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## Class Notes

**1940s**

Beloved Penn Vet Alumnus and Professor Emeritus **Charles Raker (V'42)** received the prestigious "Beyond the Call" award at the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) President's Luncheon on December 7, 2010 in Baltimore, MD.

**1950s**

**Edward Lemos (C'54, V'57)** serves on the Board of Federal Savings Bank in Dover, NH. The bank has served residents of the seacoast area of New Hampshire since 1890.

Produced by his daughter, Sandy, a news story about **Bernard Levine (V'55)** was shown on New Jersey Public Television to highlight how Dr. Levine saved the life of a Canada goose that had been illegally shot with a bow and arrow. The story became international news because the smart goose arranged for his own emergency medical care by choosing to land – of all places – on Dr. Levine's waterfront property. Prior to Dr. Levine's care, the bird was spotted by residents along the river in several towns, struggling with the arrow sticking straight out of its chest. See the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4qRKm2Xbao>. Dr. Levine is also the father of **Richard Levine (V'81)**.

**1970s**

**Lawrence Gerson (V'75)** is a veterinarian and founder of the Point Breeze Veterinary Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA, and hosts a biweekly column called "Pet Points" in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* to educate pet owners.

**William "Bill" Miller (V'76)** DACVD of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine will be discussing "Update on Dermatology" at the May 5, 2011 continuing education lecture series for the Richmond Academy of Veterinary Medicine in Sandstone, VA.

**Scott Palmer (V'76)** received the 2010 AAEP President's Award during the President's Luncheon on December 7, 2010 in Baltimore, MD.

**1980s**

**Randy Aronson (V'80)** co-owns P.A.W.S. Integrative Veterinary Center in Tucson, AZ. He hosts a radio program called "Radio Pet Vet," which airs 8 – 10 a.m. each Saturday.

Metropolitan Veterinary Associates, owned by **James Dougherty (V'80)** in Norristown, PA, is celebrating 25 years of operation in 2011.

**W. Boyd Henderson (V'82)** of Henderson Veterinary Associates, Ltd. in Lancaster County, PA has a career in Embryo Transfer and other Assisted Reproductive Techniques (A.R.T.) He has been an extern instructor for the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Reproduction, a member of both the American and International Association for Embryo Transfer as well as the American Association of Equine Practitioners and the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Dr. Henderson has been an author on more than a dozen published papers in A.R.T., most recently cloning. Currently, he is doing both bovine and equine embryo transfer for the practice as well as managing the stallion collection program.

The US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management released a report in December 2010, based on partial findings by **Sarah Ralston (CW'73, V'80, GR'82)** of Rutgers University, concerning the care and handling of wild horses and burros at three major gathers in the Western US in the summer of 2010. The report found "horses did not exhibit undue stress or show signs of extreme sweating or duress due to the helicopter portion of the gather, maintaining a trot or canter gait only as they entered the wings of the trap. Rather[,] horses showed more anxiety once they were closed in the pens in close quarters; however, given time to settle, most of the horses engaged in normal behavior."

The AAEP has named **Mary Beth Hamorski (V'86)** as the January 2011 honoree of its Good Works Campaign in honor of her low-cost veterinary care to Mylestone Equine Rescue, a sanctuary for 34 abused, neglected and relinquished horses in Warren County, NJ.

**Diane Deresienski (V'89)** and **Nick Sitinas (V'90)** were featured on *Animal Planet's* "Pets 101," which aired in December 2010. They provided comments during several segments related to special species.

## 1990s

**Peter Vogel (V'90)** has been elected vice president of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association.

**Lance Bassage (V'93)** has been named professor at the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph. He will be working at the Large Animal Clinic providing both elective and emergency surgical care, as well as teaching OVC students.

**Denise McAloose (V'93)** serves as assistant clinical professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, Bronx, NY and as an anatomic pathologist for the Wildlife Conservation Society – Bronx Zoo.

## 2000s

**Jill Abraham (V'03)** DACVD, currently works at the InTown Veterinary Group/Massachusetts Veterinary Referral Hospital as a dermatologist. Before her position in Massachusetts, she completed a small animal rotating internship in medicine then worked for a year at Red Bank Veterinary Hospital in Red Bank, NJ in 2004. In 2007, Dr. Abraham completed her residency in dermatology at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Abraham became board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology in the summer of 2007.

**Cailin Heinze (V'04)** has been appointed assistant professor in nutrition at the Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Boston, MA. Dr. Heinze completed a three-year residency in nutrition at the University of California, Davis after graduation from University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and was recently certified by the American College of Veterinary Nutrition. Currently, she is investigating omega-3 fatty acid metabolism in psittacine birds, which include parrots, cockatiels and parakeets.

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has managed product and corporate development efforts. Along the way, he started four private biotech companies and ran three others that are publicly held.

From stem cell research to cancer diagnostics to research for innovative neurological therapeutics to serving as a diversified developer of innovative oncology surgical and diagnostic products, VMD-PhD graduates play vital roles in our society both behind the microscope and in the board room.

**Karen O'Connor (V'04)** opened Coastal Georgia Veterinary Care, her first practice, in December 2010 in Richmond Hill, GA, just outside Savannah. The practice will be dedicated to delivering full-service treatment in a spa-like, nurturing environment.

## deaths

- 1939 **James Howard Gillespie** on January 10, 2011.
- 1950 **Leonard B. Simmons** on October 5, 2010.
- 1951 **William A. "Doc" Kernick** on January 27, 2011.
- 1952 **Margaret L. Petrak** on October 19, 2009.
- 1957 **George Boyle** on December 17, 2010.
- 1961 **Andrew Cullen** on November 17, 2010.
- 1972 **Brian Silverlieb** on February 24, 2011.
- 1979 **John A. Burger** on September 19, 2010.
- 1983 **Thomas E. Soeey** on October 9, 2010.
- 1990 **Cheryl Welch-Muller** on February 23, 2011.

Have you received a promotion, gotten married, had a baby or received an award? Have you volunteered somewhere special, moved into a new building, ventured into a new business or discovered the cure for avian flu? Please share with us all of your good news to include in the CLASS NOTES section of the *Bellwether* and the [vet.upenn.edu](http://vet.upenn.edu) website. All residents, interns and fellows are also invited to share!

Forward all alumni news to Coreen Haggerty, director of Alumni Relations at [haggertc@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:haggertc@vet.upenn.edu) or write Office of Alumni Relations, 3800 Spruce Street, Suite 172 E, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

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"All veterinary students should have a keen appreciation of the options a veterinary degree can offer," Dr. Pykett said. "As veterinarians, our unique contribution is that we have the ability to enable change and to bring critical thinking to an array of problems and challenges. The degree fosters broad thinking – veterinarians have the options for diverse career paths, including running a biotech company." 