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Announcement
Dr. A. T. Gillespie
to receive
President's Award for
a Lifetime of Contributions
to the Practice of Medicine
at
Annual Membership
Meeting & Dinner
Thursday, November 8
Trio's & Pavilion in the Park

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Addiction Medicine Meeting Held

On July 19, the Arkansas chapter of the American Society of Addiction Medicine hosted a dinner meeting at St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center. Attendees received CME credits for these presentations.

J. R. Baker, M. D., a family and addiction medicine physician from Batesville, spoke on addictions in women. Harley J. Harber, M. D., a retired addiction psychiatrist from Little Rock, presented "Dual Diagnosis Treatment Issues and Considerations". Forrest B. Miller, M. D., a family and addiction medicine physician from Little Rock, addressed issues in narcotic addiction. All presenters are Fellows of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. More information on ASAM can be found at www.asam.org. (*Editor's Note: September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*)

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Millie Shumard Profile



For nearly half a century Millie Shumard was a gracious example of a valued clinic employee. She retired on December 31, 2006, at age 84, from Arkansas Pediatric Clinic (APC).

When asked to comment on the qualities of a valuable medical clinic employee, Dr. Tony Johnson, senior clinic partner, said, "The practice of pediatrics is unique because of the length of time and many life situations that we become involved in with our patients. Having long term employees who we can trust completely and that our patients learn to trust, enables us to provide the type of medical care we strive to. Millie was one of those employees, and we have been lucky to have her."

Millie was hired as bookkeeper following the tragic death of her predecessor, Mildred Dunn Wright, in an automobile accident. The clinic began as Briggs, Toombs & Dungan Clinic and was originally located at 2425 W. 6th in a building owned by Dr. Barnett "Barney" Briggs, one the state's leading pediatricians. Since the

office didn't have a space for Millie, she took the work home until Doctors Building (East) was completed in 1963. Millie said, "At that time the entire clinic moved to Suite 200 (where they remain today) and I got to have an office of my own."

She remembers keeping a general ledger, cash journals, and the 'uptown' electric typewriters. She recalls that the doctors did not keep regular hours in those days and would see patients until there were no more patients waiting. One Saturday, Millie recalled, Dr. Barney saw 44 patients.

Dr. Frazier Kennedy (retired), who still sings her praises, said, "Millie worked in the capacity of administrative assistant/business manager and was there when I joined the practice 38 years ago. She was most helpful to me at that time, introducing and teaching me about the business aspects of a busy practice. Millie's work ethic was exemplary in that she was always so reliable and loyal, being there regardless of the weather, in spite of minor illnesses, etc. This, plus being so knowledgeable, so capable and thorough, made her the consummate employee. She was an inspiration to me as she continued to maintain her quality of work in spite of advancing years leading up to her retirement. Over the years, she became a dear friend in addition to being a wonderful employee."

Millie and her husband, Frank, who died in 1989, had two children.

Millie said, "I've seen many changes over the years but overall the one thing that has not changed is the compassionate care of children. Pediatrics is driven by dedication and love of children rather than money. It just does not receive the same reimbursement as other specialties. Pediatric medicine is like being a detective since young children can't tell you what's wrong. It takes a special kind of physician to diagnose and treat children."

Since retirement, Millie has been invited to serve on the Board of the Little Rock Central High School Alumni Association, where she was a 1940 honor graduate. She regularly attends the "Life Quest" lecture series and has taken a couple of computer courses. Millie also answers phones for Calvary Baptist Church in the Heights and is planning to compile an APC cookbook as well.

When asked what keeps her going, Millie responded, "Anything that keeps the mind going." She is energetic proof of this successful philosophy.

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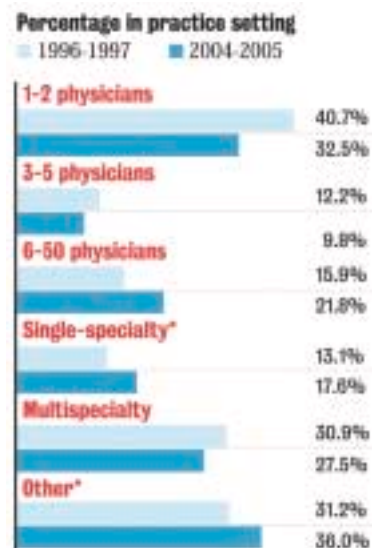
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Welcome New Members

- Kristin A. Jarrad, MD
- Nosheen Amir Mian, MD
- Tamim Antakli, MD
- Palak Choksi, MD
- Caroline May, MD
- Oksana Y. Melnyk, MD
- Chassan Wali, MD

2007 Calendar of Meetings and Events

October 15	PCMS Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 p.m., Doctors Bldg. Conference Room	November 8	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Pavilion in the Park, Catered by Trio's
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