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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.

When I’m not working or volunteering with my professional organizations, I value my family time. I have a loving and supportive wife and three grown children who have blessed me with 3 beautiful granddaughters. I’m that Grandpop who gets on the floor and colors with them, reads them stories, sings and dances with them and attends recitals, softball games, school plays etc. My wife and I host family dinners for holidays, birthdays and for no other reason than to be together. I act in and build sets for our local community theater with my wife and daughter as well. I also love to travel, take cruises and most recently purchased a vacation home in the mountains to make many more memories with friends and family. Many of
you are parents and grandparents and I’m sure know the joy and fulfillment of these moments.

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.

One meaningful memory was when a nursing student accompanied her patient to the OR for a Lap Cholecystectomy. This student showed extreme enthusiasm and was very excited to observe a surgical procedure. I explained to her that she should observe not just the procedure, but the all roles of the OR team. Afterwards she asked me how she can start her career in the OR and she felt the OR is her calling. I connected her to the program from AORN. Several months later she contacted me and was enrolled in Peri-op 101. I was able to get her clinical hours at my facility and ultimately was able to have her start with us as a new nurse. As a nurse educator when I make a difference for a new nurse it gives me a level of satisfaction and pride that I strive for always.

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?

As a board member we have the responsibility to all the AORN members to manage the organization, always have
the best interest of its members, and abide by the bylaws as set by the organization. We need to keep open communication amongst the leadership as well as information flowing to all of the organization. We have the fiduciary responsibility to make sound decisions and to operate within the approved operating budget.

During my many years in nursing I have volunteered and made a commitment to other BOD positions. This included Sigma Theta Tau, American Association for Respiratory Care, American Lung Association as well as participating on two AORN chapter BOD, Garden State #3105 and Bux-Mont #3912, including president for two terms. I will put my 100% efforts to make sure we keep AORN strong and serve with the interest of all its members.