**Message From the Chair**

Having just returned from Scientific Sessions 2010 in Chicago, I am once again reflecting on the high clinical and scientific expertise of our CVN members. Attendees were enthusiastic and committed to learning all they could to strengthen their practice and research. Our Katherine A. Lembright Award Lecture and Martha Hill New Investigator Award Sessions were superb with presentations by experienced and new researchers. The Early Career Development seminar cosponsored by the National Institutes of Nursing Research was filled with wonderful information to guide those launching a professional career in cardiovascular nursing, and I heard that a number of experienced and mid-career attendees also found it useful! The inaugural Cardiovascular Nursing Clinical Symposium was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Anna Gawlinski and the planning committee. It drew around 300 participants from the greater Chicago area and beyond. The CVN dinner and awards ceremony drew a record 288 attendees who helped recognize 10 new FAHAs and the research, clinical and publishing accomplishments of CVN members. A highlight of the dinner was a moving presentation by Katy Coffy, a spokeswoman for the AHA Go Red For Women campaign. Don’t forget to wear red throughout February to highlight this initiative!

Finally, we are still seeking contributions to help us reach our goal for the 40 for 40 Campaign — we are halfway there! (See Council webpage). I continue to be inspired by your passion, generosity and commitment to improving cardiovascular care and preventing cardiovascular disease through cardiovascular nursing and interdisciplinary activities!

**Career Achievement Awards**

Dr. Lora Burke, PhD, RN, MPH, FAHA, FAAN, recipient of the 2010 Katharine A. Lembright Award, has a distinguished research career aimed at meeting the need for strategies that promote long-term behavior change. During the Lembright Award lecture, Dr. Burke described her program of research: Developing interventions to promote life-long dietary changes appropriate for individuals with hypercholesterolemia, and adoption of lifestyles that produce long-term weight loss in overweight adults. Her interventions are based on cognitive-behavioral strategies that assist in modifying how people view themselves, their health behaviors and surrounding circumstances, as well as identify constructive ways to improve their lifestyles. By promoting long-term behavior changes that reduce cardiovascular risk, Dr. Burke’s program of research has significantly advanced the state of the science.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2010 fellows: Dr. Susan J. Appel, Dr. Judy L. Bezanson, Ms. Debra G. Hanisch, Dr. Karen Huss, Dr. Peggy G. Kalowes, Dr. Sharon K. Ostwald, Dr. Ruth E. Taylor-Piliae, Ms. Barbara J. Unger, Dr. M. (Mary) Eileen Walsh and Dr. Bernice H. Yates.

**Katharine A. Lembright Award**

Left to right: Lynne Braun PhD, CNP, FAHA, FAAN; recipient Lora E. Burke PhD, RN, ANP, FAHA; Sandra Dunbar RN, DSN, FAHA, FAAN; and Terrie Lennie PhD, RN, FAHA

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This is the time of year when we begin planning for committee and liaison appointments for the next year. I frequently am asked: “How do I get involved in CVN?” In addition to joining “You’re the Cure,” please go to the CVN Council webpage (americanheart.org/cvn) and complete a Council Involvement Form or send an e-mail to me (Sbdunba@emory.edu) indicating your interest. On behalf of the Leadership Committee and Council Co-Chair Lynne Braun, PhD, RN, ANP, FAAN, FAHA, I encourage all of our members to be actively involved in the CVN.

The CVN Council is in a strong position to make a difference for the AHA and for the public and patients it serves. As spring unfolds we will be engaged in the advocacy issues of promoting greater funding for cardiovascular and stroke research, prevention and access to care, as well as policy generation related to the Institute of Medicine’s report on the “Future of Nursing.” Your active participation as a member of “You’re the Cure” is critical to helping accomplish all of our advocacy goals. Please visit yourethecure.org and join!

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Lora E. Burke, PhD, RN, MPH, FAHA

Martha N. Hill New Investigator Award
Supported by Benedict S. Maniscalco, MD, FAHA
Recipient: Dawn Meyer, PhD
Finalists: Min Kyoung Song, PhD, RN
David Pickham, PhD

Excellence in Clinical Practice Award
Supported by the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Deborah Summers, MSN, ACNS-BC, CNRN, CCRN, FAHA

Marie Cowan Promising Young Investigator Award
Sponsored by Otsuka America
Jill Howie-Esquivel, PhD, RN, NP

Competence in Aging Award
Supported by the Nurse Competence in Aging Initiative
Sharon Ostwald, PhD, RN, FAHA

CVN Best Abstract Award
Sponsored by the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses
Eun Kyeung Song, PhD, RN

Clinical Article of the Year Award
Sponsored by the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing
Tamilyn Bakas, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN

Research Article of the Year Award
Sponsored by the RICH Heart Program, University of Kentucky
Misook L. Chung, PhD

Stroke Article of the Year Award
Sponsored by the Stroke Council
N. Jennifer Klinedinst, PhD, MSN, MPH, RN

Martha Hill New Investigator Award Finalists
Left to right: Sandra Dunbar, RN, DSN, FAHA, FAAN; David Pickham, PhD; Min Kyoung Song, PhD, RN; Dawn Meyer, PhD (winner); and Shirley Moore, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN

Marie Cowan Promising Young Investigator Award
Left to right: Lynne Braun, PhD, CNP, FAHA, FAAN; Jill Howie-Esquivel, PhD, RN, NP (winner); Sandra Dunbar, RN, DSN, FAHA, FAAN; and Terrie Lennie, PhD, RN, FAHA

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