CA 24 Working for You!

ONA Constituent Association 24 (CA 24) covers members in Washington County, including OHSU - Hillsboro Medical Center (formerly Tuality), ProvRN Triage Call Center, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center and Washington County Health Department.

Message from CA 24 Secretary, Terri Kaiser:

Hello members,

I just want to remind you that you can access the CA 24 webpage on the ONA website and review our meeting minutes or bylaws, or contact us via the email at ONAconstituent24@gmail.com.

♦ www.OregonRN.org/pCA24
♦ May 2022 minutes.

CA 24 Homeplate Donation

We donated $2000 to Washington County's charity, Homeplate.

Homeplate is a non-profit outreach center for young people experiencing homelessness.

To find out more about this charity visit the website at: www.Homeplateyouth.org

You can also view this video on YouTube.

Welcome Your New CA 24 Officers

The results of our CA 24 election are posted on our website. Welcome your newly elected officers:

♦ President: VACANT
♦ Vice-President: Joan Irwin (PSVMC)
♦ Secretary: Terri Kaiser (OHSU Hillsboro)
♦ Treasurer: Jessica Carrier Lobell (PSVMC)
♦ Member-at-large: Susan Pinnock (Washington County)
♦ Member-at-large: Rebecca Sudduth (Professional CA 24 Member)
♦ Member-at-large: Arlene Sitton (Washington County)
SAVE THE DATE!

CA 24 dinner to be held at Ernesto's Italian Restaurant on:

**October 20, 2022**

**6:30-8:30 p.m. (1830-2030)**

Speaker TBD.

Look for more information coming soon.

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**Weigh In on Workplace Violence**

Workplace violence (WPV) against healthcare workers is a worldwide phenomenon and is increasing in occurrence. Recent statistics reveal that 1 in every 4 nurses has experienced violence in the workplace. Inadequate staffing is likely a significant factor in this statistic and the cyclical nature of this issue leads to stress, burnout, compassion fatigue and contributes to the large numbers of nurses leaving the profession. ONA’s WPV workgroup is creating new strategic solutions for addressing WPV in a variety of ways including contract language, state legislative policy, education and training, and more. You can help by completing an important survey about WPV.

The workgroup is hoping to collect information on the level of workplace violence and staffing inadequacies faced by our members. They want also want to know about strategies to improve nurse staffing and reduce the incidence of WPV directed at nurses. You can take the survey at (or scan the QR code):


Please respond by Aug. 31, 2022 at 11:45 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact ONA’s Professional Services Department at Practice@OregonRN.org.

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**Student Debt Relief**

Saddled with student debt? You may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF). Thousands of health care workers, teachers and others who work in public service and consistently pay their monthly student loan bills can have their loans forgiven after ten years.

ONA is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) – Healthcare which means you have access to Summer, an organization that can help you navigate your student loan situation and support you through the repayment process.

Find more information at www.OregonRN.org/aft-summer.

Managing your student loan debt is the first step in taking on the inequities which plague our system of higher education.