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Veterinary Heritage

Your second 2011 issue of *Veterinary Heritage* did not get lost in the mail. Editor David Williams has the mailing labels and is completing it. You should be receiving your copy soon.

All AVMHS members, and other readers and writers of veterinary history, please look over your past presentations and send our editor articles for future issues. *Veterinary Heritage* is our Society's journal. Please help to keep it a useful history source for members and others to read. Professor Williams can be reached at djw@purdue.edu.

Annual Meeting in San Diego

President-elect and Program Chair Martha Littlefield has at least two speakers to follow our annual business meeting on August 6, 2012, during the AVMA Convention. Dr. Monica Murphy will present a paper on natural and cultural history of bat rabies.

In addition, Dr. Sam Ridgway, whose professional career encompasses practically everything known about dolphin veterinary medicine, will speak at our meeting. He will also guide us in the preparation of a dolphin-centered exhibit at the AVMHS booth.

If you happen to have knowledge or illustrations related to dolphins in more ancient times, please send them to Susanne Whitaker, so earlier history can be added to the AVMHS educational booth. For instance, did Aristotle have facts to tell us about these sea mammals?

AVMHS Regional Meeting in Canada

On Friday, June 15, 2012, a meeting featuring cross-border connections will be held in the Lifetime Learning Center of the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, near Toronto.

Attendance is open and free, but **registration is necessary**. Also a light lunch will be available for \$10.00, if ordered in advance. The deadline for registration and lunch order is **June 12, 2012**. For

further details about registration and housing, contact Tara O'Brien, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1, Tel: 519-824-4120, ext. 54402; E-mail: tlobrien@uoguelph.ca, ovc150@uoguelph.ca, or http://ovc150.ca/en/celebrate/AVMHS_meeting.asp



**American Veterinary Medical History Society
Regional Meeting in Celebration of the
Sesquicentennial of the Ontario Veterinary College**

**Cross-Border Connections in Canadian and U.S.
Veterinary History
Friday, June 15, 2012**

**Lifetime Learning Centre, Ontario Veterinary
College, University of Guelph**

Program

- 8.30 am Registration
- 9.00 am Welcome
- 9.15 am Brian Derbyshire: *Cross-Border Connections at the Ontario Veterinary College*
- 9.55 am Terry Crowley: *Student Life at the OVC as Viewed by an American*
- 10.35 am Refreshments
- 11.00 am Dean Percy: *Cross-Border Connections in Pathology*
- 11.40 am John Prescott: *Frank Schofield's Cross-Border Connections*
- 12.20 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm Elizabeth Stone: *Historical Role of Veterinarians' Wives*
- 2.10 pm Lisa Cox: *Transnational Disease, Local Consequences: Bovine Tuberculosis in Ontario and New York State, 1890 – 1917*
- 2.50 pm Refreshments

- 3.20 pm Philip Teigen: *Making it in Gilded Age Washington: C. Barnwell Robinson and Cecil French Come to the District of Columbia*
- 4.00 pm Ian Barker: *The C.A.V. Barker Museum of Canadian Veterinary History*

AVMA 2013 -- Oral History

AVMHS continues to promote oral histories of veterinarians and encourage State veterinary medical associations to interview their older or retired members. For more information about these efforts, contact Dr. Fred Born at 920-921-6534 or fjborn@att.net. We are also gathering known oral histories for our *Catalog of Oral Histories of Veterinary Medicine*. Currently, we are aware of nearly 370 interviews with veterinarians.

Thus, we were very pleased when Dr. Patricia Kennedy Arrington shared a copy of the recent book, *Celebrating 100 Years of Compassionate Care, 1911-2011*, published by the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association. She said it contains facts, figures and photos of Kentucky veterinary history.

In addition, a 1-hour long CD titled, *Voices of Kentucky Veterinarians*, has been compiled which includes excerpts from Dr. Alice Mills' interviews with nearly 13 Kentucky veterinarians. They describe what it was like to practice, what has changed over time, how they balanced their work life, and give sage advice for new graduates.

Deadline for WAHVM Abstracts



Abstract proposals for papers are due by **February 29, 2012** for the 40th International Congress on the History of Veterinary Medicine which will occur at Utrecht University in The Netherlands on August 22-25, 2012. The main themes for this Congress are history of veterinary organizations and the World Veterinary Association. One can also offer a paper on any veterinary history topic that one wishes. AVMHS Immediate Past President Howard Erickson is submitting one on the history of the AVMA and Lesley

Ann Gentry is interested in presenting background on our *Registry of Heritage Veterinary Practices*.

If you are familiar with how some other veterinary organization developed, consider sending in your abstract soon, and send your accepted paper even if you can't attend the Congress. Details are available at <http://www.veterinaryhistory.nl/> or from our AVMHS Liaison to WAHVM Lesley Ann Gentry at 785-738-8584.

Dr. Leo L. Lemonds

Our Society's good friend and dutiful Secretary-Treasurer from 1993 to 2004 passed away on December 12, 2011. Fortunately, he and his wife, Marcella, had already written their annual Christmas letter to their widely extended family and myriad of friends. In it, Leo described his brush with death in August, when he was being anesthetized for the removal of a tumor. More important, he told about his nearly two months hospitalization before returning home to managed care by the ever-capable Marcella. His time in hospital showed how much he was loved by distant relatives, his immediate family, and by the community of Hastings, Nebraska. For instance, seventeen people crowded his hospital room at one time.

During Dr. Lemond's years at AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer, many veterinarians stopped by our history booth primarily to greet Leo. He had built a special booth display, and accompanied by Marcella, he had trundled it to AVMA Conventions year after year. When they occasionally flew to a convention, he would send it to a member who lived close to the venue and could bring it to the exhibition hall.

Leo Lemonds was not only friendly; he was a man who got things done. He is missed by many.



Dr. Leo and Marcella Lemonds from 2011 Christmas family newsletter

Meeting Calendar

2012

- June 15 AVMHS Regional Meeting at OVC, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, "Cross-Border Connections...."
- Aug 6 AVMHS Program and Annual Meeting, during AVMA convention, San Diego
- Aug 22-25 40th WAHVM International Congress, Utrecht, The Netherlands
<http://www.veterinaryhistory.nl/pages/scientific-program>
- Oct 7-9 Washington State VMA 100th Anniversary Conference

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- July 20-23 AVMA Sesquicentennial Convention, Chicago

New AVMHS Members

We are pleased to welcome:

Dr. Steve Joseph, Shawnee Mission, KS

New Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practices

We welcome new Registry members:

McNabb Veterinary, McNabb, IL 1912

New Books

Fourie, Christelle and Katja Bier, editors and compilers. *A Day in the Life of a South African Veterinarian: celebrating world veterinary year and 250 years of veterinary education*. Pretoria: South African Veterinary Association, 2011. 100 p.

Owens, Susan, compiler. *Celebrating 100 Years of Compassionate Care: Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association 1911-2011*. Frankfort, KY: Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, 2011. 103 pgs. Plus: *Voices of Kentucky Veterinarians*, Gregory King, Narrator; Alice Mills, Interviewer. 1-hour CD-ROM. Go to: <http://kvma.org/> for a mail-in form or order online; Book: \$37.10; CD: \$15.90; Both: \$45.05.

Wasik, Bill and Monica Murphy. *Rabid: a cultural history of the world's most diabolical virus* New York: Viking Press, 2012 [in press, due July 19]. It covers the history of rabies and zoonosis going back to ancient times, and is written for a popular audience.

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