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## Class Notes

## 1950s

**1952** – **Raymond J. Widmann** received the 2007 Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA). The award is presented for outstanding achievement in veterinary medicine within the past year.

## 1960s

**1967** – **Lenn Harrison** retired as director of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center. He had served in the position for 16 years.

## 1970s

**1970** – **John L. O'Donoghue**, adjunct associate professor for environmental medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, was appointed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to its Manufacturing Sector Research Council for developing the National Occupational Research Agenda. The Council identifies top occupational health problems for U.S. workers and is developing a national research strategy and implementation plan to address these problems over the next decade.

**1975** – **Lawrence J. Gerson** received the 2007 Veterinary Industry Partner Award from the PVMA. The award is presented to recognize steadfast commitment to ensuring the vitality of the PVMA and the veterinary profession.

**1975** – **Anna E. Worth**, director and owner of the West Mountain Animal Hospital in Shaftsbury, Vt., was elected vice president of the American Animal Hospital Association.

**1978** – **Patricia Brown** was appointed director of the National Institutes of Health's Office for Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). Dr. Brown had served as acting director of OLAW since July 2006. She joined the U.S. Public Health Service in 1986 and served in a variety of positions at the NIH within the Veterinary Resources Branch, the National Cancer Institute and the Office of Animal Care and Use.

## 1980s

**1981** – In July 2006, **Pamela J. McKelvie**, veterinary consultant at Penn Vet's PennHIP® Analysis Center, had a speaking role in a commercial for the Pennsylvania Credit Union Association that aired on major network and cable television stations. In July 2006, Dr. McKelvie's first acting job was in a University of Pennsylvania Health System commercial.

**1982** – **Douglas J. Pierson** received the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award from the PVMA for a lifetime of selfless dedication to veterinary medicine, the health and welfare of animals and betterment of the profession.

**1985** – In May 2007, **Christina Dougherty**, senior veterinarian at Pfizer Animal Health, was part of a Pfizer team that worked with staff from the Marine Mammal Center to determine the best medication for treating two lost and injured humpback whales in California's Sacramento River.

**1988** – In May, *Invertebrate Medicine*, the recently published book edited by **Gregory A. Lewbart**, with contributions by **Michael S. Bodri**, and **Amy L. Hancock, V'02**, was recognized for its impact with a 2007 "Texty" Textbook Excellence Award by the Text and Academic Authors Association. The book, published by Blackwell Publishing Professional, won in the College Life Sciences category.

Dr. Lewbart also was named "2007 Exotic DVM [VMD] of the Year" by the Zoological Medicine Network/*Exotic DVM* magazine. The Exotic DVM of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who embodies the essence of stewardship of exotic companion animal species, contributes to the education of veterinary students and clinicians and serves as an international ambassador of goodwill for the exotic animal profession. Dr. Lewbart is professor of aquatic animal medicine at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

## 1990s

**1990** – The Friends of Ambler Farm appointed **Nick Sitinas** to its board. Dr. Sitinas and his wife, Dr. Stacy Robertson-Sitinas, also a veterinarian, run South Wilton Veterinary Group and are active in the Wilton, Pa., community.

**1992** – **Maureen Hargaden** was named by the YWCA of Bergen County, NJ, as recipient of the Tribute to Women and Industry award in recognition of her work as director of research in safety and technical sciences, at Roche Pharmaceuticals, Nutley, N.J. A Roche employee since 1998, Dr. Hargaden heads a 45-member research team that aims to develop and apply the most effective scientific protocol for testing the effectiveness of new drugs.

**1995** – **Mary Bryant**, 2007 president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, received two awards from Merial this year: the Circle of Excellence, based on outstanding support to the Merial sales team, and the Vital Circle, the highest award at Merial, in recognition of teamwork and leadership.

**1995** – In April 2007, **Patty Khuly** began writing the weekly pet column “Dr. Dolittler” in the *Miami Herald*. Dr. Khuly has practiced small animal medicine for 12 years—two in Philadelphia and 10 at Sunset Animal Clinic in south Miami.

**1996** – **Julianne Grady** gave birth to her third daughter, Sierra Skye Freeman, on April 18, 2007.

**1996** – Michigan State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine honored **Ari Jutkowitz**, assistant professor of small-animal clinical sciences, with the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in recognition of his outstanding teaching ability, leadership and high moral character.

**1999** – **Julie Fishman Ekedahl** gave birth to a daughter, Anne Catherine Ekedahl, in spring 2007. Dr. Ekedahl has her own practice, Veterinary Imaging Specialists of Idaho, in Boise.

**1999** – **Dara Zerrenner** gave birth to a son, Ryan Patrick Franks, on May 1, 2007.

## 2000s

**2002** – **Amy L. Hancock** coauthored the book *Invertebrate Medicine*, edited by **Dr. Gregory A. Lewbart, V’88**, that won the 2007 “Texty” Textbook Excellence Award by the Text and Academic Authors Association. The book, published by Blackwell Publishing Professional, won in the College Life Sciences category.

**2004** – **Abigail Smith** married Steven Violin on July 14, 2007 in Massachusetts.

## deaths

**1935** – **William H. Waddell** on January 30, 2007.

**1939** – **Leonard Krawitz** on May 12, 2007.

**1943** – **Harold M. S. Smith** on July 5, 2007.

**1946** – **Henry W. Kulp** on April 28, 2007.

**1950** – **Robert Thornton Henry, Jr.** on June 20, 2007.

**1952** – **Theodore A. Rude, Jr.** on June 28, 2007.

**1956** – **John W. Cable** on May 14, 2007.

**1981** – **Lynne M. Maletz** on June 7, 2007.

**1994** – **Gwen Fernich Lowitt** on May 6, 2007.

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