

## Miller receives 2007 Shepard Award



Dr. Francis J. Miller was honored by the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists as the 2007 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award winner for his career in orthodontics, medicine and volunteerism worldwide.

Born and raised in Hardin, Illinois, Dr. Miller graduated from Western Military Academy in 1952. After graduating from Saint Louis University and Saint Louis University Dental School, he served three years in the Navy Dental Corps before returning and earning his Masters in Orthodontics from Washington University in 1964. He served as an associate professor for nearly three decades and practiced with Dr. Earl E. Shepard for three years before establishing his own practice in Washington, Missouri.

For more than 35 years Dr. Miller has been a consultant at St. John's Mercy Hospital in Washington and at Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in St. Louis. For the past four years he also has served on staff at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles. He was a founding board member of Four Rivers Area Vocational-Technical School, chairman of the Child Fatality Review Panel for Franklin County and co-founder of the St. Francis Borgia Regional High School Academic Association. He served for 12 years on the East Central College Board of Trustees and was president of the group in 1996-97. He went on to study forensics and has been a forensic odontologist for the last 25 years.

Dr. Miller has held in multiple positions in the American Association of Orthodontists as well as the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists, culminating in serving as MSO's president in 1993. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, Fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists and member of the World Federation of Orthodontists.

At the age of 63, Dr. Miller pursued medical school at the University of Health Sciences in Antigua. After completing his medical studies in Antigua and clinical rotations at St. John's Mercy Hospital, he completed his medical school in 2000.

For the past 15 years Frank has used his dental and medical degrees to make regular trips to impoverished areas of countries like Honduras, Belize, Venezuela, Haiti, Peru, Kosovo, Mongolia and Cambodia. Currently, in between mission trips, he works at the local Washington, Missouri hospital and dental and medical clinics as well as a dental clinic for the elderly in St. Charles.

Dr. Miller has completed multiple certificates of proficiency in many areas of study including small engine repair, welding, scuba diving, a private pilot license and law enforcement training resulting in serving as a reserve deputy sheriff for Franklin County. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, fishing and waterskiing.

Most recently, Dr. Miller received the 2007 Gold Medal Award of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society. He and his wife of 49 years, Jacqueline, have six children and 11 grandchildren.

Congratulations to Dr. Miller on his many and varied accomplishments. He truly has been a servant of mankind.