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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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.**

I am passionate about spending time with my family. Chic and I met as staff nurses in the OR. She is the best nurse I ever practiced with and has been my best friend for over 35 years. We have three daughters which leads to my next passion. Teaching my daughters sports and sportsmanship. As a young dad I spent all my free time coaching/watching their games. All three played at collegiate level. Katie softball, Becky basketball, and Patty soccer. Patty now competes at the international level. She is a member of the Filipino national women's rugby team. She has earned gold and silver medals in international competitions. Finally, we now have our first grandchild, Logan who I plan on spoiling as much as possible.

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.

This stirs memories. One of my nurses was suddenly withdrawn and robotic. My gut told me something was wrong, so I called her into my office. After bouts of silence and denying anything was wrong, she started to cry and said she was contemplating suicide. We talked as I contacted employee assistance. That night I walked her into behavioral health not as a manager but as a friend. She left nursing for a while but years later she rejoined my team. At a BBQ, I heard her tell my daughters that their dad saved her life. The Bible says if you save one life you save the entire world. Every day I try to serve those in my care and help create a better future.

3.) What, in your opinion, are the key responsibilities for a member of the Board of Directors and what experience has prepared you for this role?

I BELIEVE the Board's job is to be the voice of the member. You elect us to serve YOU, who I believe are the owners of this association and the practice of perioperative nursing. That was the AORN I grew up in. That is the AORN I served as your



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Treasurer and as your President (1999-2005). This belief is why I chose to serve again. I know many of you are feeling disenfranchised, but I want you to know that you are not alone. There are others who with me are trying to fight the good fight and advocate for you. Those of you who know me know my passion for AORN. I believe AORN is worth fighting for. I won't stop advocating for you.