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In Memoriam

Herbert J. Vear, DC, FICC
10 June 1924 – 2 February 2012

A valued friend and a member of our Editorial Board for the past 21 years, Herbert J. Vear passed away on 2 February 2012.

Dr Vear was born in Toronto on 10 June 1924, educated in the Ontario School System and earned his Senior Matriculation in 1942 from the East York Collegiate Institute.¹ He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in December 1942 and trained as a navigator. He saw action in the European Theatre of war with the RCAF Bomber Command during 1944-45. After the war he served in the RCAF's reserve force during 1961-68 and retired with the rank of major.¹

Upon discharge from military service in 1945 he enrolled at the University of Guelph to study veterinary medicine, however at a meeting with his mother's chiropractor, C.C. Clemmer, DC, he was persuaded to consider chiropractic as a career. Clemmer was one of the founders of the then just forming Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) and Herb enrolled in the inaugural class in September 1945.¹

He earned his chiropractic degree in May 1949 and commenced a full time practice of 20 years in Toronto. In September 1957 he returned to CMCC as an instructor in pathology while continuing his private practice. To further his knowledge of pathology he was allowed to attend the post-mortem examinations of the Banting Institute, a division of the University of Toronto. In his three years at Banting he participated in some 250 dissections and with the specimens he was allowed to retain he established the CMCC's pathological museum.¹

In January 1969 he was promoted to the office of Dean of CMCC in the administration of then President A.E. Homewood, and following Homewood's departure in 1970 Herb assumed the role of chief administrative officer of

CMCC. In 1974 he was elected Fellow of the International College of Chiropractors (FICC).¹

In the early 1970s he joined with other Canadian leaders to form the College of Chiropractic Sciences-Canada (CCS-S). This group was established to promote scholarship in chiropractic and to better prepare a generation of DC academicians to meet the challenges of chiropractic science and research and to serve as faculty mentors to future doctors.¹

Dr Kirkaldy-Willis, after having practised in Nairobi for some 25 years returned to Canada and became head of the new orthopaedic department at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. Having had some experience with chiropractic in Africa he was pleased to find Gordon Potter, DC, MD, practising in Saskatoon. Potter was a CMCC graduate, had practised in Brisbane (I remember meeting him at some ACA conference in the 1960s) and was studying medicine in Brisbane.²

Kirkaldy-Willis and Potter persuaded chiropractors and medical practitioners to work together for the greater benefits to their patients.²

Potter recalled that around 1974 there was a chiropractic convention in Saskatoon. Dr Vear was there and expressed a wish to meet Professor Kirkaldy-Willis. They seemed to hit it off very well, and Potter was taken aback when Vear asked about the possibility of chiropractic graduates doing rotating residency in his department. Kirkaldy-Willis agreed and the program was born with Dr David Cassidy being the first to enter the program.³

Among the College of Chiropractic Sciences-Canada first accomplishments was the organisation of an extensive bibliography of scientific papers bearing on the art of

manipulation. This resource served the profession during the 1975 Conference on Spinal Manipulation organised by the National Institute of Neurological & Communicative Disorders & Stroke. This collection eventually became the *Chiropractic Research Abstracts Collection* (CRAC).¹

Herb Vear left CMCC in 1977 and became dean of the Western States Chiropractic College (WSCC) in Portland, Oregon. Two years later he became President of WSCC and appealed to the Council on Chiropractic Education to have the school's provisional status upgraded to full accreditation, which he accomplished in 1981.¹

During his presidency at WSCC the Chiropractic Library Consortium (CLibCon) and its *Index to Chiropractic Literature* (ICL) was formed in 1980. ICL is one of the most important indexes for chiropractic periodical literature.¹

Herb was also active in the Association for the History of Chiropractic (AHC). His membership started in 1982 and he served on their board of directors and two years as its president. In 1993 he collaborated in the formation of the Canadian Chiropractic History Association. He was named Director Emeritus of AHC in 1995 and was awarded AHC's highest award, the Lee-Homewood Heritage Award in 1997.¹

He was one of the individuals responsible for the 1984 policy revision of the American Public Health Association (APHA) towards chiropractic. The APHA, the world's largest

and oldest organisation devoted to health promotion and disease prevention had long followed allopathic medicine's position that chiropractic was unscientific and without merit. In collaboration with Rand Baird, MPH, DC, the APHA's stance toward chiropractic was softened and chiropractors were admitted as professional members. Herb was elected to the APHA's Governing Council for 1985-86 and again 1989-1992.¹

Herb had been honoured with many awards and life memberships in recognition of his devotion to the chiropractic profession its education and its history. He was very prominent in the chiropractic profession and is truly part of our history.⁴

He will be very much missed by all who knew him and his passing is a great loss to our profession.

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In Memoriam



Kazuyoshi Takeyachi

13th Jan 1943 - 22nd Feb 2012

Dr Kazu Takeyachi, a pioneering chiropractor in Japan, died in Tokyo Japan, aged 69.

Born January 13 1943 in Tokyo Dr Takeyachi was destined to be a part of chiropractic history. The oldest son of Yoneo Takeyachi, himself an early chiropractic pioneer, in 1957 Kazu took the courageous step of leaving Japan to study Chiropractic at the National College of Chiropractic. Working under his esteemed mentor Joseph Janse, he graduated in 1968 returning home to set up practice as the Tokyo Chiropractic Centre. Eventually he would be joined by his two brothers, Hiroaki and Nobu who had followed in his footsteps and studied chiropractic in the United States.

Operating a highly successful practice, Kazu was always aware of the need for the profession to organize itself and

embark upon the arduous road towards political reform. His political involvement was formalized early and in 1970 he was elected President of the Japanese Chiropractic Association (JCA), holding this position for 19 years.

Over several decades Dr Takeyachi battled for the recognition his beloved profession deserved both in Japan and Internationally. His many honours include Fellow of the International College of Chiropractic, an honorary doctor of laws degree from National College and an honour award from the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) (1995).

Kazu was a pivotal force in establishing the first CCE equivalent chiropractic educational program in Japan, in 1995 heading the RMIT University Chiropractic Unit-Japan from which the Tokyo College of Chiropractic arose. The RMIT

collaboration was very successful, graduating well over 300 graduates over a 17 year period.

One of his greatest dreams was to obtain formal accreditation of the program and this was achieved in 2005 when the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia awarded a 5 year period. The program has maintained its accreditation status since that time.

In 2008 the JCA made the decision to wind down the relationship with RMIT as it had successfully developed the experience and expertise to continue as an independent entity, and in 2009 the exciting era of the Tokyo College of Chiropractic commenced.

In spite of his ailing health Kazu assumed the role of Vice President of TCC and up until the time of his death was working vigorously to see the college incorporated into the formal Japanese education system.

Kazu was a proud father to his two sons who have followed him into a career in chiropractic. His younger son, Yasunobu also graduated from National College in 2006 and his older son, Yoshiaki graduated from RMIT University Chiropractic Unit-Japan in 2009 after working as an orthopaedic surgeon for many years.

Throughout his life Kazu worked tirelessly on behalf the profession that he so dearly loved.

He never gave up and as recently as a few months ago was meeting with Japanese political representatives in order to establish formal recognition of the profession.

For all of his outstanding professional qualities and achievements Kazu will be especially remembered as a kind and overwhelmingly generous man. His willingness to unselfishly share his experience and expertise with his professional colleagues across the globe was renowned. To his staff and students at Tokyo College of Chiropractic he was a gifted educator and mentor.

Most importantly he was a family man loved and respected by all including his 3 grandchildren. Kazu Takeyachi will be sadly missed not only by those who knew him well but by the International Chiropractic community who have drawn inspiration from his lifelong work. Kazu will be remembered as a true hero of the profession.

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REGGIE R. GOLD, DC, PhC, FPAC
Philosopher of Chiropractic
16 DECEMBER 1925 – 24 MARCH 2012

This is an unashamedly personal memento to a dear friend and college flatmate. The accompanying portrait is one of a series of studies I made of Reggie in 1957, because I prefer to remember him in his prime rather than later portraits which showed the ravages of time.

Reggie was born on 16 December 1925 in London and died 24 March 2012 at his home in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Our story begins in early January 1955. At that time I was living in a rooming house on 14th Street in Davenport and the

room across the hall was occupied by Thom Gelardi. Reggie arrived and asked me to join him as a flat mate in a second floor apartment he had leased on Ripley Street.

What a strange combination we made. I was German, had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, never fired an angry shot and left military service with the rank of Corporal. And there was Reggie, a combat veteran of World War II, who had served in the British Paratroopers and held the rank of Major, the youngest Major in the British Armed Forces.

Reggie possessed a photographic memory. Anything he read was automatically recorded in his brain. Ask a question on anatomy and he would quote Gray's Anatomy, page number, and verbalise what paragraph two contained. He used this ability to hold study sessions prior to exams for groups of classmates.

He worked at the Putnam Museum designing and building exhibits and on many evenings gave dinner parties in various homes selling cookware by using a single burner and cooking complete meals by stacking the various pots on top of each other.

On campus his car was the only new Cadillac. He had purchased it in his previous line of selling cemetery plots in New York and New Jersey.

Like many of our classmates Reggie belonged to Toastmasters Club 1917. Being able to speak on any subject, both pro and con, he won two consecutive Toastmasters District 19 annual speech contests.

At graduation time Reggie was both class president and Valedictorian. While most of us returned to our homes after graduation and started to set up practices, Reggie stayed behind at the college, where he studied chiropractic philosophy which culminated in his thesis "The Triune of Life" which earned him the PhC degree and then established a highly successful practice in Spring Valley, New York.

Reggie supported Sherman College since before its founding in 1973. He retired from his Spring Valley practice to help Thom Gelardi develop the college and served as dean of the college and philosophy instructor and contributed his time to fund raising and recruiting students. The "Triune of Life" became the main philosophy text at Sherman College and has been read and treasured by generations of chiropractors and students.

Reggie left Sherman College in the late 1970s and helped establish and serve as president of another straight chiropractic college—ADIO Institute of Straight Chiropractic in Pennsylvania.

He travelled the globe spreading the chiropractic message and was responsible for inspiring hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people of all ages to pursue a career in chiropractic. He was a popular guest lecturer at Sherman College and played a vital role in the college's student recruitment efforts. In 1989 he was named Sherman College Career Advisor of the Year. He freely donated his time to visit the college to address and inspire the student body, represent the college at career fairs, and assist the college's fund-raising efforts. Additionally, he has contributed a great deal of financial stability of the college and has provided for the college's future in his estate planning.

Reggie's strong communication skills, visionary insight and unfailing dedication to the chiropractic principle continually drew him into the spotlight. In 1990 Sherman College honoured him by dedicating that year's Lyceum program to him and naming him Chiropractor of the Year. Among his numerous awards and honours he has received the International Humanitarian Award presented by the World Congress of Chiropractic and the Doctor of Chiropractic

Humanities degree from Sherman College. He was named a Fellow of the College of Straight Chiropractic by the Federation of Straight Chiropractors and Organizations. The Palmer University system honoured him with the highest award they can bestow: Fellow of the Palmer Academy (FPAC) in 1972.

In the early 1970s Reggie visited Australia for the first time, spent some time with us in Wagga Wagga, then we moved on to Melbourne, where Reggie gave a series of lectures both to the profession and to the general public. For some unknown reason Reggie needed to be adjusted and in his suite at the Sheraton Hotel in Melbourne we used a number of telephone books to act as a headpiece, and I toggled his Atlas. He commented that it was one of the best adjustments he had received in quite a while.

Over the years we usually ran into each other at Palmer Homecomings, where he used to lecture on philosophy to students at the home of the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity.

When in 2007 we met again at the 50th reunion of our class at Homecoming in Davenport we were astounded to see how many of our class mates had passed away.

Reggie is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dr Irene Gold.

Growing up in New York City, Irene Gold developed a strong interest in her own education and put herself through college, initially earning a degree as a Registered Nurse from Fifth Avenue Hospital in NYC. She worked in numerous areas of nursing for fifteen years after graduation from nursing school. The RN was followed by a BS in Nursing Education, and a MA in Health Education.

After meeting and marrying Reggie Gold, the most dedicated and outspoken chiropractor and chiropractic philosopher of all time, Irene's education grew to include that field as well. Irene graduated from Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (now New York Chiropractic College) with her Doctor of Chiropractic in 1974.

Prior to conducting board reviews, Dr Irene taught in several different chiropractic colleges for a number of years; first for Columbia Institute, then Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, and finally ADIO Chiropractic College. Her years at Sherman College included several years as academic dean.

The board review classes started at Sherman College in 1975 as a way to help the students pass the National Board. The Irene Gold Associates organization became incorporated in 1978 in the state of Pennsylvania. She takes great pleasure in having successfully prepared many thousands of doctors for licensure since that time.

Now the question arises, who can and will arise to try and fill the shoes of one of the greatest Chiropractic Philosophers of all times?

Reggie, you are going to be missed by thousands.

Vale, until we meet again in the great beyond.

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