

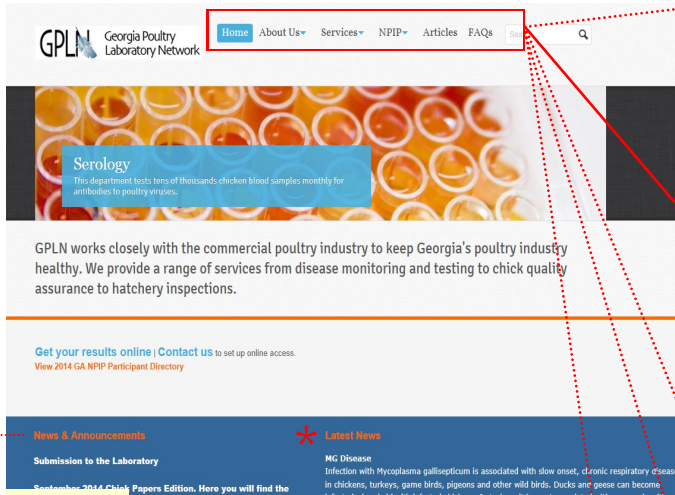
The Chick Papers

A Monthly Newsletter from the Georgia Poultry Laboratory

October 2014

The GPLN Website: How Can It Help You?

For the last six years, GPLN has offered a company website of important information concerning the services and activities of the laboratory. The address is www.gapoultrylab.org. We have tried to structure the website so users can freely move around the site to find the information of interest. Included below are expansions of the menu tabs (red box) on the website.....



About Us

Our History : Highlights of the GA Poultry industry development (with pictures) from as far back as the 1920's.

Departments: Lists the department heads and responsibilities of the 11 departments at GPLN

Staff Directory: Lists the professional staff (with pictures) of the GPLN employees profiling their education achievements & interest.

Services

Test and Fees : Lists the current test prices of all tests

Supplies: GPLN provides many of the commonly used disposable supplies to the customers at our costs. The supply cost are provided here.

Diagnostic tests: A list of all diagnostic tests performed at GPLN

Lab results: Users can filter and print test results from a secure internet site

NPIP

General Information: This section introduces the National Poultry Improvement Plan and gives details about administration, customer participation, flock inspections requirements and supervision of the plan by the official state agency.

Submission Guidelines and Forms: A copy of the lab submission form can be obtained here. Also, detailed guidelines on how to become an NPIP member are included here.

Articles

A video created during the 75th anniversary celebration of GPLN with a general look at functions of each department with interviews from retired long serving employees is included. More than a year's worth of the monthly newsletter, "The Chick Papers" can easily be downloaded from this "Article" resource tab.

FAQ's

I have a problem with a flock. How do I get my birds tested? There are many questions our customers have concerning the management of their backyard and commercial flocks that can be answered in the frequently asked questions (FAQ's) section of the website. Please give our clinicians a call and they will be glad to help answer your questions if you have sick birds.

News & Announcements

Various articles including sample submission to the laboratory, the latest "Chick Papers" edition, and links to the new lab construction updates with pictures.

* Latest News

Poultry Health updates, the latest customer self generated reports on the portal, and new tests announcements are some examples of information listed in this section.

The New Laboratory Construction: The move date is nearing as the facility nears completion.....



Front Entrance with GPLN Logo



Administrative Offices



Receiving Department

Tours and Visitors:

- **Canadian Veterinarian Visits GPLN:** In early October, Dr. Benoit Lanthier from Coop Federee in Quebec, visited with Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala for a day covering activities and visiting the new facility.

GPLN Employee News:

- **Longtime GPLN Employee Has Retired:** After 18 years of dedication and hard work at GPLN, Dorene Seabolt finished her last day at the Lab on Oct. 31, 2014. Dorene has worked in every department in the lab except Virology. In Dorene's own words...*"Every job at GPLN has been a challenge and wonderful learning experience for me. I have enjoyed working for each director and have made many good friends over the years. I have also seen many good friends come and go. I especially enjoyed meeting the people of the poultry industry and I will greatly miss this place."* Congratulations to Dorene on her retirement as she plans to spend precious time with her family. The retirement celebration was held on Oct. 30, 2014.
- **Halloween Lunch Party Held at Oakwood Lab:** On Oct. 30, the GPLN employees met for lunch with each bringing their favorite dishes. Awards were presented for the cutest costume (won by Melissa Chewning) and most original costume (won by Tyler Reed). A good time was enjoyed by all.



Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala (left) Discusses Georgia Titers with Dr. Benoit

GPLN Events:

- **GPLN Mycoplasma PCR Specialist Presents at United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) Luncheon:** For more than two years, the extraction process for Mycoplasma PCR has been automated with the use of Qiagen swab processor called the QiaCube. On Oct. 19, Heather Failyer gave a talk entitled "Effectiveness of QiaCube Kits in the High Throughput Testing Environment for Mycoplasma in Poultry" to scientists and USAHA attendees in Kansas City, Missouri. The PowerPoint was based on her time saving experiences with the QiaCube machine compared to conventional extraction methods.



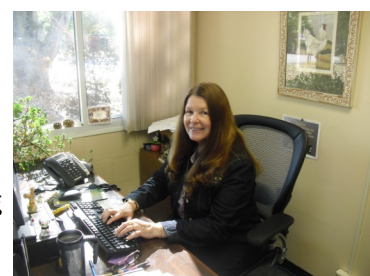
Halloween/Retirement Party Winners (l-r) Melissa Chewning, Dorene Seabolt, Tyler Reed

- **GPLN Quality Manager Attends AAVLD Quality Meeting In Kansas City, MO:** Oct. 17-22, GPLN Quality Director, Brenda Glidewell attended the annual AAVLD/USAHA meetings in Kansas City to learn of the latest advances in developing and maintaining a solid Quality program at the NAHLN Quality Symposium and AAVLD Quality Committee meeting.



Tyler Reed Presents Dorene Seabolt with a picture he captured of a Sunset Over Lake Lanier

- **GPLN Bacteriologist Chairs Salmonella Committee in "The City of Fountains":** Oct. 17-22 Dr. Doug Waltman attended the annual AAVLD/ASAHA meeting in Kansas City Missouri, where he chaired the Committee on Salmonella.
- **Dr. Anderson Presents Backyard Update at Sunbelt Exposition:** On Oct 14, Dr. Anderson gave a talk on "Disease Update for Backyard Flocks" at the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie, Ga. He also answered many questions from viewers while hosting the GPLN NPIP display booth at Sunbelt Expo.
- **Dr. Anderson Invited Speaker at the PDRC Seminar Series:** On Oct. 20, Dr. Anderson spoke to an Athens' audience of research scientists and guest about some of his work with backyard flocks over the years. The presentation was entitled "Experiences with Backyard Poultry Medicine as a Poultry Diagnostician".
- **GPLN Staff Works Shifts at the Poultry World Exhibition:** Oct 3-12, Selena York, Melissa Chewning, Dr. Anderson and Len Chappell filled instructional shifts at the Poultry World Exhibit during the annual National Fair in Perry Georgia. The exhibit exposes tens of thousands of kids and adults to the Georgia Poultry Industry with live bird booths, video displays and informational packets on the many facets of the industry from growing birds to processing and packing of Georgia poultry products.



Brenda Glidewell, GPLN Quality Director



Steve Thomas and Melissa Chewning transferring newly hatched baby chicks from an incubator to warm & cozy pen at the Poultry World Exhibition in Perry, GA.



Selena York during break at the National Fair