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Class Notes

1930s

1937 – Julio (J. J.) Malnati was selected to receive the Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder Award for 2005 from the National Dairy Shrine. The award has been presented since 1973 to active, progressive dairy producers who, through their expertise in managing a dairy breeding herd based on sound genetics and business principles, serve as models of success for their contemporaries. After graduation, Dr. Malnati operated a mixed-animal practice in New England, eventually concentrating on large-animal reproductive health.

1950s

1959 – At the 123rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA), **Max J. Herman** was given the PVMA's Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Herman was recognized for his many years of dedicated service to the profession and the public, and for bringing the historical significance of veterinary medicine into the limelight through his commitment to the Eastern Veterinary Historical Society, where he has served as president since 1996.

1960s

1967 – Eugene Steffey received the UC Davis Alumni Achievement Award during the 2005 UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine commencement ceremony on June 17. After earning a PhD from UC Davis in 1973, Dr. Steffey joined the faculty of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, worked in private practice, was an NIH special fellow at the NIH Heart and Lung Institute, and was a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Anesthesia, UC Medical Center, San Francisco. Dr. Steffey also has served as affiliate scientist for the California National Primate Research Center and as collaborating investigator at the Institute for Environmental Health Research. He is currently professor in the Department of Surgical and Radiological Sciences and anesthesiologist and head of the Anesthesia/Critical Patient Care Service of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, UC Davis.

1968 – H. Wesley Towers retired after a 36-year career that fulfilled a number of veterinary occupations. Hired by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 1968, Dr. Towers has learned to multi-task, taking over as track veterinarian for two colleagues, while maintaining his job as a state veterinarian.

1970s

1972 – Peter J. Ihrke became president-elect of the AVMA's American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), after serving as member-at-large of the Executive

Board in 2004. Under the AVMA, the ABVS is the governing body that oversees all the veterinary specialty colleges and boards in North America.

1977 – Judith Gwathmey, CEO/CSO of Gwathmey, Inc., a preclinical contract research organization, was selected for the National Institutes of Health Commercialization Assistance Program (NIH-CAP). Dr. Gwathmey, who has worked to identify genetic patterns of heart failure, will be creating animal- and human-model microarrays to determine and test new therapeutic agents. The NIH-CAP program will aid Dr. Gwathmey in bringing these new agents to the market. Gwathmey, Inc. is one of 129 companies selected for the acclaimed program.

1978 – Linda Rhodes, founder of AlcheraBio, joined the Board of Directors of ImmuCell Corporation, a biotechnology company that develops products designed to improve animal health in the dairy and beef industries. For the past 25 years, Dr. Rhodes has worked for major pharmaceutical companies.

1979 – Joan Hendricks, was selected as dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

1980s

1982 – Retired veterinarian **Jean McCoy Salwen** became a member of the Board of Directors at Arcadia University, a private college in Glenside, PA.

1988 – Eric K. Dunayer, a consulting veterinarian in clinical toxicology at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, IL, became a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology, Inc.

1990s

1997, 98 – In May, husband-and-wife veterinary team **Mark Kapolka** and **Mary Jane McNamee** opened their own clinic, Apple Creek Veterinary Hospital, in North Cornwall Township, PA.

1990 – At the 123rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the PVMA, **Michael Moyer** was given the Veterinarian of the Year Award for his commitment to building bridges with other organizations as an advocate for animal welfare and his leadership and dedicated service to the veterinary profession. Dr. Moyer also founded the Feral Cat Summits, a springboard for the creation of the PVMA's Animal Welfare Committee. He also assisted in developing the School's Shelter Animal Medicine program and is a board member of the Alliance for Philadelphia's Animals.

1990 – At the 123rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the PVMA, **Karen Martin** received the PVMA's President Award for her contributions to animal health and veterinary medicine and her instrumental role in the development of County Animal Response Teams in northwestern Pennsylvania. She currently serves as the Region 1 Veterinary Medical Field Officer for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

2000s

2000 – **Jennifer Hopkinson** purchased the Animal Care Hospital in Lewisburg, PA. Dr. Hopkinson's husband, Michael, will serve as business manager. The hospital employs three full-time veterinarians, including Dr. Hopkinson, and has a total staff of about 20.

births

1999 – **Dara Zerrenner**, a daughter, Devin Olivia Franks, on May 24, 2005.

deaths

1944 – **William R. Shaw** on April 7, 2005.


1944 – **Laird S. Thompson** in June 2005.

1951 – **Robert J. Dineen** on May 11, 2005.

1966 – **William M. Mekenney** on November 15, 2005.

1994 – **Thomas S. Osborne** on August 27, 2005.

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