

me; my secretary Jean Frazer, who contributed many hours to the efforts of this association; Rhys Jones, who succeeded me as president and was untiring in his efforts to chair commit-

tees, fund raise, and recruit new members; and David Striffler and Brian Burt, who sent notes of encouragement at just the right times.

In conclusion, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who

made this award possible, with a special thank you to my family—my husband and our three sons, who supported me all the way. Thank you, Jim, for all your help and wise counsel.

1996 Distinguished Service Award: John C. Greene, DMD, MPH

Presented by Rhys Jones, DDS, MS, Immediate Past-president

The AAPHD Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual for excellence and distinguished service to public health dentistry and is awarded this year to Dr. John Greene. Unfortunately, John is unable to join us today. Just a week ago, he called to report he was going in the next day for emergency back surgery for a disk problem. He has been having problems lately, but a numbing of the leg prompted the emergency surgery. After three days in the hospital, John reports he is doing well and relayed his disappointment that he could not make the trip, as he was really looking forward to seeing old friends. In consultation with John and the AAPHD Executive Council, we have decided to present the award to John personally next year at the 60th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Dr. John Greene is currently professor and dean emeritus at the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry. He received his dental degree from the University of Louisville and his public health degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He holds honorary doctor of science degrees from three universities: Boston University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville. Other honors include the Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service Medal from the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; the *Fédération Dentaire Internationale* Award of Merit; the Outstanding Professional Award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy; and *Alumnus of the Year* at both the University of Louisville and the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health. He is also an elected member

of the Institute of Medicine.

Dr. Greene had a distinguished career in the US Public Health Service that spanned three decades. During that time he served in many capacities, including: assignment to the World Health Organization as special consultant to India, as a fellow in the Epidemic Intelligence Service, and as an investigator in the Epidemiology and Biometry Branch of NIDR. From 1961 to 1966 he served as chief of the Epidemiology Program in San Francisco and served as the director of the Division of Dental Health from 1968 to 1973. Dr. Greene became the chief dental officer of the US Public Health Service in 1973 and continued to serve in that capacity after being appointed the deputy surgeon general of the Public Health Service in 1978. He continued in both of those roles until he retired from the Public Health Service in 1981.

He did not waste any time in his retirement. He accepted the position of dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) in 1981. As dean, he served as president of both the American and International Associations for Dental Research. He is former chair of the Administrative Board of the Council of Deans of the American Association of Dental Schools.

He "retired" again in 1994. John has continued to serve dental public health in his "second retirement." He is currently serving as cochair of the UCSF Chancellor's Task Force on the Impact of Health Care Reform on the Academic Health Center. He is AADR's representative on the National Cancer Institute's National Dental Tobacco-free Steering Committee. He is a member of the advisory com-

mittee for the Pew grant program called Health Professions Schools in Service to the Nation. He also is serving on the NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health and is continuing his work on the use of smokeless tobacco in addition to a variety of other volunteer activities at UCSF.

He continues to serve AAPHD. Last year, as AAPHD president, I asked John to chair the AAPHD Select Committee on the Response to the IOM Committee Report on the Future of Dental Education. The Select Committee under John's leadership produced a thorough report with recommendations on how the dental public health community can bring expertise and resources to bear on the realization of many of the dental education recommendations in the IOM report.

The final line in the summary statement of the AAPHD Select Committee Report reads, "The committee believes that dental public health has a unique opportunity to reach out and join with others who have similar interests and to use our special expertise and experience to improve and protect the oral and general health of the American people." Those were John's words as committee chair—words he has lived by in his distinguished career in dental public health and education. John also has had an opportunity to reach out and join with others who have similar interests and has used his special expertise and experience to improve and protect the oral and general health of the American people. He has taken full advantage of that opportunity. We are pleased to honor him with our AAPHD Distinguished Service Award.