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Dr. Robert Schmidt - GOLD MEDAL AWARD RECIPIENT

In Recognition and Appreciation of his Service to the Profession of Dentistry

Greater St. Louis Dental Society held its Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Robert Schmidt received the Society's Gold Medal Award at the event.

Dr. Robert Schmidt has been in service activities from a young age. He studied to be a priest in the seminary for nine years, and then received a master's degree from the University of Missouri to work with special populations at the St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens and later for the Special Olympics. After graduating from UMKC School of Dentistry in 1985, Dr. Schmidt worked with Lakeside Hospital in developing a Mobile Dental Service using a 27-foot RV, serving 32 nursing homes and homebound patients.

Dr. Schmidt and his wife, Kathy, have participated in 13 medical/dental missions to Honduras, and one trip to Haiti to help with the victims and families. He and Kathy led five trips to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to rebuild homes.

Dr. Schmidt has volunteered dental services for Community Health In Partnership, Volunteers in Medicine (also on Board of Directors), Donated Dental Services, SSM Senior Services for 13 years, and 16 years working with Sr. Raquel Ortiz providing low cost dentistry to our local Hispanic population. He was on the Board of Directors for the Head Start program in St. Charles County, and helped with a Mission of Mercy in Texarkana, Texas in 2013.

Dr. Schmidt was on the Doctors Who Care committee of the GSLDS from which sprang Give Kids A Smile. He also participated in the Speakers Bureau and in the St. Louis Central Study Club. He was recently inducted as a Fellow in the International College of Dentists.

His hobbies include raising cattle, an occasional ice hockey pickup game, sailing, and deer hunting. His wife Kathy is a physical therapist and they have been married 37 years this week. Their son, Ben, is an aircraft mechanic in Duluth, Minnesota and son, Jon, is a computer geek with Centene Corporation in Clayton. Their daughter, Anna, hopes to become a hygienist or orthodontist and is expecting their first granddaughter in February.