



## Iron Workers Local 29 Hosts Christmas Party for Members, Kids and Grandkids

Iron Workers Local 29 threw a Christmas breakfast for its members, children and grandchildren Dec. 13 at the Holiday Inn in Northeast Portland (See photo left). Nearly

300 people attended, and each child received a toy. The main attraction, however, was Jolly Old St. Nick. This year marks the 29th year the local has hosted the party.

## ONA goes public with staffing problems at Springfield hospital

SPRINGFIELD — Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) is ramping up a campaign over safe staffing at a Springfield hospital run by the non-profit PeaceHealth chain. The union gets more complaints about staffing from members at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend than from any other hospital in Oregon.

For more than two years, nurses have complained to Riverbend hospital administrators about staffing levels, and ONA spent over 200 hours discussing it during contract negotiations this year. The union says the problem stems from a decision to cut staff, even as the Riverbend hospital made a record \$43.5 million profit last year.

From June 2013 to June 2014, ONA members at Riverbend documented 272

instances of delayed or omitted medical treatment, 210 instances of missed pain management, and 247 cases in which patient hygiene was delayed or omitted — because of understaffing.

Now the union is going public, with an online petition and web site (sacredheartnurses.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sacredheartcaregiversunited), and ads that ran Thanksgiving week in Eugene Weekly, Eugene Register-Guard, and Springfield Times.

The campaign is sparking local news coverage, and even led to a public scolding of management by the biggest local newspaper: After meeting with nurses, the Register-Guard editorial board urged hospital administrators to address their complaints in an editorial published Dec. 5.



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