



Doris Carroll, past President of the Illinois Nurses' Association (INA), The Nurses' Union, Vice President affiliate of the Illinois AFL-CIO, and delegate with the Chicago Federation of Labor, registered nurse of 37 years, now retired. Former Co-Chief Steward at the University of Illinois Health and Clinics, Doris led her hospital of 1400 nurses on a 7-day strike, winning a groundbreaking collective bargaining agreement which included hiring 200 additional nurses, a 90-day rolling supply of PPE, and hazard pay for ALL nurses in future hospital/state called disasters.

Additionally, she was a team leader for the INA prior to the strike and with her INA team, was influential to demand workplace protections for her colleagues-- to be the only hospital in the country to mandate universal masking in March 2020— prior to the CDC and WHO recommendations, and award COVID-19 hazard pay for all nurses in April 2020.

During her time with the Illinois Nurses Association, she spearheaded a rally to bring awareness to healthcare worker violence, after a nurse in Geneva IL was brutally assaulted and kept hostage by a patient, bringing together, nurses, teachers, firefighters, union leader, legislators, and law enforcement in August 2017. This led to the passage of the Illinois Healthcare Workplace Violence Prevention Act in 2019 100-1051, mandating OSHA Guidelines into law to protect all healthcare workers in Illinois.

She is also a founding member of a grassroots national nursing organization, Nurses Take D.C., dedicated to passing federal legislation for Safe Patient Limits, having enough nurses at the bedside, rooted in two decades of evidenced base research which shows marked reductions in infection, falls, heart attacks and death in hospital settings.

Currently, she is a volunteer with the Pasco County Democratic Party as a precinct captain, as well as a Secretary for the Tampa Bay Labor Caucus, and now the Treasurer for the Democratic Labor Caucus of Florida. As well as a proud member of the Pasco County Democratic Clubs and Caucuses—West Pasco Democratic Club, Trinity Democratic Club, and the National Organization of Women.

A proud mother of 2 children, owner of several black rescue cats, a fierce union leader, who retired in 2021 to care for her 88yo mother in Florida. And strong Democratic leader. Watch out Governor DeSantis. Union leader has arrived!