Dear Fellows,

September, despite being a month of big and meaningful transitions (summer to fall, vacation to work), has a kind of calm, reassuring quality that was beautifully evoked in Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt’s opening song for *The Fantasticks*, a musical that ran off Broadway for more than 40 years:

Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh, so mellow...

Try to remember when life was so tender
That no one wept except the willow.

Here, in September, routines like going back to school are comfortable reminders of the cycle of seasons; they are important annual milestones that provide a kind of psychic protection against worrying. Wonderfully, September brings the High Holy Days; Rosh Hashanah begins the Jewish new year and offers both a hopeful look toward the future and an opportunity to reflect on the year gone by. Yes, it will get cold, but not yet; “life was slow, and oh, so mellow.”

The temptation to look away from the terrible problems that confound us and to focus instead on the ordinary rhythms and smaller challenges of life is both powerful and understandable. Letting September lift us up, make us a little wistful, and ease our anxieties is like accepting a gift from nature; the temporary respite that the ninth month brings may both soften and strengthen us, in all the right ways. Finding solace in September can increase our resolve to take on those more difficult problems with a new perspective and a different energy.

Take, as a pressing current example, climate change. We know September is the apex of hurricane season in the Atlantic basin, as it is the middle of typhoon season in the Pacific. But this year’s late summer and early fall climate disasters have been anything but usual and customary. Hurricane force winds and drenching rain not only in Florida, but also in southern California; floods in desert communities in the US and across Mediterranean Europe; extreme heat waves that border on being un-survivable in part of the US and the Middle East; wildfires throughout Canada, and the devastating fires, driven by Hurricane Dora, that destroyed the town of Lahaina on Maui—none of those is historically “normal.” In California, an earthquake accompanied the heaviest downpours and strongest gusts from the hurricane—a new phenomenon, the “hurriquake.”

The ignorance and greed of certain politicians and business executives notwithstanding, climate change is no fantasy; our planet and all life on it are endangered by human enterprises that consume fossil fuels, clearcut forests, and pollute waters. As nurses, we know that the consequences of climate change for human health and well-being are not equitably distributed; they disproportionately affect people who have fewer options and struggle to live with fewer resources on society’s margins. Improving health equity requires confronting climate change.

The effects of climate change are now one very big reason that, as John Lennon said, “Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.” Earlier this month, I traveled to Taiwan at the invitation of Academy...
Board member Ching-Min Chen, DNS, RN, FAAN. Dr. Chen is the President of the Taiwan Nurses Association, professor at the National Cheng Kung University’s Department of Nursing, and a Legislator for the Democratic Progressive Party within the Legislative Yuan. Such an inspiring trip! I witnessed first-hand *Nurses Out Loud*. From engagement in politics to achieving the promise of more equitable health care, nurses around the globe are aiming high and taking action. During my visit, I gave two presentations at the Taiwan Nurses Association’s 39th Annual Nursing Research Congress, outlining our Academy’s approach to policy change. I had such a rich learning experience working with the nurses I met and the FAANs who are members of our great organization.

But life happened as I was completing my plans. My trip ended because of climate change, in the form of Typhoon Haikui—fierce winds, torrential downpours, and massive power outages led to standstills. Global warming is creating havoc in every corner of the world. Last summer, I published my President’s column in *Nursing Outlook* entitled, “If not us, then who? nursing and climate change.” As I noted then, “the Academy’s mission and lens on equity, diversity, and inclusion has critical relevance for policy efforts to mitigate the health consequences of climate change.... At no other time in history has the need for *Nurses Out Loud* been so urgently needed as it is now in our current climate-changing world—and the *code red for a healthy future* (Romanello et al., 2021) that we encounter in the 21st century.” I am especially looking forward to the closing keynote at this year’s Health Policy Conference—“Environmental Health and Social Justice Reform,” in which two nurse leaders will discuss and advocate environmental stewardship. This dynamic session should focus our thinking about the impact we, as nurses, must make in the next 50 years—because climate change and its health implications have to be high priorities on our agenda.

Come October, the Academy will convene for our 2023 Health Policy Conference and 50th Anniversary celebration. We anticipate having, yet again, record attendance, which speaks to the power of our connection as a Fellowship and the partnerships we have built over time. I will have the honor of presiding over this celebration of the Academy’s historic milestone year and our many collective accomplishments. As I hand the gavel to my great colleague and friend, Dr. Linda Scott, during our annual business meeting, I will feel only confidence about the future of our organization and the power of our profession. We are *Nurses Out Loud*!

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN
President

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The 2022 Annual Report highlights the Academy's activities throughout the calendar year (January-December). It reflects our commitment towards a brighter, healthier future for all.
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### 50th Anniversary

#### Celebration

- **Buy a ticket** to attend the 50th anniversary celebration on Thursday, October 5, 2023 in Washington, DC. (1 ticket is included in a conference registration.)

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- **Make a donation** to the Academy to support our next 50 years. You can donate in honor or in memory of a Fellow.

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### Fellow Achievements

**Jose Alejandro-White**, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, FAAN, has joined the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center as a Nurse Scientist effective August 7.

Dr. Alejandro-White was inducted into the Academy in 2014. He currently serves on the Aging; Health Equity; and Military & Veterans Health Expert Panels.

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**Patricia Flatley Brennan**, PhD, RN, FACMI, FAAN, has announced she will retire as Director of the National Library of Medicine on September 30, 2023.

Dr. Brennan was inducted into the Academy in 1991.

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**Elizabeth Burgess Dowdell**, PhD, RN, AFN-C, FAAN, Professor and Coordinator for Undergraduate Research, Villanova University, M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, is the recipient of the 2023 Villanova University Outstanding Faculty Research Award.

Dr. Dowdell was inducted into the Academy in 2012 and has been a CANS member since 2020. She currently serves on the Child, Adolescent, and Family as well as the Trauma and Violence Expert Panels. Dr. Dowdell is the daughter of Academy Living Legend, Ann Wolbert Burgess.

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**Vincent Guillamo Ramos**, PhD, MPH, LCSW, RN, ANP-BC, PMHNP-BC, FAAN, Dean and Bessie Baker Distinguished Professor of the Duke University School of Nursing and Vice Chancellor for Nursing Affairs, has been named Director of The Institute for Policy Solutions at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Dr. Guillamo Ramos was inducted into the Academy in 2020 and has been a CANS member since 2022. He currently serves on the Academy’s Finance Committee.

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Mary Magee Gullae, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, AOCN, LSSYB, FAAN, Corporate Director of Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice for Emory Healthcare, will retire on October 1, 2023. Dr. Gullae was inducted into the Academy in 2010. She served on the Board of Directors from 2018-2022 and is a member of the Living Legends Task Force.

Orlando Harris, PhD, MPH, FAAN, Associate Professor at the UCSF School of Nursing, is the recipient of the 2023 Helen Miramontes Advocacy Award from the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) and the Until There’s A Cure Foundation. Dr. Harris was inducted into the Academy in 2022. He currently serves on the LGBTQ+ Health Expert Panel.

Margaret Moss, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN has been named the Associate Dean of Nursing and Health Policy and the Katherine R. & C. Walton Lillehei Chair in Nursing Leadership at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Dr. Moss was inducted into the Academy in 2008. She currently serves on the Academy’s Board of Directors.

Dru Riddle, PhD, DNP, CRNA, FAAN, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and Associate Professor of Professional Practice of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Texas Christian University, recently took office as the 2023-2024 President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology. Dr. Riddle was also appointed to the Texas Board of Nursing through January 2029. Dr. Riddle was inducted into the Academy in 2018.

JoAnne Silbert-Flagg, DNP, CPNP-PC, IBCLC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP, has been appointed Associate Dean for Clinical Practice, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. Dr. Silbert-Flagg was inducted into the Academy in 2016. She currently serves on the Breastfeeding Expert Panel.

Allison Squires, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed as full Professor and Director, Global Consortium of Nursing & Midwifery Studies at the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing. Dr. Squires was inducted into the Academy in 2015. She currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

Matthew Tierney, ANP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP, FAAN, Professor at the UCSF School of Nursing, has been named the Medical Director of Inpatient Substance Use Management at UCSF Health. Mr. Tierney was inducted into the Academy in 2018. He currently serves on the Psychiatric, Mental Health, and Substance Use Expert Panel.
Margaret (Meg) Wallhagen, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, UCSF School of Nursing, will be honored with the Mary Starke Harper Award from the National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence. Dr. Wallhagen was inducted into the Academy in 2007 and has been a CANS member since 2013. She currently serves on the Aging; Psychiatric, Mental Health, and Substance Use; Quality; and Palliative and End-of-Life Care Expert Panels.

Laura J. Wood, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Executive Vice President, Patient Care Operations, System Chief Nursing Officer, Boston Children’s Hospital, has been appointed by the American Nurses Association Board of Directors to serve as President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Dr. Wood was inducted into the Academy in 2021. She currently serves on the Fellow Selection Committee and the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel.

Fellow Highlights

Linda Franck, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the lead author of the paper, “Maternal Mental Health After Infant Discharge: A Quasi-Experimental Clinical Trial of Family Integrated Care versus Family-Centered Care for Preterm Infants in U.S. NICUs,” published in BMC Pediatrics. She and Sandra Staveski, PhD, RN, CPNP-AC, FAAN, are coauthors of the paper, “Overcoming Patient Safety Concerns and Integrating Early Mobility into Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Nursing Practice,” published in the Journal of Pediatric Nursing.

Oi Saeng Hong, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the senior author of the paper, “Job Stress and Sleep Disturbances Among Career Firefighters in Northern California,” published in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Ulrike Muench, PhD, RN, FAAN, is among the authors of the paper, “Racial Disparities in Inpatient Palliative Care Consultation Among Frail Older Patients Undergoing High-Risk Elective Surgical Procedures in the United States: A Cross-Sectional Study of the National Inpatient Sample,” published in Health Affairs Scholar.

Hudson Santos, PhD, RN, FABMR, FAAN, has received a $23.57 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to join the Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program.

Allison Squires, PhD, RN, FAAN, is lead author of the paper, “A Multi-Language Qualitative Study of Limited English Proficiency Patient Experiences in the United States,” published in PEC Innovation, and the paper “Continuity of Care Versus Language Concordance as an Intervention to Reduce Hospital Readmissions From Home Health Care,” published in Medical Care.

Laura Wagner, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Oi Saeng Hong, PhD, RN, FAAN, were among the authors of the paper, “Evaluation of an Ecological Model for Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders,” published in Advances in Nursing Science.

Patsy Yates, PhD, RN, FAAN, Marilyn J. Hammer, PhD, DC, RN, FAAN, Yvette P. Conley, PhD, FAAN, and Christine Miaskowski, PhD, RN, FAAN are among the authors of the paper, “Higher Lifetime Stress and Symptom Burden Contribute to the Occurrence of Shortness of Breath,” published in Seminars in Oncology Nursing.

In Memoriam
Vivian Lilefield, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean Emerita, University of Wisconsin-Madison, passed away on August 22, 2023.

Dr. Lilefield served as Dean of the UW Madison School of Nursing from 1984-1999. She was a well-respected dean, professor, advocate, and mentor to many students and nurse scientists. It was during her tenure that UW designated and began the building process of a unique School of Nursing building, and the PhD program was approved. In addition to her legacy at the school, Dr. Lilefield was a recognized expert in women’s health, nursing care delivery, and the impact of alternative approaches to care on patient outcomes. Upon her retirement, the Littlefield Leadership Lecture series was established to honor and promote nurse leadership.

Dr. Lilefield was inducted into the Academy in 1994.

Elaine L. Rigolosi, EdD, JD, RN, FAAN, Professor of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, passed away earlier this year.

Dr. Rigolosi began her career at Teachers College in 1976; throughout her tenure, she held a variety of positions that included Director of the Institute of Research and Service in Nursing Education, Chair of the Department of Nursing Education, and Chair of the Department of Organization and Leadership. As the leader of the Executive Program for Nurses, she fostered excellence and was a primary driver behind the program’s consistently high national ranking. In addition to her educational roles, Dr. Rigolosi was a practicing attorney who consulted widely with healthcare organizations and other businesses and was a prolific writer on nursing leadership and education.

Dr. Rigolosi was inducted into the Academy in 1979.

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