

John Killip Gets Great News

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I'd like to share my great news. On Tuesday, July 8, the Stem Cell doctors at KU Medical Center gave us the news that my multiple myeloma is now in 100 percent remission. There could be no better news in my world than this!!! They are developing a two-year protocol to 'keep me in line,' which will include daily doses of Thalomid, bi-weekly lab tests and monthly/quarterly doctors appointments.

July 3rd was my mother's 96th birthday. To celebrate, I rode my bike 18 miles from my wife Kathy's sister and brother-in-law's home into the town of Creede, Colo., elevation over 8,000 feet. On July 4th Kathy's Colorado family treated us to a dinner of ribs, grilled corn on the cob and 'CRABS until you drop,' accompanied by three vodka martinis.

I had been told that when my hair returned after treatment regimen, it would have a mind of its own. Mine has been described as a Mohawk, but I prefer to think of it as The Wedge.

Upon hearing my great news a very good friend related that he feels he "knows a Giant."

No, my friends, it has taken a great medical team, a fantastic family and a large group of truly wonderful friends to get that 'Giant' off the bed and back on his feet again. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and constant words of support. It is only with your help that I have reached today. ■

dentist of the year

Dr. Michael Morgan Named "Oklahoma Dentist of the Year"



Michael Morgan

The Oklahoma Dental Association named Michael Morgan (DDS '67) as its Dentist of the Year. As a public health dentist, Dr. Morgan has a long history of contributions to his profession and his community through his many positions of leadership and volunteerism. In addition to being a UMKC graduate, he earned a masters of public administration degree from the University of Oklahoma. As the State of Oklahoma's Public Health Dental Director for 32 years, he was involved in most of the state's successful water fluoridation projects, and he was instrumental in other statewide public health programs involving dental health education, tobacco use prevention, dental clinical care, and the dental loan repayment program. Dr. Morgan has served on the Governor's Task Force on Tobacco and Youth and the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee. He is a past president of the National Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, the Oklahoma Public Health Association, and the Oklahoma Dental Foundation. Dr. Morgan retired in 2007. ■

