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**CLASS NOTES**

**1960s**

Honey Rothberg, V’68, moved to Florida two years ago, after practicing in New Jersey for more than 35 years. She now works two days a week for a low-cost veterinary clinic in Central Florida. She is kept very busy delivering veterinary care to pets whose owners are unable to afford full-service veterinary medicine. Without the help of this clinic, many animals in need would go without care.

**1970s**

Nancy Brown, V’73, was elected as a Founding Fellow in Surgical Oncology for the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr. Brown, DACVS, DACVIM, is the owner of Pennsylvania Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Associates at Hickory Veterinary Hospital.

Harry Werner, V’74, received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Equine Practitioners in December. The award honors an individual who has provided exemplary service to the AAEP or a similar organization to the benefit of the horse, horse industry, or profession of equine veterinary medicine.

**1980s**

Deirdre Munisteri Hensen, V’82, is the owner of Paumanok Veterinary Hospital, which was recently honored for its commitment to workforce diversity for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Joel Baines, V’83, was named Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education at the Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Mark Cofone, V’85, opened a new physical rehabilitation center in early December at the Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware. The Center has, among other things, an in-ground pool and underwater treadmill. The Center is run by Dr. Natalie Campbell, CCRP, who is a 1998 Penn grad, along with David Mazzoni, CMT.

Karen (Brake) Collins, V’85, started her own practice exclusively for the holistic care of dogs and cats. The practice is founded in traditional Chinese medicine, focusing on acupuncture and herbal medicine.

Charles Rupprecht, V’85, an internationally recognized expert on rabies, has joined the faculty of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine as Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health. Dr. Rupprecht is the former head of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s rabies program and one of the founders of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control. He has spent much of his professional life studying the transmission, evolution, and effects of rabies.

Cathleen Hanlon, V’87, is Chief of the Rabies Team at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA.

Gary Tabor, V’87, is a recent recipient of one of two Fulbright Professional Scholars Awards in Climate Change and Clean Energy. This special award was established by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard to facilitate collaboration and advancement of climate change science between the two nations. Dr. Tabor will be based at Australia Research Council’s Center of Excellence for Environmental Decisions at the University of Queensland and plans to study structured decision making approaches for climate adaptation implementation. He founded and directs the Center for Large Landscape Conservation. The Center’s board includes fellow alum, Rob Kieval, V’87, founder of CVRx Medical Devices.

**1990s**

Rodale Institute, a nonprofit dedicated to pioneering organic farming through research and outreach, announced the appointment of Hubert Karreman, V’95, as Institute Veterinarian. In his new role, Dr. Karreman will develop an organic livestock program, including animal-oriented educational programming for commercial organic farmers at the Institute’s research farm in Kutztown, PA, and at other colleges, universities, and dairy farms throughout the country. Dr. Karreman will also build partnerships with collaborators on pilot studies and pasture projects, and will provide expertise to organic dairy farmers.

John Marcus, V’97, and Scott Martens, V’97, are co-founders and owners of Evercare pet crematory established in 2009 and located in Warminster, PA. Evercare is dedicated to the ethical and responsible treatment of pets upon their passing. Owned and operated by practicing veterinarians, Evercare understands the needs of owners facing the loss of a beloved pet and offers an option for burial that respectfully honors every animal in a caring and trustworthy manner. With its state-of-the-art, eco-friendly facility, Evercare provides the utmost quality, transparent aftercare on the market today. For more information, visit www.evercarepets.com.
Ken Bixel, V’99, started Professional Adventures in Continuing Education, LLC, a provider of unique and fun veterinary education opportunities. In 2014, he will return to France to bicycle the Provence region. For more information, visit www.KEEPUPYOURPACE.com or e-mail info@KeepUpYourPACE.com.

Patrick Mahaney, V’99, and Phil Hammond were married on July 2 at the County of Los Angeles Public Library in West Hollywood, CA. Their Welsh Terrier, Cardiff, served as canine witness to the event. Dr. Mahaney is President of California Pet Acupuncture and Wellness (CPAW), Inc. (www.PatrickMahaney.com) and Mr. Hammond serves as his business administrator. In October, Dr. Mahaney and his client, actress Jane Lynch, participated in the Los Angeles Bark Business Tour, benefitting K9s for Warriors.

Sabrina Goscilo, V’05, married Justin Chambers in Lancaster, PA, where they currently own a home. She is an Associate Veterinarian and Medical Director of East York Veterinary Center in York, PA.

Alanna (Toll) Schwartz, V’06, and her husband Jeff (W’89) welcomed their third child, Daniel, on September 8. He joins big sister Hannah and big brother Joshua. The family lives in Manhattan.

Lorelei Wakefield, V’06, has launched Doc Momma maternity lab coats for pregnant vets, doctors, and dentists. The idea came to her after a pregnant colleague had trouble finding a lab coat that fit. The goal is to help women look and feel great at work during maternity. For more information, visit www.docmomma.com.

Sean Sawyer, V’00, owner of PawSteps Veterinary Center in Northbridge, MA, recently celebrated the practice’s fifth anniversary. The practice has been growing steadily and now employs three veterinarians, including Rebecca Carroll, DVM, spouse of Vincent Carroll, V’02.

Erin Trageser, V’09, attained board certification as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology). Dr. Trageser completed her cardiology residency at Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island, Canada, under the tutelage of Dr. Etienne Cote. She simultaneously earned a Master’s of Science degree for her research in feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Dr. Trageser is currently working at Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center.

2000s

Join Us for Alumni Weekend
May 16–17, 2014

Come back to campus to reminisce, remember, and relive old memories. Classes ending in a “4” or “9” will celebrate class reunions. Join us for tours of New Bolton Center and Ryan Hospital, Dean’s Reception, Jazz Brunch, Quaker Kids, and more. We look forward to welcoming you back!
Deanna (Pié) Gazzerro, V’10, was married in Philadelphia on September 14, 2013, to Michael Gazzerro.

Maral Avetian, V’12, joined the board of the Chester County SPCA. She is a large-animal veterinarian with First Equine and has a racetrack-based practice.

Nathanael Oster, V’12, joined the board of directors of the Morris Animal Refuge and was appointed as an advisor to the national Veterinary Business Management Association.

Laura Proietto, V’12, obtained a residency in veterinary ophthalmology at the University of Florida after a small-animal rotating medicine and surgery internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York, NY.

Eric Deeble, V’13, was awarded an AAAS/AVMA Congressional Policy Fellowship for 2013-14. He will bring a veterinarian’s perspective to the office of Senator Gillibrand (D-NY), where he will be working on agriculture issues and other science-related topics.

Dr. Shelby Reinstein-White, who completed her ophthalmology residency at Penn Vet in July, has passed all parts of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists certification examination, and will be inducted into the college as a Diplomate of the ACVO at the annual meeting this fall.

IN REMEMBRANCE

John Richard “Dick” Berggren, Jr., V’51, age 88, of River Falls, WI, died on October 11 at the Lutheran Home. He served in the US Navy and later served the River Falls area as a veterinarian for over fifty years. Dr. Berggren married Carol Riter in 1953. He enjoyed fishing in Canada with his friends and spent many hours on the golf course.

Arthur Paul Coogan, V’52, age 89, a longtime Wilmington, DE-area veterinarian, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on October 8. Dr. Coogan was a decorated combat veteran of World War II. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps at the age of 19 and was assigned to the 827th Bomb Squadron, which saw action in the European theatre. He earned seven battle stars before his honorable discharge in 1945. Dr. Coogan established Suburban Animal Hospital in Wilmington, DE. For 60 years, he was a dedicated professional serving the communities of Wilmington, where he was beloved and respected.

Bryan “Barney” Sydney Johnson, V’63, of Osprey, FL, formerly of East Brunswick and Toms River, NJ, died on September 26. He opened his first practice, Cranbury Veterinary Hospital in East Brunswick, and his second, Bayview Veterinary Hospital in Toms River, before retiring to Sarasota County. Dr. Johnson also worked part-time at the Palmer Ranch Animal Clinic in Sarasota, FL. He was an honor roll member of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

William R. Morton, V’67, of Seattle, WA, passed away on September 4, as a result of an accidental fall. Before attending veterinary school, he spent two years at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, ME, working with Nobel Laureate Dr. George D. Snell. Upon graduating from veterinary school, Dr. Morton first practiced in New Hampshire and then joined the University of Washington Regional Primate Center Field Station outside of Spokane, WA. He then set up his own practice in South Paris, ME, across the street from the family’s Paris Manufacturing Co. He moved back to Washington in 1976 and began a 30-year career in primate research at the University of Washington, where he rose to be the Director of the Washington Regional Primate Research Center. Over the course of his career, he traveled worldwide to countries including Russia and Indonesia, and established a national and international reputation in primate research. He retired in 2005 to start his own primate consulting company, ParisNHP.

Dr. Wm. Southard Jones, Jr., V’71, age 69, of New Castle, DE, passed away on June 17. Upon graduation, Dr. Jones joined the US Army as a captain in the veterinary corps. He opened Red Lion Veterinary Hospital in 1978. Today, the hospital continues as a family-run practice, a legacy he passed down to two of his children, Dr. Courtney Manetti and Dr. Luke Jones.

Charles F. ‘Chuck’ Ruggiero, V’86, of Atco, NJ, died suddenly at the age of 53 on November 25. Dr. Ruggiero graduated from Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Along with his wife, Gina, he operated the Waterford Veterinary Associates in Atco for many years.