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St. Louis Dentist Receives Gold Medal Award In Recognition and Appreciation of His Service to the Profession of Dentistry



St. Louis - Greater St. Louis Dental Society member, Dr. Joseph F. Shea, received the Dental Society's Gold Medal Award at the Society's Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Silver Oaks Chateau, in Pacific, Missouri.

Dr. Shea is a Prosthodontist in private practice in Sunset Hills. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Missouri – Kansas City in 1982, and his Masters of Science in Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry from the University of Michigan in 1989.

Dr. Shea is a Fellow in both the American College of Prosthodontists and the American College of Dentists Fellow. He has achieved Diplomate status from the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Shea has formerly taught at Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine and is currently an instructor with the A.T. Still University Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health. He is active in lecturing to local study clubs and dental organizations. He also serves as Chairman of the Prosthodontic Peer Review Committee and is head of the licensing committee for Prosthodontics for the Missouri Dental Board.

Currently, Dr. Shea is the Lead Trainer for eastern Missouri for Missouri Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) courses, a role he has held since 2006. In 2012, Dr. Shea was recognized with a Presidential Citation by the Missouri Dental Association (MDA) for his dedicated commitment to new curriculum development for the EFDA program. He was also recognized with the MDA Distinguished Service Award that same year for his teaching activities related to EFDA.

A participating dentist in the Dental Lifeline Network, providing free dentistry to the needy, Dr. Shea is a recipient of the Dental Lifeline Network Humanitarian Award as Missouri Volunteer of the year in 2011.

He has also been active in leadership at the District level of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society, serving as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President over the years. Dr. Shea was a member of the Board of Directors of The Foundation of the St. Louis Dental Society from 1985-1987, and again from 1998-2002. He served as Chair of the Council on Scientific Sessions in 1995, 1999 and 2012. Dr. Shea is a Past President of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society.

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About Greater St. Louis Dental Society

The Greater St. Louis Dental Society (GSLDS) is a non-profit organization with approximately 1,000 members in the Greater St. Louis area, representing all areas of dentistry. The GSLDS provides support to member dentists, helping them in their commitment to improve the dental health of St. Louis area residents. The organization's mission is to lead, educate and advance the profession of dentistry for our members and the public we serve. The GSLDS is a component of the Missouri Dental Association, and American Dental Association.