

## In Celebration of Reunion Year Giving

Recently, a tradition of increased donations from alumni in honor of their quinquennial reunions has begun. Although reunion year classes have always made an extra effort to increase their contributions, this trend has been especially evident during the past five years.

Reunion gifts, unlike alumni annual giving contributions, are restricted. They benefit a specific project or purchase a certain piece of equipment. Alumni make reunion gifts outright, or through pledges, over a period of a few years.

In 1987, for their 50th reunion, the Class of 1937 led by class agent Harry F.B. Bartoletti contributed money to renovate the "Class of 1937 Alumni Room" in VHUP. Through Harry's fundraising efforts, and the generosity of his classmates, by Alumni Day in May, 1987, they donated \$23,350!

The Alumni Room is a major asset to the Hospital, providing sleeping accommodations for visiting lecturers and for faculty members who spend long hours at the Hospital and need a place to rest for a few hours. The Alumni Room also helps with the recruitment of new faculty members. The 1937 graduates continue to donate dollars for the maintenance of this room. Over the past five years, an additional \$30,800 was placed in an endowment fund, the interest from which purchases necessary supplies for the room.

For their 50th reunion, the Class of 1939, led by Paul F. Landis, donated \$17,970 to benefit the Connelly Intensive Care Unit at New Bolton Center. Construction of this facility was underway and funding was needed to support various areas within the Unit. On your next visit to NBC, look for the "Class of 1939 Examination Area" in the Connelly Intensive Care Unit.

In 1990, class agents Harold E. Schaden, V'40 and Charles J. Driben, V'65 and their classes raised funds for

a joint reunion gift. The Hospital was in need of a fully equipped computer facility. These classes generously agreed to help the Hospital with this project and donated \$19,860.

In celebration of their 50th reunion, class agent Robert J. Lerch and the Class of 1941 donated \$5,100 in honor of their classmate, Edwin A. Churchill, for his outstanding work in the field of equine medicine. Their contributions helped purchase an anesthesia agent monitor for the Anesthesia Department at New Bolton Center.

In 1991, through the fine leadership of William D. Hardy, Jr. and the generosity of his classmates, the Class of 1966 established a new level of reunion giving. They raised a record \$43,795 in pledges and payments, creating *The Class of 1966 Lecture Fund*. This lecture will rotate between the Penn Annual Conference and the School's Laboratory of Marine Animal Health at Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The Class of 1966 set a precedent for succeeding 25th reunion classes.

This past May, 50 years after graduating, the Class of 1942 and class agent David K. Detweiler, raised \$8,400 in pledges and payments to support the Alumni Annual Giving Fund. An anonymous donor will match gifts up to a total of \$10,000.

While maintaining their average Annual Giving total, class agent Charles W. Koenig, V'57 and his classmates contributed an additional \$4,175 in honor of their 35th reunion. These extra dollars will be used to supplement student scholarship aid. The class will continue to increase its giving efforts for the next two years.

This year, the Class of 1967 convened to celebrate its 25th reunion. In honor of their reunion, members of this class committed themselves to at least match the Class of 1966 record which was set a year earlier. Class Agent Larry Dieter and the reunion committee consisting of Edwin Andrews, James Armstrong, Philip Cook, Robert Goldstein, Darrell Hoffman, Maurice Metcalfe, Jr., James Ramage, and Carolyn Reed helped raise an impressive \$66,124 in pledges and payments to fund a Dean's Scholar. Each scholarship, created by gifts of \$50,000

or more, finances a portion of a student's education with the interest derived from the endowment. These gifts dramatically illustrate our alumni/ae's loyalty to and appreciation for the School. Many alumni from recent reunion classes doubted whether such ambitious goals were realistic. They proved that generosity knows no bounds, that Penn graduates are leaders in giving back as well.

This past year, additional gifts from individuals were made in honor of their reunions. Jules Silver, V'47 donated \$25,000 to create the *Lucy and Jules Silver AQUAVET® Research Fellowship*. Alonzo Edmiston, Jr., V'67 made a gift of \$40,000 to finish funding a Dean's Scholar in his name. Dean Edwin J. Andrews, V'67 will contribute \$25,000, which will equally benefit the Alumni Annual Giving Fund and the *Class of 1967 Dean's Scholar*.

We are grateful to all alumni for their contributions and continued support of the School.



## To All Penn Veterinary Alumni

In September, we sent you invitations to alumni receptions at the PVMA Conference in Lancaster, PA on Saturday, October 24th and at the AAEP Conference in Orlando, FL on Monday, November 30th.

Due to a printing error, past-President Jack Bregman, V'66 was incorrectly listed as the President of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society. Please note that Daniel D. Bleicher, V'53 is the current President. Sorry for any confusion.

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