EDITORIAL

Margaret J. Giannini, MD

Margaret J. Giannini, MD, retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs on May 3, 1991.

In July 1983, the first issue of the *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development* was conceived and published by the Office of Technology Transfer, VA Rehabilitation R&D Service, of which she was the Director.

Dr. Giannini founded this scientific journal, which has become the only peer-reviewed journal in the interdisciplinary field of rehabilitation research and development. She became Chairperson of the prestigious Editorial Board of the JRRD, which is composed of known experts representative of all disciplines in the broad interdisciplinary field known as rehabilitation engineering. Circulation, both national and international, has grown from 7,000 in 1983 to over 26,000 in 1991.

Close proximity in time and association can make evaluation of performance difficult. That is not the case with Dr. Margaret Giannini. This unique, wonderful humanitarian-scientist leaves the Department of Veterans Affairs after ten years of service with an outstanding record of accomplishment. Disabled veterans, imprisoned by the bonds of impaired or lost physical and sensory function, experience freedom as a result of her vision and her work.

Dr. Giannini leaves the DVA satisfied with having effectively used her considerable talents to high purpose.

Our fond affection and respect go with her. The decade of her personal investment in the DVA and its disabled veterans is a lasting legacy, as well as her commitment to the *Journal* she founded.

We—scientists, clinicians, students, and consumers—thank her for this.

TRUTH

by Emily Dickinson

*The truth - is stirless -
Other force - may be presumed to move -
This - then - is best for confidence -
When oldest Cedars swerve -*

*And Oaks untwist their fists -
And Mountains - feeble - lean -
How excellent a Body, that
Stands without a Bone -*

*How vigorous a Force
That holds without a Prop -
Truth stays Herself - and every man
That trusts Her - boldly up -*

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