Pre-Negotiation Survey is Ready!

It is time to begin preparing for contract negotiations. Our contract term is ending at the end of October and we are starting to prepare proposals. A survey has been developed and is online now. Please click here to take the survey or go to www.OregonRN.org and—under Find Your Bargaining Unit—click on Good Shepherd Medical Ctr, where you will see the survey titled Good Shepherd Pre-Negotiation Survey. Encourage your co-workers to take it as well. The more participation we have, the better we can represent you during negotiations.

What Are Other Ways You Can Help Your Team?

During our last contract, the hospital agreed to the creation of a PTO bank for negotiations. This means that you can donate some of your PTO to the negotiation team to help them offset lost work. The negotiation team spends many hours volunteering to get us the best contract they can. When they have to take time off work to spend in negotiations with the hospital, they use their own PTO. Please consider donating a few hours to the team. Go to HR and pick up a donation request form, make the donation to “ONA Negotiation Team.”

Welcome to New Graduates

Good Shepherd has a new class of new graduate nurses starting soon. Take a moment to greet them and welcome them to the hospital and ONA, sharing the benefits of membership with them. Maintaining a strong ONA team helps us keep a strong contract and ensure good working conditions and the best possible patient care.
Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) is proud to endorse **Measure 97** this November – the ballot measure that would hold some of the largest corporations accountable to working Oregonians. Measure 97 asks some of Oregon’s largest companies – including the likes of Comcast, Walmart and Monsanto – to invest in Oregon’s communities by changing the tax code to ensure that C-corporations with over $25 million in in-state sales pay their fair share in corporate taxes.

By law, the estimated $6 billion in revenue Measure 97 would generate would be allocated to public education, senior services and health care. Part of this funding will help fill the anticipated gap in Medicaid funding to keep thousands of Oregonians on the Oregon Health Plan, extend care to uninsured children across the state, and help provide Oregonians with health services like school nurses and basic public health programs.

In advocating for our patients, nurses understand that Oregon schools should be fully funded, all seniors should have services to stay safe and independent, and everyone should have access to quality, affordable health care. But none of that can happen when Oregon has the lowest corporate tax rate in the country.

To learn more and get involved in the Yes on 97 campaign, contact ONA’s political organizer Chris at Hewitt@oregonrn.org or by calling 503-293-0011.