Social Events



America celebrated her 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. It was indeed, a fitting coincidence that the AABP would celebrate its 20th Annual Conference under the presidency of Dr. George E. Washington. To add elegance to the occasion, the President and his lovely wife, Patti, appeared at the pre-convention fiesta on Tuesday evening dressed in true Presidential Washington era style. Undoubtedly the fiesta was a real "winner", in the form of a plentiful buffet of Southwest food specialties to the delightful music of a strolling mariachi band, courtesy of the Upjohn Company, Hoechst-Roussel Agri-Vet Co.; MSD AGVET, Div. of Merck and Co., Inc. and American Cyanamid in collaboration with the local arrangements committee.



At the opening ceremony, Dr. Michael Kerfoot, District 10 Director; Dr. Tom Fuhrmann, Local Coordinator; President and Mrs. Washington; Dr. Mark Trueblood, Arizona VMA President and his son.



Mariachi band at opening fiesta.



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Spouse Activities

Following the sumptuous fiesta and a brief opening ceremony, the spouses retired to the Phoenix Room at the Hyatt Hotel for a program on Indian Arts and Culture. They enjoyed an absorbing talk on the history and lore of South-western Indian arts and crafts with an exhibit of authentic jewelry, pottery, rugs, zachinas, baskets and sandpaintings. They learned about Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, and Pueblo designs, and how they evolved, what to look for when selecting pieces for purchase and how to distinguish handcrafted from machine-made items.

There were several tours including optional visits to the Grand Canyon (by air), trailride and desert excursions. A highlight was the visit to the world famous Heard Museum of ancient Indian art and crafts followed by a tour of Taliesin West, the



Spouses program on Indian art and culture.

Cowboy Cookout — Rawhide

Let's call it a Wild-Wild West Wahoo! — an evening of fun in the desert. Following a bus ride, a large turn out dined on 16 oz. cowboy T-bone steaks, salad, cowboy beans and trimmings at the end of a hayride! There were visits to old shops filled with fascinating memorabilia and, of course, the traditional gunfights and gambling!



Bus ride to cook-out.

famous working foundation of one of the world's most discussed architects, Frank Lloyd Wright. Architects and students are in residence there, living and working in an unusual communal setting.

A tour of the Desert Botanical Gardens revealed a natural setting for over 1400 species of different cacti and other unusual plants, rare desert birds and other animals common to the desert. This tour was combined with a visit to the Phoenix Zoo with 1200 animals roaming in natural habitats.

A spouse visit to any metropolis would not be complete without a shopping spree! Here the highlight was a trip to the fabulous Fifth Avenue — Borgata areas with 350 unique shops and several quaint restaurants.

A marvelous week was rounded off with a seminar on "A Guided Fantasy — Daydreams for Adults."



Spouses program on Indian art and culture.



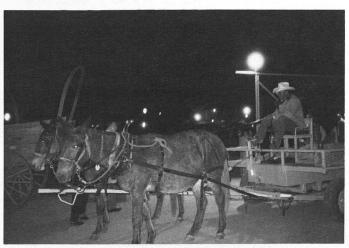
Our gracious hostesses.



At the "cook-out".



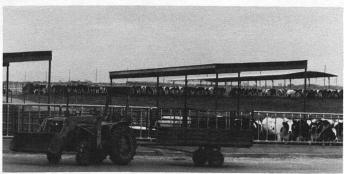






Post Convention Tours

On Saturday, November 14, a group left for an overnight trip to the Grand Canyon via Sedona/Oak Creek, past majestic red mountains, lush green forests and cool pines contrasting with the desert below. In Sedona, they visited Tlaquapaque, a renowned arts and crafts center, then passed the Chapel of the Holy Cross set on a 250 foot peak, climbed the fabulous Oak Creek Canyon and on to Flagstaff. Finally the Grand Canyon! where sheer rock walls plunge nearly a mile down to the winding Colorado River.



Post convention tour to large dairy.

Another tour visited the Higley and Gilbert area in Maricopa County which has over 60,000 dairy cows, with dairies ranging from 200 to 4,000 cows.

A two day tour was spent in cow-calf country in the highlands of East Central Arizona, with lectures by Dr. James Wiltbank, reproduction/physiologist and Dr. Lyn James, plant pathologist and poison plant expert. Visitation included ranches using the Savory cell intensive pasture system, a desert cattle operation and traditional high plateau ranches.



Post convention tour to large dairy.

Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting

Friday, November 13, 1987



Dr. George Washington passing the gavel to incoming President Donald Hudson.

The Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting was held on Friday, November 13. Dr. George Washington presided and gave the invocation.

The minutes of the November 21, 1986, meeting were approved as published in the December 1986 newsletter.

Dr. Harold Amstutz gave the Treasurer's report which revealed a fund balance at the beginning of the accounting period at \$288,479 and \$303,358 at the end, giving an excess for the year of \$14,879. In his Secretary's report, Dr. Amstutz stated that an IBM computer had been purchased to which the membership role and other data were being inserted.

Dr. Amstutz declared that there was a total attendance of 21,206 with 647 veterinarians at the meeting. He added that the AABP is now unquestionably recognized as representing the health interests of the cattle industry.





Dr. Washington receiving the President's plaque from incoming President Hudson.

Dr. George Washington, President, reported on his interesting year of office which included site visits for future meetings and the livestock health news conference in Minneapolis co-sponsored with the AVMA, AASP and AASPC.

Dr. Arnold Hentschl, Chairman of the AVMA Executive Board and loyal AABP member, was introduced while Editor Eric Williams reported that all was well with the *Bovine Practitioner* journal. He stated that he would be retiring from Oklahoma State University on December 31, which would give him "more time to do what I enjoy most, namely working on our favorite journal."

Plaques of appreciation were presented to outgoing Directors, Dr. Gene Sellick, District one; Dr. Keith Sterner, District four; Dr. Harry James, District seven and Dr. Michael Kerfoot, District ten.



Officers for 1987-88. Dr. H. E. Amstutz, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Tom Fuhrmann, Vice President; President Donald Hudson; Dr. Keith Sterner, President-Elect and Dr. George Washington, Past President.

The newly elected Directors were introduced: Dr. Steven Wadsworth, District one; Dr. Lawrence Heider, District four; Dr. Robert Smith, District seven; and Dr. Fred Koning, District ten. Dr. Gordon Atkins was re-elected to represent District thirteen.

Edward Boraski described the MSD AGVET Preventive Medicine Awards which were presented by Dr. Keith Sterner to Dr. H. Fred Troutt (Dairy) and by Dr. Donald Hudson to Dr. Richard E. Shirbroun (Beef).

A review of the Syntex Animal Health Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award was given by Dr. Larry Hollis. The award was presented to Dr. Robert Darlington by President George Washington.

The Executive Secretary presented the following slate of officers for 1987-88, who were duly elected:

President — Dr. Donald Hudson

(adv. from President-Elect)

President-Elect — Dr. Keith Sterner Vice President — Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann

Exec. Sec. Treasurer — Dr. Harold E. Amstutz



New directors, with President Washington, l. to r. Dr. Fred Koning, District 10; Dr. Larry Heider, District 4 and Dr. Robert Smith, District 7.



Retiring directors, Dr. Harry James, District 7; Dr. Michael Kerfoot, District 10 and Dr. Gene Sellick, District 1.

Dr. George Washington presented the president's gavel to Dr. Donald Hudson and received the president's plaque in return. The new president urged all members to be good role models for new graduates and present a positive approach to bovine practice.

Dr. Gordon Atkins, District 13 Director, invited everyone to the 1988 meeting in Calgary, Canada, September 28 - October 1.



Our Canadian colleagues.



... and I will see you all in Calgary. Christy Atkins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Atkins, local arrangements coordinators for the 1988 Convention. Christy (6 months) is Calgary's little ambassador. Photo taken at the Phoenix Convention.