

DCNA Together – Making a Difference in DC

December 2015



Negotiations Updates

United Medical Center

Negotiations were held on December 3rd and 9th. The parties discussed several open issues, including nurse staffing, development of a nurse clinical advancement program, wages and discipline and discharge. The next negotiating session is scheduled for January 5th. Edward J. Smith, Chief Negotiator for DCNA, stated that the negotiations are nearing an end: “either we will reach agreement in the next session or two, or we will be at impasse. DCNA’s proposals are designed to improve the quality of care at this hospital and we will continue the fight for safe staffing and fair and competitive wages for nurses.”

DCNA 2015 Election Results

Vice President - Board of Directors

Margaret Shanks

Treasurer - Board of Directors

Robin Burns

Board of Directors At-Large

Agnes Addington

Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO Delegates

Olubukunola Alao

Economic & General Welfare Cabinet At-Large

Olubukunola Alao, Bridgett Cameron, Darwin Dollano

DCNA will conduct a run-off election between Ms. Valesay Cherie and Ms. Andobah Acquah to fill the final Metro Washington Council delegate slot. For a complete listing of DCNA officers, please go to www.dcn.org.

150 DCNA Members Attend Annual Meeting

In the largest turnout in over a decade, over 150 members attended the DCNA Annual Meeting on December 16th, at Martin’s Crosswinds. DCNA Executive Director, Edward J. Smith, and President, LaKisha Little, presented year end reports on DCNA’s 2015 activities and goals for 2016. In addition, members cast ballots for this year’s open offices. *See above.* DCNA recognized Joslyn Williams for his numerous years of service as President, Metro Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Members also enjoyed music by the Steve Bundick Quartet. Notably, DCNA raised over \$1500.00 for its Nurses Aid Fund. DCNA recognizes the generosity of our members, notably Ms. Margaret Shanks and Ms. Martha Byers.



DCNA members *clockwise* from top left: DC Department of Behavioral Health; Compensation Unit 13 (DC Government); United Medical Center; Children’s National Health System; Howard University Hospital; and Children’s School Services.



Metro Labor Council, AFL-CIO
President, Joslyn N. Williams



DCNA Board member, Sandra
Falwell & CSA Director, Kathleen
McKirchy



Metro Labor Council's Chris Garlock
& DCNA Executive Director, Ed Smith

DCNA – Giving to the Community



Photo by C. Garlock

On December 22nd, DCNA delivered Christmas presents to a family in need. Due to the generosity of our members, we were able to deliver over twenty bags of presents and numerous gift cards and money orders. This is the 3rd consecutive year DCNA has participated in the “adopt a family” program sponsored by the Community Services Agency, Metro Labor Council, AFL-CIO. DCNA also recognizes Ms. Agnes Addington, Ms. Brenda King and Ms. LaKisha Little for their generous donations.



Upcoming Events:

DCNA Board & Cabinet Meetings, 5100 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 306, Washington, DC 20016, January 12, 2016, 5:30 pm: DCNA will seat new officers, discuss the 2016 Budget and conduct other business. Board & Cabinet meetings are open to all dues paying DCNA members.

Legislative Training Workshop, DCNA, 5100 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 306, Washington, DC 20016, January 6, 2016, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. DCNA will be finalizing a bill for introduction at the DC Council on workplace violence. David Dzidzienyo, Political Coordinator, Metropolitan Labor Council, AFL-CIO, will discuss the legislative process. Please contact Ms. Vickie Spence at vspence@dcna.org to register.

About a Nurse



“I’m sorry, but I can’t give you holidays off, or a social life. Would you settle for a candy cane?”



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