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Alumni Updates

1970s

On March 27, 2012 the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) honored **Peter S. Conserva (V'74)** as the 2012 Connecticut Veterinarian-of-the-Year. The award recognizes a distinguished CVMA member who has contributed to the advancement of veterinary medicine in Connecticut in one or more of the following areas of organized medicine, education, research, practice or regulatory service. Dr. Conserva was recognized for his instrumental role in developing a unique program under CVMA auspices, the Connecticut State Animal Response Team (CTSART) Equine Response Unit.

John Cullen (V'75) received the BSTP C. Gopinath Lecture Award from the British Society of Toxicologic Pathology at the annual meeting of the European Society of Toxicologic Pathology in Uppsala, Sweden in September 2011. Dr. Cullen has been at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine with the pathology group since 1984 where he serves as professor.

1980s

Paul V. Marino (V'81) was recently interviewed for a recent *Hoofs Beats* magazine cover story about world champion pacer, A RocknRoll Dance, which Dr. Marino bred. The article also mentions **Rich Meirs, V'82**.

Wayne M. Johnson (V'87) is a member of Noblemen, a philanthropic group in Virginia Beach that helps raise money to aid children with special needs. Dr. Johnson was instrumental in the creation of NoblePets, the newest chapter of Noblemen.

Michele R. Rosenbaum (V'89), DACVD was recently awarded the Pfizer Animal Health Veterinary Operations Leadership Award for her work as a senior dermatologist on the veterinary specialty team.

1990s

Joseph Gaydos (V'94) has been elected chair of the science panel of the Puget Sound Partnership, part of a comprehensive effort to restore the nation's largest inland sea. Dr. Gaydos is a senior wildlife veterinarian at the University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine's Wildlife Health Center, where he serves as regional director and chief scientist of the SeaDoc Society. He has also been a member of the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Commission since 2004.

2000s

Anne Hessinger (V'00), MPH, DACVPM recently married Scot Hector in Fort Bragg, NC. Major Hessinger is the group veterinarian for the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Medical Group where she trains future Special Forces medics.

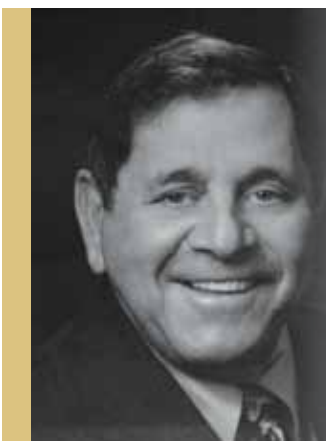
Aylin Atilla (V'04), DACVS married Beau Cleland in August of 2011. Penn Vet Class of 2004 classmates **Bjorn Lee, Kate Vickery, Daphne (Downs) Tanouye** and **Nancy Park** were in attendance. Dr. Atilla currently works at Calgary Animal Referral and Emergency Centre in Alberta.

Maureen Luschni (V'06) has been named medical director of the Veterinary Medical Center of CNY. Dr. Luschni is the area's only veterinary Criticalist and has been the director of VMC's emergency and critical care services since joining the practice in 2010.

DEATHS

1971 Frank Klimitas in April 2012.

1981 Brian J. Prescott on January 7, 2012.

**in memoriam**

Edgar Robert Marookian (V'54) of Clinton Township, NJ, passed away on May 18, 2012. Dr. Marookian was a veterinarian, pharmaceutical researcher, and business entrepreneur, retiring in 1992. He was also a United States Army veteran of World War II, serving during the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and the liberation of the Philippines. Dr. Marookian was a familiar name and face on the Penn Vet campus having served as an adjunct professor and returning annually for the Marookian Lecture Series. He was also a dedicated supporter of the School, both through the creation of the Marookian Auditorium in the Hill Pavilion and the E. R. Marookian VMD/PhD Research Scholarship Fund.