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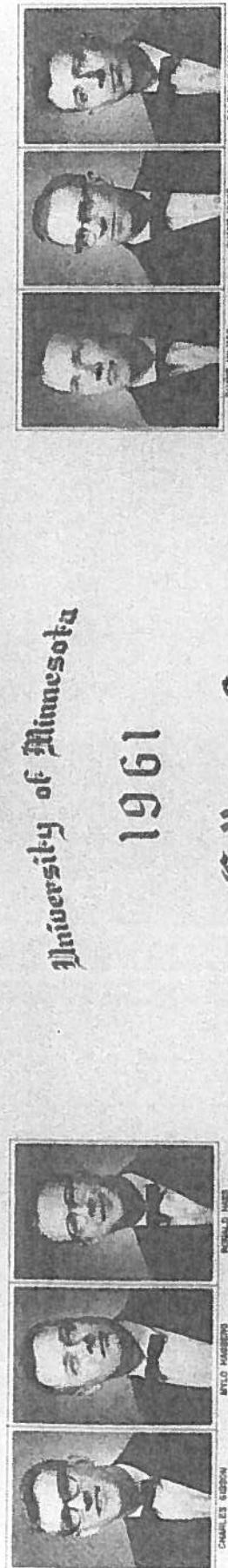
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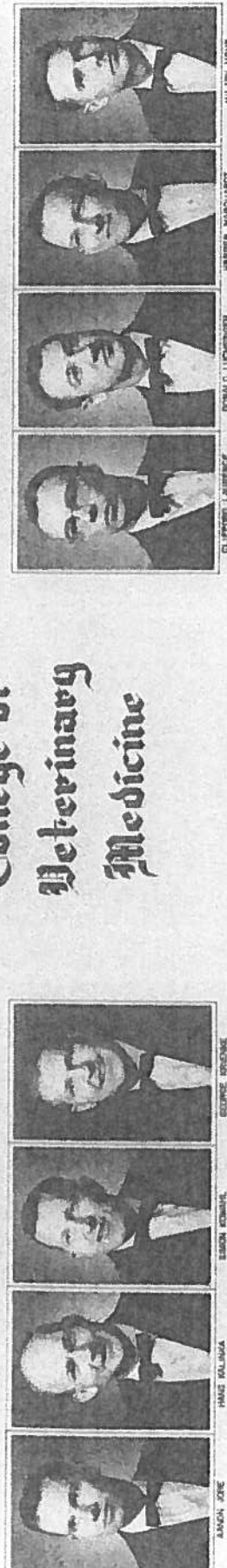
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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Neil Anderson

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**Spouse:** Betty

**Children:** 3 daughters and 3 sons

**Grandchildren:** 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

After completing my DVM, I continued my studies and recieved my PhD at the University of Minnesota. I became a professor at Auburn University and then moved to Kansas State University where I was professor and, for a short time, interim dean. Now I deal in antiques and collectibles in Aberleem, Kansas, which is Dwight Eisenhower's home town. I also raise sheep and sell naturally colored yarn for knitters. My wife, Betty, and I, have 3 daughters and 3 sons who have blessed us with 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Donald Lowell for his effective communication style.

**Fondest school memory:** The friendships I made with his classmates.

**Best vacation since graduation:** A sabbatical to Australia in 1981.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career? Never give up!**

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Ronald D. Anderson

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**Spouse:** Jackie-deceased

**Children:** LTC (Dr. ) Jaime B. Anderson, Tari Nicolas

**Grandchildren:** Kyle Anderson, working on his PhD; Kayla, first year of college; Daniel Nicolas, lawyer working for a large law firm in New York City; Emilio Nicolas, lawyer working for a large law firm in Austin, Texas

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Retired from the Army Veterinary Corps as a Colonel; Retired from the State of Nevada Department of Agriculture where I worked as an epidemiologist and a veterinary diagnostician.

**Favorite professor and why:**

Dr. R. K. Anderson, Dr. Dale Sorensen, Dr. Al Weber, Dr. Carl Osborne

**Fondest school memory:**

the old Anatomy Lab

**Best vacation since graduation:** Living in Germany, Italy, and Thailand

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Exploit all the oportunities that the veterinary perfession offers. It's a great profession!

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

Enjoy your golden years you never know how long they may last.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Spouse:** Arline

**Children:** We have 1 son, Charles, and 2 daughters, Ann and Jean.

**Grandchildren:** We have 4 grandchildren.

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Jobs: 1) West Concord for Dr. David Scarr 2) Five years at Caledonia, MN with Rolf Jore, 3) 22 years solo practice in Northfield, MN. Volunteer activities: 1) 20 years on Ethics committee for MVMA, 2) Lion's Clubs in Northfield and Outing, MN 3) local church in Outing building cabinetry for a church addition and remodel project. Political work: six years on city council in Northfield; six years as township supervisor and vice chairman in Crooked Lake Township, Outing MN. 4) Hobbies: woodworking and design-gardening.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Dale Sorensen who was my mentor.

**Fondest school memory:**

**Best vacation since graduation:** Several fishing trips: in Canada with marvelous Cree Indian guide; in Columbia South America, with local young native men with no understanding of my language; in Finland during midsummer, and finally purchasing property on Washburn Lake in northern MN.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Always tell the truth.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Bill Burke

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**Spouse:** Viola Burke - deceased; Bonnie Burke

**Children:** Ronald (deceased), Steven, John (deceased), David, stepchildren: Randy, Wendy, Erin

**Grandchildren:** Stepgrandchildren are Logen and Tori

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

First, before college, I farmed a large farm for eight years followed by three years in the Coast Guard. Then I enrolled at the University on the St. Paul campus. After a few quarters, I decided to go for veterinary medicine and stayed on for a few years of grad school. Then I decided to go into meat inspection. I started at South St. Paul for my training, then took the veterinary inspector's job at Marshalltown, Iowa. I stayed on for four or five years. Then I applied for a year of mathematical statistics at Iowa State University. Part of this deal was a job in Washington DC. This was a problem solving job and very interesting. I worked in a unit which included all commodities, for example, meat inspection, meat grading, fruit and vegetable grading etc. I remember setting up standards for flowers to be used in the market. I worked on a large project for imported meat products. This was interesting because a computer programming company had been hired and I got in the middle between the import meat group and the computer programming group. I found that our people couldn't explain what was needed and the contract people were not too capable. I would ask our people what was needed, then turn to the contract people and tell them in their language. I even wrote some of the code for them. As an aside, I was in Waterloo, Iowa to set up a study, there were six veterinarians there, three from the plant, one from Washington, one from the area office, and one from the district office. At the end of the work day the head plant inspector gave the rest of us a tour of the plant. In the carcass chilling room I asked the plant head veterinarian if they didn't trim out arthritic joints as I pointed one out. Someone pulled out his knife and poked the joint. It exuded a good stream of fluid. The veterinarian from DC then introduced me as a veterinarian. After working ten years as a statistician, I began doing more computer programming. Again, I worked across all

samples for any compound exceeded the vocative level for the compound(s) a series of samples would automatically be scheduled from that source. Along with some other requests I worked five years of four hour work days per week. I would say my greatest influence in meat inspection was on residues in meat, domestic and imported. I helped set up standards and wrote the programs to select samples for residue analysis and programs which summarized the results. We moved to Rochester in 2002 and have lived in a number of places. About a month ago, we moved into a cooperative house for seniors. I celebrated my 84th birthday in August. The above is an account of some of my larger projects and incidents in my work. I always kept busy helping anyone that needed any kind of help. And I probably put in more hours than anyone else, 10 hour days and most Saturdays. And I always had fun bouncing from one thing to another, a great life.

**Favorite professor and why:** I cant remember their names, but I recall the anatomy instructor.

**Fondest school memory:**

**Best vacation since graduation:** Australia and New Zealand

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Enjoy yourself - even the worst things are learning experiences.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

Keep brief notes on what happens. I'm writing my memoirs (80 years old). It is great fun.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Spouse:** Lois J. Feistner

**Children:** 3 children - Chad Feistner, Valerie Anderson, Heidi Leuning

**Grandchildren:** 7 grandchildren - Jeremy Feistner, Chace Anderson, Jake Anderson, Josh Anderson, Chet Leuning, Anna Leuning, Molly Leuning

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

After graduation, I went back to the family farm near Woonsocket and worked for our home town veterinarian from August 1, 1961 to April 1 of 1962. I opened a practice in Wessington Springs on April 22, 1962 and have been in Wessington Springs ever since, working on large and small animals, poultry, and some exotics. August 4, 1963, I married Lois Schlund, a charming sweetheart from Mt. Vernon, SD and to our union, a son and two daughters were born. Our son Chad and oldest daughter Valerie, are RN's and our youngest daughter, Heidi, is a MD in a family practice setting. We now have seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls. Lois and I live on an acreage just outside of town. I have a limited number of cattle and also rent out a portion of the farm. I enjoy going to some of the major conventions and vet meetings since I have slacked off on practice life. We have several vets in the area now. I do a little work for relatives that live in the area, but I am essentially retired.

**Favorite professor and why:** Our OB instructor, Dr. Zemjanis. He was very knowledgeable and skilled in his field. On the way out on a field trip and on the way back to the clinic he gave us an oral quiz the whole way.

**Fondest school memory:** The family type atmosphere of the members of our class and also the vocal quartet of members of our class for a couple of years.

**Best vacation since graduation:** A week long cruise on the "Princess Cruise" from Anchorage to Vancouver in Canada with the final event being the AABP convention in Vancouver.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Take time off for continuing education at vet meetings, annual conventions of your college and of the various associations of your interest (example: AABP for bovine practitioners). Get as much hands-on

experience as possible during your school years and take a year or two working for vet practices after graduation before settling down in an area to practice.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

The unique personalities of the class mates made for an interesting and enjoyable four years in the U of M College of Veterinary Medicine. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of my classmates at this reunion.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Charles D. Gibson

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**Spouse:** Betty

**Children:** Michael, Mark, James

**Grandchildren:** 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Phd, U of MN, 1971 with Dr. Zemjanis; 1691-67 and 1973-79 general practice in Elbow Lake, MN; 1978-1992 professor of veterinary medicine at Michigan State University; retired in 1992 in Mora, MN; professor emeritus of Michigan State University; many days of "good fishing" ongoing to date

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Roy Zemjanis - advisor for graduate school

**Fondest school memory:** touch football in field by Old Anatomy

**Best vacation since graduation:**

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Spouse:** Lucille

**Children:** Robert Hagberg and Roxann Lasky

**Grandchildren:** Chris and Kelly Hagberg and Brandon and Sean Lasky

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

1961 - Commissioned a Veterinary Corps officer in the Army. 1963 - Graduated from Defense Language School with a major in Serbian. 1974 - Received Masters Degree - U of MN with dual major in Food Science and Public Health. 1977 - Graduated from Commander General Staff College. Served tours of duty in United States, Vietnam and Europe. 1986 - Retired after 30 years as a Colonel at Ft. Sam Huston, TX.

**Favorite professor and why:**

**Fondest school memory:**

**Best vacation since graduation:**

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**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Spouse:** Carol A. Hass

**Children:** Anthony, Todd, and Marie

**Grandchildren:** Alexander, Elliot, Nathan and Chloe

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

I have practiced in the Milaca and Foley area since graduation. Majority of work was on cattle and horses. Then retired in 2002. Volunteer work has been president of church and activite on building committee. Also activity on regional veterinary association. Carol and I have three children and now four grandchildren. We keep busy attending their school and sports activities. We live on Mille Lacs Lake so do alot of fishing and playing golf. We also have a 230 acre tree farm in Norhtern Minnesota that we maintain and hunt on this land. I have been battling with a health problem and was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2009. Take oral chemo for this.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Griffith – Parositology. He had a good sense of humor.

**Fondest school memory:** Forming friendships with other students in veterinary medicine.

**Best vacation since graduation:** Vacation in the Bahamas and elk hunting trips to Colorado.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Develop your communication skills with your clients.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Duane Hilmas

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**Spouse:** Barb

**Children:** Natalie, Greg, Ken, Aric, and Corey

**Grandchildren:** 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

1961-62 veterinary practice, Cloquet, MN; 1962-85 U.S. Army Veterinary Corps; 1963-64 MSPH University of North Carolina; 1969-72 PhD, Radiation Biology/Toxicology, CSU - Ft. Collins, CO; author/coauthor of over 100 publications in scientific literature; 1st veterinarian to command U.S. Army Med Research Institute of Chemical Defense; consultant to U.S. Army Surgeon General in Radiobiology; 1985-91 manager of Chemistry dept and director of large program development for Battelle, Columbus, OH; 1991-2000 director of Health Effects, U.S. Dept of Energy, Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Facility, Denver, CO (established Beryllium Health Surveillance Program for current and former workers nationwide and radiation exposure dose reconstruction); 2000-05 technical director of Oak Ridge Assoc. Universities, Arvad CO Office for Epidemiology Research; 1996-99 consultant to Secretary of the U.S. Air Force for Chemical Warfare Agent Defense; 2005 retired; 2005 - present active in real estate management, farming, business ownership and stock investments.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Donald Low - his interest and enthusiasm for clinical research changed my thought process towards research.

**Fondest school memory:** I met my wife of 50 yers at the St. Paul Campus.

**Best vacation since graduation:** Too many to single out one.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Veterinary medicine opens up many opportunities for a career beyond private practice. Most veterinarians are self-motivated, self-starters. These traits are key to any job opportunity that offers upward career mobility. Think big, be goal oriented, change when the environment changes and never be afraid to change career direction.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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I would do the same thing all over again.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Ralph Johnson

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**Spouse:** Bonnie

**Children:** Brad 51 (Mary) in Oronoco/Rochester; Blake 48 (Nancy) in Waconia

**Grandchildren:** Jaime (25) RN at North Memorial in Robbinsdale; Venessa (20) U of M sophomore; Finley (13); Renner (12), A.J. (13), Jack (10)

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

General Practice: Fairmont, Benson, Swea City, IA. 1983 - built clinic near Waconia and started Interlaken Veterinary Acupuncture Clinic. Treated mostly dogs and horses there but traveled throughout the U.S. working at horse ranches and horse shows. Later years worked two to three winter months, in Arizona. Early 2000 - retired and sold the practice to son, Blake, and Loran Jacobs ( U of M grads of Vet College). Active in the United Church of Christ. Special family camps with children and grandchildren at Pilgrim Point near Alexandria. Active Rotary member. Many years enjoyed boating and fishing on Lake Waconia and ice fishing with sons up north.

**Favorite professor and why:**

**Fondest school memory:**

**Best vacation since graduation:** Most vacations were spent at regional and national horse shows. 3 special vacations were guided tours to Ireland.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Love your work. Be enthusiastic. Respect and enjoy your clients.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

I experienced an aorta aneurism in 1998 and had successful surgery although endured a week in a coma afterward. My balance and thought process have been getting worse the last few years. I was just diagnosed with P.S.D. (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) a rare form of Parkinson's Disease.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Hans S. Kalinka

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**Spouse:** Alice

**Children:** Annamarie, Randy and Jody (twins) and Dawn

**Grandchildren:** Alyssa, Emilie, Kurtiss and Nicolas

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Jobs: I have practiced in one area for 50 years. Education: alot of further education - very important. Volunteer activities: served on the Wisconsin Veterinary Exam Board for six years. Chilton City Council for 10 years. Was Mayor for two weeks. Interesting things: completely restored five or six Model A Fords - restore components for Model A Fords. Fishing seminars at sportsman events, church decon. NO such thing as spare time. Vet Board always consider unprofessional conduct and fraud and decet. Always stay right side up when in a Cessna 182 float plane. A very long story - ask Ralph Nordine.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Low was always willing to help us students.

**Fondest school memory:** Chatting with Dean Thorp my junior year. Helping Billie Brown (TA) get out of trouble.

**Best vacation since graduation:** Spending more than one hundred nights sleeping on the tundra in the NWT (Disctrict of Kedwatin) today called Nunavut.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Learn the names of your clients and their spouses and their pets and LA their cows' names. Don't be afraid of saying, " I dont know"!

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

Yes, the best stories of 50 years of bovin practice "a paper". Stay out of the rocks and rapids, and do not wait 30 years to accept Jesus Christ as your LORD and Savior!

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** George Krienke

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**Spouse:** Ramona G. Mogg

**Children:** Ramona has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. I feel that they are mine too.

**Grandchildren:**

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

1961-62 - stayed on at the veterinary college - Bovine Leukemia Project; 1963 - started a small animal practice on Rice Street in Roseville/Little Canada; 1964-66 - tested beef cattle in my spare time (tested 6000 head in 1966); 1965-66 - acquired a house and five acres of land on County Road C and Rice Street - the house became the clinic; 1975 - built a new clinic and moved into it in 1976; 1986 - sold four and one half acres for a shopping center; 1991 - my wife, Joan, passed away, my nephew Tim took over the practice, I retired; 1992 - started going out with Ramona Mogg; 2004 - had a church commitment ceremony with Ramona Mogg; 2009 - had triple by-pass surgery and a pacemaker installed; Offices Held: 1963 - served as president of ad hoc committee in Roseville for the development of parks and playgrounds; 1962 - Vice Commander VFW; 1965 to present - member of the Roseville Central Park Foundation Board - vice president around 1972; on the U of M Veterinary Council (Foundation) and served as it's president for one one year, around 1977; 1965 - president of Roseville Jaycee's; 1980 - helped start the Animal Emergency Clinic in St. Paul, served as president for three years; 1984 - helped start the Veterinary Hospital Association and served on the board for 8 years; 1992 - helped start the Minnesota Retired Veterinary Association (now the Association of Senior Veterinarians) and served as president for six years; 1988-92 - board member of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation; 1994-95 - vice president of Roseville Rotary and went to International Rotary Convention in Nice France; took an extended trip to Italy (Tower of Pizza, Florence, Rome, Sorrento, and Pompey); 1995-96 president of Roseville Rotary; 2006-08 - president of North Suburban Community Foundation; 2009 to present - trustee for Centennial United Methodist Church; 2011 to present - vice president of North Suburban Community Foundation; 2011 - president of Univet, Inc, a group of veterinarians that owned land rented to the Animal Emergency Clinic; 1992 to present - developed and have been running the Roseville Rotatary Health Far, arranging for blood tests and Health Day Speakers; Memberships: lifetime member of MVMA, AVMA, VFW, American

Legion; Hobbies include golfing, pontoon riding, sports (had Viking season tickets for 43 years), and reading investment magazines.

**Favorite professor and why:** I actually enjoyed and respected all of my professors. Drs Mather, Sorensen and Anderson come to my mind as being very influential in my career.

**Fondest school memory:** Partying after finals,,, Bass Lake ballroom

**Best vacation since graduation:** Italy, London, Croatia and Aruba

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Be persistent, sincere and be yourself.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

Going through veterinary college with my classmates and 50 years since was what I considered a great ride (time), a memorable experience and I enjoyed every bit of it.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Spouse:** Elizabeth Ann Mohr

**Children:** Mike, Maribeth, Martin, Margaret, Andrea and Paula. Mike and Martin are veterinarians.

**Grandchildren:**

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

It was a joy to practice veterinary medicine in rural Springfield for 38 years. The basic education plus post seminars provide the best application of medicine to my clients. Our family did coming and 4H projects in county and state fair exhibitions. That provided basic learning and leadership abilities for the future. My spare time is continually full of music schedules and performances. The clarinet is basic plus the concertina. Presently I am president and director of our 60 member concertina club. Five of us performed "New Ulm Style" music near Vienna, Austria in July, 2011. All expenses paid!

**Favorite professor and why:** Professor Dr. Al Weber. He would dance around like a "chicken".

Eager to point out a specific cell in histology class!

**Fondest school memory:** The summer clinic with Dr. Stan Held at Maple Plain. The trips to the sockyard with Dr. Z. and the palpation crew early in the morning.

**Best vacation since graduation:** The International Veterinary Conference in Paris, France in 1967, followed by another visit with my cousins in western Austria.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Be humble! Listen to your client. Apply what you learned. Don't be critical and follow through on your work. Do not discredit your profession.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

I have been thankful for the tremendous opportunity that I have had to be in this profession. The competent instructors. Life, family and God has been very kind to me. Thank you kindly.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Children:** Katherine Ann Smith, Carol T, Muggenburg, Virginia Hope Muggenburg

**Grandchildren:** Ashley Smith, Lindsey Boelter, Chelsea Smith, Alex Smith, Samantha Muggenburg

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

After graduation, I found a graduate school position at the University of Wisconsin. Dale Sorensen helped me to find it and as it turned out, it was the position he once had. So I was a student but also the assistant to the Ag School veterinarian. Because UW used a system of actual farms for many of its animal herds, it seemed more like an actual farm practice than just a campus service. The extra bonus was no bills to write or collect. When I finished my degree in 1966, the dean of the Ag School talked me into spending the next few years at the veterinary school in Porto Alegre Brazil. The program was funded by the U.S. Aid for International Development so I was joined by Wisconsin faculty members from other departments; soils, agronomy, animal science, and others. I enjoyed that interaction. There was very little research going on at the school so I joined the parasitologists and bacteriologists and traveled the back roads of southern Brazil visiting farms. I obviously learned more from the Brazilians than they did from me. I did get to see foot and mouth disease. From Brazil I went back to Wisconsin for almost a year before getting a job in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at an Atomic Energy Commission laboratory. I knew nothing about radiation and its biological effects, but that was the new job. The main research animal was the Beagle. I don't remember if I ever saw a Beagle during my student days, but the Beagles and I soon became friends. The Beagles were all bred and raised on site and the studies were mostly for the dogs' lifespan. You had to be fairly young to join into all this. This turned out to be just what I wanted, even though I fell into it by pure luck. Based on my experiences up to this time, I found that I enjoyed helping investigators in various fields by performing procedures for them on study animals. That has kept me busy for the last 38 years. It varied from bronchoscopy, pulmonary function testing, to lung transplants and more. The best part was to associate with interesting, intelligent, and stimulating people from many parts of this country, Europe, and Japan. Many of these people were physicians, and I developed great respect for nearly every one of them. For me it was a wonderful career, but I do realize that I missed out being "the

veterinarian" in the community where I might have served. My pasttimes, now that I am retired, are centered on woodworking and include making some country type furniture for our mountain cabin, cabinet making and violin making and repair. With my wife, Carolyn as the fiddle player and me on the banjo, no laughing please, we play in "Muggie's Uff Da Band". We play "old time" Scandinavian barn dance music. Yes, the music is all from Minnesota and Wisconsin. This is all fun and keeps me busy.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Larry Stowe. I worked for Dr. Stowe and Dr. Archie Good during my school days. They both opened my eyes to the field of physiology and in research. In addition, Dr. Stowe was my "counselor" and helped in "growing up".

**Fondest school memory:** The bear and lion physiology studying with Drs. Stowe and Good tops the list, but large animal ambulatory service was a close second.

**Best vacation since graduation:** Being at work. I really liked it.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Having the degree in veterinary medicine provides one with a great variety of career paths within practice and many opportunities outside of practice. The advice is to keep one's mind and spirit open to the nearly endless opportunities that are available.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

Being part of the veterinary profession provided me with a wonderful life. I was given the opportunity to "rub shoulders" with many physicians and scientists in many fields, and individuals with amazing technical skills and cultural backgrounds. It has been the "good life".

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Rod Neubert

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**Spouse:** Nona Neubert

**Children:** I have a daughter, Margie, and a son, Randy.

**Grandchildren:** Jill Casavecchia and Riley Fox (R.F. #4)

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

How does one describe 50 years of your life in 1/2 page, write smaller? After an unhappy start in my veterinary career in Minnesota, I decided upon the advice of Bob Woolsey, who was in California, and Don Low, who followed us to California, that I should go west and seek my fortune. In California I worked in various veterinary positions for two or three years, before I opened up my own pet hospital, which I ran for 34 years, in Pacifica. Pacifica is right on the coast, about one hour south of San Francisco. I sold the practice, buildings and land, to a specialty practice (oncology) who had been renting space in my building for two to three years. I left my practice to spend the rest of my life, fulltime, with my wife, kids and grandkids, traveling the world, hunting and fishing. This lasted about two years. As far as retirement goes, I tried it, but I was not very good at it. I now work at the Solano County Animal Shelter. I do the surgery - spay, neuter and many other procedures that can make these little guys more adaptable. I work two days a week. There is another veterinarian who works here, so we can trade our days off. This will be my sixth year here. I do love everything about this job, which seems "to suit me". It is good for my ego, pays the bills, and I do, as always, LOVE my surgery. After 50 years, I am finally "getting the hang of it". Dr. Clifford would be proud. So, now I have my duck club, of 22 years. There are five of us who own 156 acres. It is not only good hunting, we have our own lake, which is stocked, on our property. There are three 50 acre ponds and about two or three acres for our club house and shooting range. I also belong to a pheasant club. I am VERY active in our local fly fishing club and still get to shoot skeet/trap about once a week. I am also able to shoot deer, wild pig. 40-50 quail, one or two turkeys and a few doves and squirrels, each year, right here where I live. I am also close to my kids and grandson (R.F. #4) who loves to hunt and fish. As you probably guessed, we have a lot of game feeds, both at home and at the clubs. Granddaughter, Jill (a.k.a. Perfect Person) has her "dream job" as being a teacher in Waldorf Schools in Australia. As some of you know, my wife of 34 years, sweet, little Kathy, died almost 14 years ago.

But, as the Lord closes one door, he opens another. I remarried. A Sleepy Eye girl, a friend of ours from church. We have been happily married for 11 years. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, five years ago, at the age of 56! (My poor little Nona, they do live in a scary world, you know.) She, of course, lives at home with her caregiver, three cats, my hunting partner, a yellow lab from Hastings, MN, and one cockatiel. Yes, the Lord has been very, very good to me, and I am ever so grateful to him. We always have an empty bed here, if any of you ever want to spend any time here in northern California.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Clifford as he he tough me surgery.

**Fondest school memory:** Working at the small animal clinic. Especially between quarters when "we could do the free surgery - side jobs" I also enjoyed my time being a member of the Grizzley Bear artificial insemination team (just kidding)..

**Best vacation since graduation:** The last 50 years.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

You are about to enter the best profession/job on the planet. You may not get the power that all your politicians think they have, or as good a retirement plan as all of our bureacrates think they deserve, or as may 0's behind the numbers in your checking account, but you will receive something much more important than this, a feeling of self satisfaction for doing something so useful, so important, to so many people. Really now, how often do you meet someone who really doesn't like veterinarians?

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

So far it has been a wonderful, wonderful ride. God bless you all.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** John A. Newman

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**Spouse:** Esther K. Newman This is our 60th wedding anniversary year.

**Children:** Maggie, Marty, Monica & John Jr., all living in Peachtree City, GA

**Grandchildren:** 3 grandsons, 4 granddaughters, four great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter. One granddaughter is a DVM.

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

PhD in Microbiology from U of MN - 1967. Academic positions at U of MN and U of MD - '60's through mid '90's. Also, worked at various veterinary clinics part time, both in MD and MN. In 1988 purchased Southview Animal Hospital in Inver Grove Heights, MN and enjoyed my years of practicing there. Sold Southview in 2001, but continued to work there for another year or so, until the diagnosis and disabling effects of Inclusion Body Myositis dictated that I retire. Moved to Peachtree City, GA.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Benjamin S. Pomery

**Fondest school memory:** Clinical experience

**Best vacation since graduation:** What's a vacation?

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Dedicate your professional life to veterinary medicine.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

Greetings to all of you. Please come visit us if you get to our area of the country.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Spouse:** Lynn Nordine

**Children:** Mike, Brad, Todd and Troy

**Grandchildren:** Justin, Erick, Sam, Brayden, Tyler, Adam, Tori, Douglas, Tess, Jasmine, Jayden; greatgrandchildren are Grace and Mallory

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

36 years practice in Farmington, Board chair local hospital, Board of Northwestern Electronic Institute, Jaycees, Lions. Now 14 years of retirement, hunting, fishing, golfing. We live in Texas during January, February and March.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Weber, I worked for him in the anatomy department for several years.

**Fondest school memory:** Preg checking in S St Paul in the dead of winter.

**Best vacation since graduation:** A series of trips to the Arctic for lake trout fishing with Hans Kalinka.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Don't take yourself too seriously. The world will get along after you are gone.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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**Class of 1961 Reunion**

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**Spouse:** Mary Jean

**Children:** Dr. Bennett J. Porter III, Kristin Jo Schaitberger, Susan Mary Groth, Thomas William Porter.

**Grandchildren:** 8

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Arizonia in the winter, golf, traveling and family.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dean Thorpe, he ran a tight ship.

**Fondest school memory:** Too many to remember.

**Best vacation since graduation:** Rome.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Richard H. Richards

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**Spouse:** Marge

**Children:** Julee a M.D., dermatology; Mark an electrical engineer; Erick a paper science engineer, now a massage therapist; Keith an electrical engineer

**Grandchildren:** 7 grandchildren ages 2 to 18

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

We graduated on June 9th (I think) moved on the 10th and started taking calls on the 11th. Marge took care of the office (our home). Ron Hass and I took over a one man dairy practice. It is now 11 vets, four in Milaca, four in Foley, and three in Becker. The large animal portion has decreased. Now seven are mostly small animal and four are large animal. We bought a cabin on Mille Lacs Lake in 1972. Took it down in 1988 and put up the house we now live. I retired in 1995 after heart problems and diabetes told me to. We bought a house in Sun City, AZ in 1996. We now live about six months in AZ and six months in MN. Best of both worlds. I was chair of Mille Lacs dairy princess contest for 34 years. 12 years on Milaca school board. 14 years with the Cub & Boy Scouts. Took 23 trips to fish in Flim Flom Canada. Spent two weeks in Norway with entire family (15) for our 50th wedding anniversary.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Low for small animal. Dr. Zemjanis for large animal. I felt these two were very much the top of their fields.

**Fondest school memory:** graduation

**Best vacation since graduation:** Two weeks in Norway with entire family (15) for our 50th wedding anniversary. Marge and I, four kids, seven grandkids and two in-laws.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Get to know your clients and do the best you can.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** David P. Sanger

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**Spouse:** Rita

**Children:** 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls.

**Grandchildren:** 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Rita and I have enjoyed good health and the ability to travel. We have visited 37 countries. Our grandkids are a joy and we have supported them in their education. Three granddaughters are teachers and we are involved with them. We enjoy biking, skiing, gardening and the computer. I'm also a crossword puzzle fan.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Low, an excellent diagnostician, had model rapport with clients and students, a good sense of humor and a helpful teacher.

**Fondest school memory:** Internship at Maple Plain was an interesting experience with Dr. Held, Dick Schultz and Phil Salem. Dick's bedtime attire and limericks were outstanding!

**Best vacation since graduation:** River trips in China and Russia and a safari in Kenya were our favorites.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

In university training, conditions are ideal for diagnostic tests, procedures and meds that may not be available in practice plus economic limit actions. It is very important to develop diagnostic skills by observation and client communication.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

I am sorry to read about our deceased classmates. We had a congenial bunch of guys and gal.

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Richard H. Schultz

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**Spouse:** Phyllis Schultz

**Children:** Patricia Rogowski, Nancy Schultz, Robert Schultz, Daniel Schultz

**Grandchildren:** Jason & Jenna Rogowski, Erik & Sydney Schultz

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Stayed on at UMN after graduation: worked in Dairy Science and Vet OBGYN, got PhD in 1966.

Then went into commercial embryo transfer and cattle importing near River Falls, WI. Then went into product development for commercial companies; ICI, Bayer Animal Health & Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica where I was VP of research and development. Was involved in developing many pharmaceuticals, vaccines and pesticides. In retirement I am gardening, volunteering and traveling. I also do some consulting in the product development area. Am presently working on a product to treat glaucoma in humans.

**Favorite professor and why:** Dr. Zemjanis; who was my major mentor and professor when working on my PhD.

**Fondest school memory:** Annual all-college picnics at Rosemount

**Best vacation since graduation:** During my time at UMN I traded jobs, houses and salaries with a professor in the veterinary school in Norway. My family plus my mother were there for 13 months and saw much of Europe. That triggered our love for travel which we have done much of since retirement.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Be ever aware of opportunities that might appear as you go through your education.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?** Greetings to all!!!! Dick

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

**Name:** Edgar Taggatz

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**Spouse:** None

**Children:** None

**Grandchildren:** None

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Since graduation from the U in 1961, I have practiced veterinary medicine in Gibbon, Minnesota, all 50 years. My practice at first was very similar to James Herriot's All Creatures Great and Small. During the 50 years I have seen a 90% reduction in livestock farms, which I never expected. There is not much livestock left in our area. I still make a few country calls, consult and sell drugs, and do a little companion animal work. I have lots of contact with neighboring veterinarians, so help is always available for difficult situations. I still employ a part-time secretary. She keeps me sharp, and continues to teach me things about the computer and the internet. I don't care to drive in the Twin Cities any more, since "I'm just a country boy". As a result I attend the South Dakota Veterinary Convention each year. I always see some classmates there, and being it's a small meeting, I can personally visit with our AVMA president. It's hard to believe how veterinary medicine and graduates have changed over the past 50 years. I really believe we were born at the best of times. We were fortunate to have outstanding teachers, professors and excellent administrators, both in high school and at the University. In our community I have been involved with Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Gibbon Combined Charities, Gibbon Community Band, the Republican Party, and church offices. Church involvement is still the most important thing in my life. This summer I was recognized for my 50 years of practicing veterinary medicine in Gibbon. I was named Gibbon's Citizen of the year for 2011. I then threw out the first pitch for our local amateur baseball team. My best vacation was my trip to Washington, D.C. in 1985. We knew someone working with security at the White House and she gave us a private evening tour of the entire White House. The next day we were invited back to hear a speech by President Reagan on the White House lawn. I don't care to travel much anymore. Seats on planes are so crowded and the hours flying are boring. But last year I went on a cruise to Alaska. I enjoyed the beautiful scenery and even got a clear view of Mt. McKinley. This summer I rode with a friend to Cooperstown for Bert Blyleven's induction into the Baseball Hall of

Fame. It was hot! Now that I am semi-retired, with the reduced work load, and with modern drugs, work is still very enjoyable. My clients and other contacts still make my day! An interesting thing I do is that, usually starting at 4:30, I have "Happy Hour" at my clinic. We usually have a few friends that stop in, and Schell's beer is served. I still love veterinary medicine and am blessed with excellent health. Lord willing, I hope to continue to practice another five to ten years.

**Favorite professor and why:**

**Fondest school memory:**

**Best vacation since graduation:**

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

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## Class of 1961 Reunion

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**Spouse:** Lorraine, who is deceased as of 03/2002. I'm presently a widower.

**Children:** Roger Woolsey, Elizabeth Sloan, Marti Page, and Matthew Woolsey

**Grandchildren:** Justin Sloan, Josie Page, Andrew Sloan, Ian Page and Jonathan Woolsey

**What have you been doing since graduation? (You may include job/s, education, volunteer activities, political work, family, interesting things you do in your spare time, etc.)**

Upon graduation my wife and I decided if we could not find employment in Minnesota then we would head west to California. I took a job with the Dept. of Agr./ Animal disease control for one year and I was sent to San Bernardino County where I tested dairy cattle for TB and some Brucellosis. Also had an experience working down on the Mexican/California boarder which was very interesting. After passing the California State Boards in Feb of 1962, I soon went into small animal practice for the next four years working at three different hospitals. In 1966, I bought my own small animal hospital in the West LA area. The next 35 years flew by where I was very busy in a solo practice and raising four children, Had a wonderful practice but little time off. Sold my practice in late 2000 and had about one and half years of traveling and also doing alot of cruising which we found enjoyable. My wife passed away in 2002 and I continued traveling alot to where my kids and grandkids live as they are all over the map at present. Moved to Colorado in 2007 where, at that time, two of my children lived, but one has since moved away. At present I still enjoy traveling and really enjoy the state of Colorado.

**Favorite professor and why:** really don't know if I had a favorite or not, but I did like animal physiology in our second year of veterinary school with Dr. Good. Enjoyed the subject matter very much as to how the body systems and organs functioned and were interrelated. I honestly enjoyed most of my courses while in veterinary school.

**Fondest school memory:** The whole four years. However I was excited and really liked the first couple of quarters with anatomy, histology, P Chem etc. Just getting started in our four years of veterinary education was exhilarating. When looking back, this is what I really remember the most.

**Best vacation since graduation:** We went to Scotland twice and enjoyed the country a lot. My best vacation which I have been on three times since, was a mediterranean cruise, visiting Italy, France, Spain, Croatia and Portugal. I would highly recommend an ocean cruise for total relaxation as well as a complete vacation.

**What one piece of advice would you offer our veterinary students that best reflect what you learned throughout your career?**

Follow your dreams in whatever endeavor you may choose as to where you may want to practice or other employment in the veterinary profession. Also, keep up with continuing education as much as possible, especially when I think of all the advances since I was in school 50 years ago.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your classmates?**

hope all of you have enjoyed our profession as much as I have and recieved the satisfaction as well as the challenges that go along with it. I know if I could do it all over again, I would not hesitate one bit.

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