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Dr. Deubler’s Birthday

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The first weekend in May is always an important one in the dog show world — it's the Bucks County show weekend, the largest outdoor dog show in country, chaired by Dr. M. Josephine Deubler, V’38. Exhibitors come from the four corners of the country to show their dogs at this important event. The Friday before the show seemed the proper day to honor Dr. Deubler, to celebrate her birthday and the establishment of the Josephine Deubler Genetic Disease Testing Laboratory at the School.

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Josephine Deubler Genetic Disease Testing Laboratory at the School.

Christine Connelly, Wayne Ferguson, Walter Goodman and Gilbert Kahn, AKC President Alfred Cheauré and AKC Vice President Dennis Sprung, Westminster K.C. President Chester Collie, and VMAS President Dr. Suzanne Smith were among the many guests who gathered on the evening of May 2 at the Black Bass Hotel in Lumberville to celebrate Josephine’s 80th birthday and to wish her many happy returns. It was a grand evening, the weather was fine, the food was great, and everyone enjoyed the terrace and the beautiful view of the Delaware.

There were many tributes to Josephine, from her colleagues, her friends, and her family. The speeches were nostalgic and witty and there was a lot of laughter. Mr. Gilbert Kahn had prepared a wonderful surprise for Dr. Deubler and the School in the form of a $100,000 gift to the Josephine Deubler Genetic Disease Testing Laboratory. Dean Kelly and his family had made a rocking chair for her, though whether it will find much use right now is debatable as Dr. Deubler is as busy as ever with her work at the School and her chairmanship of the Montgomery and Bucks County shows. Dr. Kelly also presented her with the School’s Bellwether medal, honoring her for her devotion and dedication to Penn’s School of Veterinary Medicine.

The dean gratefully acknowledged Mr. Kahn’s generous gift and the gifts of many of Dr. Deubler’s friends and colleagues. He was most pleased to report that two thirds of the funds needed to complete the $500,000 goal for the Josephine Deubler Genetic Disease Testing laboratory had been raised as of the birthday celebration and that the laboratory could begin operations later in the year.

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