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TREASURER CANDIDATE

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- 1.) Surveys of members indicate the most common reason they don't vote is that they feel that they "don't know the candidates." To help the members get to know you better describe something you are passionate about or enjoy doing in your free time.**

One of the things I am most passionate about is challenging myself. Every year, I make 3-5 personal and/or professional goals for myself. These are not goals that I share with other people. They are for me. I really enjoy pushing myself to try to achieve what I did not think I could. I believe in running my own race. I do not compare myself to other people. I am passionate about being a strong, confident role model, not only for my boys, to see an example of a strong, confident woman, but for every little girl out there that was told she wasn't enough and doesn't quite measure up. I am here to tell that little girl that she can be anything she imagines she could be...all she has to do is believe in herself!



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I consider myself to be quite “ordinary”. What you see is what you get.

2.) Describe your most meaningful day in the OR, or in the office, and how it has impacted your current practice, or work, as a nurse.

Gandhi said, “A sign of a good leader is not how many followers you have, but how many leaders you create”. As a leader, my most meaningful day is seeing the growth in an employee. I love to give people opportunities and push them outside their comfort level. I open the door. It is up to them to walk through it. When they do and they succeed, there is no better feeling. That is why I do what I do.

My ASC was ranked #1 in the state of North Carolina by Newsweek for 2021. Seeing the pride on the faces of the staff when making this announcement and thanking them for the work that they do was the most rewarding part of it all. It truly takes all of us bringing our best selves to work every day to elevate an organization.

3.) How does the role of Treasurer impact the business of AORN and how do your skills contribute to that impact?

The treasurer is an intermediary between the CFO and Board. The treasurer must understand how AORN subsidiaries, membership and investments impact the solvency of the organization. The treasurer can assist the board with business decision making and direction, as well as assist the CFO with their clinical knowledge to ensure the organization's decisions aren't strictly about "the money". AORN is a member driven nursing organization with the mission to promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients. We cannot lose sight of that.

I've been a perioperative nurse for over 27 years. I've managed multi-million-dollar budgets, hundreds of FTE's and numerous departments. Not only do I have the education, I also have strong financial and operational acumen. Even in the age of COVID-19, our ASC has maintained operating margins >40%. This success is attributed not only to the Center's leadership, but to highly competent, hard-working staff and strong, respectful physician relationships.