

Following my talks and panel discussions, I am often amazed to find the audience in a standing ovation. You see, I am terrified of crowds. I am also myopic. But near-sightedness may be to my advantage. Seeing the crowd as a benign blur, I seem to believe I am just talking to myself.

Maine Women's Health Campaign, Augusta, ME (1/8/02)—Dinner speaker for Maine state senators considering the bill, “An Act to Promote the Health of Maine Women and Girls,” which funds projects pertaining to women's health.

Maine Medical Center, Portland, ME (3/27/02)—Featured speaker in cardiac lecture series for 150 participants, mostly clinicians.

American Heart Association: Annual Heart Ball, Boston, MA (4/6/02)—Keynote speaker for 1,000 guests, each of whom received a gift of AN ARROW THROUGH THE HEART.

American Heart Association: Annual Heart Ball, Portland, ME (4/20/02)—Keynote speaker for 400 guests, each of whom received a gift of ARROW.

Bainco International Investors, Boston (5/14/02)—Private talk/reading at reception for Bainco's 60 financial professionals and clients. All guests received a gift of ARROW.

New Words Bookstore, Cambridge, MA (5/15/02)—Public talk/reading at a leading bookstore specializing in women authors and women's issues. The series included Carol Gilligan, noted Harvard educator and author on female adolescent development.

Books Etc., Portland, ME (4/30/02)—Talk/reading and book-signing at Maine's leading bookstore.

Bridgton Hospital, Bridgton, ME (6/26/02)—Talk/reading and book-signing that spurred healthful improvements to food served in the public school district.

Massachusetts General Hospital: Grand Rounds, Boston, MA (7/18/02)—Speaker for standing-room-only audience of 400 nurses, physicians, and other clinicians. Participants received continuing-education credits.

Yale Medical School: The Society of Chest Pain Centers and Providers, New Haven, CT (9/13/02)—Keynote speaker and panelist for an audience of 300 cardiac physicians, each of whom received a gift of ARROW.

Martin County Library System, Palm Beach, FL (10/6/02)—Speaker as part of an annual literary lecture series.

Bates College, Lewiston, ME (1/15/03)—Speaker as part of a popular campus lecture series, “Spiritual Journeys of the Soul.” The Bates chaplain had heard my interview with Jeanne Barron on Maine Public Radio.

American Heart Association: Scientific Session, Portland, ME (3/9/03)—Opening speaker for conference of 300 cardiac clinicians.

Women’s Health Conference, Pascack Valley Hospital, Woodcliff Lake, NJ (3/29/03)—Opening speaker at health conference of 300 women. Followed by celebrated author Gail Sheehy.

Massachusetts Organization of Nurse Executives, Chatham, MA (5/23/03)—Speaker/session leader at annual conference. Participants received continuing-education credits and my session received a top rating.

American Heart Association’s Annual Heart Ball, Newport, RI (6/7/03)—Keynote speaker for audience of 500 people. An executive at Swarovski, the Austrian fashion crystals company, had seen me on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. After reading ARROW, the executive volunteered Swarovski as the platinum sponsor of the ball and requested me as the keynote speaker. Each guest received a gift of ARROW.

Northeast Women’s Heart Health Initiative, Albany, NY (6/12/03)—Keynote speaker and panelist (with physicians). Audience of 300 clinicians, patients, administrators, and the general public. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Hospital, Guidant Corporation, and Hudson Valley Community College, Department of Nursing.

New Hampshire Women’s Health Day, Manchester, NH (10/4/03)—Opening speaker for day-long program, co-sponsored by the Women's Health Resource Center of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and the Southern New Hampshire Area Health Education Center (NHAHEC).

Go Red! American Heart Association: Inaugural Luncheon, Boston (2/6/04) —Keynote speaker for first symposium of 300 of Boston’s leading women. *Go Red!* is a national US campaign to raise awareness about heart disease as women’s #1 killer. Guidant Corporation purchased ARROW as a gift for every guest. This inaugural event—expected to garner \$50,000—netted \$120,000. Today this event often attracts over 1,000 women annually. *Go Red!*

Rush-Copley Medical Center, Women’s Heart Symposium, Chicago, IL (4/17/04)—Keynote speaker for this first annual conference of medical professionals. Organized by Dr. Santosh Gill, Medical Director of the Women’s Heart Center at Rush-Copley Heart Institute. Other presenters included physicians from the Mayo Clinic, Northwestern University Medical School, and the Prairie Heart Institute at St. John’s Hospital.

Women's Expo, Kingston, NY (5/15/05)—Featured speaker at annual gathering of 3,000 health professionals, as well as the general public.

Post-Transplant

Opening Ceremony for The Heart Center, Massachusetts General Hospital:

Boston, MA (2/26/07)— Keynote speaker for 800 physicians and staff.

Go Red! American Heart Association, Kennebunkport, ME (11/1/07)—Keynote speaker for 300 at this third annual fundraising dinner. Event increased revenues 15% over earnings in 2006.

Trillium Health Center, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada (10/24/09)—Keynote speaker for annual conference of 1,000 medical professionals from the Toronto area. Conference theme was Quality by Design. Speech topic: "Quality Health Care from an Experienced Patient's Point of View."

Harvard University, Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, Cambridge, MA (2010, 2011)—Guest lecturer with Marc Semigran, MD, Chief of Cardiac Transplantation at Mass General Hospital. Both years we received the top rating in this advanced lecture for Harvard Medical School students and Harvard undergraduates concentrating in biomedical sciences. Topic: "Heart Transplantation Today and the Patient's Experience." The class/series was taught by renowned scientist-physician Kenneth R. Chien, MD, PhD.

Federal Drug Administration, Silver Spring, MD (9/27/16)—Panelist at the Public Meeting on Patient-Focused Drug Development for Patients Who Have Received an Organ Transplant. Over 300 organ transplant patients and clinicians attended. FDA scientific leaders presided over presentations by two patient panels and two scientific panels.

Maine Osteopathic Association, Portland, ME (2/10/2017)—Highest rating to date as keynote speaker for annual mid-winter symposium. The 200 doctors of osteopathy from throughout Maine received CMA credits and copies of *An Arrow Through the Heart* (2015 updated and revised edition).