2008 Annual Meeting Program
Monday, July 21, 2008
Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center
New Leveé Room
New Orleans, LA

7:45am  Arrival.
8:00am  Welcome--Dr. Zbigniew W. Wojcinski,
         President AVMHS
8:15am  AVMHS Business Meeting, Dr.
         Zbigniew W. Wojcinski, presiding.
9:30am  Break
10:00am Presented Papers I
       “Louisiana History with a Veterinary
       Perspective”. —Dr. Everett Besch,
       Dean Emeritus, LSU School of
       Veterinary Medicine.
10:45am “Folk Veterinary Medicine in
       Louisiana” —Dr. Martha Littlefield,
       Louisiana State Veterinarian.
11:30am “James Law: America’s First Veterinary
       Epidemiologist and the Equine
       Influenza Epidemic of 1872”.--Thomas
       G. Murnane, DVM, Brig. Gen. U.S.
       Army, Ret.
12noon  Lunch break
1:30pm  Presented Papers II
       “My Father’s Practice in Lafayette,
       Louisiana” with rare video footage of
       veterinary practice in the 1930s and
       1940s.—Dr. Robert J. Leonpacher.
2:30pm  “Katrina—Its Effect on the Veterinary
       Profession”: Mississippi—Dr. Brigid
       Elchos ; Louisiana—Dr. Robert C.
       Gros.
3:30pm  Adjourn for beignets, coffee, and good
         fellowship at a famous local New
         Orleans restaurant.

2008 Essay Contest Winners
Dr. Diana Davis, Essay Contest Committee Chair,
announces the winners of the J. Fred Smithcors Student
Veterinary History Essay Contest for 2008.

1st Prize    Hattie Kugler, Washington State
“Scratches, Grease Heel, and Grapes: Or Chronic
Pastern Dermatitis Then and Now”.

2nd Prize (tie)  Kevin Koernig, Tufts
“The Bureau of Animal Industry and Veterinary
Professionalization at the Turn of the 20th Century”.

2nd Prize (tie)  Michael Walsh, Kansas State
“The Emergence of Animals Rights in Veterinary
Medicine”.

We extend appreciation to the three judges, Drs. Debbie
Tacium Ladry, Wolfgang Jöchle, and Raffaele Roncalli
along with Gary Zelko at Merck & Company for their
ongoing support for our contest.

Manuscripts and Records
The summary of an article in a recent issue of Argos, the
bulletin of the Veterinary History Society in The
Netherlands pointed out that “only a very small part of
veterinary historical studies is based on manuscript or
archival materials”. Argos 36(4):255. The summary
encourages us to think twice before destroying
handwritten or electronically printed materials that could
clarify our time for future historians.

I’m happy to report that the Rev. Dr. Robert Lawrence
has enthusiastically contributed twenty years of practice
records carefully maintained by former AVMHS
President Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence. After sensitive
information about individual clients has been redacted,
they are to go to the archive of the Association for
Women Veterinarians (AWV). That archive is a small
part of the Washington State University Veterinary
History Collection, which began with more than 1,200
books and pamphlets, as well as manuscripts and
ephemera, donated by Dr. J. Fred Smithcors.
As do many other veterinary organizations, AVMHS has an archive of its own at Iowa State University. If you are retiring, or just clearing an office, consider shipping some things off for preservation to an archival center near you or the AVMHS archive at Iowa State at:

Special Collections
Iowa State University
403 Parks Library
Ames, Iowa 50011-21240
Attn: Tanya Zanish-Belcher
Phone: (515) 294-6672
FAX: (515) 294-5525
Email: archives@iastate.edu or spclref@iastate.edu

AVMA Sesquicentennial Cooperation
President Zbigniew Wojcinski contacted Executive VP Dr. Ron DeHaven and Jim Flanagan in Marketing concerning AVMA’s Sesquicentennial in Chicago in 2013. Although plans are still in the very early stages, they were receptive to having AVMHS involved in event planning in whatever form that would take and be part of a committee should one be formed. Further discussion will take place this fall and they will keep in touch with our Society as plans take shape.

Dr. R.H. Detwiler is “Person of the Week”
The Reading (Pa.) Eagle has honored Dr. Richard H. Detwiler as a recent “Person of the Week”. Dick is a long time member of AVMHS and currently treasurer of the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine. For the complete write-up and photo of Dick in the Museum, go to: http://www.readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=92988

AMVM Museum Open House
The American Museum of Veterinary Medicine at Ridgewood Farm near Reading, PA held an Open House on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 10am to 4pm. It featured a day of family fun with animals and animal stories, including museum tours, dog training, animal rescue, photography, crafts, and book signing by Todd Addis, DVM. For more information, see http://www.amvm.org

Mara Lecture Award for Harry Latshaw
Harry Latshaw, an AVMHIS member and retired Veterinary Technology Program advisor and clinical coordinator at Purdue University, was awarded the Jack L. Mara Memorial Lecture Award at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando in January 2008. The award recognizes Mara Lecture speakers annually at the veterinary technician’s portion of NAVC. A photo of Harry Latshaw receiving the award from Dr. Mary Beth Leininger appears on page 4 of the spring 2008 issue of SVM Report available at http://www.vet.purdue.edu/svmreport/index.html or http://www.vet.purdue.edu/svmreport/archive/spring08/ReportSpring2008.pdf

WAHVM Meeting Deadline
WAHVM Liaison Susan Jones reminds AVMHS members that June 30 is the early registration deadline for the WAHVM Congress, to be held in Engelberg, Switzerland, September 11-13. To register and reserve hotel space, go the website http://congress.svgvm.ch/ where a form can be printed out to send (by post) with credit card number for reservations. We have at least two representatives attending from the AVMHS; we will also be contributing at least four papers to the program. Contact Dr. Jones with questions: jone0996@umn.edu

AAVP Lasher History Lecture
Dr. David Halvorson will deliver the Lasher History Lecture titled “The History of Avian Influenza in the USA” on Tuesday, July 22 from 10:00-10:30am in the Morial Convention Center, New Orleans. This lecture is an annual event at the American Association of Avian Pathologists Scientific Program.

New Books


New Member
We are pleased to welcome a new member:
Dr. Walter C. Cash (Manhattan, KS)
Dr. Cash has been sent a copy of Dr. Fred Born’s The History of the Horse Doctor CD-ROM along with one to Dr. Howard Erickson who encouraged him to join.

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Send news, comments, suggestions for the next News & Comment to: Dr. Phyllis H. Larsen, 1675 Ellis Hollow Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, or phone/fax 607-539-6181 or to the Secretary/Treasurer at skw@cornell.edu, fax: 607-253-3080 or phone: 607-253-3499.
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