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DAVID and KAY SPARKS RECEIVE THE J. LEON LASCOFF MEMORIAL AWARD

The American College of Apothecaries presented the 2007 J. Leon Lascoff Memorial Award to David and Kay Sparks of Houston, Texas, during the College's Midyear Conference conducted April 19 – 22 at the Moody Garden Hotel in Galveston, Texas. The presentation was made during the Award's Luncheon on Friday.

The J. Leon Lascoff Memorial Award is presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to professional pharmacy. It is the highest award presented by the College for service to the profession and has been presented to some of the most outstanding pharmacy educators, practitioners, other health care professionals, and individuals serving in leading legislative positions.

David Sparks has made significant contributions to the pharmacy profession, especially in the practice of compounding. Working for 22 years as the owner/pharmacist of independent pharmacies in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area, he was instrumental in introducing compounding pharmacy to the hospice environment. He helped establish the Oklahoma Hospice Organization and was a founding director of the Hospice of Green Country in Oklahoma.

David moved to Texas in 1988 and, in 1991 became CEO and in 1992, President of Professional Compounding Centers of America. The company currently has more than 3,500 independent pharmacist members located throughout the United States, Canada and Australia.

In 2003, David helped to found Eagle Analytical Services, a PCCA company that provides specialized quality control testing for compounding pharmacists. Every year, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and college of pharmacy students attend PCCA's compounding training. In 1999, PCCA received the Texas Pharmacy Association's Excellence in Corporate Education award.

Over the past several years, David has led the effort to preserve pharmacists' right to compound, and was instrumental, along with several other pharmacy organizations, in obtaining passage of the FDA reform legislation passed and signed into law in November 1997. Section 503 (a) "Application of Federal Law to Practice of Pharmacy Compounding" ensured that compounding pharmacists have the ability to compound and preserves the critical triad relationship of the patient, physician and pharmacist.

David obtained a bachelor's of science degree in pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma in 1966. He is a fellow of the American College of Apothecaries, a member of the American Pharmacists Association and the Texas Pharmacy Association.

David is a member of the professional pharmacy fraternity, Kappa Psi; and a member of the pharmacy honor society, Rho Chi. He is a founding director of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) and an IACP academic fellow. In 1998, he was named a Purdue University Old Master. He also was appointed in 1998 to the University of Houston College of Pharmacy's Dean's Advisory Board. He is a College of Pharmacy Adjunct Professor at the University, as well as a member of the University's Mading Society comprised of major benefactors. David is also a major contributor to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University General Scholarship Fund, and annually sponsors the University's Secundum Artem Scholarship donation. In 2000, David, and his wife, Kay Sparks, were named Distinguished Alumni by the University. In 1999, he was selected by American Druggist as one year's "50 Most Influential People in Pharmacy," and the National Community Pharmacists Association bestowed its 2006 John W. Dargavel Medal upon David during its 108th Annual Convention.

Kay Sparks has dedicated her career to the practice of compounding pharmacy, playing an especially critical role in the training and education of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and college of pharmacy students in this area.

Her professional career began in the late 1960s at Hillcrest Hospital/St. John's Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma as a hospital pharmacist. Kay then worked as a pharmacist in the community practice setting at Scott Robison's Prescriptions in Tulsa.

In 1989, she joined Professional Compounding Centers of America as the Associate Director of Training. Kay also served as Director of Student Training for P*Ceutics Institute, PCCA's provider of college of pharmacy student training and online courses. She has served as a member of PCCA's Board since 1992.

Kay obtained a bachelor's of science degree in pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, in 1966. She is a Fellow of the American College of Apothecaries and of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) and a member of the American Pharmacists Association and the Texas Pharmacy Association. She is a lifetime member of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy Alumni.

Kay has served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor for the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, as well as a Pharmacist Preceptor for the State of Texas. She is a member of the University of Houston's Mading Society, which comprises major benefactors to the College of Pharmacy.

Kay is a major contributor to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University General Scholarship Fund, and annually sponsors the University's Secundum Artem Scholarship donation. Along with her husband, David, Kay was in 2000 named a Distinguished Alumni of her alma mater.

In 1997, she was awarded the PCCA Eagle, which is the company's highest honor and is presented to those individuals who have dedicated themselves to the company, their colleagues and to pharmacy compounding. In 2006, IACP named its new headquarters the Kay Sparks Building in honor of her contributions to compounding pharmacy.