

# *A Celebration of Life*



***Sunday, October 28, 2007  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.***

***Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
2612 Lane Park Road***



**UAB** CENTER  
FOR AGING

## Center for Aging Director *Richard M. Allman, MD*



Welcome and thank you for attending the Sixth Annual UAB Center for Aging “Celebration of Life” Award Reception. We want to express our appreciation to all who have supported the Center for Aging financially in the past year and to honor those that have helped carry out our mission of improving the health and well-being of older adults and their families. We also look forward to renewing friendships and meeting others who want to learn about the Center for Aging and who are interested in our vision of “adding years to life and life to years.”

Our generous corporate sponsors have made this reception possible today. Please take time to visit our sponsors’ exhibits and join me in expressing your appreciation for their support.

Over the last year, nearly 200 Center for Aging faculty members have been involved in conducting research, educating students and professionals, leading community programs, and providing patient care. The Center for Aging was awarded new grants to establish a Resource Center for Minority Aging Research and expand our education efforts in the state through the Alabama Geriatric Education Center. As you meet some of the Center’s faculty today, you will be able to learn more about their work.

While the accomplishments of the Center for Aging are impressive, we have so much more that we need to do. We trust that what you learn today will inspire you to give generously in support of the Center for Aging in the coming year.

Thank you again for attending this year's event.

***Sixth Annual  
Center for Aging  
Awards Reception***

*A Celebration  
of Life*

**2:00 p.m. Welcome and Award Presentations**

*Richard M. Allman, MD*

*Director, Center for Aging*

**McCallum Award:**

*Robert G. Sherrill, Jr., MD, MA, FACPE*

**Bynum Award:**

*Mr. Hyman "Herc" M. Levine, Jr.*

**New Horizons Award:**

*JOY Club at the Levite Jewish*

*Community Center*

**2:45 p.m. Refreshments with Awardees**

**4:00 p.m. Conclusion**



## **The McCallum Award:** ***Robert G. Sherrill, Jr., MD, MA, FACPE***



**Dr. Robert Sherrill, Jr.** was Medical Director and sometimes CEO of Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation (AQAF) for eighteen years. AQAF is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization of Alabama. AQAF was established in the early 1980s with Dr. Sherrill as one of the founding members, serving on the Board before becoming Medical Director in 1983. Prior to assuming his position at AQAF in 1983, Dr. Sherrill was the Medical Director for Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham, AL for eleven years.

Dr. Sherrill was born in Decatur, Alabama and raised in Lakeland, Florida. He graduated from Lakeland High School in 1943 and joined the Army. He trained in Colorado and England, then served with the Ninth Army, participating in the Battle of the Bulge with the Medical Collecting Company until the Germans surrendered. After the German surrender, he served with the 57<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital. After the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, he served on a team that surveyed the German Hospitals.

Post World War II, Dr. Sherrill received his BS in chemistry from Florida Southern College, an MA from Vanderbilt, and his MD from the University of Tennessee-Memphis. Dr. Sherrill has held professional memberships in the AMA, Southern Medical Association, as well as active membership in both Florida and Alabama medical associations. He practiced in Tampa, Florida for 20 years before he was recruited to Cooper Green Hospital. He is a founding member of the American College of Physician Executives.

His numerous awards include Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame (1998) and Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame (2001). In April 2007, AQAF initiated the Annual Robert G. Sherrill, MD Award for Quality, recognizing an individual or entity as statewide champion for quality healthcare. Dr. Sherrill is Professor Emeritus, UAB, Family and Community Medicine.

## **The Robert P. Bynum Award:** *Hyman “Herc” M. Levine, Jr.*

**Mr. Hyman Levine, Jr.** was born on April 27, 1928 in Birmingham. Herc grew up here and spent his early life in business. At about age 45, he developed an interest in physical fitness and eventually went to work at a local hospital. For the next 18 years he excelled at a job that dealt with community/public relations and outreach to the senior community. He retired at age 72.



Still committed to community service and maintaining his own physical fitness program, Herc did not expect to be idle in his retirement years. This is not his way.

During his lifetime, Herc has donated hundreds and hundreds of hours to community service. He has volunteered for the Red Cross, served two terms as president of the Vestavia Park and Recreation Board and been nominated twice for Vestavia's Citizen of the Year.

He is a permanent member of the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and has received commendations from the FBI and Leadership Birmingham for a program on physical fitness he designed.

A founder of the Birmingham Track Club, Herc has created and taught a fitness course, "Introduction to Running through Walking." Herc was a member of the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and even has his own website.

Herc lives a very active lifestyle; daily workouts are a vital part of his routine. In 1996, Herc was one of 2,000 runners selected by Coca-Cola International to carry the Olympic torch up Shades Mountain as it passed through Birmingham to Atlanta.

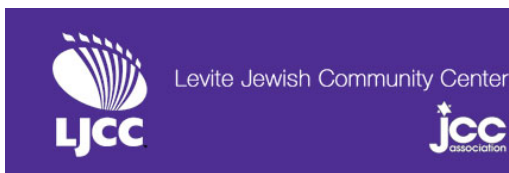
He most recently worked for Orthopedic Sports Medicine Clinic as Director of Community and Public Relations, reaching out to seniors. Herc is also this year's chair of Alabama's Walk as One benefiting the National Conference for Community and Justice.

## New Horizons Award

**NEW HORIZONS at UAB** is a membership group of men and women of retirement age who wish to keep their minds active through learning and fellowship. Launched in January 1989, it is sponsored by the UAB Center for Aging and the Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Policy as a self-governing and member-directed program.

The New Horizons Award is presented to not-for-profit organizations that enhance the health and well-being of older adults.

***The 2007 award recipient is the JOY Club of the Levite Jewish Community Center.***



**The JOY Club** (Jewish Older Years) was founded 21 years ago and is currently housed in the Levite Jewish Community Center (LJCC). It was developed to enhance seniors' quality of life through educational programs, exercise, social gatherings, meals, and to have fun. The JOY Club is open to all seniors in the community.

The mission of the program is to enrich the quality of life mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. The JOY Club offers lectures and social activities for mature adults of the community, conducted both inside and outside of LJCC.

Keeping senior adults independent as long as possible is an important community mission. The JOY Club's activities keep seniors active and happy, as well as enable the program leaders to keep an eye on the personal situation of its members so help and referrals can be provided when necessary.

# Center for Aging Previous Awardees

## MCCALLUM AWARD

2003

*Charles A. McCallum, Jr., DMD, MD and Cameron M. Vowell, PhD*

2004

*Philip and Georgene Keirn and James Russell*

2005

*Thomas H. and Jarman F. Lowder Foundation*

2006

*Corinne H. Rieder, EdD, The John A. Hartford Foundation*

## BYNUM AWARD

2005: *Robert P. Bynum*

2006: *Colonel Stone Johnson*

## NEW HORIZONS AWARD

2005: *New Horizons at UAB*

2006: *Shepherd Center Southside*



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