

FPMS Report

“The Society”: Giving a Chance to Someone Else

Over the last 10 years that I have served as President of the Florida Podiatric Medical Society (FPMS), I have tried to create opportunities for it to fulfill its mission. I believe that it has done so through its scholarship giving as well as its contributions to benefactors across Florida. The Society has given over \$10,000 to students of Podiatry, young adults who suffer from disabilities, and other young adults wishing to attend diabetes camp. Through this giving, the Podiatrists of the FPMA have promoted Podiatry. More importantly, we have shown that we are grateful for the gifts that have been given to us and wish to share our good fortune with fellow humans.

Looking back at my life and how I was able to get where I am today, there were dozens of moments when someone helped me to better myself. For the most part, I took advantage of those opportunities. I remain grateful to those individuals/organizations that impacted my life. However, I am always aware that these awesome gifts come with a responsibility. To not give back to my fellow man would be to dishonor all the people that were generous to me.

I know that my story is not unique. Over the years, many of you have shared similar stories and I know you too are grateful for the opportunities that you received. I remain very proud of all that the Society has become and the numerous scholarships it provides. However, I am fully aware of how much more it should be doing to help so many. Please take a moment to reflect on your story and remember all those special people whom you are thankful for. Then make a commitment to give to the Florida Podiatric Medical Society. All you need to do is send a small check to the Tallahassee office with “For the Society” written on the bottom. If you would like to honor someone, do not hesitate to ask for a named scholarship.

The past few years have been tough for many of us. The next decade appears to be just as challenging. However, we all need to think about how hard and challenging times are for the disabled, the sick, the poor, and the young Podiatric Physicians who are now training in our schools and residencies. We also need to remember those individuals or organizations who, in our needy times, made a difference in our lives. Let’s continue to show Florida what Podiatric Physicians are: leaders in healing and leaders in giving back as well.

May the sun shine, all day long,

Everything go right, and nothing go wrong.

May those you love bring love back to you, and may all the wishes you wish come true!

Faternally,

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