

vmaspresident's letter

We kicked off our year with another successful Penn Annual Conference, February 28 to March 2, 2007 at the Sheraton City Center Hotel in Philadelphia. Close to 600 alumni among the 1,100 participants attended special pre-conference presentations by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association and PennHIP® and two full-conference days. Several of our own Penn Vet graduates presented top-notch educational programming and **Dr. Joan C. Hendricks, V'79, GR'80**, provided an abridged version of her State of the School address at our VMAS open meeting on March 1. We hosted a young alumni luncheon on March 2, which invited all class years from 2002 to the present. Even more alumni events will be incorporated into next year's Penn Annual Conference, March 5-7, 2008.

Be sure to mark your calendars for October 27, 2007 for Alumni Day at Penn Vet: 25th and 50th reunion classes will be highlighted at the day's events, but all classes are invited to join their classmates for a fun time. Look for more details in the coming months.

Summer will be here before you know it, and with it comes the opportunity for you to employ a first- or second-year vet student who is eager to "learn-and-earn" from you while gaining valuable experience. Please visit the Veterinary Employment Bulletin Board at www.vet.upenn.edu/jobsearch. Click on the "Post a Summer 2007 Position" link, and complete the on-line submission form. Interested students will be able to view your announcement and contact you directly.

If you cannot offer an employment opportunity, perhaps you might care to share your career experience. Penn Vet is often asked to speak to community and school groups on careers in veterinary medicine. If you would like to share your veterinary experience with future veterinarians and community groups, contact Coreen Haggerty at 215-898-1481.



Even when not on campus, you can stay connected by visiting the Penn Vet Web site at www.vet.upenn.edu, and clicking on the enhanced "Alumni & Friends" link. You may also post an e-mail message to your classmates through the Alumni Society's *free* electronic communications system. By logging onto this secure on-line community, you will be immediately connected to your entire class. To sign up, contact Coreen. If you are already a member of the listserv, type **vmdclassofXXXX@vet.upenn.edu** in the "To" box of your e-mail message to reach your classmates (simply replace the Xs with your class year.)

In closing, I remain confident that as alumni, we have much to offer and accomplish for our School. I encourage you to share your thoughts with me, or join us at the next event or Veterinary Medical Alumni Society meeting. Hope to see you at Alumni Weekend!

—MARILYN WEBER, V'75

AMVM opens veterinary museum

The American Museum of Veterinary Medicine (AMVM) now has a permanent home, with the purchase of historic Ridgewood Farm, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The farm will once again focus on animals, and the profession that cares for their health and welfare.

The property includes a stone farmhouse, built in two sections, circa 1740 and 1811, a rare 1809 double bank barn, a smoke house, wagon shed, root cellar and other outbuildings that will be adapted to museum use.

"Ultimately we envision the AMVM to be known throughout America for its vibrant changing interactive museum exhibits," said **Dr. Max Herman, V'59**, AMVM president. He noted that museum plans include a 70-seat movie theater/auditorium and education center, a comprehensive research library, a recreated veterinary hospital, a meeting annex with additional displays and space to store and catalogue artifacts, and a virtual museum to reach an international audience.

The museum is currently open by appointment and periodic open houses. It is easily accessible, located along Route 724, one quarter mile east of Interstate 176, Cumru Township.

For more information about the museum, please call 610-898-0659, or visit www.amvm.org.

