

The Pharos/Summer 2012



or more than a decade we have walked together, side by side and in tandem.

Once, we walked with straight backs and strong legs, confidently balanced.

No longer.

Though we still walk together, side by side and in tandem.

Our once supple responsive bodies, both now damaged by time passing,

Have aged in parallel inflicting changes, similar, progressive,

Slowing our pace.

Noticeable limp. Unsteadiness of gait. Distressing for me, seemingly less so for her.

For as long a time as we have remaining we will walk together, side by side and in tandem,

My canine companion, Tilly, and me.

Arvey I. Rogers, MD, FACP



The Pharos/Summer 2012 45

Dr. Rogers (A Ω A, University of Miami, 1973) is Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine/Gastroenterology and Assistant Dean, CME, at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Miami, Florida. His address is 8501 SW 87th Court, Miami, Florida 33173-4552. E-mail: rvimd@aol.com. Illustrations by Jim M'Guinness.