Centennial Celebration!

Come celebrate the past, present and future! The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association is in the midst of planning the centennial celebration. On February 9-11, 2007 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary at the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock, AR. If you have any stories, photos, or any article of interest from the past, please contact Maggie at the association office. Our hope is to plan a wonderful slide show to present at the Winter Convention. Any items you think are of interest would be great!

Take a look below to see how the Veterinary Profession has changed over the hundreds of years!

Milestones in the History of the Veterinary Profession
(From the American VMA)

1900 U.S. veterinarians prove insects can transmit disease. Research launched to control typhus, malaria, bubonic plague and yellow fever.
1906 Congress passes meat inspection laws.
1920 Veterinarians initiate systematic campaign to eradicate bovine tuberculosis in U.S., with profound implications for human health conditions.
1923 Austrian veterinarian develops spinal anesthesia, a method still used today.
1929 Canadian veterinarian discovers dicoumarol, an anti-coagulant used in treating human heart and circulatory disease.
1929 U.S. eradicates Glanders in horses and Foot and Mouth Disease.
1940 Regulations created to control rabies in the U.S.
1950 Illinois veterinarian begins using metal pins for repairing long bone fractures.
1951 Veterinarians begin to eradicate hog cholera in the U.S.
1954 U.S. veterinarians assist Mexico in eradicating livestock diseases.
1955 New Jersey veterinarian develops tranquilizers for use on animals & humans.
1956 U.S. military veterinarian adapts canine hip prosthesis to humans.
1960 U.S. veterinarians implement measures to control bovine brucellosis, with goal of eradicating the disease by the end of the century.
1964 First xenotransplants: baboon and chimpanzee kidneys into human beings.
1976 University of California-Davis veterinarian discovers Ebola virus.
1978 Secretary of Agriculture declares U.S. to be free of hog cholera.
1985 Harvard veterinarian identifies HIV blood screening antigens based on approaches he used earlier with feline retroviruses.
1986 Human health benefits of pet-ownership recognized by veterinary and human medical communities as the result of research related to human-animal bond Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or "Mad Cow Disease") identified in United Kingdom; veterinarians prevent spread of disease to U.S. by developing importation restrictions.
1987 Center for Paralysis Research founded at Purdue University in Indiana. Veterinarians coordinate efforts with human medical researchers to launch research projects for advances in spinal cord injury recovery.
1989 Military veterinarians play pivotal role in diagnosing and managing Ebola virus outbreak in Reston, VA.
1992 Xenotransplants: baboon and swine livers transplanted into humans; lengthened survival rates.
1993 First veterinarian in outer space as payload specialist for Spacelab Life Science II mission aboard the orbiter Columbia space shuttle.

Veterinarians identify and help control E.coli outbreak in humans in Pacific Northwest.

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President’s Message
by Lyndon Tate

ArVMA Members,

I have had the opportunity to communicate with many of you since taking office in February, concerning various issues related to veterinary medicine, such as tax issues, which I am currently working on to get some published guidelines, public health and emergency response plans, and meeting with other non-veterinary groups that have concerns involving the veterinarian.

On May 10, I had the opportunity to meet with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), state public health veterinarian, Dr. Susan Weinstein, state veterinarian, Dr. Pat Badley, state animal control personnel, and Arkansas’s Game and Fish representative. This was to establish the operating procedures in case of a statewide emergency. One of the questions asked, what can the veterinarians in this state do, for ADEM, in case of such emergency? After discussing our role in ADEM’s overall plan, I was moved to reflect on other aspects of service a veterinarian provides, not only to our practice, but also to our community, our state, our nation and perhaps most of all our families. We are rated very high in public perception. We can read almost every day about the expert care we give to our patients. Examples are the efforts given during last year’s hurricanes. Veterinarians volunteered for service in the areas devastated by the wind and water. The large animal clinic at Texas A & M was converted to a human hospital with staff providing nursing care and bodily support to those of the human medical profession. Dr. Allen Roussel, Texas A & M, told me it was one of the most gratifying experiences he had ever had as a veterinarian or person. As you know, Hurricane Rita occurred during the 2005 SWVS in Fort Worth. Because of this, we were short several speakers for the convention. Where were the speakers? It wasn’t because they couldn’t get to Fort Worth, but they were coming to the aid of those in need. At the same time, many who were attending for CE, stepped up to fill the void and became qualified speakers. We had several individuals from Arkansas travel to Mississippi and Louisiana to give of their services and supplies.

We have individuals who are involved in all areas of civic activities, be it 4-H, scouting, church, local government, or working with charity organizations. We have veterinarians who are involved in all levels of politics. We have veterinarians who give that special word and comfort when a client’s pet or animal passes away, and whether we know it or not, we are involved in some aspect of public health on a daily basis. If this sounds like a pep talk or if I seem to be proud of this profession, I am. Thus, if the opportunity arises and you are asked, “what can you do”, just say, without being arrogant, “there are NO Boundaries”.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Susan Weinstein, being the new Public Health Veterinarian and Dr. Lloyd Keck being awarded a Congressional Fellowship to work as a Congressional Staffer on Legislative issues related to veterinary medicine. I’m sure both will serve their new positions well.

We are still getting some of your responses on the rabies vaccine inquiry. I urge all to give the committee your thoughts and return the survey form to Maggie, and don’t forget the summer meeting!!!!!!!! Be sure to be included when registration begins.

SEE YOU IN HOT SPRINGS.

Best to all,
Lyndon

Milestones, continued from page 1

1994 University of Tennessee veterinarian recognized for gains in cancer research
1996 Veterinarian joins astronaut corps, participates in Space Shuttle Columbia mission
Veterinarians at National Institutes of Health discover link between virus in groundhogs and hepatitis B in humans
Veterinarians at Cornell University discover link between canine heart abnormalities and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
Australian veterinarian working in U.S. awarded Nobel Prize for Medicine for breakthrough in immunology research
Veterinarians play integral role as World Health Organization proposes measures to combat Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy on international scale and examine possible link to a variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans
1997 Veterinary and human medical researchers collaborate for advances in health care for people and animals
Veterinarians continue to make gains in preventing zoonotic diseases
Veterinarians ensure food safety and protect public health on a global scale
1999 First recognized outbreak of West Nile virus in the U.S. identified by a veterinarian in New York state
Services were held, May 30 for a member of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq.

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel E. Holland of San Antonio and three other soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died May 18 in Baghdad from injuries sustained that day when an improvised explosive device detonated near their Humvee during combat operations. Serving in Iraq attached to the 352nd Civil Affairs Command out of Fort Bragg, N.C., Lt. Col. Holland was on a Civil Affairs mission helping the Iraqi people with veterinary support. A 1988 graduate of Oklahoma State University, he was 43 years old.

In a May 22 announcement to Veterinary Service personnel, Brig. Gen. Michael Cates, chief of the Army Veterinary Corps, wrote: "Daniel was an outstanding soldier, commander, leader, and mentor. He led by example, truly committed to the Army and his soldiers. LTC Holland will be greatly missed by the Veterinary Service, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Holland family."

Dr. Holland’s survivors include his wife, Sheryl, and their children, Rachel and Garrett.

Volunteer personnel with the Department of Defense Veterinary Service Activity and soldiers with Veterinary Command have escorted his body and provided an honor guard. Visitation commenced at 5 p.m. CDT at Zoeller Funeral Home (830-625-2349) in New Braunfels, Texas. The funeral took place Wednesday at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels, with interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.


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Executive Director’s Message  
by Maggie Milligan

Since the last newsletter, the Association office has been very busy. I traveled to Schaumberg, IL to the American VMA to an Executive Directors orientation program. They rolled out the red carpet for everyone in attendance. It was 2 days packed full of wonderful information. There were several other Executive Directors from other states. (See picture) It was great to share information and feed off each others ideas. Not to mention build lasting friendships. The American VMA is a wonderful resource tool. Be sure to access their website at www.avma.org.

Dr. Tate and I attended an Emergency Management meeting. It was very informative. I look forward to upcoming meetings. Your association will stay very involved in this as we want our voices heard loud and clear in this planning process.

On June 8th I traveled to Austin Texas for A board of Managers Meeting with the Southwest Veterinary Symposium. Mark your calendars for September 21-27, 2006 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The staff at SWVS has put together another fantastic meeting. There are still calls for moderators. If you have not signed up, it is well worth your time. The compensation is a $100 rebate for DVMs and $40 for technicians to be forwarded to each moderator following the symposium. The dollar amount is a flat fee per session. SWVS Board members and CE Committee members do not receive compensation for moderating. Contact Jo Andersen, CE Program Director at joa@swvs.org if you are interested in serving as a moderator.

The Summer Meeting is just around the corner! Mark your calendar for August 4-6, 2006 in Hot Springs at the Arlington Hotel. The meeting will be full of information and a lot of fun too! Watch your mail, details will be arriving SOON!

In closing, I have to say that my first six months as your Executive Director have been a great pleasure! I have learned a lot and know I still have a lot to learn. If you ever have questions, comments, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call the office or send me an e-mail. Make note of the new e-mail address: arkansasvma@comcast.net. This is YOUR association and I welcome your thoughts!

Until next time!

Fondly,
Maggie Milligan
On May 5, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine hosted the 32nd annual Awards and Honors Banquet at the LSU Union. The banquet was sponsored in part by Nestlé Purina Pet Care, Novartis Animal Health, and the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association (LVMA).

Dr. Keith Strickland, clinical associate professor of veterinary cardiology in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, served as Master of Ceremonies. Each year, the Master of Ceremonies is the winner of the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award from the previous year. Dean Michael G. Groves welcomed the guests.

Approximately $135,000 was distributed to students in the form of awards and scholarships. Faculty and staff awards were bestowed at the beginning of the evening. Ms. Lisa Roundtree, a lab animal assistant technician in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics (VTH&C), received the IAMS VTH&C Staff Award, which is presented to an outstanding staff member from the VTH&C.

The presentation of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Foundation and LVMA Outstanding Student Awards. The AVMF granted awards to two top graduating veterinary students from Arkansas. The awards are based on academic performance and leadership potential. This year’s recipients are Amber Swain and Erica Wallace.
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**Keck 2006-2007 AVMA Congressional Science and Executive Branch Fellow**

The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association is pleased to announced that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has selected Dr. Lloyd D. Keck as a 2006-2007 AVMA Congressional Science and Executive Branch Fellow.

Dr. Keck will serve as Congressional staff in either a Representative or Senator’s personal office or in a committee office.

Lloyd Keck, DVM; ACPV, of West Fork, AR. is the owner of Keck & Associates, Inc., a poultry management and technical services consult-

ing service, and president of Avian Performance Standards, Inc. Dr. Keck is a member of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association, Northwest Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association, Phi Zeta Veterinary Scholastic Society and American Association of Avian Pathologists and past president of the Arkansas poultry Veterinarians Association. He is a 1982 graduate of Louisiana State University.

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Dr. Margie Gillmore, ophthalmologist at Oklahoma State University, Dr. Melinda Upton, internal medicine (oncology) from Tulsa, and Dr. Saber, dermatology also from Tulsa will each present a 2 hour short course on their areas of expertise. This should be a very informative and interesting meeting and an opportunity to get some CEs (I have requested 6 hours). All DVM in the state are invited, there may be a small fee to attend, for more information, please contact Dr Kate Williams at (501) 521-5220 or Dr Elizabeth Corrander at (501) 750-7474. You can also email me at drkatewilliams@aol.com
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