## 2004 AAPHD President's Award: Stuart A. Lockwood, DMD, 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. Stuart Lockwood.

Dr. Lockwood is well known to all of you for his tireless efforts on behalf of so many states at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for AAPHD, and now for the state of Alabama as the state dental director. Stuart received his undergraduate and dental training at Auburn University and the University of Alabama. (Which explains his passion for the annual Alabama-Auburn football contest!) He received his MPH from the University of Michigan and is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health.

Upon completion of his public

health training, he assumed a position at the CDC as an oral epidemiologist. He worked on a number of projects with state oral health programs, including the surveillance of fluoridation and oral cancer. He also shared responsibilities in the HIV/AIDS activities, and the investigation of the Florida dentist who transmitted AIDS to six patients. Alice Horowitz and I had the pleasure of working with Stuart when he served as the National Co-Lead of the Oral Health Focus Area for the Healthy People 2000 and the Healthy People 2010 Initiatives. Who could ever forget Stuart dressed in overalls and an engineer's cap helping to "re-engineer" our efforts to achieve all our objectives?

Stuart has served AAPHD the past several years as the House of Delegates resolution coordinator, preparing the officers and Executive Council to participate in and testify on the behalf of dental public health at the Reference Hearings of the American Dental Association. Stuart has spent considerable hours of his time researching dental issues involving dental public health and coordinating our participation and testimony.

Stuart also served as a member of the Executive Council from 2000 to 2003 and chaired the Oral Health Policy Committee from 2002 to 2003 and developed a strategy to update our policies and resolutions. He also has served on the Membership Goal Committee as part of our strategic planning process this year.

Stuart always has a football analogy and he told me recently that football, like AAPHD, is a game of "we," not "I." I'm just glad that Stuart is on our team. Today the most valuable player award goes to Dr. Stuart Lockwood.

## **Remarks on Receiving the President's Award**

## Stuart A. Lockwood, DMD, MPH

This is very special and means so very much to me. Thank you, Candace; there are so many so worthy and many more worthy. Candace and I go back to our starting days at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1986, where Brian Burt, Steve Eklund, and Jane Weintraub started us on our public health way. It's been a wonderful team in many endeavors since then. Last year I was a part of the planning committee for the National Oral Health Conference with Candace, Jane Weintraub, and Steve Geiermann; that was really something. And Candace and Alice Horowitz and I were a part of a great team that, from 1997 to 2000, developed the Healthy People 2010 Objectives and had the final review for Healthy People 2000. It was bad enough that we would send e-mails on the weekend and then realize we all were working and call each other. While driving to Florida on a Christmas Eve day and having to stop on a rural Alabama road to call to connect Alice in California and Candace in Nebraska, I knew I had lost it all.

And since I've gotten the chance, I want to thank my wife, who is at home. She has contributed greatly to my being able to do all I do. It's a great team as well.

Thank you so very much again.

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