

SCHOENROCK AWARD BESTOWED ON HOWARD SMITH

Howard W. Smith, MD, DMD, of New York City, was honored at the AAFPRS Fall Meeting in New Orleans as the recipient of the *Larry D. Schoenrock Distinguished Service Award*. Established in 1997, the award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the integrity of the examination and certification process for facial plastic surgery.

"Howard Smith has two rare traits that make him so deserving of this award," says ABFPRS president Peter A. Adamson, MD, in presenting an elegant, engraved crystal. "First, he is truly unique in sustaining a lifelong passion for facial plastic surgery well into what usually might be considered the 'golden years.' Second, Howard Smith has supported the organizations that embody facial plastic surgery—our Academy and Board—with the most extraordinary generosity. We should all be so willing to make tangible investments in the human endeavors that have captured our hearts and minds." Dr. Adamson states.

As evidence of Dr. Smith's generosity, Dr. Adamson announced that the ABFPRS would soon move into its own headquarters building, thanks to Dr. Smith's most recent gift of more than \$500,000. The gift brings the total amount that Dr. Smith and his family have contributed to facial plastic surgery to nearly \$800,000—especially the examination program—over the last decade.

Dr. Smith also has been generous with his time. He served as AAFPRS president in 1983 and, in 1986, co-founded the Founders Club with Robert L. Simons, MD. He served on the ABFPRS Board of Directors from 1986 to 1994, the latter three years as treasurer. Today, Dr. Smith continues to serve the ABFPRS and the FPS Fellowship Examination Corporation as senior financial adviser.

"These activities are just part of Howard's 'retirement plan,'" Dr. Adamson quips. He recalled that

Dr. Smith was a major influence on teaching at Yale University School of Medicine until he officially retired in 1988. He also ran an exemplary private practice in New Haven, Conn. When he left Yale, he moved to New York City, where he continues to teach at Columbia University. Internationally, Dr. Smith has singlehandedly made possible the creation of a residency program in Honduras. He is still active in teaching and performing cleft lip and palate surgery on a pro bono basis, all part of his ongoing commitment to the development of facial plastic surgery.

Between these commitments, Dr. Smith takes time to enjoy his Lake Placid home, where he refinishes antique mahogany boats and collects Chinese porcelain and paintings of the Hudson River School, among myriad other interests.

"There's no one to whom I'd rather give this honor in memory of Larry," says Diane Schoenrock. Dr. Smith reflects: "I give to facial plastic surgery because facial plastic surgery enabled me to earn what I have to give back. This is my way of protecting our specialty. When facial plastic surgery began to 'come in' I began earning money. I received my legitimacy from our Academy and Board. That's the reason for giving." ■