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Mark Lipkin receives the Society of General Internal Medicine's Glaser Award:

Our good friend and AACH member, Mack Lipkin, received the Glaser award, SGIM's highest award, for career contributions at the society's annual meeting in Toronto. Mack's major contribution for which he was honored was the founding and nurturing of AACH. Therefore, this was an honor for all of us. Mack's acceptance speech was extremely moving, gracious and had a powerful effect on those of us from AACH in the audience. Mack showed literally several hundred of slides mostly going back to the founding of AACH, our early courses and those who were important with Mack in developing the organization. AACH started as The Task Force on the Medical Interview conceived at a "bootleg" workshop by Mack, Sam Putnam, Bill Clark and Dennis Novack. It was part of SGIM. Mack and Sam were co-Presidents. Dennis hosted the first summer course at Brown in 1982. From there ensued an immensely creative and incredibly exciting period of growth and contributions to American Medicine, many of which are so well known today they are not even attributed to AACH. I'd like to think we've retained all the creativity and excitement as we go forward. We have some amazingly creative people like Mack Lipkin to thank for AACH's birth.

With all best wishes,
Bill Branch, President, AACH