First Days of Strike Start Strong

Thanks to everyone who has come out to the picket line for the first two days of our strike. You are the reason our strike will be successful. In the first few hours on the line, we had a UPS driver refuse to cross our picket line to deliver packages to the Annex. We also had a driver for ABF freight haulers refuse to cross the picket line. These drivers are members of the Teamsters who want to stand in solidarity with us. We heard that things were pretty difficult for the logistics folks at the Annex on our first day, revealing that there are more consequences for PeaceHealth than just losing our nursing labor during this strike action.

On Tuesday, we had fun with the sidewalk chalk (which will be erased by the coming rain) making the most of the opportunity to share our thoughts about the strike and PeaceHealth. More community supporters showed up including members of the PeaceHealth Providers United who work at the Urgent Care and Woodfield Station clinics, and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation from the University of Oregon, who brought us much needed handwarmers.
Happy Valentine’s Day

Tonight is our Labor of Love solidarity rally. Union members from other unions will be joining us at 5:30 p.m. at our main picket site to show their support. Bring your friends and family to this special union solidarity rally. We will have Valentine’s Day decorations at strike headquarters (1075 International Way) for you to decorate your picket signs for the day’s festivities along with hot dogs and other treats!

Home Care Nurses Speak to Eugene City Council

After a long day on the picket line, several nurses made their way to downtown Eugene to be present at the Eugene City Council meeting Monday evening. Jo Turner, Heather Hebert and Jamie Williams shared with the mayor and city council why we are on strike and why we are demanding wage parity with the medical center. Many other nurses and ONA supporters were in the audience wearing ONA t-shirts. The mayor and several councilors spoke in support of our efforts afterward. This was a great opportunity to share with the wider community about our fight to win a fair contract. Thanks to everyone who made it down.
Picket Line Etiquette – Let’s Show Our Best Side

We understand that emotions are high as we take to the sidewalk and see others driving into our agency offices. But we must refrain from shouting matches, using profanity or any other threatening or rude behavior. Our strike line is the evidence of the strong stand we are taking. We don’t need to do more than walk with our signs. We can sing, chant, cheer and have fun but let’s not let ourselves get pulled into bad behavior. It will not help our cause. Don’t forget everyone has a camera and we don’t want some anti-union jerk using a video of one of us behaving badly to try and turn the public against us. Please review the Picket Line Dos and Don’ts information. We have a righteous cause. Let’s have a righteous strike.

Please stay at the designated picket locations. This is a legal requirement of our strike that we picket at 123 International Way. If you are holding a picket sign, that is where you need to be.

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