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As I feel the chilly morning air, I'm reminded that the seasons are changing again. Fall has officially sprung in the Midwest, a time of splendid colors, football, pumpkin smells and changing leaves. This is perfec t timing for SPCN to also share our changes. This week, we transitioned to a new and improved web site. We are hopeful our branding refresh and easy-to-use site will now allow for more communication and activities for our members. I think we are all ready for a refresh of some sort in our professional lives.

I'm also excited for the upcoming annual SPCN educational meeting, to be held at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago on Friday, November 4 9:00 am-12:00 pm CST. Our amazing Vice President, Kelly Kirby, has recruited a spectacular group of national nursing experts to share their knowledge with us. The theme is "CHD and Mental Health: innovations for a lifetime of emotional wellbeing and resilience." Our event will be held LIVE in Chicago as well as a virtual attendance option. As a current member of SPCN, attendance for the conference is FREE! However, you must register by contacting KKirby@stanfordchildrens.org and share if you will be in person or via Zoom. There will also be a pre-conference workshop focusing on CHD offered by AHA for $75. Registration for that can be done on the AHA web site, www.heart.org We will conclude our evening with a group dinner at Carmine's on Rush. Please also include an RSVP to the dinner, if interested.

Watch your email for an electronic ballot in early October. Open board positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Member-at-Large. Please follow the instructions to cast your ballot, and support our upcoming new board members. With the annual meeting, Colleen Lancial and Kelly Kirby will both be transitioning off the SPCN board. Thank you to both of them for their volunteer service.

Take some time to review our current web site and provide any feedback directly to me regarding content requests or any issues you are experiencing. Feel free to invite colleagues and cardiology friends to join our membership. Together, we can make a difference for so many!

I'm looking forward to connecting with many of you in Chicago for the first time in several years. Until then, stay well, be kind, and take care of yourself.

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