

THE PULSE

United Nurses of Alberta

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Triage Desk

Hey there,

Welcome to our latest newsletter, where we're celebrating the dedicated nurses across Alberta. Join us as we explore their resilience in the face of challenges and commemorate the 80th anniversary of nursing rights advocacy.

Stay informed with updates from the United Nurses of Alberta's Negotiations Committee and join the conversation on social media using #NeedNursesAB. Your support makes a difference.

Thank you for standing with us in support of Alberta's nurses.

Warm regards,

Nursing Notes

Alberta Nurses Committed to Public Health Care Amid Staffing Crisis

Nurses across Alberta are shouldering the weight of a staffing crisis like never before, often juggling the workload of two or three nurses. Added to those challenges, some nurses face the harrowing reality of violence while on duty.

The toll of these circumstances is profound, leaving many nurses physically and emotionally exhausted. Despite facing tempting opportunities elsewhere, they continue to stand by your side, dedicated to serving our communities and upholding the integrity of our public health care system.

We recently reached out to some of our nurses, asking them: Have you ever considered leaving this profession? What keeps you here?

Their responses, raw and heartfelt, are shared in this month's episode of "[Behind The Frontlines](#)," our YouTube series dedicated to providing a platform for nurses to share their stories.



[Watch Video](#)

Quote of the Month

"It would not be possible to praise nurses too highly."

Stephen Ambrose - American historian

Brain Food

Did you know? This year, we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Canadian Nurses Association officially endorsing the right of nurses to collectively bargain with professional associations as bargaining agents. 33 years later, on [May 6 1977](#), nurses in Alberta joined together to form UNA.

This 80th anniversary is a momentous occasion that underscores the evolution of nursing rights and advocacy over the years.

What's Next?



Important update from United Nurses of Alberta's Negotiations Committee

[March 19 – 21](#) are the new bargaining dates for the UNA Negotiating Committee.

The meetings, originally scheduled for [March 5 – 7](#), were cancelled due to unexpected circumstances.

Get updates and find out more about the bargaining process at www.una.ca

In Memoriam 🌸

Donna Loraine Clark, a dedicated nurse activist, passed away peacefully on [February 8](#) at the age of 89. She spent 40 years in Orthopaedics at Calgary General Hospital. A graduate of Calgary General Hospital School of Nursing, Donna played a pivotal role in organizing United Nurses of Alberta (UNA), serving as First Vice-President from 1978 to 1983. She continued her career at Peter Lougheed Center until her retirement in 2001. Donna's passion for nursing was evident throughout her life. She will be dearly missed.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at Grace Baptist Church in Calgary. Memorial donations may be made to the Calgary General Hospital Commemoration Project through Parks Foundation Calgary at parksfdn.com.



Let's Connect

Join The Conversation!

Connect with us on our social media platforms. Be a part of our mission to address the pressing staffing shortage and support Alberta's nurses. Use the hashtag #NeedNursesAB to help us spread the word!



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