



## 2018 Class of AAOHN Fellows

### **Ruth Barlow, MS, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN – Cary, North Carolina**

Ms. Barlow serves as the Occupational Safety, Health, and Infection Control Nurse for Wake County Human Services in Raleigh, NC. She oversees the occupational safety and health program and infection control program for their integrated public health and social services departments. She also consults with other departments in the county as needed. Ms. Barlow earned her bachelors in Psychology and Nursing from the University of North Carolina as well as a Master's of Science in Public Health Leadership from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

### **David R. Embrey, RN, COHN-S/CM/SM, FAAOHN - West Fork, Arkansas**

Mr. Embrey recently retired from a 27-year career as Senior Manager Area Occupational Health from Tyson Foods Inc. where he had oversight of 10 locations that employed 25 nurses who provided health care to over 5000 team members. As Senior Manager, his responsibilities included, hiring, training, auditing and regulatory compliance. Mr. Embrey's duties also included helping develop SOP's, Clinical Condition Guidelines and company-wide policies for Occupational Health. Mr. Embrey currently serves as AAOHN Director from the South Central/South West region as well as a trustee of the AAOHN Foundation.

### **Janice Hartgens, BSBA, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN – Rowell, Georgia**

Ms. Hartgens serves as the Director of Occupational Health and Wellness for the United Parcel Service in Atlanta, GA. She has been a member of AAOHN for almost 25 years and serves on the Board of Trustees for the AAOHN Foundation.

### **Debra Daly-Gawenda, MSN, RN, CLNC, FAAOHN – Burr Ridge, Illinois**

Ms. Daly-Gawenda is a Corporate Health Nurse at JP Morgan Chase & Co. at their Chicago and Elgin, Illinois sites. She has been a member of AAOHN for over 30 years and has served in various organizational positions and committees at the national, state and local levels. She is the current President of the Illinois Association of Occupational Health Nurses.

Debra has extensive experience as an administrator, clinician and educator in occupational health, corporate health, ambulatory care, home health, ambulatory provider services, senior living, hospital, medical center, and university settings. She earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from Rush University College of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois and her master's degree in Nursing Service Administration from the University of Illinois Health Science Center in Chicago. She has served as an Assistant Professor (Instructor, Lecturer) in the Department of Community Health Nursing and the Department of Community, Systems, and Mental Health Nursing at Rush University for over 30 years.

She is the book author and editor of *Occupational Health Nursing Care Guidelines* (Springer Publishing) and *Manual of Medical-Surgical Nursing* (Little Brown & Co) recognized by the Brandon/Hill List of Recommended Books for Nurses and the American Medical Writers Association respectively. She has published in the OHN and nursing arenas and has authored numerous articles, book chapters, newsletters, abstracts, workshops, and published media for nurses, health care administrators and professionals. She has presented for local, state and national conferences, webinars and workshops. Her certifications include: Fellow of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Legal Nurse Consultant, Gerontology, Geriatric Functional Assessment, and Dementia Assessment, Care and Management.

Debra was the recipient/director of several awards including the Illinois Medique Leadership Award, the State of Illinois Edwards Excellence in Practice Award, and the Wellness Councils of America Well Workplace Awards.