President's Message: Leadership in Action

In the last FAAN Mail, I noted the first workshop sponsored by our new Institute for Nursing Leadership will be offered on the morning of October 15th, just prior to the Leadership Luncheon that will feature Sheila Burke. The focus of the workshop will be on getting appointments to state and federal positions and advisory bodies, as well as to governing boards of health-related organizations. The Academy continues to participate in the national Nurses on Boards Coalition that is developing a sustainable infrastructure for nursing organizations to collaborate on securing appointments for nurses over the long-term. But we also need to ensure that next generation of nurses are better prepared than some of us may have been to assume such positions.

I was pleased to represent the Academy on an advisory committee for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's Leadership Series. The 12 videos, two to four minutes in length, highlight the key messages of nurse leaders--all of whom are fellows in the American Academy of Nursing. They are freely available for use at conferences, in classrooms, and simply to prompt us each to think about the key elements of leadership in action. Watching them online caused me to think about how these "lessons learned" applied in my own life, as well as what else I have learned about leadership.

At a time when the IOM's Future of Nursing recommendations challenge us to be leaders in all areas of health and health care, the series is an invaluable resource that we can use for ourselves and our emerging leaders.

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

One Week Left to Submit Abstracts!

Call for Abstracts:

Submit your abstract for the Academy's 2015 policy conference. Please carefully review the submission guidelines and submit online. All abstracts must be submitted by Monday, June 22, 2015, 11:59 p.m. (EDT). Submit your abstract »

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In Memoriam:

Frances J. Storlie was a Charter Member of the American Academy of Nursing. She passed away in her sleep on June 11, at the age of 89. Frances' contributions to the practice of nursing were substantial and inspirational.

A graduate of Clark College's first nursing class in 1962, Frances then earned a BSN from the U of O, a Master’s Degree in Nursing Ed. from OHSU in 1967, and a PhD in Urban Studies from PSU in 1976. A prolific writer, Dr. Storlie wrote 4 nursing text books and 124 professional journal articles. In 1973, Frances was selected as a Charter Member of the American Academy of Nursing, representing Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. She also served as the nurse editor for the Heart and Lung Journal during its inaugural year of 1976.

Dr. Storlie served as faculty for the graduate schools of Arizona State Univ. and the Univ. of Nevada, helped organize adult nurse practitioner programs, and taught 75 courses in electrocardiography. In 1978, she received an award from the American Assoc. of Critical Care Nurses. That same year, the Clark College Alumni Association honored her with the Outstanding Alumni Award in recognition of her exceptional service to Clark College, exemplary service to the community, and personal and professional achievements. She became one of the first licensed/accredited Nurse Practitioners in Oregon (1981) and spent the last years of practice as a clinical director and nurse practitioner in Vancouver, WA.

In 1986, after learning fluent Spanish, Frances embarked on over 40 medical missions to Mexico, Central and S. America including the So. Pole! She also spent several weeks on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina volunteering for the American Red Cross, providing first aid for volunteers, and serving food in the soup kitchen.

Dr. Storlie “retired” in 1998, but remained an activist for patient rights. In later years, her “pride and joy” was helping to establish a free healthcare clinic in Biloxi, Mississippi—a project she continued to support for the remainder of her life. For Frances, her family, faith, and medical practice were her life. She loved to sing, play harmonica, give others gifts, and support her favorite charities. Placing little value on material possessions, she possessed a depth of knowledge and compassion rarely equaled. A mother who loved her children every day of their lives, who sang to them when they were sick, she taught them to strive to live an authentic, ethical life of purpose, meaning, and service.
Fellow Achievements:

Susan A. Albrecht, PhD, CRNP, FAAN was awarded the 2015 Distinguished Professional Service Award by the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN). This is the organization’s highest honor, and Dr. Albrecht was recognized at AWHONN’s annual convention in June. Dr. Albrecht is Associate Dean for External Relations at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing where she has taught in the undergraduate, Master’s and doctoral programs for 39 years. Dr. Albrecht’s research interests focus on women’s health, smoking cessation and prevention of relapse during pregnancy and postpartum. She has conducted pioneering research on a nursing intervention to help pregnant adolescents stop smoking, and has provided the field with the first tested and successful implementation of a nursing intervention that positively affects pregnancy outcomes.

Judith A. Berg, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, FNAP is the 2015 recipient of the Loretta C. Ford Award for the Advancement of the Nurse Practitioner Role in Health Care. She has made sustained and highly significant contributions to health care policy development and advanced the nurse practitioner role, particularly in women’s health care. The award was presented at the Induction Ceremony for new Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners on June 11, 2015 during the American Association of Nurse Practitioners conference in New Orleans.

Barbara Resnick, PhD ’96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor and Sonia Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, was recently voted president-elect of the Gerontological Society of America. Resnick will serve as president-elect in 2015-2016, and then become president for the 2016-2017 term.

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