Capital Medical society recognizes two local physicians

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The Capital Medical Society (CMS), along with title sponsor Capital Health Plan, will celebrate Doctors’ Day at the 13th annual Celebration Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the FSU University Center Club. Dr. Nelson Kraeft will receive the I.B. Harrison, M.D. Humanitarian Award. Dr. Alma Littles will receive the Outstanding Physician Award. At the dinner, the medical community will also recognize local physicians who retired in 2013 and introduce physicians new to the community in the last year. This year, Dr. Nelson Kraeft, a retired board-certified thoracic surgeon, will be honored with the I.B. Harrison, M.D. Humanitarian Award. This award is bestowed on a physician who has been nominated and selected by his/her peers as one who exemplifies the values that Dr. I.B. Harrison personified: compassion, service, respect, wisdom, and integrity.

The award is named for the late Dr. I.B. Harrison, who was an esteemed pioneer in the Tallahassee medical community, an internist with the original Southern Medical Group and eventually served as the longtime Medical Director at TMH.

The award was introduced by Capital Health Plan in 1997 and was jointly presented with CMS. Previous recipients are: Dr. I.B. Harrison, Dr. Hank Warr, Dr. A.D. Brickler, Dr. William Smith, Dr. Pat Woodward, Dr. Brian Schedy, Dr. Otson Smith, Dr. David Craig, Dr. James Stockwell, Dr. Lisa Jermigan, Dr. Charles Mathews, Drs. Louis & Judy St. Peter, Dr. Sam Moorer, Dr. Whit Oliver, Dr. Don Zorn, Dr. James Geisinger, and Dr. David Miles.

This year, Dr. Alma Littles, a board-certified family medicine physician and leader in rural health care and medical education, will also be honored with the Outstanding Physician Award.

This award honors a physician who has demonstrated leadership within the field of medicine through involvement in organized medicine and political activities, clinical excellence and contributions to education, particularly with medical students. Previous recipients are: Dr. Thomas Hicks, Dr. Jerry McCoy, Dr. Larry Deeb, Dr. Ray Bellamy, Dr. Gary Winchester, Dr. Charles Moore, Dr. Charles Williams, and Dr. Dean Watson.