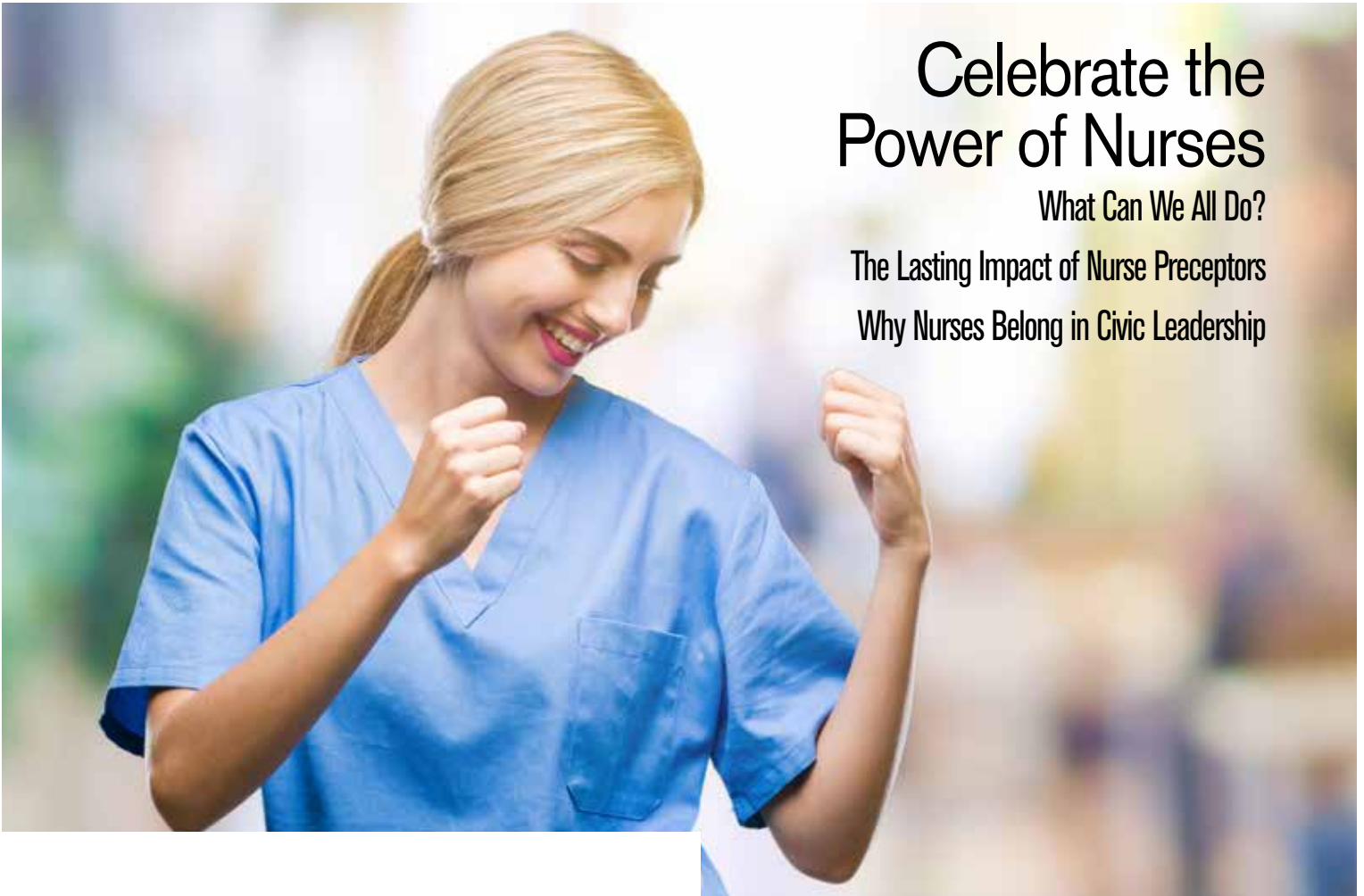


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2025 Accomplishments

- Surveyed members about their registration/voting intentions. Results indicated a large number of nurses were not registered to vote.
- Collaborated with VOT-ER and Healing Politics. Vot-ER and Healing Politics are both non-profit organizations focused on increasing civic engagement within the healthcare sector, but they have different primary goals. Vot-ER focuses

on helping patients and providers register to vote, while Healing Politics trains nurses and midwives to run for elected office.

- Results noted that 11% of Ohio nurses were not registered and that more than 60% are not affiliated with a political party that indicates they did not vote in the primary elections (that require designating their political party).
- ANA-Ohio Bootcamp was held in February and March 2025 to teach

and inspire nurses about the process of policymaking. The 2026 ANA-Ohio Policy Influencer Bootcamp is an intensive 10-week program designed to empower Ohio nurses to influence healthcare policy. It combines virtual didactic sessions with hands-on, in-person “clinical” experiences at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Participants learn legislative processes, build advocacy skills, and earn continuing education contact hours.

2026 Goals

1. Continue voter registration efforts.
2. Infuse FAANs throughout ANA-Ohio.
3. Explore leadership development niche for ANA-Ohio including strategies.
4. Promote increase in number of PhDs. ■

Northeast Ohio SIG

Judith Beeler, MSN, RN - Convenor

Members:

Our SIG is not like a committee — we have no assigned members. We have members come and go. The list below is the most consistent list of members.

1. Judith Beeler, convenor
2. Martha Allen
3. Barbara Brunt
4. Jill Byrne
5. Lucinda Cave
6. Barbara Daly
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20. Emily McClung
21. Hannah Meyers
22. Cathy Mohney
23. Shannel Murphy
24. Geri Pangrac

25. Joyce Powell
26. Connie Stopper
27. Sandy Wyper
28. Barbara Yoost

2025 Accomplishments

- Our goal was to connect to the 89 ANA-only members in our area to encourage transfer to ANA-Ohio membership. Done, however, it is difficult to determine success with the membership lists.
- Our goal was to begin a presence in each of our area schools of nursing to facilitate understanding of ANA-Ohio. We have ANA-Ohio liaisons matched with nine schools of nursing. We also will encourage membership of graduating nursing seniors and faculty into ANA-Ohio. Using contacts at many of the schools of nursing a letter was sent to graduating nursing students in May/June of 2025.
- Our goal was to identify a group of our SIG members who will agree to be oriented to assist with area recruitment activities at various events. We have seven members of the SIG who are willing to assist with recruitment activities in our area, given time and schedule availability.
- Our goal was to identify several volun-

teer/community activities in which our SIG members can join together, support each other and make a difference in our area. Have discussed, but we have no commitment.

- Our goal was to plan 1-2 social gatherings/year for networking and support. We had one face-to-face meeting.

2026 Goals

1. Identify a group of NEO Ohio SIG members who agree to be oriented to assist with member recruitment activities at local events. Participate in 1-2 recruitment activities at local events.
2. Expand presence in local schools of nursing.
3. Execute a volunteer brigade from our NEO Ohio SIG members to support an existing volunteer program, e.g., MedWorks, MedWish, Foodbank, etc.
4. Plan two social/networking programs in 2026.
5. Include DEI reflection at each meeting. ■