



NATIONAL AND STATE NURSE LEADERS TO VISIT SKY LAKES, FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

Thanks to all of you who have joined the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) in recent weeks. We now have 93 active ONA members, including more than 50 who have joined us in the last two months!

Thanks also to the nurses who completed our pre-negotiation survey. 120 nurses (56.6 percent of our bargaining unit) responded, which is substantially higher than our past response rate of around 20 percent. These results empower our bargaining team to move the employer on our issues.

More exciting news! On Friday, Sept. 29, our bargaining unit will host a team of national and state nurse leaders from Bend, OR, for a tour of Sky Lakes Medical Center. National Federation of Nurses (NFN) president Steve Rooney will be joined by Bruce Humphreys, president of the Oregon Nurse Political Action Committee (ON-PAC), and Julie Bostrom, a nurse leader in the emergency department at St. Charles Bend, to learn about our hospital. The team will be escorted on their tour by Rose Keppinger and Brent Powers from our ONA/Sky Lakes membership committee.

These nurse leaders will begin rounding at 11 a.m. on Friday. If you are working that day and can arrange a break around that time, they would love to talk with you in your breakroom. Rounding will be followed by lunch with members of our bargaining team and other guests. All ONA members at Sky Lakes are welcome at this ONA-provided meal!

If you are an ONA member and are available for lunch at noon on Friday, Sept. 29, we hope you will join us. For more information, please contact ONA labor relations representative Gary Aguiar at 503-444-0690 (text/call) or Aguiar@OregonRN.org.