

# ACVS FOUNDATION



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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

# All That We Do For Each Other and Our ACVS Family

As highlighted in this issue of the ACVS Foundation newsletter, the Foundation remains focused on enhancing the College's connection and relationships with its Diplomates. We strive to achieve this goal through efforts focused on educating and connecting with our ACVS residents, new Diplomates and Emeritus Diplomates, as well as many of us in our mid-careers. Your contributions to ACVS in the form of your time, your attendance at the Symposium and your philanthropy are each highly appreciated and important

to the College's long-term excellence.

As I emphasized at the 2013 Annual Business Meeting, I consider each of you a member of the ACVS family, whether I am old enough to be your father, older brother, younger brother or son; we are all connected by this incredible organization. If ACVS has been important to your professional and personal life, I would like you to continue to think about a willingness to designate some portion of your estate, as a percentage or dollar amount, toward the ACVS Foundation. The

Board of Trustees has had a series of very successful conversations with many of our members. Through their and your annual philanthropic support and estate planning, the College will truly be on a solid financial ground for its long-term success and excellence. Again, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for all that you do for ACVS and its Foundation!

Mark D. Markel, DVM, PhD  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
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## Emeritus Diplomate San Antonio Legacy Program Tour

The Legacy Program Tour for 2013 was enjoyed by Emeritus Diplomates and their guests. The tour began with an early lunch at the Tex-Mex restaurant Maria-Mia, located on the Riverwalk where Diplomates and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

Following lunch, the group boarded a tour bus and was transported to the Mission San José, one of the earliest missions in Texas.



The tour guide provided a narration of the mission's history and the mission's place in the chronicles of early Texas. The mission was restored by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930's and appears much like it did in the 1700's. Following a brief tour of the mission, the group viewed a short movie explaining the history of the mission and the native people of the area.

The next stop included the Buckhorn Saloon and Texas Ranger Museum. The Saloon contains thousands of mounted animals ranging from deer to polar bears, elephants and giraffes. The Texas Ranger Museum provides history of the Rangers and their role in law and order in early Texas. The tour continued to the Alamo, the site of the famous battle resulting in the independence of the Republic of Texas.

After a quick stop at El Mercado,



the site of the original markets in San Antonio, now the largest Mexican goods retail site north of the Rio Grande River, the group returned to the hotel for the Celebration of Surgical Success reception.

Most participants agreed that the appeal of each location warranted even more time to explore. The Legacy Program Tour provided an interesting introduction to San Antonio's past and some of what the entire city has to offer today, as well as a fun opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues.

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# CELEBRATION OF SURGICAL SUCCESS

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Celebration of Surgical Success a fiesta to remember. There were record crowds at the Marriot Rivercenter, San Antonio, who enjoyed an array of south of the border delicacies. This year's reception featured expanded hours that allowed guests to gather with family, friends and colleagues. Items such as an Apple® MacBook Pro, iPod touch®, iPad® and Amazon Kindle Fire® were hot raffle ticket items. The silent auction featured a wide assortment of artwork, vacations, fine wines and surgical texts, as well as a variety of meeting registration opportunities. *New this year, Symposium attendees that donated a minimum of \$50 with their registration received a free drink ticket!* As always, a special Kids' Corner featured raffle items specifically for the younger crowd, and the photobooth was back (generously sponsored by *MedVet Surgery: Past and Present*)—this year prints were available immediately as well as online. Funds raised at this annual event support the Foundation and its goals of advancing surgical care.

We look forward to seeing you again next year in San Diego!



## Compensation, Contracts, and Personal Finance

The 2013 ACVS Veterinary Symposium's *Compensation, Contracts, and Personal Finance—The Basics Every Diplomate Should Know* session was a big success! Over 75 residents and Diplomates actively took part in this engaging presentation. David Gersholowitz of BluePearl Veterinary Partners, sponsor of the session and an ACVS Practice Partner, led the discussion, through which participants developed an understanding of the basic components of employment contracts, different types of compensation packages and basic strategies of personal finance.

Each year at the Symposium, the ACVS Foundation offers a special session ideal for newer Diplomates and those individuals who are residents or have recently finished their residency programs. Topics are selected based on direct feedback from previous new Diplomates. If you have a proposal for either a topic relevant to Diplomates beginning their careers,

or know someone qualified to address the career and business needs of newer Diplomates, please contact our Trustee and new Diplomate representative, Sara Colopy: [colopys@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu](mailto:colopys@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu).

