

Suzanne (Sue) Croxford

NOMINEE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT REGION 2

VOTE FOR ME. I WILL SPEAK FOR YOU; I WILL SPEAK FOR EVERYONE!!!

I am an outspoken person who will speak up and out for those who do not feel able to do so for themselves. I am the nurse next door, or the colleague at work, the supervisor you talk to when you need help. I am a **politically active leader with passion** who leads by example and has *experience with all levels of government and governance*. I have **bargained with my employer** on numerous contract rounds for the advancement of the interests of our members. I have *lobbied* with the Canadian Labour Congress for Pharmacare. I assisted H&PEPH daily as a **leader, and enabler** during their 2023 strike for 6 weeks. I represented Region 2 as *your voice* on the provincial Celebrate 50 committee culminating last November. I represented my local at **labour board hearings** in 2022-2023. I have worked as a *bedside nurse in long term care* for 30 years as of June 2024 and my current employer for 26 years. ***I lived the experience of the healthcare worker in long term care during the pandemic and all that comes from that.*** I understand the unique experience that my colleagues across the province have gone through. **I plan to ensure that ALL VOICES ARE HEARD, especially the voices of those of our members who do not work in a hospital setting.**

Too often we who work in Home Care, VON, Ontario Health at Home, Long Term Care, Canadian Blood Services, Industry nurses, Public Health, and Clinic nurses, feel that our voices cannot be heard. **I WILL to be your voice.** *I am Loud and Proud at any information picket, rally, or protest.* I am known for driving all over the province to support local rallies. **I want to see changes in nursing, in politics at all levels of government and in society.**

In my opinion I am ashamed of the society we now live in. Such as violent deaths of three clients of the integrated care hub in Kingston (*safe injection site*) and their encampment built around the hub and the intimate partner violence experienced by women including some of our own members. *How are we responding? What else can be done? These are the type of questions that run through my mind.* I have lived and worked in Belleville for close to 50 years and it is from here that I have watched the decline of civility in society. I will ensure our members in REGION 2 will be heard.

I look to someone that I consider having been a great man for some words of wisdom. "Remember our proud history of social justice, universal health care, public pensions and making sure no one is left behind. Let's continue to move forward." "My friends, love is

better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So, let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world." Jack Layton

I intend to ensure that the voices of all members are brought to the board of directors so that our 68000 members and student affiliates feel that what they do matters! I will continue to be active with the initiatives of the OFL, CFNU, CLC and of course our own beloved ONA. *Through these actions I believe that we will see change!* A strong commitment to all Ontarians, our patients, residents, clients, members, and the health care system as a whole is what I am a passionate advocate of.

Vote for me, Sue Croxford for Region 2 Vice President for a strong ONA, a strong REGION 2.