

IN FOND MEMORY

Business Name

Dr. Weldon Muncy

I first met Dr. Muncy as a board member of ICAC (ICA of California) and I could tell from the very beginning that he garnered a great amount of respect from a board that consisted of 90% Upper Cervical doctors. You could see his leadership qualities from the moment he opened the session with a morning prayer through his thoughtful input throughout the meetings. As the head of the legal and legislative committee, he carried those qualities of "do it right and do it ethically" in his practice and in his participation in the Blair Chiropractic Society.

From his position as the initial president of the Blair

Society to the first Blair Society Chiropractor of the Year, Dr. Muncy helped shape the Upper Cervical chiropractic profession. As Dr. Blair passed the baton to Dr. Muncy, he became the premier instructor in the technique. He was responsible for the first printed notes, initiated regular Blair seminars at his office in Lancaster, CA, and eventually became so popular the seminars were moved to the nearby Desert Inn motel. It is amazing to me the large number of his initial students who are still steadfastly utilizing this difficult technique.

He had the capacity to be both unbending and kind at

the same time. You could summarize this unique attribute of Dr. Muncy by quoting his hero, Dr. B.J. Palmer. B.J. stated, "Stand for something or you will fall for anything."

As a doctor, he was never too busy to take your call, always viewed your x-rays at no charge, provided the best quality care for the chiropractor or his/her children gratis, and was a giant of a man when it came to "doing it right!" He loved providing Upper Cervical care for children, still made house calls for those who couldn't travel, and considered any patient within a six hour drive to be



local. It was such a pleasure to be able to call this world famous Blair chiropractor my friend. To my dying day, I will continue to hear his voice say, "I'm not going to work, I'm going to play!"

Dr. Tom Forest

Dr. George Banitch

I recall reading about Dr. George Banitch when I was in chiropractic college. He represented the ICA and subluxation-based chiropractic long before the term was ever coined. Later at the very first Blair Conference in 1985 in Lubbock, Texas, I was able to meet him, Dr. Sterling Pruitt and Dr. Weldon Muncy. Needless to say, when you are in the presence of greatness, it is a bit overwhelming.

And yet, Dr. Banitch turned out to be a soft spoken, articulate, and very approachable man. He practiced upper cervical, just like his father and like his daughter, in a beautiful

home in Montclair, NJ. George first saw a medical doctor when he was delivered and then briefly at the very end. He saw no need for medical care as his belief system relied on the inborn intelligence of the body. His Innate Intelligence needed no help, just no interference. Innate served him well!

Dr. Banitch was on the Board of the Blair Society since its origin. Dr. Banitch served on many committees in both the ICA, New Jersey Chiropractic Society, and the Blair Society. He decided to never retire and even a few short months before he passed on, he would provide care for patients who have been com-

ing in for 4-5 decades with the desire to keep the atlas in correct position.

A few years ago at the Seattle Blair Conference, I organized a program towards the end of the sessions aimed at finding the "fastest toggle in the West." There were over 75 participants ranging from the young athletic students to the octogenarian Dr. George Banitch. One by one the students cracked and crushed the delicate eggs in an attempt to allow the speeder to drop without damaging the outer shell of the egg. He went through two rounds of not breaking an egg until he was finally ousted in the semifinals. The



smile on his face as he walked away was breathtaking. I'm quite sure he was reminiscing about his training in toggle recoil way back in the days when BJ educated him at Palmer and the smile was due to BJ's approval looking down from above at one of his best students.

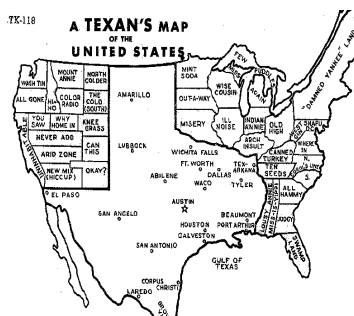
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Dr. Banitch gets a treat.



A Texan's Map of the United States..

Dr. George Banitch...

My father George never wavered in his faith in UC and Chiropractic. He attended Palmer College during the HIO years and was privileged to have personally known BJ, Dr. Lyle Sherman and other great UC chiropractors. In November 1963 he traveled to Lubbock, Texas to Dr. Blair's clinic to take his technique course. At that time it was a 5-day "intensive" with no pre-prepared notes but a stack of yellow legal pads for note taking. I recently found this postcard in his desk mailed from Lubbock on November 7, 1963. He wrote to his parents, "We are keeping very busy here. The course appears to be very worthwhile. The whole approach is quite different!"

He had the good fortune to put that knowledge to work in practicing Blair for 44 years and helping countless people regain their health. In 1986, a small group of dedicated Blair doctors met in Lubbock to create the William G. Blair Chiropractic Society to promote the teaching and practice of the technique as it was in danger of being forgotten. He and I traveled together to attend every Blair Society annual conference since the late 1980's. I remember the early years. We would hold the conference for many years in Las Vegas (Dr. Muncy's favorite get away). It seemed that the same 12-15 of us

would come every year and "swap" officer positions. We were small in numbers but dedicated to our mission of seeing Dr. Blair's technique flourish and help humankind.

In later years we branched out to other areas of the country hoping to attract more doctors and students. Fortunately, the students have started to come in larger numbers and the future for the Blair technique looks bright.

At the annual conference a few years ago we had the "great egg toggle off". My Dad went head to head (or is it hand to hand?) with a student in the finals. He was already in his 80's but still had the "touch"- a great Blair toggle.

His last Blair conference was in 2006 in Charleston, SC. He still enjoyed seeing all the doctors and students- learning new stuff and talking chiropractic. It really feels like the end of an era. We can no longer look to the leadership of Dr. George and Dr. Muncy. It is up to us to carry the torch. We must all contribute to protect and promote Blair upper cervical for the benefit of future generations to come.

Dr. Meg Banitch.

George P. Banitch, DC departed this life on Wednesday Feb 6, 2008 at his home in Montclair, NJ. George was born in Kaukauna, WI and grew up in Flushing, NY and Montclair, NJ. He received a BA from Colgate University in 1942. After graduation he entered the Army Air Corps as a lieutenant and served in WWII as an instructor in radar and navigation at Clinton Field, Yuma, AZ. He attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA where he met his wife Twyla. They were married in August 1947 and after his graduation they returned to Montclair in 1948 to join his father Dr. Felix N. Banitch in the family chiropractic practice. He was recalled for active duty during the Korean War in 1951. After leaving the service, George returned to the family chiropractic practice at 41 Plymouth St, Montclair, where he practiced until 2007.

George served as President of the Essex County Chiropractic Society and Vice President of the Blair Chiropractic Society. He was very active in the International Chiropractic Association, serving as NJ state representative, as ICA representative for the Commission on Medicare, on the Council for Chiropractic Education Commission, as co-director of the Institute for Chiropractic Research, on the board of directors and as vice president. George was named ICA chiropractor of the year by his peers in 1980. He was a longtime member of the NJ Chiropractic Society and Council of NJ Chiropractors. In 2005, George received a Lifetime Service Award from the Northern NJ Chiropractic Society.



Dr. Weldon Muncy teaches a class with Dr. Tom Forest.



Dr. Weldon Muncy.



Dr. Muncy after graduation.



Dr. Muncy receives the Blair Society's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Weldon Muncy...

Some of you may know that Doctor Muncy suffered from a myriad of health issues prior to Upper Cervical Care. At a young age he was in three major accidents within 3 weeks. One was a head-on collision that nearly killed his mom. As the story goes, a drunk hit them head on at 50 mph. His mom was scalped, and he was ejected toward the ceiling -sustaining a major ATLAS subluxation. Clearly that event would be the genesis that would shape the rest of his life.

For the next several years his posture dramatically worsened. He had aches and pains through his entire body for which he sought full spine care. As Dr. Muncy put it, "I was grateful for the full spine care. I was adjusted once a week throughout my whole spine which helped tremendously with the pain."

It was only later that he was working on the electrical in an office that just happened to be an HIO UC doctor. The doctor checked doctor Muncy, x-rayed him and adjusted him. He made great strides over the next two years under HIO care. He held his first adjustment for two years, if my recollection is right. After holding for 18 months a healing crescendo occurred that undoubtedly gave Dr. Muncy some of the conviction that he held for all these years for the principle and practice of Upper Cervical Blair Chiropractic. He awoke one morning and when he stood up his shoulders were wretched backwards and his entire thoracic spinal musculature was in complete spasm. Dr. Muncy would say, "I walked around like superman for six weeks and it wasn't on purpose!" After the cycle of repair relented his posture was more erect than it had been in ten years. It was that experience that made him finally decide that UC was his future path. He had a poignant way of talking about his experiences and this postural change was the pivotal one for him and his future. AS Dr. Muncy put it, "It was quite simple after that. I took the kids and my wife and said we are going to Davenport!" And so he did.

After graduating Palmer he practiced HIO as BJ taught at the college. It wasn't until later that he met Dr. Blair and under his tutelage became one of the most respected Upper Cervical doctors this world has ever known. The idea that the cervical spine, and, for that matter, the entire body is asymmetrical rang true for Dr. Muncy. He always use to say that each individual is unique, and so you must take a custom set of x-rays unique to that individual's anatomy. Blair's great discovery was how one can ascertain a correct vertebral misalignment when analyzing the spine. He realized that all of the analysis systems within chiropractic were based on a symmetric model, and thus were prone to inherent error. Dr. Blair discovered a unique analysis that looked at the outer portion of the atlas articulation with its correspondent the condyle. By viewing this outer edge one can ascertain the true vertebral misalignment even if the bone structure is completely different from left to right.

Dr. Muncy carried on Bill Blair's mission. He was hand picked by Bill Blair to carry on his work. And that is what Dr. Muncy did. Without Dr. Muncy, it is questionable whether the work would be where it is today. He worked tirelessly and taught the principle that saved his life, and the lives of thousands of others in his office.

Dr. Muncy will be missed by many. He was not only one of the best UC docs that has stepped foot on planet earth, but he was also a man with a huge heart. It was obvious that he cared deeply about those he took care of. One of his sayings that will always stick with me is this, "You take care of each and every person in your office as if they were your mom, your child, or your wife." And that is what Dr. Muncy did. Dr. Muncy may be gone but his spirit and dedication lives on.

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Dr. Drew Hall

After graduating Palmer he practiced

What He Meant to Me...

For Dr. Muncy...

On a casual visit to Dr. Kuhn's office, I got the news..... A legend had passed. After the news, I spent a day reflecting about what that Dr. Weldon Muncy meant to me personally, and what that one man meant to the Blair upper cervical movement. I will start with my personal experiences with the MAN, Dr. Muncy. Dr. Muncy was a man who was driven by a principle, and his actions spoke much louder than his words. He was in my opinion one of the greatest Upper Cervical doctors that has ever stepped foot on this planet. He had talents that could be seen and felt but not taught.

Almost two decades ago I was in side lash injury. Unfortunately, during that same time my Blair had doctor sustained the same type of injury and was having trouble clearing me. I have always said that Upper Cervical Adjusting is an athletic event. For one to be at the top of his game he must be physiologically there also. So, to digress, my case was not clearing and I was referred to this man, Dr. Muncy. It was a five hour drive to Lancaster, the last hour of which was on a god-forsaken two lane highway in the middle of the high desert. I was des-

perate and hoped that this man would change my life, or at least allow it to be at peace!

So I pulled up to this one story building that appeared to be more of a prison than an Upper Cervical office. And then I stepped through that front door and out walked a THE MAN, Dr. Muncy. A steely demeanor, short of words but brimmed with confidence. After spending just a few moments with the MAN, you knew that he knew what he was doing.

I was x-rayed and adjusted... within an hour my foggy head turned into a clear headed sane individual. My thoughts turned from negative and pessimistic, to optimistic and hopeful. Once again I had been cleared, and this time my life's path would be driven in a new direction. For the next 5 years I was under Dr. Muncy's care. It was a privilege to not only live life free of brainstem pressure, but to be in a master's presence. I had the opportunity to take several seminars from him, and the conviction with which he taught bled through his every word.

It is our job as Blair Upper Cervical Chiropractors to carry on Bill Blair and Dr. Muncy's work. You will be missed Dr. Muncy. We all will never ever forget what you have done for us. RIP

Dr. Drew Hall

For Dr. Muncy...

I first heard of Dr. Muncy in 1988 through his former patients who had moved to Montana. I finally went down to Lancaster in March of 1993 at the persistence of Gil Turner. Dr. Muncy taught myself & Dr. Paul a Primary late Friday night, just the two of us. I did not grasp the concept, but I knew I was supposed to be there. Saturday morning was the Intermediate 1. He taught all day Saturday and half a day Sunday. In the time frame from 1993 through his last class, I only missed two times that he taught. As Dr. Muncy said "When Dr. Blair taught he was there."

Dr. Muncy was the most dedicated, passionate, caring, and loving chiropractor I have ever met. Many of us remember the lunches & dinners with Dr. Muncy, as well as the breakfasts he always had for us in the seminar room. I wish I could relive all of those moments.

Once, he came to Montana and, at the end of the seminar, he spoke of his children. When they became sick with swelling of the mastoid process, he had a choice to make. He had come from an allopathic background, but he knew that the other children the M.D. would send to Iowa City often came back in pine boxes. He chose Specific Upper Cervical Chiropractic.

Dr. Crowder, the chiropractor that adjusted Dr. Muncy's children, would check them two times a day

until they cleared. When Dr. Muncy told this story, he had tears running down his cheeks. His love for chiropractic was unbelievable.

Dr. Muncy referred to many of us next to his children as his kids. When my niece was only six days old and very sick Dr. Muncy asked if he could come check her in Montana. He was going to leave his office and get on a plane to come to see her the next day. However, his wife, Millie, had a stroke that night.

Dr. Muncy & Millie were a team. He met Millie in church as a teenager. She was his only girlfriend. Without Millie, Dr. Muncy could not have served chiropractic to the capacity that he did. The first weekend we spent together, I asked Dr. Muncy what his hobbies were. He gave me somewhat of a stern look and said, "Chiropractic, Enough said."

Remember those sayings Dr. Muncy used: "I'll get the 45 out." "Heal, mend, repair." "Work? I go to play" "Use 180 torque (to adjust.)" When I grow up, I want to be like Dr. Muncy. His life has changed countless lives and will continue on a magnitude we cannot comprehend.

Dr. Muncy was also a strong believer in Jesus Christ. I can only imagine when Dr. Muncy left his earthly body to be with Jesus, the good Lord would say to Weldon "Well done son."

Dr. Scott Matz

What He Meant to Me...

For Dr. Muncy...

I graduated from LACC in Whittier in December of 1992. Chiropractor is my second profession. In 1990 I was introduced to Dr. Muncy by Dr. David Topping and from there began my journey as an upper cervical doctor. Everything I learned about Dr. Blare work came from Dr. Muncy. I attended 25 seminars before my graduation. Dr. Muncy was a superb teacher and an enthusiastic supporter for all new doctors. Everything I know came from Dr. Muncy. He came to the opening of my office in 1994, in the city of La Habra, CA.

Dr. Muncy will be forever remembered not only by me, but many members of my family. Even my grandchildren, who were only 8 and 10 years old, had a privilege to be adjusted by him. He will always live in my heart. My whole family would like to send our condolences to Dr. Muncy's family. Let's celebrate his LIFE!

If I can get the address where to send a card I would greatly appreciate. With much love and respect for Dr. Muncy and everyone in our line of work. Blair practitioners YOU are the greatest people on earth!

Dr. Rosa Gershfeld.

For Dr. Muncy...

I had just arrived home from College in 1976 and my mom informed me that Dr. Muncy wanted to take me out to lunch. Who would pass up an opportunity for lunch with a Doctor? At that lunch he invited me to go to Sherman College, a new school with a brand new campus. I bought a car for \$150 and drove to Spartanburg using a quart of oil every 75 miles. I had no money and no place to stay. Things worked out. The quarter I left they broke ground for the new campus. Dr. Muncy felt responsible for me not being able to get back into the state given the status of the school at that time but things worked out for the best I believe.

Dr. Muncy took care of my parents and sisters all those years and he is well thought of by us today. When dad moved to Arizona he traveled 6 hours one way to see Dr. Muncy. Dr. Muncy told him he did not need an adjustment but wanted to see him in two weeks. Dad passed many Chiropractors coming and going but went back in two weeks. He did not need an adjustment then either. Such was our devotion to a real Chiropractor.

Dr. Perry Rush

For Dr. Banitch...

George Banitch - a truly fine man and a dedicated chiropractor. I always looked forward to seeing George at seminars, which is where I always saw him. When George saw you, he would come out with this warm, knowing twinkle and smile. He was a man who could believe strongly in something and yet see all the sides of what others believed. I liked to hear what George had to say about chiropractic and the history and state of politics in chiropractic. He knew it from a number of angles and had fought the battles.

First time I heard George's name, my chiropractor was going to him for a low back spasm he had created playing tennis. Dr. Mazzerelli was on the board at Palmer and President of the ICA, I believe, but he was driving 60 miles in NJ in the '60s to see Dr. George Banitch. Years later I met George through the Blair Society Conferences.

One night we walked all over downtown Las Vegas

looking for a restaurant, tried seven before we got in. George's good humor made it a memorable adventure.

I asked my wife Pat what she would say - "He was fun out on the town." The three of us went to Nudes or Ice. I wish I could remember all his dry wit, what a good time we had. Next morning he walked all the way from downtown to the far end of the strip and back before lunch. Not easy to keep up with him. But I think he was only about 76.

Chiropractic has lost a great asset and a wonderful man. I smile deeply when I think of him and feel as though his wit and warm friendship are with me still. They don't make them any better, a wise warm man and great asset to all who knew him and to Chiropractic. Can't think of a better compadre for an adventure.

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