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2019 Dexter Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award

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Dexter, Missouri: On Saturday, February 10, 2019 the Dexter Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards banquet at the Elks Lodge.

SueAnn Williams, Chamber Director, announced the Distinguished Citizen Award.

Dr. William Kane is a 1970 graduate of Parkway Central high School. He graduated with a degree in biology from Southeast Missouri State University in 1974. After college, he enrolled in dental school at the University of Missouri - Kansas City, where he was president of his dental school class. Following graduation in 1980, he opened his dental practice in Dexter. he has dedicated the past 38 years to serving the community of Dexter. He is currently president of the Missouri Dental Board and he also has been inducted into the American College of Dentists.

He has served on the medical staff of SoutheastHEALTH Center of Stoddard County since March of 1998. As a valued member of the medical staff, he has provided patients of all ages with expert dental care, close to home. he also served as President of the Regional Healthcare Foundation for 10 years and currently serves on their Board of Directors.

Outside his dental practice, two of his passions are providing affordable dental

care and providing support to individuals struggling with addiction. He has served on the Well-Being Committee for the Missouri Dental Association. He is also an accomplished public speaker and has traveled the country lecturing on the addiction crisis and advising dentists about how to treat addicted patients. he is a published author with his contribution to the American Dental Association book regarding Substance Abuse Disorders and Safe Prescribing.

He is active in his community and has been instrumental in organizing and maintaining dental charities, while working to improve access to dental care. he has dedicated countless hours to Smiles for Hope at the Lighthouse Church in Dexter since its inception in March 2010. He has also worked with Missouri Missions of Mercy Dental (MOMOM), Dental Clinic.

He and his wife Brenda have three daughters Amber, Kelly, and Laura and seven grandchildren. He enjoys yearly vacations in Gulf Shores, Alabama. he is also an avid waterfowl hunter.

Congratulations Dr. Kane!

Pictured from left are Senator Doug Libla, Kane, State Representative Herman Morse and Dexter Chamber Executive Director Korie Fish

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