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**OPP CONCERNED SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY**

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**HEALTH ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

Kimberling Proposal Gaining Steam

As many of you know, we began corresponding with Dr. Cleon Kimberling when the OPP Society Test Guidelines were about to be published a few years back. Your directors wanted to ensure that the Society would not be in conflict with Kimberling's proposal for a national health program. At that time, Dr. Kimberling encouraged us to proceed with the test guidelines and also requested input regarding his own program. Following are excerpts from recent correspondence with Kimberling:

"... What we need now is producer input! Some of your group may be interested in joining the USAHA (United States Animal Health Association, see enclosed flyer) as this is the organization where a lot of policy is developed. All members are welcome to attend the USAHA meeting in Minneapolis on October 5, 1998. Those interested should contact Linda or Beverly at 804-285-3210 for a membership application.

As for the program on October 5th, the morning session will address scrapie and the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program. The afternoon will be devoted to OPP, Caseous Lymphadenitis, Johne's, and possibly Footrot. There is a subcommittee for each of these conditions. Following a 15 minute update on each, the entire audience will be divided into 4 or 5 discussion/work/planning groups."

This Health Accreditation Program is what we've all been working toward for the past several years. Now is your chance to support Dr. K and help make it happen.

**PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED HEALTH PROGRAM FLYER TODAY !!!**

**MARE'S HEALTH — A QUICK UPDATE** from Mary Jarvis, Secretary/Treasurer

In July of 1997, I contracted something unknown that has been affecting me ever since. First thought was an infectious disease but nothing (including Lyme) checked out. From there, I was sent to the rheumatologists. They couldn't determine any definite diagnosis but called it "undifferentiated connective tissue disease." Finally, the most recent thought is that it is CFIDS (Chronic fatigue syndrome).

This July, I went back to work at my off the farm job for three days (20 hours) a week. So far I am able to cope but fatigue, and joint and muscle pain, keep me from being the way most of you remember me. We are trying to scale the farm so that Rusty can do most everything by himself, we have reduced the flock size as well.

I deeply appreciate all the expressions of good wishes you have sent to me, and couldn't have managed without Judy Lewman rolling up her sleeves to pitch in with OPP Society help. We're hoping that eventually I will recover fully but it may take a long, long time. I appreciate your patience with delayed newsletters and directories.

I'm ready to roll on the 1998 directory; we have a lot of new members and I want to get it done and in the mail to you. Please send your 1998 renewals back post haste and I'll get my part done. Thanks!

*NOTE: Since Mare is so much fun to work with, the Board feels fortunate that she's chosen to hang with us. We also appreciate her graciously taking the heat for "delayed newsletters and directories," even though delays have usually not been her fault!*

