
Leisure Worlder of the Month

Dr. Hamilton Robinson

LAGUNA HILLS—Many of those honored as Leisure Worlder of the Month deserve to be called high achievers. But few have ever redefined the term within his own field as thoroughly as Dr. Hamilton Robinson.

To recount strides his efforts made in oral pathology, Dr. Robinson will be named "Leisure Worlder of the Month," on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The ceremony, which is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society, will commence at 10:00 a.m., in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Robinson's professional days began upon completion of his schooling in 1936 at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Rochester.

He joined the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis as assistant professor of pathology in 1937. In 1941, he was promoted to associate professor, where he stayed until 1944.

Next he moved on to Ohio State University and became professor of dentistry from 1944-1958. He was director of post graduate dental division from 1947-1952, director of clinical teaching from 1950-1952 and associate dean and chief of the dental staff at University Hospital from 1952-1958.

In 1958, he became dean and professor for oral pathology and diagnosis at University of Missouri in Kansas City. He was acting chancellor in 1967-1968, dean of the school of dentistry in 1968-1975 and dean emeritus when he retired in 1975.

Dr. Robinson was a visiting professor at UCLA from 1975-1983. He also served as a Webb Johnson Lecturer at the Royal College of Surgeons in London in 1961.

He also served as counselor to the assistant chief medical officer at the Veteran Affairs Central Office from 1970-75, and worked at the Kansas City, Ka., and Leavenworth, Ka., VA hospitals from 1958 through 1975. He's served at the Long Beach, Ca., VA hospital since 1975.

In addition, Dr. Robinson was on the staffs of Kansas City General and Mercy Hospitals from 1958 through 1975. He's a former counsellor to the Surgeon General of the USAF at the US Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and the Surgeon General of the US Army and Navy.

He has been a lecturer at the Naval Regional Medical Center at San Diego, was president of the Board of Oral Pathology in 1952-1953, a member of the National Advisory Council on Community Health from 1962-1966, a member of the National Advisory Council for Dental Research from 1972-1976, and on the Board of Science Councillors National Institution for Dental Research from 1962-1966.

At the University of Pennsylvania, he was Dean Lester W. Burkett lecturer in 1975.

As a writer, he co-authored "Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planing," in 1960, "Tumors of the Oral Regions," in 1958, and the "Colby, Kerr and Robinson's Color Atlas of Oral Pathology," in 1983. He served as an editor for Journal of Dental Research from 1935-1958, and for the Journal of the Ohio Dental Society from 1951-1958 and for Dental World from 1978-1983. Additionally, he was associate editor for "Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, and Oral Pathology," from 1946-1954, and was chairman of the board of editors of "Dental Survey," from 1969-1978, and its editor from 1975-1978. He also contributed technical articles to trade and professional journals.

He was president of the Columbus Board of Health from 1946-1964, chairman of the Council of Federation Association of Schools Health Professions 1969-70, Board of Directors of Kansas City General Hospital and Medical Center from 1967-1965, Trustee of the University of Kansas City 1968-1975, and has served on the Board of Councillors for University of Southern California School of Dentistry from 1979-1985.

Dr. Robinson received the Tufts University Award for Leadership in Oral Pathology in 1959, the Callahan Medal in 1964, the Jarvie-Burkhart Medal in 1967, an International Research Award from the Massachusetts Dental Society in 1975, the Hinman Distinguished Service Medal in 1980, and was named an Honorary Fellow to the International College of Dentists, and the American Academy of General Dentistry.

In addition, he's a member of the American Cancer Society and a board member in Missouri, a member of Pierre Fauchard Academy, where he was president from 1958-1959 and a Fauchard Medal recipient on 1950, an honorary member of the American Academy Dental Medicine, and honorary member of the Federation Dentaire Nationale Francais, a first vice president of the American Dental Society in 1971-1972, and an honorary member of the Missouri and Kansas City Dental Societies.

He was president of the International Association of Dental Research in 1959-1960, an honorary member of the American Society of Oral Surgeons, and a member of the American Academy of Oral Pathology from 1952-1953, where he won a Distinguished Service Award in 1985. He was president of the American Society of Dental Schools in 1967-1968, an honorable member of American Society of Dental Anesthesiology, honorable member of the Missouri and Kansas City Dental Hygiene Societies, and member of Sigma Xi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Kappa Pi, and Sigma Phi Alpha.

He has also been honored with the HBG Robinson Seminar in Oral Pathology, which was established in 1973 at Ohio State and the HBG Robinson Professorship, which was established in 1975 at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Dr. Robinson moved to Leisure World in 1975, and has served as a member of the Community Association, where he was vice president in 1981 and president in 1982-1983. He's a member and former president of the Retired Dentists' Association, a member of the Academians, the Men's Golf Club, and the Saddleback Community Hospital Associates. In addition, he's served on the Golden Rain Board since 1983 and is a member of the Community Relations, Health and Welfare, Recreation, and Education committees of the Board.