



Dr. Joseph T. Bowles

Dr. Joseph Bowles, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, originally planned to enter the field of dentistry from an early age. However, after his first year of pre-dental training at Rockhurst University he became disillusioned with academics and decided to take some time off to see what he really wanted to do professionally.

During the summer of 1972, while at the home of a friend whose father was a chiropractor, he received his first chiropractic care in hopes of helping a hay fever attack. The adjustment brought about what he considered at the time as astounding immediate relief and a rekindling of his desire to be a doctor.

From that life altering adjustment in 1972, Dr. Bowles has been involved in many areas of chiropractic during his illustrious 30+ year career. First as a student, associate, solo clinic owner, multiple clinic owner, full time faculty member, CBP instructor and now the new CBP Fellows president.

Dr. Bowles graduated in January of 1977 from Cleveland Chiropractic College of Kansas City. After briefly associating with Dr. Ciro Rustici in Independence Missouri, Dr. Bowles bought a small practice, owned by two Logan College graduates in Union, Missouri, a small country town of 5500 people located one hour southwest of St. Louis, Missouri.

At the time he purchased the practice on July 15, 1978, the weekly patient load was approximately 30 patient visits. The practice was located in the downtown area and the office occupied approximately 660 square ft. The previous owners lived and had their

main practice located in suburban St. Louis. Unfortunately for the community, they were not regularly present to serve the needs of the public in Union.

Dr. Bowles committed to both living in Union and working beyond full time hours at his new clinic. The practice soon grew to seeing in excess of 400 patient visits per week by December of 1978. It quickly became necessary to have a larger office. The clinic was subsequently moved to a larger, better equipped space of 1700 square ft in an adjacent building.

Dr. Bowles remained as the solo practitioner of that clinic until May of 1983, when the clinic was sold for more than 10 times its original purchase price.

After a brief sabbatical, Dr. Bowles moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in January of 1984 and joined his longtime friend and college classmate, Dr. Ed Gavin in building an organization of 15 clinics located in southern Louisiana in southern Missouri. In time, the annual gross revenues for their organization exceeded \$7,000,000.00 per annum.

In the early part of 1996, Dr. Bowles and Dr. Gavin decided to sell their clinic holdings. Dr. Gavin went into retirement, and Dr. Bowles decided to take a different direction for the remainder of his career.

In September of 1996, Dr. Bowles returned home to Kansas City and joined his alma mater of Cleveland Chiropractic College Kansas City in the capacity of a full-time faculty member. In early 1997, Dr. Bowles contacted Dr. Don Harrison and encouraged him to start having CBP programs in Kansas City to create a presence of CBP in the Midwest. Those meetings soon grew to have some of the largest attendances in the country.

While on the faculty of Cleveland College - Kansas City, Dr. Bowles with the aid of then student, Dr. Dan Kjelgaard (Iowa) established the first CBP club at Cleveland-KC.

Dr. Bowles also brought CBP to the elective curriculums of Cleveland, Kansas City and Cleveland, Los Angeles in early 2000. Many CBP Fellows and CBP practitioners came through his CBP program at CCC-KC and now practice throughout the US and in foreign countries.

Dr. Bowles feels that the greatest professional honor he has received or ever could receive is as the co-recipient of the 2001 CBP chiropractor of the year with Dr. Bob Berry of New York. He states that he feels this way, simply because CBP represents the clinical and research elite of the profession.

In May of 2005, Dr. Bowles returned to his adopted home town of Baton Rouge, Louisiana after stepping down as full-time faculty at Cleveland, Kansas City.

He has now retired to a life of public service, and service to the profession that he has been a part of and enjoyed for over 30 years.