2019 GLAO Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Dr. Jerry R. Hickman

Dr. Hickman received his B.A. degree from DePauw University and his D.D.S. degree from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1965. As an undergraduate dental student he received a research fellowship in cephalometrics from Dr. Charles Burstone. Working closely together they developed a longitudinal cephalometric analysis and a growth prediction procedure for orthodontic treatment planning. He received his orthodontic specialty certificate from Indiana University in 1967 where he continued for a number of years as an Instructor in Orthodontics teaching Growth and Development under Dr. Burstone.

His professional memberships include, Past President of the Indianapolis District Dental Society (1986) where he also served as Past Chairman of the Council of Insurance and Membership Services, Past President of the Indiana Association of Orthodontists (1993) and the Past President of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (2012). At the AAO he served as a member and Past Chairman of the Council of Insurance (COI) after which, for a number of years, he served on the Board of the American Association of Orthodontists Insurance Company (AAOIC). He was one of the founding members of the Hoosier Orthodontic Forum (HOF), an orthodontic study club in Indianapolis, a Diplomat of the ABO and a Fellow in the ACD.

In 1967 he began his orthodontic practice in Indianapolis with Dr. Karl Glander and in 1976 he established his own practice as Hickman Orthodontics. From 1993 through 2006, he served under Dr. Eugene Roberts as the Director of Continuing Education for the Orthodontic Department at Indiana University. In 2000 he had the privilege and honor of having Todd, his son, join him in the practice until his permanent retirement in 2012.

Dr. Hickman and his lovely wife, Sharla, just celebrated their 54th anniversary. They have two children: Holly (Aurora, Ohio), Todd (Bargersville, Indiana) and four grandchildren.