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Dear ONA District 1 Members:

Thank you for your membership in the Oregon Nurses Association!

For the past few years, ONA District 1 officers have been trying to improve participation in our district so that we can make positive changes in our community through a variety of nursing practices. We look forward to meeting more of our members through community outreach projects, and we will be discussing these options for community outreach projects at our upcoming meetings.

We are writing to you today to ask you to sign up for the upcoming ONA Convention and to participate in officer elections (election results will be announced at our ONA District 1 Delegate Dinner). Delegates are required to attend the Delegate Dinner (Thursday, March 24, 2011, 6pm-9pm at Sayers, 10519 SE Stark, Portland, OR 97216, 503-252-4171) and open house (Wednesday April 13 evening 7pm-9pm hotel room TBD). We have 37 delegate positions to fill and there are 902 members in our District. Please consider joining us as an ONA District 1 Delegate April 13-15 at the Doubletree Hotel at Lloyd Center in Portland, OR.

Remember, ONA District 1 Delegates are eligible for a \$450.00 reimbursement with receipts for hotel, food, mileage expenses and ONA Convention registration. Register at ONA's website at www.oregonrn.org. (You must complete the enclosed *Willingness to Serve* form and register to attend the House of Delegates.)

There are two other important ways District 1 is reaching out: first, we are proud to sponsor student nurses to attend convention. Please contact Jenny Taylor, RN, ONA District 1 President if you have an interested student nurse. (jtaylorurse@gmail.com or 971-227-1211). Second, there is a \$100.00 annual CEU reimbursement that ONA District 1 RNs are eligible for. There is a form on the ONA website at www.oregonrn.org.

Finally, two ONA Officers, Susan Phillips RN and Jenny Taylor RN, attended the ANA Convention in Washington D.C. in June, 2010 where we were honored to hear President Obama speak at the House of Delegates. Jenny Taylor RN addressed the delegation of 600 RNs as a first time delegate regarding the health concerns from the Gulf Oil Spill Disaster. She incorporated the responses of local children's reactions to the oil spill and is working on getting sponsorship for children from a local school to attend the 2012 ONA Convention. Our children are our future, so we need to invest time, energy and money in our schools to promote healthy living.

What else does ONA District 1 want to do this year to be part of the positive change in our world? Get involved and let your opinions be heard! Please attend the ONA Convention as an ONA District 1 Delegate and share your thoughts and ideas. Together, we can make a difference for District 1!

Respectfully,

ONA District 1 Officers
Jenny Taylor RN President
Amy Pallesen RN VP
Kim Hubbard RN Secretary
Sue Phillips RN BOD