Janet Betchkal, MD, receives John R. Brayton, Jr., MD, Leadership Award

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Florida Society of Ophthalmology (FSO), the preeminent professional association for medical and osteopathic physicians who specialize in vision care, is pleased to announce that Janet Betchkal, MD received the John R. Brayton, Jr., MD, Leadership Award at its Annual Meeting, Masters in Ophthalmology 2015, June 26-28 in Palm Beach, Fla.

Established in honor of John R. Brayton, MD, this annual award recognizes a Florida-based ophthalmologist who exemplifies leadership and dedication to the profession.

Dr. Betchkal currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and previously served as the President of FSO in 2009, along with many other leadership roles since 1989. She also currently serves as the Secretariat for State Affairs (SSA) Committee and the OPHTHPAC Committee for the AAO, and previously was an American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Council Member for Florida from 2004-2009.

Dr. Betchkal has been practicing in Jacksonville, FL since completing her Fellowship in 1989. From 1989-1997, she was the Associate Chairman for the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Florida Health Shands Hospital. For the last eighteen years she has worked in private practice based out of St. Vincent’s Hospital, focusing exclusively on Glaucoma.

Dr. Betchkal earned her undergraduate degree from Vassar College and her medical degree from Rush University. She completed her internship at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke’s and her residency at Northwestern University. She also completed her Fellowship at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

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