

Newsletter Editor, Penny Sabrosky wants to thank all Sterile Processing Professionals for their dedication and ability to adapt to the situations going on around them in these unusual times of healthcare around the globe.

Special points of interest:

- Frankenmuth's famous Zehnder sign and word famous Clock Company
- Cancelled Conference
- Elected BOD
- Message from IAHCSSM President
- Elective Surgery Resumes
- IAHCSSM futures
- Healthmark Industries new signage!

Michigan Society for Healthcare Central Service Professionals



SPRING 2020

President Penny Jarman Regretfully Cancelled

Early in the month of April, it was hopeful that this year's annual spring conference would still be a viable venue. As things progressed with the spread of the Corona virus, it became inevitable that the conference would have to be suspended.

It was with sadness and confusion to work out all the details of a cancelled conference. Never before in MSHCSP history has an event like this occurred. President Penny Jarman made the leadership decision and right away moved to talk to other board members about how to sustain the MSHCSP board and future viability. See page 2 for more details.

ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE CANCELLED 2020

FRANKENMUTH MOST DESIRABLE SPOT FOR MOST ATTENDEES



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Decisions Decisions!

Amid all the daily changes we have all felt and experienced over the past couple of months, the MSHCSP Board had to make some decisions too. The constant cancellation of monthly meetings and work pressures for the whole Board created chaos for this year's conference and elections. President Penny Jarman sent an email out asking our membership if they would support the current Board for one more year. Nominations and Elections seemed unreasonable at this time when everyone is going crazy. Thanks to all who gave their vote to support one more year for the existing Board of Directors till we get back to some normalcy.



Keep Doing What You Always Do!

a message
from iahcsmm
president-elect



"These are challenging times and a lot of people are anxious about their own safety. As Sterile Processing professionals, we must remember that if we stay the course and do what we're supposed to do, like we do

every day - including following our PPE requirements, the IFU and the standards - we should be just fine. Like always, we will show our professionalism and get the job done properly." - Brian Reynolds, CRCST, CHL, CIS, CER, Assistant Chief of Sterile Processing Service for West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, and IAHCSSM President-Elect.

Hello!

My name is:

CONSISTENCY

(aka long term success)

Brian Reynold emphasizes to be consistent in every day practices that we have been inherent to for a long time. Thank you to all Sterile Processing Professionals for what you do every day for patient care.

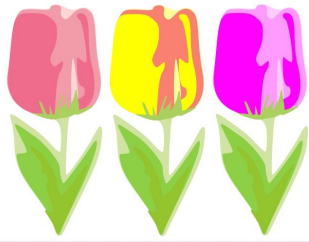
Surgical professionals begin preparing for the gradual return of elective cases canceled during the coronavirus outbreak. (Outpatient Surgery Magazine April 18th, 2020)

Finally, some welcome news about the COVID-19 crisis. Elective surgeries are included in the first phase of the federal government's three-step approach to reopen the country after a month-long shutdown designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Mitigation and social distancing is paying off as we slowly approach our destiny back to normalcy or as some say "a new normal".

"The Association of periOperative Nurses has teamed up with the American College of Surgeons, American Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Hospital Association to develop a roadmap for resuming elective surgeries as soon as safely possible. The joint statement provides guidance for testing staff and patients for COVID-19, prioritizing the rescheduling of previously canceled cases, stocking adequate personal protective equipment and developing a strategy for phased openings of operating rooms"

During these next few weeks, there will be more challenges as our Sterile Processing departments ramp up and prepare for the first surgical patients to be on the schedule. New procedures such as sterilizing N95 masks, cleaning of new or additional equipment, reassignments to other areas, and other jobs could face all of us. May the force be with you and bless all of you for your hard work and dedication.

- Penny Sabrosky



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The 2020 IAHCSSM Annual Conference & Expo scheduled to be in Chicago cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus.

Next year's Annual Conference & Expo is set to take place:

May 2 - 5, 2021

Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, OH

It may be the biggest and best of all!!!



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