

Hugg receives 2002 Shepard Award



MSO's Board of Directors voted unanimously to present the 2002 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. James R. Hugg, Burlington, Iowa, for his exemplary contributions to the art and science of orthodontics. This award recognizes a member of the MSO who exemplifies the ideals of the orthodontic profession, community and family.

Jim was born and raised in Burlington where his professional career began almost 50 years ago when he received his dental degree from the University of Iowa in 1953. Jim and his wife, Julane, then returned to Burlington to settle into private dental practice. Fifteen years later the family was back at the University of Iowa to watch Jim receive a Masters in Orthodontics in 1968. He practiced with Dr. Phil Doster in Burlington from 1968 to 1970 and then maintained his own solo practice until his daughter-in-law, Dr. Teresa Salino-Hugg, joined him in 1987. Jim continues to enjoy the daily highlights of orthodontic practice in his hometown.

Jim's lifetime of service to the profession includes being a past president of the Iowa Dental Association, Iowa Chapter of American College of Dentists, University of Iowa Dental Alumni, Iowa Society of Orthodontists and Midwestern Society of Orthodontists. He has been a valuable leader on the component, constituent and national AAO level on a variety of committees and taskforces, including serving as a delegate representing the MSO to the AAO House of Delegates. Jim's advance research, statistics, typed background support documents and "big-picture, forward-thinking" insight have been invaluable in moving the specialty forward.

In addition, Jim has served as a delegate to the American Dental Association, and he also received the Presidential Award for Service to the Iowa Dental Association in 1990. He is a Fellow of the American College Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

While some retire and play golf full-time, Jim keeps on practicing and "giving-back" to his profession. He currently is working on implementing a comprehensive continuing education program for orthodontic assistants utilizing the Iowa Communication Network (fiberoptic) so that assistants will have access to CE program statewide. This will be the first program of its kind given specifically for orthodontic assistants in Iowa. Jim also is involved in mentoring young dental professionals in his community and surrounding areas.

Jim served his country in the U.S. Army during WW II in Occupied Japan. He also has been involved in his community and is currently serving as elder of his church. He is a past president of the elementary school PTA and has served as a board member of various organizations including the YMCA/YWCA and the Des Moines County Board of Health.

Most important in his life are his wife of 54 years, Julane; his three children – Connie of San Francisco, Steven of Cedar Rapids, and Martin of Burlington; and his five grandchildren. When

he is not practicing or involved in one of his many volunteer activities, you can find him golfing, boating and traveling with his family.

Jim is known throughout the profession as a leader and a friend who generously shares his experience, knowledge and talents with others in the dental field. We recognize both Jim and Julane for their untiring service to the orthodontic profession