

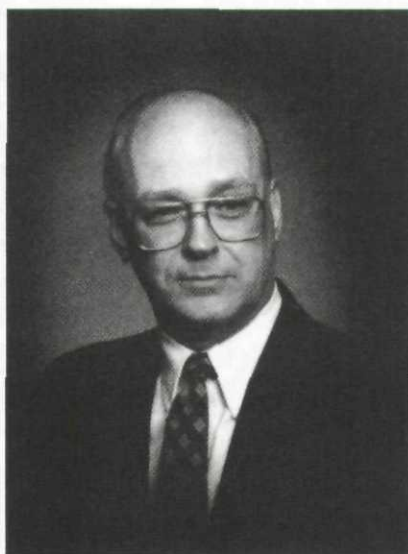
2004 AAPHD President's Award: Joseph M. Doherty, DDS, MPH

Presented by Candace Jones, RDH, MPH

The AAPHD President's Award is presented at the discretion of the president to an individual for significant contributions to the welfare of the association. This year it is my distinct pleasure to present this award to Dr. Joe Doherty. Unfortunately, Joe and Helen were unable to attend the National Oral Health Conference this year and their presence is sorely missed.

Joe received his dental degree from the University of Detroit and his MPH from the University of Minnesota. He is a diplomate of the Board of Dental Public Health. A fact that most of you may not be aware of is that Joe received the Bronze Star for his service in the Korean Conflict.

Joe has been the consummate dental public health professional. He worked as a public health dentist in Detroit, North Carolina, Virginia, and Wisconsin. He then served as the state dental director for Wisconsin before moving to Virginia and serving as the director of the Division of Public Health for 17 years. He has been equally active in ASTDD, as well as the Wisconsin and Virginia state and local dental associations.



Dr. Joseph Doherty

Joe has been invaluable to AAPHD. He has served on the Executive Council as secretary-treasurer, president, publisher of the newsletter *Communiqué*, historian, and as a special consultant to the president. As you all are aware, Joe and Helen served as executive directors of the AAPHD for 14 years. Joe liked to say that "We doze,

but never close"—they always tried to put officers and members of the organization first. Joe recently resigned as our historian, ending 23 years of service of elected or appointed office on the Executive Council.

Joe and Helen are the first people to have received every award this organization offers except for the Public Service Award!

Joe and Helen received the Distinguished Service Award in 1997 and donated the cash to start the AAPHD Foundation and you have all heard how it has grown under Joe's leadership. Their hope is that it will make a difference in people's lives and I believe that it will.

Joe holds a special place in my heart, as he has served as a mentor and supporter for me for the past 18 years I have been a member of this organization.

Accepting the award today for Dr. Doherty is the first recipient of the President's Award—which was presented to him by Joe! Dr. Mecklenburg, please accept this award for Joe.

In addition to this beautiful plaque, we are pleased to present this gift certificate for \$1,000 to Dr. Joe Doherty.

Remarks on Accepting the 2004 AAPHD President's Award on Behalf of Joseph M. Doherty, DDS, MPH

Robert Mecklenburg, DDS, MPH

President Jones, you have chosen well. Dr. Joseph Doherty is a most appropriate individual to be honored at this time and in this way.

I first met Joe in the mid-1960s when we attended a Regional Dental Conference in the Black Hills of South Dakota. At the time he was working with Mike Arra, the Wisconsin State dental director. Joe was as astute, gracious,

and effective then as he has been ever since.

Last week, right after President Jones contacted me to ask that I accept this award on Joe's behalf, I called him. Fortunately, he was out, giving me a chance to chat with Helen. She sounded as wonderful and cheerful as ever, not at all reflecting in her voice or attitude that she is in fragile health. Joe

called back soon after. After speaking about a few things close to his heart, he said, "Bob, what I would want to say is in my final report to the Executive Council. Just draw from that." Thus, with Candace's permission, I will read portions of his report so that you can hear Joe's own words.

"I must admit it is with mixed feelings that I end 23 years of elective and

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