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Gray Pharmacist Lloyd J. Duplantis Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Louisiana Pharmacists Association (LPA) has selected Lloyd J. Duplantis, P.D., as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Duplantis was presented with the award at the President’s Banquet during the LPA 133rd Annual Convention and Trade Show on Saturday, July 18. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and the American Pharmacists Association with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Duplantis is the former owner and operator of Lloyd’s Remedies Apothecary Pharmacy in Gray, La., a state-of-the-art community pharmacy specializing in compounding and serving as an advocate for the poor and indigent who need assistance acquiring services available through private and governmental programs. He is now semi-retired and serving as a consultant/contractor pharmacist. He earned his pharmacy degree from Northeast Louisiana University School of Pharmacy.

Duplantis is actively involved in the pharmacy profession. He has been a registered pharmacist since 1969 and has authored articles for various publications as well as two books of his own. The first, entitled “Lloyd’s Remedies,” is a self-help home remedy book based on his years of practical pharmaceutical experience. The second is entitled “The Pill: America’s Sacred Cow,” and recounts his research on the effect of the oral contraceptive pill on patients’ lives and society as a whole. As a compounding pharmacist specializing in hormonal preparations, Duplantis has done extensive research on the mode of action and short- and long-term side effects of hormonal contraceptives. He is an active life member of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association and a Fellow of the American College of Apothecary Pharmacists. He is accredited by the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board and by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy as a DMEPOS supplier.

Outside of the pharmacy arena, Duplantis is dedicated to serving his community in a wide range of capacities. In addition to helping members of his community on a daily basis, he also leads an annual trip to Haiti to help build clean water wells. After visiting Haiti in 2000, he helped form Haiti Mission, Inc., which aims to provide humanitarian aid to numerous villages in the Jeremie region. Although its primary objective is to develop safe and sufficient water supplies, the mission has also launched initiatives focused on education, animal husbandry, and other forms of humanitarian aid. Duplantis is active in his church and is an ordained permanent deacon for the diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession’s most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession

since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

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About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.