On Saturday, June 11, our bargaining unit hosted a Strike Solidarity Picnic as an opportunity to bring together ONA nurses and our community members.

The picnic doubled as a fundraiser for the ONA Strike Fund, with funds raised going to support strikes by ONA nurses, including the direct financial support of striking nurses.

In a clear demonstration of the public support ONA nurses have in their fight against Providence’s corporate greed, more than 100 nurses and community members in attendance were joined by Tina Kotek (Democratic Nominee for Governor of Oregon), Sharon Meieran (Multnomah County Commissioner and Candidate for Chair of the Commission), Melissa Busch (Democratic Nominee for State Senate District 16 and ONA-PHHH Nurse), and Graham Trainor (President of the Oregon AFL-CIO).

We also heard updates from the bargaining tables at St. Vincent, Willamette Falls, and Milwaukie. Additionally, Richard Botterill, Chair of the Providence Portland Medical Center ONA Bargaining Unit, shared words of solidarity and a commitment to working...

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with our unit to build power leading up to bargaining as we share a common contract expiration.

It was heartening to spend a rainy Saturday sharing food, music, and fun with fellow nurses and community members.

If you weren’t able to attend but would like to donate to the ONA Strike Fund, you can do so at: www.OregonRN.org/DONATIONS.

If you would like a lawn sign showing your support of ONA Providence nurses, please reach out to Ashley Bromley to arrange drop off.

Placard Up!

Remember to join our car placard campaign. It’s as easy as:

1. Print the color placard (here) or contact one of the nurses listed to the right by branch for pick up.
2. Place the placard in a visible spot in your car.
3. Snap a photo and share it with Chair Jamie Aguilar or ONA Labor Rep Ashley Bromley.

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Bargaining Unit Meeting & Bargaining Survey Kick-Off

Our monthly ONA-PHHH Bargaining Unit Meeting is coming up Thursday, June 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Join for updates on our contract escalation campaign, including the launch of our bargaining survey! If you have items you would like to add to the agenda, please contact Chair Jamie Aguilar.

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/96396580588?pwd=RXI1MGU1dm8zTHB5YmIGOTBaZmUwdz09

Productivity Arbitration Rescheduled

Arbitration Over Home Health Productivity Standards Rescheduled to July 14 and 15

Our arbitration over Home Health productivity standards has been rescheduled from Thursday, June 16 to Thursday and Friday, July 14-15, owing to the illness of our attorney.

While we are disappointed to have to wait even longer for resolution, the delay does afford us a second day for the hearing, meaning we will have more time to put on our full case showing that management’s implementation of unsafe and unrealistic productivity standards violated our contract.

Stay tuned for a report out from arbitration and next steps in our campaign to secure safe and realistic productivity standards.

Resilience Nurse Program

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is committed to meeting the needs of nurses and has launched a NEW Nurse Suicide Prevention and Resilience Resource site to provide information and tools to address the critical issue of suicide prevention.

Research indicates that nurses are at a much higher risk of suicide than the general public. During this unprecedented time, nurses are struggling with mental health issues like fear, anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress as they respond to COVID-19 and continue to care for all patients.

Effectively managing these mental health issues is essential in nurse suicide prevention. ANA’s Resilience and Nurse Suicide Prevention Resource site provides information and tools to:

- Build resilience
- Assist in active crises
- Support suicide survivors
- Offer grief and bereavement coping strategies
- Honor a nurse’s memory

We encourage all nurses to check out the site, bookmark the pages, and share the resources with a colleague or a friend in need.

Nurses, you are not alone. Help is available. Learn more here.

PNCC Minutes

Find the approved minutes from April's meeting here.
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