

'A full participant in life'

The College of Medicine lost one of its best friends in May. Charles R. Mathews, distinguished physician and active volunteer providing primary care for indigent people, was celebrated in a memorial tribute at the medical school.

Mathews, a physician who was an expert in pulmonary and critical-care medicine, donated his money and time to geriatrics education at Florida State. In addition, he donated a rare set of documents from the 1966 White House Conference on the Implementation of Medicare, which he attended.

Bruce Berg, dean of the College of Medicine's Sarasota campus, is one of the many for whom Mathews was a mentor. At the memorial service, Berg recalled: "Charles was a teacher and a collaborator, ... an organizer, a traveler, a builder, ... a sailor, a calligrapher, a singer, a cyclist, an adventurer and a risk-taker. And without doubt a full participant in life."

Watch Ken Brummel-Smith's interview with Mathews about the physician's responsibility to the medically indigent and more: <http://medicareexhibit.weebly.com/dr-charles-r-mathews.html>

Read about the historic Medicare documents that Mathews donated to Florida State University: Go to med.fsu.edu and search for "piece of history."



Charles R. Mathews