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**Mary Jarvis on LA200?**

Not really — not yet. But Mare did tell one of her doctors that if one of her sheep had a temp of 104 that ewe would be getting massive doses of LA200. Mare's fever is down from that point by now!

Backing up a little — to shortly after our annual meeting in early April. Mary, our secretary/treasurer and the glue that holds us together, began feeling a little "off." Thinking it was just a bug she'd easily shake — and with lambs, crias, and kids due — Mare didn't slow down. But she got worse instead of better. Sick enough that she and Rusty decided not to milk this year (they milked 90 ewes in '96). She did keep working full time at the credit union in Duluth until just a few weeks ago when it finally became impossible.

Though Mare has been in considerable pain, the worst part is not knowing what she's at war with. Tests have ruled out Lymes, thyroid problems, anything infectious — but joint pain has been so severe that she's often on crutches (when she feels well enough to even get out of bed). The latest medical opinion is that it is likely one of about 100 diseases in the rheumatoid arthritis family. By the time you read this we hope she'll be on the upswing and back to work again — and, as she says, "Making Rusty's Life Miserable."

We know that Mare's positive attitude and terrific sense of humor will carry her through this. She can still laugh, continues to crack jokes, and would love to hear from you (cards, letters, e-mail O.K. but please no phone calls — in self-preservation, the phone is sometimes off the hook). While she's out of commission, OPP Society board members will be pinch hitting so please be patient. Official business should continue to be mailed to Mary Jarvis. But until she's back on track, Mary asks that other inquiries be directed to Judy Lewman at 612-472-4524 (e-mail: JL6250@aol.com).

**New Faces on OPPCSB Board**

The terms of Mary Jarvis (secretary/treasurer) as well as Judy Lewman and Greg Pauley (directors) expired this year. Greg did not wish to run for reelection as he has sold his sheep and gone back to school. In addition, president Jim Schultz announced at our annual meeting that he was stepping down. Judy Lewman was nominated to fill the one year remaining of Jim's term. Members Stefania Dignum, Gretta MacIntyre, and Holly Neaton had submitted resumes and agreed to run for the two three-year board positions.

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