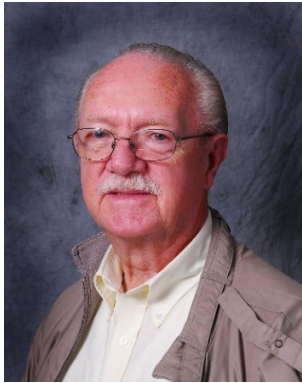


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Dr John Plunkett Bohanan Jan 21, 1930 – Sep 11, 2019

Dr. John Bohanan (always called Dr. Bo by his colleagues) was a clinician with the Georgia Poultry Network for a little more 50 years. He worked out of the Dalton and Canton Labs when they were in operation. His experience and expertise in the diagnosis of poultry diseases truly helped ensure healthy poultry flocks throughout North Georgia during his time of service and the Georgia Poultry Industry is thankful for his respectable talents as a diagnostician. In tribute to Dr. Bo, GPLN would like to share some comments from a few of his close industry acquaintances....



"He was a dedicated, selfless, and humble person who dedicated his life to helping the industry. He was a gifted teacher who was always available to service reps and managers when they had concerns about poultry health. A class act." Adam Willis: Live Production Manager, Pilgrims Ellijay

"In his day, Dr Bo. diagnosed Salmonella pullorum and typhoid first- hand. I asked him about that more than once, and as he described those lesions to me, I would listen in awe at an enthusiastic and fascinating poultry disease history lecture!" Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala, Executive Director, GPLN

"John has a very serious person. One time a producer left three hens for Dr. Bo to examine. Dr. Bo had the birds prepped on the necropsy table when the owner came to the back and peered through the necropsy window at his birds. Dr. Bo. came out and told the owner that we can use the results from these three birds to decide how to treat the rest of your flock. The owner looked strangely at Dr. Bo and said "That was my flock!" Dr Bo was a very dedicated family man. Dr. Don Waldrip, Senior Technical Veterinarian, Zoetis

I was hired by Dr. Bohanan in 1976 to work at the Canton Laboratory. We worked together 35 years. One of my fondest memories was when service people would bring sick birds to the Lab and told him, what they thought was wrong with them, he would tell them come on back to necropsy, we are going to have class! He taught a lot of young people, as well as myself, about poultry diseases. He took his job at the GA Poultry lab very seriously, he was also very kind-hearted and an outstanding citizen. I will truly miss our phone calls to each other. Pat West, GPLN employee of 43 years

As a new poultry veterinarian, Dr. Bohanan was always there with encouraging words, comments and experiences. His life experiences in poultry were of much value to me when I was a young poultry veterinarian many years ago. He was a great teacher in how the poultry industry worked and how we could help them in their needs. Dr. Bo will be greatly missed. Dr. Martin Smeltzer (retired) USDA, APHIS

Dr Bo was not only a dedicated vet but a great teacher. He was always methodical in his approach and very patient when posting. I first met him as a young breeder field rep in the mid 1980's. He took me under his wing and taught me a wealth of knowledge. I cherish the memories we shared in the field looking at export flocks and listening to his life experiences. Our industry will forever be in this good man's debt. Randy Long-Complex Manager Pilgrims Ellijay.

I first met Dr. Bohanan while working for Gold Kist back in 1999. Dr. Bo was always eager to share his years of knowledge and stories of days gone by in the poultry industry. As a young service tech, I always enjoyed bringing birds or blood to the lab and spending time with Dr. Bo and Pat. Dr. Bohanan's eyes would light up when talking about his experiences as a young vet straight out of vet school. As time went on and age began to catch up with him, Doc's mind never slowed down. From time to time, Dr. Bohanan would ride with me to certify flocks for egg export. He was always inquisitive as to what new challenges were facing the industry in and around north Georgia. He was fascinated about new housing and equipment and the impact it would have on performance. While his body wouldn't allow him walk the houses, we would spend hours discussing what he had seen on the farm and how far the industry had come over the course of his career. Dr. Bohanan was a fixture in the poultry industry in northwest Georgia for decades. He will missed by friends, family, and all who knew him. Corey Watson, Pilgrims Canton Complex Manager

TOURS, VISITORS, and COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Dr Steve Eroch from Nigeria, & Dr Katy Burden



Len Chappell with the Centennial Elementary, school kids, Ag Day 2019



Dr Stan Bailey, Dr Pierre Rouppert and Erin Wenke , (Biomerieux), with Dr Waltman



Dr Eric Shepherd is lecturing at the UGA Layer Conference, GPLN

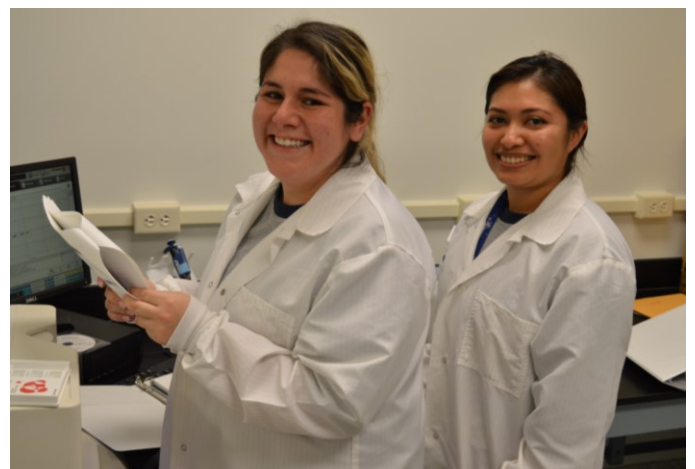


Dutch Delegation from the Washington DC Embassy & the Atlanta Consulate

GPLN EMPLOYEE NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



GPLN SAFETY DAY...If Lindsey Vinson is around, this fire has no chance!



Kat Muro and Bridgeth Flores attended the LUMINEX conference in Austin, TX!