

Press Release

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Dr. M. Gary Robertson Receives Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award For 2018

Spring Lake, Michigan – Dr. M. Gary Robertson was honored as this year's recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented at the Chamber's Annual Dinner by Shelleye Yaklin, CEO of NOCHS and past Chamber Board Chair. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes and honors business men and women who strive toward the highest level of professional accomplishments, who excel in their chosen profession and have devoted significant time and energy to improve the community's quality of life.

Dr. Robertson's career as an OB/GYN has spanned over 50 years caring for three generations of women and two generations of babies in our community. Upon completing his residency at Tulane in New Orleans, he moved to Grand Haven to become one of the first OB/BYIN's in our community as part of a private practice known as "The Trio" providing care for families at North Ottawa Community Hospital. This group of forward thinking physicians established women's health in our community. During his career at NOCHS he served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery. He served as a Board Member for Michigan State Medical Society Foundation, Michigan Professional Insurance Exchange, and has been involved with numerous medical professional organizations and travel groups that provide worldwide professional development

With busy and unpredictable hours in his professional life, Dr. Robertson has devoted significant time and energy to improve our community's quality of life. He has led innovation and forward thought and most importantly passed it on helping others to grow through leadership and inspiring those around him to engage in meaningful ways. He has served on the Chamber Board of Directors, YMCA and NOCHS and as past Chair of Kiwanis. In addition to governance roles, he has been a successful fundraiser for these organizations. He currently serves as a Board member of Senior Resources in Muskegon and has volunteered his time to see patients at LOVE INC's free health clinic.

Over the years, Dr. Robertson has been a vocal, influential and powerful champion of local medicine, working in Lansing and across the state to help independent doctors by pooling their insurance risk. Throughout his career, whether professionally or as a volunteer, Dr. Robertson's has been an influencer of using dollars raised and time spent to support the kinds of programs that get as close to people in local communities as possible.

Dr. Robertson is a graduate of Albion College and Wayne State University Medical School (1963). He was drafted and served in the United States Air Force in South Dakota providing OB/GYN services on base. Following his residency at Tulane, he chose Grand Haven as the home for his family. Dr. Robertson and his wife Pennie have three children, Holly, Gray, Heather and six grandchildren.

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