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**Thomas Rolands to Receive Community Pharmacist of the Year Award**

Thomas Rolands of Troy will be honored as the Community Pharmacist of the Year at the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 24-26, 2017, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

This award, presented by the Michigan Society of Community Pharmacists (MSCP), recognizes a pharmacist who has displayed professional excellence and exemplary service to community pharmacy practice in advancing public health. The MSCP Board is acknowledging Tom for his contributions to the profession of pharmacy. Tom Rolands has been a practicing pharmacist for over 50 years graduating in one of the first classes at Wayne State University with a five year bachelors of pharmacy degree. He has been an active member of the MPA, Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity and the Wayne State University Pharmacy Alumni Association.

After receiving a pharmacy degree in 1967, Tom practiced in hospital settings for about 10 years. His career changed in 1976 when he became an independent community pharmacy owner. Sustaining this neighborhood business, while serving as a pharmacy preceptor, allowed Tom to form many lifelong relationships. This was made possible with the help of a supportive wife, friends and good health.

Tom is also a volunteer at Cabrini Clinic, the oldest Free Clinic in the entire country. It is located in the Corktown area of Detroit and always serves the needs of the poor and uninsured. Even with the advent of the Affordable Care Act which provided affordable insurance to millions, and which some are trying to destroy, the need for Clinics like Cabrini now seems greater than ever.

The Michigan Society of Community Pharmacists (MSCP) is a practice section of Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), representing community, independent, chain and outpatient pharmacists in Michigan. MSCP cooperates to advance public health, patient care and the interests of the pharmacy profession. MPA advances the profession of pharmacy and patient care on behalf of the 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in the state.

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