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1952

According to **Calvin Moon**, 1952 Class Agent, **Joseph M Stoyak** and his wife, Michele, visit New Orleans twice a year. In April 1996, Dr. Stoyak retired as chief of staff at the Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital, which is operated by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in Springfield, Mass. He now performs mostly orthopedic surgery at several area hospitals. Also, according to Dr. Moon, **Sidney H. Flaxman** is recovering from a stroke he suffered last year.

1954

During the Northwestern Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's regular meeting in March 2001, **Melvin E. Vaclavik** was honored with the Service Award for his dedicated years of service in veterinary medicine. After serving as president of NWPVMA in 1960 he then became the secretary-treasurer in 1966. Dr. Vaclavik served in this position for 35 years having missed only five regularly scheduled meetings.

1958

Col. George F. Orthey, Jr., was profiled in the May 11, 2001, issue of *The Sentinel* of Carlisle, Pa. His Newport, Pa., company, Orthey Instruments, manufactures autoharps. The company sponsors the annual Mountain Laurel Autoharp Gathering in Newport, which features concerts and workshops by internationally acclaimed autoharp performers and teachers. According to the executive director of the Perry County, Pa. Council of the Arts, "Thanks to George, Newport is the autoharp center of the universe." Dr. Orthey served for 28 years in the United States Army Veterinary Corps before handcrafting autoharps full-time.

1959

Todd Addis, a Master of Foxhounds, has followed in the footsteps of his late father, **Clarkson Addis, Sr., V'17**, who founded and was Master of Foxhounds of the Perkiomen Valley Hunt, which later merged with the Whitelands Hunt, both in Southeastern Pennsylvania. He is a breeder of the Penn-Marydel variety of American foxhounds continuing the bloodlines his father established. Dr. Addis

published an interesting account of his father's work with Penn-Marydel foxhounds and fox-hunting in the March 2001 issue of the *Friends of Penn-Marydel* newsletter. According to Dr. Addis, "Neither one of us distinguished ourselves as veterinarians, but just tried to be good old country vets that served our communities with dedication and a clear conscience."

1963

Sherbyn W. Ostrich was honored with the American Veterinary Medical Association President's Award during the AVMA Annual Convention in July 2001. The award is given to individuals inside and outside veterinary medicine who have had a positive impact on animal or public health, veterinary organizations, and the profession. A past president of the AVMA, Dr. Ostrich was selected for his pioneering achievement to engender a greater awareness of the changing economics of veterinary medicine.

1968

Donald B. Shatto is the veterinarian of Sheena, a dog that was inducted into the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association/Ralston Purina Animal Hall of Fame during the Association's Annual Meeting in March 2001. Sheena, a three-year-old lab and golden retriever mix, was inducted in the Companion Category, which recognizes animals that have provided a benefit to their human companions or community, for being the constant companion of an 82-year-old woman. The woman's family says Sheena gives her purpose each day.

1982

During the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in March 2001, **Maria Iannone** was honored with a Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to the Association and the profession.

During the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in March 2001, **Suzanne J. Smith** was elected President-elect for 2001-02. Dr. Smith is also the veterinarian of Caber, a dog that was inducted into the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association/Ralston Purina Animal Hall of Fame during the Association's Annual Meeting. Caber, a four-year-old German Shepherd, received special recognition for being a hero for saving his human-family's children from an attack by a rabid raccoon. He

is a registered therapy dog who visits schools and nursing homes, and a hard-worker who enjoys competing as a herding utility dog.

1983

During the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in March 2001, **Mark W. Logan** was elected President for 2001-02.

Kevin C. Skinner was recently promoted to Senior Vice President of Genzyme Corporation, a leading biotechnology company in Boston. Prior to the promotion, he managed a 27-person research group and completed his MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management. In his new position, he will manage the Biosurgery Division's Research and Development Department, which is developing gene therapy and tissue engineered products for cardiovascular indications.

1987

Christopher N. Garruba started the Nassau Animal Hospital in Princeton, N.J., in January 2001. The small animal hospital's mascot is 15-year-old Ben, a fox terrier, who was adopted from VHUP by Dr. Garruba in his fourth-year as a student.

1991

During the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in March 2001, **Joyce R. Koch** was honored as the constituent association Veterinarian of the Year of the South Jersey Veterinary Medical Association.

1992

Patricia M. Hogan's pen and ink drawing, "Just Curious," was featured on the cover of the June 15, 2001, issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*. She completed the drawing during a three-day trail ride moving a herd of Angus cattle through Wyoming's Big Horn Mountain Range, where she spent a summer while a student rounding up cattle on a ranch in Big Horn. She is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, specializing in equine surgery in Clarksburg, N.J.

1994

Stephanie J. Murphy has been board-certified by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. Dr. Murphy is an assistant

professor in the Department of Comparative Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, in Baltimore, Md.

1995

After completing an internship in the Section of Medical Genetics at VHUP, **Steven E. Suter** will be serving as a resident in Oncology at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine.

1996

Karen M. Froberg is the veterinarian of Mattey, a dog that was inducted into the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association/Ralston Purina Animal Hall of Fame during the Association's Annual Meeting in March 2001. Mattey, a 12-year-old Lhasa Apso, was inducted in the Hero Category, which recognizes animals that have saved or preserved human life, for saving both human and animal lives by alerting his owner to a house fire. His efforts are so notable as he has an eye condition that has left him almost completely blind.

Caroline K. Garzotto has been board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

1997

Amy I. Bentz finished a large animal neonatology/perinatology internship at New Bolton Center's George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals and started a large animal medicine residency in July.

Jennifer Chaitman, Heather Peikes, V'98, and two former VHUP residents will be opening a specialty practice, Veterinary Internal Medicine and Allergy Specialists, in New York City in September 2001. Following a small animal internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City, Dr. Chaitman completed her Internal Medicine residency at VHUP and is currently working for the Medicine Section. Dr. Peikes served as an intern for 1998-99 in Small Animal Medicine and as a resident for 1999-2001 in Dermatology, both at VHUP. The two former VHUP residents are Susan E. Kimmel and Patricia Kull. Dr. Kimmel served as an intern for 1996-97 in Small Animal Medicine and as a resident for 1997-99 in Internal Medicine, and is currently a lecturer for the Medicine Section. Dr. Kull completed her Internal Medicine residency last year and is currently working for the Medicine Section.

2000

Anne E. Hessinger, a Captain in the U.S. Army's Mid-Atlantic District Veterinary Command, participated in the 2001 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Bowling Green Va., from July 23 through August 1.

Capt. Hessinger helped to train and test Boy Scouts for the veterinary merit badge. "We're trying to show them a little bit about what veterinarians do," Hessinger said about interacting with the Scouts.

Births

1997

Alisa Iriye, a daughter, Alexis Julian, on May 29, 2000.

1998

Joan Capuzzi Giresi, a daughter, Natalie Emily, on May 2, 2001. She joins brother Michael.

2000

Athan V. Gerovasilou, a daughter, Eleni, on May 25, 2001.

Deaths

1939

Russell D. Holt on March 10, 2001.

Sander A. Sacks on February 9, 2001.

1940

John R. McCoy on February 20, 2001.

1942

Carlos A. Rojas Maldonado in February 1996.

1943

Lt. Col. Bjarne N. Folling on August 20, 2000.
Robert B. Weber on May 3, 2001.

1944

Joseph G. Shute on June 16, 2001.

1946

Glen W. Stevens on February 28, 2001.

1951

Peter R. Cebulka on May 12, 2000.

David C. Tudor on November 17, 2000.

1957

William G. Stone on April 1, 2001.

1970

E. Gregory MacEwen on May 12, 2001. An internationally renowned veterinary oncologist, Dr. MacEwen was Professor and Head of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine's Oncology Section. He was recognized posthumously with the 2001 American Kennel Club Career Achievement Award in Canine Research at the American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention in July 2001. He was lauded for his research as "novel, beneficial to the treatment of canine cancer, and providing significant translational information for human cancer."

1987

Thurman Hornbuckle II, on March 30, 2001.



The Alumni Golf Tournament, organized by Jack, V'66, and Eric M., V'95, Bregman, was held at the Loch Nairn Golf Club in Avondale, Pa. during Alumni Weekend 2001. Special thanks goes to this year's tournament sponsors: The Butler Company, DVM Pharmaceuticals, Inc., IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., Merial, Novartis Animal Health, and Ralston Purina Company. Tournament proceeds are used by the School of Veterinary Medicine to provide scholarship support, which is vital to attracting and retaining the best students.