR, CSSM --Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Education*

*Jane Flowers, MSN, RN, CNOR, CRCST --Outstanding Volunteer Leadership*

*Terri Goodman, PhD, RN, CNOR, FAORN --First class of AORN Fellows*

*Joy Don Baker, PhD, RN-BC, CNOR, CNE, NEA-BC FAORN, FAAN --First Class of AORN Fellows*

*Ruth Shumaker, BSN, CNOR --President's Award*

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## Spotlight on: Susan Guerra



Susan is a founding member of eChapter and a Lifetime AORN member. She lives in Mexico and has travelled to some truly remarkable places. She has been extremely passionate about making eChapter accessible and available to all members around the world and she consistently provides support and guidance to the BOD. I don't think there is an event or meeting that Susan does not attend. A stalwart member and a truly nice person. I hope you will enjoy this interview as much as I did. She has a story to tell. Currently Susan is a Board Member and serves as Liaison to the Membership Committee.

In Susan's third year of nursing school, she started to worry. She had not yet decided what her nursing specialty would be. Of all the rotations in different practice areas, none had truly excited her, especially since all involved working weekends. Except one.

She attended Loma Linda University, and her nursing school program offered one of the few operating room rotations. So, Susan made arrangements to meet with the head nurse of the OR at the Loma Linda Medical Center. She hired Susan on the spot!

After working up the ranks to educator and charge nurse in various hospitals, her ultimate experience as a "real" nurse was as the Director of the new Outpatient Surgery Center at UCLA. In 1992 she transitioned to industry and has worked as clinical consultant, project manager, and ultimately has functioned in a sales role. She says of this role, "I love this role because it utilizes my clinical knowledge combined with my business skills and provides me with credibility when working with surgeons and other healthcare professionals".

Susan's original career plans had no clear direction, but as she became more confident and tapped into her desire to grow and learn, she decided to return to graduate school to earn her master's in nursing administration. This degree prepared her to become an OR Director and serve in various managerial roles.

Susan’s career has taken her to operating rooms in over 20 different countries. The travel experience taught her many things, not the least of which is that there are many methods of completing a surgical procedure. Here are some of the examples she has seen that fortunately did not seem to affect the patient outcome:

- Nurses cutting radiopaque rings off lap sponges
- Counts which don’t include bulldogs, peanuts, silicone tapes, and many other items
- Masks that don’t cover noses or beards
- Operating rooms left open during a procedure
- RNs scrubbing and STs circulating

Some of the funnier stories include:

- The Co-ed locker room in France and laughing at trying to find a changing corner
- White scrubs in Finland—Susan was wearing a red bra that day

When asked about eChapter history and path ahead she shares, “eChapter was created by a group of AORN members who wanted more participation in the organization compared to members at large. The group of founding members, of which I was one, included members who live outside the US and those who were unable to participate in their land chapter for whatever reason.” She continues, “Now eChapter members include everyone who would like to join! Due to the broad range of members, it behooves the BOD to identify the needs of the members and develop activities and communication methods that will meet these needs. This is the charge of the eChapter Membership Committee this year”.

**Thank you Susan, for your continuing contribution, advocacy, and continuing passion for eChapter and making this truly a global chapter!**



**Exciting News** -- Follow our Chapter LinkedIn page—we need followers to post their professional achievements-supportive endeavors, employment postings, and member news. This is another way to connect with your fellow eChapter membership. Thanks to Wendy Perera and Daphny Peneza who are working hard to get these sites up and active. All contact and communication links are located at the end of this newsletter. If you are interested in helping the communications committee please submit your willingness to serve ASAP!

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/aorn-echapter/posts/?feedView=all>



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