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Obituaries

Charles Meyer Goldstein, DDS, MPH, devoted 64 years of his life to dentistry, during which time he championed and inspired efforts to reduce oral health disparities throughout Southern California and beyond. He led the crusade that inspired hundreds of dental students and volunteers over the years to identify programs to increase access to care for underserved populations, especially the children of California. Goldstein passed away at the age of 87, one day after being honored with the inaugural California Dental Association Foundation (CDAF) Humanitarian Award in a private ceremony held at his home on Saturday, May 11, 2008 surrounded by family, close friends and colleagues.

"Charlie," as he liked to be called, spearheaded the creation of the University of Southern California (USC) Mobile Clinics and led the effort throughout the state, from the Mexican border to Oregon, providing

care to more than 93,000 children. Dr. Goldstein was known as the "father of the USC School of Dentistry Mobile Dental Clinics," which continues to be the flagship of the dental school's community outreach programs.

Goldstein was born April 21, 1921, in Providence, Rhode Island. He earned his dental degree from the University of California at San Francisco in 1944 and was immediately assigned to the U.S. Navy Training Station at Farragut, Idaho. He opened and maintained a private practice in Santa Monica for 26 years before becoming the senior partner and co-founder of a group practice in Los Angeles from which he retired in 1983. Dr. Goldstein first became involved with USC in 1959 when he was appointed as a part-time member of the USC School of Dentistry's periodontics faculty. He served as a professor of clinical faculty in the Division of Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Epidemiology and served as Director of

Community Outreach Programs. In 1967, he earned a master's degree in public health from the University of California at Los Angeles.

"He represented the best of professional dentistry through his selfless service, leadership and commitment to helping improve the quality of life and oral health of thousands of children," said Dr. Bruce G. Toy, CDAF chairman, at the presentation of Goldstein's award. "His endless compassion will live on through the lives he has touched."

Commander Kathleen D. Heiden, RDH, MSPH, a health services officer in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), died on May 21, 2008, after a courageous six and a half year battle with breast cancer.

Throughout her career as a dental hygienist and public health educator, Kathy served with distinction and earned the respect of her colleagues. In 1982, she was awarded a B.S. degree in Dental Hygiene from the University of Colorado Health Science Center (UCHSC), School of Dentistry, and a B.A. degree from the University of Northern Colorado the following year. With a desire to have a broader impact on the oral health



of children and families, she earned a MSPH from Boston University in 1986. From 1986 to 1994, she served as an assistant clinical instructor for community issues and program development at UCHSC. From 1991 to 1993, she was a clinical instructor and course director for dental public health at the Laramie County Community College Department of Dental Hygiene in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

In June 1994, Kathy joined the USPHS and worked in the Indian Health Service at Fort Defiance seeking to improve the health of the Navajo Nation. As the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Coordinator, she facilitated school-based education and clinical treatment programs for expectant mothers and toddlers, as well as developing periodontal health programs for people with diabetes. In 1997, she was named the IHS National Dental Hygienist of the Year for her work among the Navajo people.

In 1998, Kathy joined the Division of Oral Health (DOH) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where she developed much of the information on CDC's Oral Health Resources Web site, while working on the release of the U.S. Surgeon General's first report on Oral Health. She was instrumental in developing DOH's first cooperative agreement program to build capacity in state oral health programs, which was a necessary first step in achieving the *Healthy People 2010* objectives. This infrastructure building program has been very successful, earning CDR Heiden a USPHS Commendation Medal for her leadership in this area. In 2002, she earned an Outstanding Unit Citation for deployment during the 9/11 terrorist attacks and anthrax response.

In 2003, she joined the Department of Health and Human Services' STEPS to a Healthier U.S. Program, also based within CDC, where she served as a technical program consultant to state and community programs. She created the STEPS virtual office and was instrumental in developing a STEPS management information system.

Kathy Heiden was a dedicated mentor to many staff who came to CDC without prior knowledge of oral health programs. Throughout the years, the states and communities that have been directly served by Kathy have benefited immeasurably by her knowledge and enthusiasm. All who had the pleasure of working with her can attest to her warmth, humor, and energy.

Sidney L. Miller, DDS, MPH, former state dental director of Alabama and regional dental director of the Georgia Department of Health, died on May 28, 2008. He was 94 years of age. After earning a B.S. degree *cum laude* from the College of the City of New York in 1934 and a DDS degree from Columbia University, Dr. Miller completed a dental internship at Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases in New York City (NYC). From there he embarked upon a life's journey that led to four separate careers: military, private practice, public health, and education.

Dr. Miller began a dental private practice in NYC before being called to active duty in the U.S. Army in 1941 and served through WWII in the Pacific Theater. In 1946, he separated from military service, returning to private practice for 12 years. In 1957, he was appointed state dental director for Alabama. He received his MPH degree from the University of Michigan in 1958. In 1961, he was appointed regional dental director of

the Georgia Department of Health. In 1964, he became a consultant in dental services for children within the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, HEW, in Washington, DC.

In 1966, he accepted appointment as associate professor of dentistry at the University of Alabama, and in 1971, he joined the faculty at the newly formed dental school at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio as professor and chairman of the Department of Community Dentistry. He continued there until his retirement in 1983. He was also appointed Dean of the School of Dental Hygiene during that time.

Dr. Miller authored numerous scientific reports and studies, as well as two textbooks, *Legal Aspects of Dentistry* and *Introductory Biostatistics for Medicine and Dentistry*. He was a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and a Diplomat of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Dr. Miller was a life member of the San Antonio Dental Society, the Texas State Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the American College of Dentists, and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry.

Carl Kulczyk, MHD, primary care officer for the Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention within the Iowa Department



of Public Health, died unexpectedly on June 2, 2008. He was 56 years old. As a champion of oral health as an essential component of an interdisciplinary approach to patient care, Carl fought a vigorous battle to preserve the state's health professional shortage area designations (HPSAs) in order to increase Iowa's competitiveness for scholars, loan repayment placement, and J-1 Visa health providers. With state legislators aligned, he challenged HRSA's proposed new shortage area methodologies both at home and within Washington, D.C.

In 1975, Carl received his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a Masters Degree in Child and Behavioral Psychology in 1982 from the University of Kansas. From 1977 to 1994, he worked to improve rural aging and mental health services; and was the executive director of a federally qualified health center in Northern Michigan. In 1994, he joined the Iowa Primary Care Office to support recruitment and retention activities, as well as promoting community development across the state. Carl was a strong proponent of a hospital-based integrated health care system, which tied oral health services to critical access hospitals. Early pilots had proven the model to be financially viable and sustainable.

Carl modeled collaboration for the communities he worked with, through his partnering with the Iowa state dental director, HRSA's Kansas City regional office, the HRSA dental consultant based in Chicago, and the Iowa/Nebraska Primary Care Association. He was a staunch advocate of improving oral health access for underserved populations in Iowa and across the nation.

Jonathan A. Ship, DMD, an expert in aging and oral health, died April 18, 2008 at home after battling cancer. He was 49. Dr. Ship was the director of the Bluestone Center for Clinical Research at New York University (NYU) College of Dentistry and a professor of basic science and craniofacial biology at the school. Dr. Ship described the focus of his research as trying "to gain a better

understanding of the influence of aging, systemic diseases, and medications on oral health and function."

He was the principal investigator responsible for bringing a \$26.7 million NIH grant to NYU—the largest NIH grant ever received at the college. The money was used to establish *Practitioners Engaged in Applied Research in Learning*, a network built on practice-based research for dentistry. The network was designed to help take dentists' clinical experiences and use them in dental research

Awards

Barbara Gooch, DMD, MPH, and Irene Hilton, DDS, MPH, were inducted as Fellows of the American College of Dentists at the 2007 Convocation, held September 27, 2007. This is the oldest national honorary organization for dentists, whose members exemplify excellence through outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society.

Dawn McGlasson, RDH, BSDH, MPH, deputy dental director of the Office of Oral Health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, received the *Reaching Out for Excellence in Dental Hygiene* Award at the University of Missouri at Kansas City Dental Hygienists Alumni Association luncheon April 5, 2008. This award recognizes an individual who has created a positive impact within their community by demonstrating extraordinary commitment.

Eugenio Beltran, DMD, MPH, DrPH, MS, was presented with the third annual *Golden Apple Award* by Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO). This award recognizes the extraordinary educational contributions of volunteers to sites abroad. Each volunteer honored has demonstrated a strong commitment to the HVO educational mission through curriculum development, teacher preparation, didactic or clinical training, or the enhancement of educational resources.

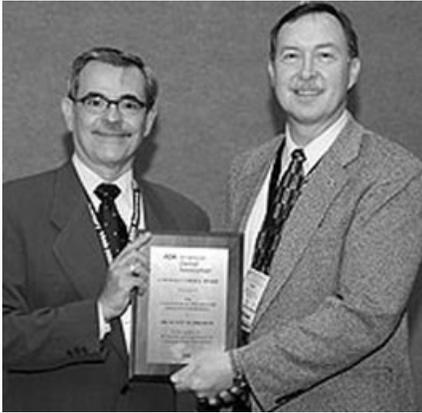
In his 13 years as a HVO member, Dr. Beltran completed 15 overseas volunteer assignments, contributing over 1000 hours of service. In addition, he was instrumental in the development and oversight of HVO dental training programs worldwide. He has been particularly effective in introducing the public health model with its emphasis on prevention to clinicians and policy makers in Cambodia and Vietnam.

Karen M. Yoder, RDH, MSD, PhD, was honored with Indiana University's *Thomas Ehrlich Award for Excellence in Service Learning* in April 2008. Following ten years in private practice, five years working in dental public health in East Africa, and 22 years with the Indiana State Department of Health, Dr. Yoder joined the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2002 as the director of the newly formed Division of Community Dentistry. She was recently promoted to professor of Preventive and Community Dentistry. Her role



includes teaching dental public health, integrating service-learning into the curriculum and directing the state-wide *Seal Indiana* program.

Scott Presson, DDS, MPH, received a *Council's Choice* Award from the ADA Council on Access,



Prevention and Interprofessional Relations for being a champion for fluoridation and a dedicated public servant for three decades. The award was presented in April 2008. Under his leadership, CDC worked to support state fluoridation programs, improve quality of fluoridation and monitoring systems, strengthen partnerships for both promotion and technical aspects, and address emerging policy and science issues. In 2005, Dr. Presson led the CDC team that worked with the American Dental Association to support and co-sponsor the National Fluoridation Symposium in Chicago.

Appointment

Robert Bagramian, DDS, MPH, DrPH, was appointed Dean of the

College of Health Sciences of the American University of Armenian, which is a private, nonsectarian, independent graduate university founded in 1991 in Yerevan, Armenia. Dr. Bagramian is currently a professor in the Schools of Dentistry and Public Health at the University of Michigan, where he also served as a professor and chair in the Department of Community Dentistry for seventeen years. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Berne, Switzerland, and the National University of Singapore.

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