

trict II and a member of the Executive Board from 1955 to 1959. Everyone recognizes these services as outstanding and of tremendous importance to the Academy.

However, it is not for such services that Dr. Wheatley is being recognized today. The Grulee Award is being presented to this Past President for his contributions to the Academy programs for improving child health in capacities other than President and District Chairman. These contributions include serving as founder and the first Chairman of the Committee on Accident Prevention, as Chairman of the Committee on Rheumatic Fever, as Chairman of the Committee on International Child Health,

and as a member of the Committees on the Improvement of Child Health, School Health, Environmental Hazards, and Nomination.

It is generally recognized that Dr. Wheatley was one of the prime forces responsible for bringing to the attention of physicians and the public the importance of accidents as a cause of death and disability during childhood.

It is in recognition of these outstanding and numerous contributions to the programs of the Academy that I take the pleasure of presenting you with the Clifford G. Grulee Award medal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### THE 1964 STATE CHAPTER AWARD

This year we inaugurate the State Chapter Award of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Made possible by a grant from Wyeth Laboratories and established to pay recognition to State Chapters for outstanding programs in furtherance of the Academy's objectives, the award consists of a check for \$2,500, to be used by the chapter to further improve its program, and a handsome plaque.

To initiate this award, the Executive Committee of the Academy has selected as the recipient the State Chapter known as Section 2, District II (New York) under the chairmanship of Dr. Herbert L. Elias. Section 2 of District II is made up of the pediatricians practicing or working on Long Island. This chapter has been recognized for a broad program actively pursued, to further the best interests of pediatrics and child health. More specifically, Section 2 of New York was the first chapter to publish a News Letter, known as the *Long Island Pediatrician*, and published for ten years.

This was also the first Academy chapter to present continuing postgraduate courses. These are presented each fall on three evenings a week for six or seven sessions. The Chapter's "Directory of Services for the Handicapped Child" lists and describes the various services in the Long Island and New York area. Of its many active committees those on Fetus and Newborn, Juvenile Delinquency, the Handicapped Child, School Health, Accident Prevention, Hospital Outpatient Care and Postgraduate Courses, have had community programs in the past year.

Of several past State Chairmen who have contributed considerably to this fine program, we should mention Thurman B. Givan, John A. Monfort, Harry R. Litchfield, Samuel Karelitz and now Herbert L. Elias. It gives me great honor to grant this first State Chapter Award of the American Academy of Pediatrics to Section 2 of District II and to the Chapter Chairman, Dr. Herbert L. Elias.

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