Nurses Week was May 6-12. This year we wanted to celebrate all the hard work put in over the past year. We hoped you enjoyed the coffee cards, and we anticipate something bigger and better for next year!

Because one week isn't enough to celebrate nurses, the American Nurses Association (ANA) Enterprise joined with the World Health Organization and global colleagues in extending the Year of the Nurse and Midwife into 2021 because of the impact of the pandemic.

They also declared May as Nurses Month, featuring resources and celebrations available online all month long.

Visit www.oregonrn.org/nursesWeek2021 to learn more.

After our rounding and delivering Nurse Week goodies, an email from hospital administrators was sent out reporting that all ONA badge backers and reels be turned in and replaced. Was this a coincidence?

ONA sent a letter to human resources demanding the email be rescinded as we believe this to be a violation of labor law and your rights under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).

The hospital has now issued a 30-day notice of their intent to follow the policy beginning June 17. If they continue to insist that nurses can't wear an ONA badge backer or reel, our next step is to pursue an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

Your right to wear ONA insignia and identify as a union member is protected activity and we will fight to protect it. If you if have questions or would like to communicate your own concerns, please locate your union steward, an executive team member, or contact Labor Representative Jessica Barnes (Barnes@OregonRN.org.)

We are ONA
Bargaining Unit Leadership Conference, June 25

This year’s Bargaining Unit Leadership Conference will look at the concept of Bargaining for the Common Good (BCG), how it impacts bargaining in health care, how it impacts our communities we care for, and how ONA might utilize these concepts to further our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in the future.

Bargaining for the Common Good is a return to the roots of unionism – the basic idea of advancing shared interests. We are not just nurses, we are community members, parents, users of public transportation, social justice advocates and renters too! Our employers are required by law to negotiate employment contracts with us, but that only addresses one part of our lives and largely ignores the community members we live with and care for.

Join us virtually for ONA’s 2021 Bargaining Unit Leadership Conference, Friday, June 25 to learn more about the BCG framework and how negotiations can achieve win-win results both for ONA members and our communities.

Continuing Education

Limited continuing nursing education contact hours will be available.

Oregon Nurses Association is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Registration is open through May 26. Visit www.oregonrn.org/event/2021BULC to register.

Don’t Miss Important ONA Emails

Make sure you receive timely communications, and have the most up-to-date information on your contract, bargaining issues, upcoming votes, nursing research, practice issues and workplace policies. If you are not receiving ONA emails, we can help.

You can fix most problems by simply emailing ONA at News@OregonRN.org with your name, personal email address, name of your employer, and state you want to be added to ONA’s email list.

Fixing Problems to Receive ONA Emails

1. Check your junk/spam/clutter folder for ONA emails: Flag ONA emails as “not junk/spam” and add News@OregonRN.org to your safe sender list.

2. Email ONA: To fix most causes of not receiving emails, simply email ONA at News@OregonRN.org, and include your name, personal email and facility you work at in the body of the email.

Common Reasons for Not Receiving ONA Emails

1. Spam/Junk Filters: Emails from ONA are being flagged as junk or spam by your email service provider.

2. No Email: ONA doesn’t have your email on file.

3. Bad Email: ONA has an incorrect or outdated email on file.

4. Opted Out: You have opted out of receiving emails.

5. Work Email Filters: Some health care systems filter out ONA emails so nurses don’t receive ONA-related emails. This is why we encourage nurses to use their personal email addresses instead of work emails.