

SONA News



SONA News

February 2019

Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association

#EndNurseAbuse Initiative

The American Nurses Association (ANA) stated that its [#EndNurseAbuse](#) initiative, which launched in 2017 to address workplace abuse against nurses, includes eliminating sexual harassment. Furthermore, as part of the initiative, ANA underscored its strong support for the [#TimesUpNow](#) movement that promotes accountability and consequences for abuse, harassment, sexual assault, and inequality in the workplace.

“Nurse safety is a critical component to ensure quality and safe care. ‘Time’s up’ for employers who don’t take swift and meaningful action to make the workplace safe for nurses,” said ANA President Pamela F. Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN. Together, nurses, employers and the public must take steps to change our culture. Abuse is not part of anyone’s job and has no place in healthcare settings.”

Abuse against nurses is a serious problem in hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare settings across the country. According to anecdotal reports from nurses, both female and male, sexual harassment is a major challenge as well.

[#EndNurseAbuse](#) puts the spotlight on these alarming and frequent incidents: In the past several months, a nurse in Massachusetts was stabbed by a patient. Two nurses in Illinois were taken hostage, and one was beaten and raped. A nurse in Utah was shoved and wrongly arrested by a police officer and a nurse in Arkansas was pushed down a flight of stairs. Just last week, cases of abuse were reported in New York, Pennsylvania and North Dakota, yet many more go unreported by the media.

In 2015, ANA adopted a policy of “zero tolerance” for workplace violence and called on nurses and their employers to work together to prevent and reduce violent and abusive incidents. According to ANA’s Health Risk Appraisal, 1 in four nurses have been assaulted at work by a patient or patient’s family member.

ANA has developed a [pledge](#) for nurses, other health care professionals and the public to stand with nurses and is asking nurses to share their stories on workplace abuse. To date, almost 10,000 individuals have pledged to:

- Support zero tolerance policies for abuse against nurses.
- Report abuse against nurses whenever safely possible.
- Share the pledge and ask friends and family to sign.

Additionally, ANA will convene a panel of experts to address barriers to reporting abuse against nurses. With more than 3.6 million registered nurses, [#EndNurseAbuse](#) strives to foster safe work environments for the largest group of all health care professionals.

By: Shannon McClendon & Rachel Farbman

Upcoming Events

SONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT (5/20)

Deborah Schwytzer

VICE-PRESIDENT (9/19)

Ildiko Sherman

SECRETARY (9/19)

Yvette Pryse

TREASURER (5/20)

Maria Caldwell

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jean Anthony 5/20
Kathy Franklin 9/19
Jeannette Porter 5/20
Jillian Weber 9/18
Robert Weitzel 5/20

PAST PRESIDENT Joylynn Daniels

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Jill Claire



Nurses Day at the Statehouse

Join hundreds of nurses for this empowering & educational event focusing on health policy, legislation and nursing issues.

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Location: Ohio Statehouse Atrium

More Information & Registration: [Click Here](#) or http://ohnurses.org/ndash/?fbclid=IwAR2gPiQYLwS4BuVDhsazHX6wNm662D8VyIS_5vJ5HoTv1rbxUMcfqSlbhQI

More Information & Registration: [Click Here](#) or visit http://pteqicon.org/?utm_source=Real%20Magnet&utm_medium=Email%204&utm_campaign=PTEQI_Conference

ANA Quality and Innovation Conference and the ANCC Pathway to Excellence Conference

Attendees will be able to map out a conference experience that is customized to their needs, cutting across Pathway to Excellence content and ANA Quality and Innovation content.

Date: Wednesday, April 24– Friday, April 26, 2019

Location: Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center

6000 W. Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, Florida 34746

More Information & Registration: [Click Here](#) or visit http://pteqicon.org/?utm_source=Real%20Magnet&utm_medium=Email%204&utm_campaign=PTEQI_Conference

SONA is going virtual!

This is notice to members of our intent to vacate the office on Victory Parkway by June 2019. Historical items will be donated to ONA's new headquarters. After all office documents have been scanned, the original hard copies will be available to members on a first-come first-served basis. Contact Jill Claire 513-426-6582 to set up a time to review the office materials.

Upcoming Events

27th Florence Nightingale Awards Banquet

The founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale was a trailblazing figure who greatly affected 19th- and 20th-century policies around proper care. In 1860, she developed the first organized training school for nurses in London, which served as a model for the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing.

Join us for the Florence Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing to recognize nursing talent in the Greater Cincinnati region. Patients, family and friends of patients, colleagues, physicians and other health care workers have the opportunity to nominate local nurses, and the whole community celebrates the winners at this annual event.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019

Location: Hyatt Regency

151 W. 5th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

More Information & Registration: [Click Here](#) or <https://foundation.uc.edu/27thFlorenceNightingaleAwards>

ONA Convention

ONA Convention is the premier event for ONA members and Ohio's nursing leaders to shape the future of nursing and healthcare in Ohio. At Convention, attendees enjoy top-notch continuing education, vote for association leaders, solidify the structure of the association and decide the vision for nursing and healthcare for the year 2020 and beyond.

Attendees also network with colleagues, sponsors and exhibitors from across Ohio and nationwide, while also honoring stand-outs in the profession at the awards dinner and Cornelius Leadership Congress induction ceremony. And you can't forget the biennial member celebration – a time for everyone to come together for a little fun!

Date: Monday, October 11-Wednesday, October 13, 2019

Location: The Westin Cincinnati

21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

More Information & Registration: [Click Here](#) or <http://ohnurses.org/convention/>



Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association**Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association**

2330 Victory Parkway, Suite 303
Cincinnati, OH 45206

Phone 513-426-6582
Fax +1-513-939-2653
Email info@sonanet.org
Web www.sonanet.org

PRESORT STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CINCINNATI, OH
PERMIT NO. 1736

Request for Crafting Supplies

Yarn, fabric, fiber-fill, etc. as well as volunteers are appreciated for crafts every Thursday from 1-3 @ Marie Hatton Women's Shelter on Reading Rd. Call 513-426-6582 or email info@sonanet.org

Slicktext

Don't forget to sign up! Members can opt in to receive news updates. Just text the word "SONA" to 31996 to join. You may stop messages at any time. Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help. Msg & data rates may apply.

Mark Your Calendar...

- March 6: **Nurses Day at the Statehouse**
- April 24-26: **ANA Quality and Innovation Conference and the ANCC Pathway to Excellence Conference**
- May 9: **27th Florence Nightingale Awards Banquet**
- October 11-13: **ONA Convention**



www.Facebook.com/SONArn