

Award

American Academy of Gold Foil Operators' 2014 Distinguished Member of the Year Award



Dr. Barry O Evans

In presenting this year's Distinguished Member Award to Dr. Barry Evans, we could begin by talking about the definition of the word "distinguished", which means "to be made conspicuous by excellence". Dr. Barry Evans exemplifies conspicuous excellence in several areas of his career and life and this award acknowledges him for his skill as a gold foil operator and his accomplishments and service to this organization.

Dr. Evans' commitment to his profession can be seen in his long term membership and participation in several dental organizations, in which he has held several offices. He is a member of the Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, a Fellow in the International College of Dentists and a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry. He is a Past President of the Academy of RV Tucker Study Clubs, Past President of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, Immediate Past President of the Associated Ferrier Study Clubs and currently serves as Treasurer of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators. He has been a long term member of 7 different study clubs and has mentored 4 study clubs. He has presented numerous essays, table clinics and papers and was honored as AAGFO Outstanding Clinician of the Year in 2007.

Dr. Evans was a member of the Seattle RV Tucker Cast Gold Study Club for 33 years, where he honed his skills in cast gold restorative work. He has been a member of the Alex Jefferies Study Club since 1983 and has had a venerable list of mentors, including Dr. Dick Tucker. Dr. Evans has been heard to say that what makes him a good dentist is "bulldog determination" and where this can be seen time after time is in the work he accomplishes in study club. There is no better example of what "distinguished member" means than the example a clinician like Dr. Evans sets; working with concentration, diligence, humility and respect for his patients to create beautiful, long-lived restorations which set a standard of excellence for his fellow study club members to follow. His roles as student and mentor are of one piece and he is above all, a constant learner. A common thread which unites the recipients of this award is that in addition to having superlative clinical skills which their fellow dentists emulate, they are all natural teachers by virtue of their ability to generously share information with their fellow clinicians.

Dr. Evans practices in Portland, Oregon where he continues to be an influence in Oregon dentistry with his involvement and support of OHSU School of

Dentistry. Barry and his wife Yvonne have two children, Arianna and Bryce (who is also a practicing dentist in Seaside, Oregon) and four grandchildren. In acknowledging how important family support is to all of us in our dental careers, Barry shares this award and the admiration of his fellow AAGFO

Members with his wife Yvonne. Thank you, Barry, for all you do for us!

Submitted by Dr Carol Klingensmith
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