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Annual Speaker Meeting 02/27/2017

Please join us for our annual district meeting on February 27, 2017. Chemeketa Community College Building 8 Rm. 215. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will begin at 7:00 pm. **Please RSVP to Kay Carnegie at carnegiefamily4@comcast.net or (503)371-7408.**



This year we have the pleasure of having The Nerdy Nurse, Brittany Wilson, BSN, RN.

Brittney Wilson, BSN, RN, the nurse behind **The Nerdy Nurse**, is an **award-winning author** and blogger, international keynote speaker, and an influential social media personality in the nursing, technology, and healthcare IT communities.

The internet isn't Brittany's only playground, however. Her nursing career spans a variety of settings including med surg nursing, clinical informatics system administration and implementation, and healthcare community management. She is currently working as a product manager developing innovative workforce analytics solutions for healthcare organizations.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Our local ONA group has continued to support local nurses and nursing students.

Some of this year's activities include:

- ◆ Provided treats and a raffle for Silverton Hospital Nurses
- ◆ Provided coffee and donuts during one day of Silverton Hospital nurse negotiations
- ◆ Collected food for Silverton Area Community Aid (S.A.C.A) during one day of Silverton negotiations
- ◆ Donated to the Chemeketa nursing student Blizzard Fund
- ◆ Hosted the annual Chemeketa first year family picnic with raffle for 4 \$50 bookstore gift cards
- ◆ Donated money to a George Fox University Student for a medical mission
- ◆ Donated money to the OHSU Monmouth Campus SON
- ◆ Sent delegates to ONA House of Delegates and gave to the ONA Foundation Scholarship



As part of ONA's ongoing efforts to best serve our members and every nurse in Oregon, we are excited to present OCEAN (Oregon Continuing Education Activities for Nurses) online continuing education.

This new learning environment provides continuing education (CE) opportunities to ONA members and nurses across the region, in a convenient and user-friendly format.

OCEAN courses will be self-paced, independent learning modules, that cover a broad range of topics and encompass all levels of nursing practice. In addition to offering educational nursing content that is conveniently accessible 24 hours a day, OCEAN will house each learner's CE history for easy access and retrieval.

Additionally, future OCEAN courses may include live webinars and other learning activities.

Most OCEAN CE courses will be provided free to ONA members while non-member pricing is based on the number of CNE contact hours associated with each course.

Occasionally, some courses will require a fee for members or an increased rate for non-members because the content is specialized or licensed through another organization. Oregon Nurses Association is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation

NURSE LOBBY DAY

ONA Lobby Day

By Kay Carnegie

ONA Lobby Day takes place every other year when the Oregon Legislature is in session. I attended Lobby Day 2015 and found it to be a meaningful experience. There were approximately 200 nurses and nursing students from across the state in attendance. The morning was spent learning about ONA's legislative agenda for 2015 and effective strategies for meeting with legislators. Attendees had an opportunity to meet in assigned small groups and prepare for their discussions with their elected officials. The group was given assigned times to meet with specific legislators. All of the scheduling was done by ONA prior to Lobby Day. The remainder of the day was spent meeting with our legislators and advocating for important issues such as necessary improvements in the Nurse Staffing Law and ensuring nurses are present at blood drives. We had the opportunity to share firsthand experiences with legislators and staff. Being able to directly share our experiences with elected officials and meeting other nurses and students from across the state made the day very worthwhile.

I hope you will take part in the 2017 Nurse Lobby Day on Tuesday, Feb 14, 2017. The event will be held at the Oregon State Capitol Building in Salem. This is a valuable opportunity for you to learn more about the legislative process and advocate for our patients and nursing practice. Online registration is available at www.oregonrn.org until 2/10/2017.

Meet the Board

Jeanna Thurston, President

Kay Carnegie, Vice President (Up for election)

Virginia Smith, Secretary/Treasure

Norma O'Mara, Board Position 1 (Up for election)

Aaren Brown, Board Position 2

Amber Miller, Board Position 3 (Up for election)