

Charles H. Hall, Jr. Accepts Robert G. Dicus Award

The following is the acceptance speech given by Mr. Charles H. Hall, PT at the 1992 Annual PPS Meeting.

It is with pride and pleasure that I accept this outstanding and prestigious award. This is both a humbling experience and a wonderful opportunity and I thank all of you for allowing me to share this with you. It is great being here with so many colleagues and friends. I thank you, my many friends who support me, and also thanks to my colleagues who helped me in private practice; to my faithful staff who were always there and some of who are here tonight; to my friends who took the time to come—from Dayton, Jimmy Allen and Jason and Adrienne Few who live here. Thanks to my family who are here: son Chuckie, daughter Lori and her husband Daryl, and son Reginald (who many of you have seen at meetings). There are three other people I wish could be here. They are my parents Charles and Beulah Hall who worked so hard to in-

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sure that my brother and I received an education so that we would not have to "work as hard as they did" and our son Ronald whom we lost in an auto accident this year. Also a heartfelt thanks to my lovely wife Margaret who is always supportive and helpful.

In considering what I would talk with you about, I read material on Bob and talked with people who were familiar with him. I was moved by a statement by Charles M. Magistro, PT, in *Physical Therapy Today* about Robert G. Dicus. He stated, "My regret is that there are but a few recipients of this award who will have known Bob personally. As time passes, this award must not lose its significance. I trust that the character of this man will be indelibly inscribed in the archives of this section, and the future recipients of this honor will have a complete understanding of the man for whom this award was named and of his significant contributions to our profession and to private practice."

In the next few minutes, I will try to explain some of the fine characteristics of Robert G. Dicus. I know, by comparison, that you also have many of these characteristics.

First, his belief in *people*—and our relationships with each other—as a significant factor in our ability to achieve. Bob found that people are one of our biggest assets. He believed, if we are empathetic in our relationships, our communication will improve and the quality of the interpersonal relationship will improve. Additionally, we must be natural, use communication tools that are right for us, be responsible for conveying ideas, and responsible for the ideas we convey. We must be open to hear new ideas and responsible to develop the trust that follows. Bob Dicus was a people person. Secondly, Bob was *involved*. This is paramount if we are to have influence on our destiny. We

must participate; become obligated to; commit our time, energies, and intellect to; and strive for excellence in all areas of our society.

In other words, we must rise above the average and not follow the traditional path of the silent majority. We must be a part of all the facets of our society, know what decisions are being made and provide input to that decision. Involvement provides us with a varied experience and a broader base from which we can make decisions. These decisions ultimately influence our destiny.

Thirdly, Bob had *virtues*, which translates to a conformity to a standard of what is right; it is in essence, moral excellence. Bob was a man of virtue coupled with a belief in involvement and that relationships with people are essential elements of one's growth, development, success and happiness.

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You see, first we need virtues of the mind because we are responsible for the usage and development of our mind. A good mind should be used for good ideas and constructive purposes.

We need to also develop the virtue of *intellectual honesty*. People should not need to doubt the integrity of our mind. Evils such as dishonesty, deceitfulness, cunning, duplicity or hypocrisy are all products of the mind. An honest mind is a great virtue.

The virtue of *intellectual frankness* is needed, for we should be clear on where we stand on issues. In the

meantime, we must be compassionate in our dealings with people.

Another virtue is the *belief in a superior being*—God is mine. The value of this virtue is that you can draw strength, power, and support from a greater source than yours.

My fourth and final characteristic of Bob was that he loved everyone. Love is what makes it all work. Paul described love as being very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never haughty, selfish, or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone you will be loyal to them no matter what the cost. You will always believe in them, always expect the best of them, and always stand your ground in defending them.

If you truly love, you would not be what the "Baptist" writer described, but to paraphrase you would. . .

- Be an attender *not* an absentee
- Be a pillar *not* a sleeper
- Be a wing *not* a weight
- Be a power *not* a problem
- Be a promoter *not* a provoker
- Be a giver *not* a getter
- Be a goer *not* a gadder
- Be a doer *not* a deadhead
- Be a booter *not* a buckler
- Be a supporter *not* a sponger
- Be a soldier *not* a sorehead
- Be a worker *not* a worrier
- Be a friend *not* a fault-finder
- Be a helper *not* a hinderer
- Be a campaigner *not* a camper

Love makes you do strange things. It lets you be abused, yet you will not try to abuse. It will let you be talked about, yet you won't gossip. It lets others beat up on you, yet you don't hit back. When others pull

away, you will give a helping hand. Love brings out the best in you. Love never ends. It will be here when everything else is gone.

Charles Magistro, I don't think we have to worry, for the love in Bob

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Dicus has permeated into us, and will endure for generations and generations to come. Love lasts forever.

I say to you, be like Bob Dicus; believe in people, be involved, have virtues, believe in a superior power, and love everyone.

Again, this is a great honor and a special occasion for me.

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