



1940s

Keith R. Sisson, D.O., '43, Grand Rapids, Mich., retired after 67 years of practicing in Grand Rapids, 50 of them in the same office. Dr. Sisson's mission has always been the same – to deliver healthcare with old-fashioned compassion.

During his career, he made house calls, delivered more than 2,000 babies, and provided care without being paid in full or sometimes not at all. "There are probably a few kids running around these days who still aren't paid for," he says with a grin.

He would oblige a sick person virtually any day of the year – weekends and holidays, days and nights. "If I was in town," he says, "I was available."

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1950s

Harold I. Magoun Jr., D.O., FAAO, FCA, D.O.Ed.(hon.), '50, Greenwood Village, Colo., began hosting an Internet radio talk show in July. The program, "Your Good Health," airs Saturday mornings at www.castlesrockradio.com. Dr. Magoun will promote osteopathic medicine and his first book, "Structured Healing," which discusses aspects of lifestyle necessary for good health and the importance of osteopathic treatment.

Maynard Amelon, D.O., '51, found himself on the receiving



end of life-saving care on December 29, 2008, when he suffered cardiac arrest and a severe concussion. Unresponsive, blue, and with

no pulse, Dr. Amelon received CPR from his daughter, **Cynthia R. Amelon, D.O., '84**, until paramedics arrived. After a month of care, the Amelons say their prayers were answered, and Dr. Amelon went home to begin another chapter of life. Their advice to others: "Keep up your CPR techniques; you never know when you could be called on to save a life."



Wilbur T. Hill, D.O., FACOFP, '51, Liberty, Mo., has been recognized by Cambridge "Who's Who" for showing dedication, leadership, and excellence in the practice of osteo-

pathic family medicine. He will be featured in Cambridge Publishing's "Top 101 Industry Experts," due to be released this summer.

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David R. Armbruster, D.O., FACOFP, '63, Pearland, Texas, has been awarded life membership in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association (TOMA). Life membership is awarded to those osteopathic physicians who have given exemplary service to the profession and, in so doing, have added to the stature and prestige of the osteopathic profession; have been a TOMA member for a minimum of 25 years; and have championed the profession by providing outstanding care to their patients throughout their careers.

Robert Y. Fong, D.O., '65, Irving, Texas, has been awarded life membership in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association.

Harold Thomas, D.O., FACOFP, '65, Bentleyville, Ohio, received the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of the osteopathic legacy he has passed on to future generations.



Albert L. Pick, D.O., J.D., '67, Atlanta, Ga., was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Vocational Health Occupations Program at Amarillo Public Schools (Texas). Dr. Pick, who practiced in Texas for many years,

served as a trainer and mentor for high school student nurses on track for the school of nursing. In addition, he also trained nursing students. Dr. Pick is shown holding the certificate and a surgeon statuette presented to him.

Terrence E. Hawkins, D.O., '68, Kirksville, has returned to his hometown of Kirksville to join practice with **H. Burton Young, D.O., '72**, at Ophthalmology Consultants. Dr. Hawkins, a board certified ophthalmologist who served a fellowship in neuro-ophthalmology in London, England, specializes in children's eye problems, as well as neurological conditions in both children and adults.

Howard J. Lang, D.O., '69, Colleyville, Texas, has been awarded life membership in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association.

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Ted C. Alexander Jr., D.O., '71, Wichita Falls, Texas, has been awarded life membership in the Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association.



Stanley E. Grogg, D.O., FACOFP, '71, Tulsa, Okla., spoke on the topic "Medical Aspects of Af-



ghanistan" to ATSU students in Kirksville April 3. His presentation was sponsored by Rotaract, an ATSU-KCOM student organization. Last October, Dr. Grogg, who has visited 137 countries, traveled to Afghanistan and visited Kabul Medical University through In His Image, International where he lectured on a number of topics, made rounds with another pediatrician, and taught family practice residents at Kabul's CURE International Family Health Clinic. Dr. Grogg is a member and past president of the KOAA Board of Directors and will serve as interim president at OSU Center for Health Sciences beginning July 2. Grogg has had a volunteer faculty appointment at OSU-CHS since 1974 and became a full-time faculty member in 1999.

J. Michael Ritze, D.O., '73, Broken Arrow, Okla., was the commencement speaker at North Central Missouri College (NMC) in Trenton, Mo. Dr. Ritze was born and raised in Trenton and attended NCMC. He is serving his first term in the Oklahoma State Legislature and is a member of the Public Health and Social Services, Public Health and Public Safety Legislative Committees.

Bruce P. Bates, D.O., FACOFP, '74, Biddeford, Maine, has been named founding chair of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine's (UNECOM) new department of geriatric medicine. Dr. Bates joined UNECOM in 1984 and currently serves as chair and professor for the department of family medicine.

James P. Riemer, D.O., '77, Pawnee, Okla., was named the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association's (OOA) 2009 Doctor of the Year. The award is given to the osteopathic physician who shows exemplary leadership qualities in

the profession, demonstrates high moral characteristics, and is highly respected among colleagues and peers. The presentation was made during the OOA's Annual Convention held in April in Oklahoma City. Dr. Riemer is pictured here with his wife, Donna.



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Michael L. Kuchera, D.O., '80, Philadelphia, Pa., has been selected to the inaugural class of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine's National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators.



The academy was designed to develop outstanding educators who have met rigorous standards of academic scholarship. An Academy Fellow is inducted for a five-year period. Dr. Kuchera is director of osteopathic manipulative medicine research at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Steven F. Rubin, D.O., FACOFP, '84, Fair Lawn, N.J., was named Osteopathic Physician of the Year by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) during its recent convention.



Dr. Rubin, an ACOFP past president, was recognized for his remarkable

success, both professionally and personally.

Kurt R. Madsen, D.O., '88, Terra Haute, Ind., was a guest on "Regional Hospital Health Alert," a cooperative program between

Regional Hospital in Terre Haute and the Senior Education Ministries. The topic of the episode was osteoporosis. This is a regular health education series for the general public and can be seen on iconnect at www.iconnect.atsu.edu under alumni news.

1990s

Capt. Mark D. Pressley, D.O., M.P.H., FAAFP, '92, Fredericksburg, Va., was honored during a Promotion Ceremony held May 30 at Fredericksburg Christian High School. Brigadier General Andrew W. O'Donnell Jr., director, capabilities development

director, presided over the ceremony, during which Dr. Pressley was promoted from commander to captain. Dr. Pressley's daughter, Abigail, sang the national anthem at the ceremony and with her mother, Lisa, and sister, Mary Kathryn, presented the shoulder boards.



Dr. Pressley began his current assignment in June 2004 at Marine Helicopter Squadron One, Quantico, Va., as the senior medical officer (SMO). In addition to his responsibilities as SMO and senior flight surgeon, he has been designated a detachment duty officer and serves as a White House physician and consultant in osteopathic medicine to the White House Medical Unit, providing direct care for senior executive staff.

Melissa M. Rodgers, D.O., '92, Kirksville, has joined Northeast Pediatrics in Kirksville.

Joyce E. Scott, D.O., '94, Celina, Tenn., has published her second book, "Fork Lift," which discusses nutrition and overall health. "I chose the title Fork Lift to illustrate the action of food intake with our body's behavior," Dr. Scott says. She also has written the book "Nobody from Nowhere Going No Place." Visit Dr. Scott's website at www.drjoycescott.com to learn more.

Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine **Gregory L. Swartz**,

D.O. '95, Toledo, Ohio, serves as director of osteopathic medical education at The Toledo Hospital/ Toledo Children's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Swartz previously served as the Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency Program director at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo. He completed his family practice residency in 1998 in Toledo, where he served as chief resident. He subsequently served as site director for the National Health Service Corps in Michigan prior to entering full-time academic medicine.

2000s

Matthew W. Fabian, D.O., '03, Moorhead, Minn., graduated from a general surgery residency at the University of North Dakota in 2008. After completing a mini-fellowship in minimally invasive/ bariatric surgery in 2008, he began practicing general and bariatric surgery at Meritcare Health Systems in Fargo, N.D. Dr. Fabian became board certified in surgery by the American Board of Surgery in May.

Trevor Z. Davis, D.O., '08, Brownstown, Mich., and his wife, Anona, are the proud parents of a daughter, Lillian Anona, born March 15. They also are the parents of three sons, pictured in front, Grant (2), Hyrum (6), and Abram (4).



Abigail Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., D.H.Ed., '09, Youngstown, N.Y., has been named Western New York's Nurse of Distinction. The award holds high honors and recognizes her dissertation and the application of the mentoring program.

In memory

ATSU pays tribute to the following graduates.

1920s

Robert Edison Trublar, D.O., '23

Eunice Inez Johnson, D.O., '25
El Cajon, Calif.

Kenneth R. Steady, D.O., '27
Townsend, Ga.

Alexander B. Russell, D.O., '28
Palm Beach, Fla.

Catherine C. Schartz, D.O., '29
Riverview, Mich.

1930s

Mabel N. Rape, D.O., '32
Hot Springs, Ark.

Keith S. Lowell, D.O., '33
Houston, Texas

Joseph H. Huff, D.O., '38
Burlington, N.C.

Eleanor G. Laughton, D.O., '38
Plano, Texas

William E. Winslow, D.O., '38
Wallkill, N.Y.

J. Dal Baker, D.O., '39
Tulsa, Okla.

Virginia E. Bock, D.O., '39
Denver, Colo.

Robert L. Crumley, D.O., '39
Wayne, Mich.

Beatrice Bradshaw Frayser, D.O., '39
Vinita, Okla.

W. Ober Reynolds, D.O., '39
Alamogordo, N.M.

1940s

Bernard W. Blackman, D.O., '40
Bal Harbor, Fla.

J.W. Derry, D.O., '40
Hialeah, Fla.

Aaron H. Shifrin, D.O., '41
Las Vegas, Nev.

Roman M. Wisniewski, D.O., '41
Richland Center, Wis.

Erle Wilson Fitz Jr., D.O., '42
Urbandale, Iowa

Allen S. Hoyum, D.O., '43
Wausau, Wis.

Dominic Raffa, D.O., '44
Ocala, Fla.

John Ben Eitel, D.O., '45
Port Neches, Texas

Abraham J. Rubin, D.O., '46
Atlanta, Ga.

1950s

Leo Sbeiner, D.O., '53
Lake Zurich, Ind.

Jack H. Hannum, D.O., '55
De Witt, Iowa

James A. Mazzi, D.O., '57
Youngstown, Ohio

Wilson McColem Grimes, D.O., '58
Denver, Colo.

1960s

Earl Walter Blumer, D.O., '63
North Canton, Ohio

Ronnie Merwin, D.O., '64
Everton, Ark.

1970s

Fred R. Dubart, D.O., '70
St. Louis, Mo.

Thomas J. Halter, D.O., '72
Clinton, Ohio

1980s

William B. Campbell, D.O., '82
Nixa, Mo.

1990s

Alyce K. Tyree, D.O., '93
Bevier, Mo.

Elizabeth Darling, MPT, ATC, OCS, PT, '09, Erie, Pa., was featured in a story in the October 2008 edition of *ADVANCE for Physical Therapists & PT Assistants*. It told of her childhood dream to go to the Olympics and the realization of it when she went to the 2008 Olympics to treat the U.S. diving team. Go to www.icconnect.atcu.edu to read more.