



The Newsletter of The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association

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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

'Tis the season for family (two and four-legged alike), consuming massive quantities of phenomenal food (plus or minus varying degrees of self-inflicted pancreatitis), tiny people cackling with glee at all the sights and sounds of merriment, and that oh so subtle shift in temperature just to remind us all why we choose to make Michigan our home. We love this season. And, speaking of endearment, your Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association has been busy...

The Party of the Century, our centennial celebration, lived up to its name. What an extraordinary evening of fine dining and comradery. It was marvelous to see everyone who made it out; the evening was a monumental success. Come to think of it, I can't wait until the next one. I'll be the guy seated next to Walt Disney...

Our continuing education seminars are in full swing. Our eyeball and musculoskeletal lectures were very well attended. Both lecturers were very engaging and offered multiple knowledge nuggets to all attendees, regardless of comfort level with the topic. On the technician side, we have had two lectures - one regarding professional development (how to deal with bullying in the workplace) and the other of a more technical nature regarding CBC evaluation and catheter utilization (IV and IO). If you have not attended any of our continuing education offerings, you are missing out. Continuing education requirements for the state of Michigan are expected to be finalized very soon (see our article regarding this topic inside). And remember, for each SEMVMA veterinarian member, one other staff member (technician, assistant, or receptionist) can attend the technician continuing education lecture for FREE.

The annual holiday party was held on November 18th, 2017. This festive gathering is always a terrific way to kick off the holiday season and catch up with colleagues and friends. In fact, several of our members were caught by our photo booth carrying out various shenanigans; quite obviously an enjoyable time was had by all.



Tim Duncan

Our annual Membership Celebration will be held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham on January 10th, 2018. This is always a fun evening of interaction with colleagues and welcoming our incoming board. Following the dinner and installation ceremony, Dr. Mike Chaddock and Dr. Julie Funk from Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine will speak to the group about student debt and the re-invention of the veterinary school curriculum. With the continued rising cost of veterinary education and the

seemingly increasing numbers of available veterinary schools, this should be a very good talk. If you have not joined us before, please consider doing so. This event is free for our members, with each member allowed to bring one guest at no charge. You should have received your invitation by now. If not, please contact the person who glues this whole organization together, Barb Locricchio.

Giving thanks is the recipe on the page, and looking back at this past year, I have a lot to be thankful for - my family, my friends, my job, and all of you. I am honored that you allowed me to act as president of our association for this very special year, our 100th anniversary. I wish each and every one of you happy holidays, and an exceptional new year.

- Tim

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2017/2018 SEMVMA CONTINUING EDUCATION

Veterinary CE Program

02/28/2017—Dr. Margie Scherk/Feline Medicine

03/28/2018—Dr. Doug DeBoer/Dermatology

Sign-in for the conference begins at 8:30 am, with the seminar beginning at 9:00 am. Continental breakfast and full lunch are included. The seminars will conclude at 5:00 pm.

Technician CE Program

02/28/2018—Dr. Margie Scherk/Feline Medicine

03/28/2018—Heidi Reuss-Lamky/Anesthesia Mistakes Awareness

Sign-in and dinner for the conference begins at 5:45 pm with the seminar starting at 6:30 pm. The seminars will conclude at 8:30 pm.

For each SEMVMA member in your practice, one technician or staff member can attend each of the seminars at no expense. The cost for additional staff members or for the staff of non-SEMVMA members is our regular charge of \$35. You must RSVP to ensure a meal and proceedings. Seminars will be held at the Management Education Center

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In Memoriam

Lloyd P. Rutherford, DVM passed away October 14, 2017 at the age of 100. He graduated from Ontario Veterinary College in 1940 and was a life member of the SEMVMA. Dr. Rutherford joined the SEMVMA in 1952 and acted as President of our association in 1971. He was very dedicated to organized veterinary medicine and continued to be an active member of our group until his retirement in 1983.

Dr. Kathy Christy and Dr. Emily Socks of **Oakland Hills Veterinary Hospital** would like to congratulate **Jessica Shimmell, LVT** and her family on the arrival of her son, **Finley!**

Dr. Norman Bayne would like to announce that his daughter (**Laura**) will be having her first baby - his first grandchild! Laura is due on March 5th. She also had her 15 minutes of fame on November 17th when she was a nurse in the ER on Hawaii Five-O.

A dozen employees from **Animal Emergency Center** traveled to the Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care meeting this past fall in Nashville. We are pleased to announce that **Christine Thiemann, LVT, VTS** was pinned and is now officially our first technician with the emergency specialty certification. We are also pleased to announce that **Dawn Dingman, LVT** took her qualifying exam and passed! Now she can add the VTS to her name as well. Way to go Dawn! We are so proud of both of our technicians for all of their hard work and dedication to their profession. *Great Job Ladies and keep up the awesome work!*

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Our goal of this section is to let members know what is occurring in our lives outside of veterinary medicine. Please notify us of your recent family additions, graduations, honors, achievements, fund raising activities, civic group associations, outdoor activities and the like. Please call us at 248-651-6332 or email us at adminsevmva@sevmva.com



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to SEMVMA...

Dr. Amanda Hatfield, (St. George's Univ., 2017) Centerline Veterinary Hospital, Centerline, MI

Dr. Rachel Whitesell, (MSU, 2013) Westarbor Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI

Dr. Caralyn Zalewski, (MSU, 1998) Forest Veterinary Clinic, Otisville, MI

The 2017 membership committee is composed of 3 members: Norm Bayne, DVM, (Chair) (norman@baynevet.com) Tim Duncan, DVM, Duncan@oaklandanimal.com and Steve Bailey, DVM bailey@exclusivelycatsvet.com. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions. If you know of a veterinarian in the area who is not a member but may be interested in joining, please contact any member of the membership committee of the SEMVMA office and we will be happy to send them information.



SAVE THESE DATES! UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



SEMVMA Membership Celebration

Join us for dinner as we appoint our new board and council members

The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham, MI at 6:00 PM

This event is free to attend for members and a guest



CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Many of our members have expressed concerns about the upcoming requirements that the state is still ironing out, and what it will mean for SEMVMA. Answering that question leaves us with one of the two following scenarios:

1. The Board of Veterinary Medicine for the State of Michigan accepts continuing medical education offered by local veterinary medical associations (such as SEMVMA) outright, and every hour that you utilize SEMVMA for CME is counted towards the requirement (at this time, 45 hours would be required every three years for veterinarians, and 15 hours would be required every three years for licensed veterinary technicians).
2. The Board of Veterinary Medicine for the State of Michigan denies full credit to local veterinary medical associations (VMAs), limiting the countable hours offered by local VMA's to 15 hours every three years for veterinarians, and 2 hours every three years for licensed veterinary technicians. However, they will approve full credit for continuing medical education that is Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) approved. In this scenario, ALL SEMVMA continuing medical education offerings will be RACE approved, and therefore accepted completely towards the 45 / 15 hour requirements outlined above.

Either scenario gives us full acceptance of our CME offering. However, between the two scenarios, the first is the most ideal in that RACE approval is costly and time consuming. The SEMVMA is a non-profit organization, increasing the expenses for SEMVMA to provide CME to our members will be translated back to our members in the form of fee increases (annual dues or CME fees), which, we do not want to do. Our CME offering is top tier (same quality as national and state level VMAs), but we also understand increasing our fees would create an

additional roadblock for you, our members, to accomplish what the state board is asking of you to do.

So, what have we (the SEMVMA board) done to protect you, our members, from scenario 2? Two strategies:

1. We have aligned forces with the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The MVMA is one of our most outspoken advocates to include local VMA CME without restriction. MSU CVM is another organization that has been limited in their accepted CME offering, and banding together makes sense to accomplish a common goal.
2. We have flooded the Board of Veterinary Medicine with letters, both from every SEMVMA board member and from several of our general members, during the public comment period on September 29th, 2017. We had a presence at the public comment period that solidified our stance, and requested a review of the draft rules to include local veterinary medical associations in the accepted forms of CME. The MVMA was there requesting the same, as well as MSU, APHIS, and several other organizations requesting inclusion.

So, where do we go from here? Keep in mind that regardless of which scenario plays out, our CME offering **WILL BE ACCEPTED HOUR PER HOUR WITHOUT RESTRICTION**. The main question revolves around what hoops the Board of Veterinary Medicine requests us to jump through, and how much will it cost us.

Please feel free to reach out to us directly if you have any additional questions or concerns. Thank you for being a part of SEMVMA.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Duncan, DVM
President, SEMVMA

SEMVMA ACADEMY

The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association developed the SEMVMA Academy to celebrate the commitment of veterinarians to the continual improvement of their professional knowledge and competence achieved through continuing education. There are many reasons to apply for Academy membership. Members are listed on the SEMVMA Academy web page for the current year and there is a link for members of previous years. The Academy web page listings show up on web searches when clients search an Academy member's name. Membership in the academy is free to members, and the application process is simple. To qualify, you must demonstrate 50 hours of CE during the prior year; this can include web based learning, self-study, and more (see SEMVMA.vet/academy for more information). We would like to see every member's name on this list. Visit our website at www.semvma.vet/academy to download your application. Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2018.

-2016 Academy Members-

Tracy Adams, DVM - Southpointe Veterinary Hospital
Christian Ast, DVM - Plaza Veterinary Hospital
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Michelle Carter, DVM – Gasow Veterinary Hospital
Grace Chang, DVM – Southfield Veterinary Hospital
Kathy Christy, DVM – Oakland Hills Veterinary Hospital
Jill Crisp, DVM – VCA Beech Road Animal Hospital
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Kelly Wilson, DVM – Leader Dogs for The Blind
Kevin Windsor, DVM – Beverly Hills Veterinary Associates
Michael Wolf, DVM, DACVIM, CCRT – Animal Neurology & MRI Center
Andrea Zelten, DVM - Jeffrey Animal Hospital

46TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY FOR THE SE MICHIGAN VETERINARY COMMUNITY

Over 330 people attended the annual holiday festivities on November 18th and enjoyed a lovely evening at the San Marino Club in Troy. The evening started with hors d'oeuvres and socialization time as very well-dressed veterinary colleagues, staff and guests arrived for a fun filled event. A plated dinner, followed by a charity raffle, led up to dancing and kicking up the heels a bit until midnight. We are so fortunate to have this 46 year tradition in the southeastern Michigan veterinary community as a way to share the thanksgiving and holiday cheer with colleagues, co-workers and loved ones.

The annual charity raffle featured more fantastic prizes than ever - each available to be won and generously donated by the familiar veterinary industry and local businesses below. The Michigan State Animal Response Team (MiSART) has been the recipient of the raffle proceeds over the last several years. MiSART receives little financial support overall, so our annual charity fundraiser continues to be their largest form of support during that time. Dr. Jeff Dizik represented MiSART this year and provided an update on current status of MiSART to the party guests. Dr. Tari Kern and the staff of Pawsitive Steps Rehabilitation & Therapy for Pets assisted Dr. Dizik in keeping the raffle moving along through the long line of donated prizes. Dr. Grace Chang took photos throughout the night to commemorate the occasion. We are excited to announce that MiSART received \$4,250 in proceeds from the event this year.

The dance floor, bar and photo booth were busy until the end of the night. A new addition to the festivities included some games in the corners of the room for the non-dancers in the group to challenge each other to some good, clean fun! The big holiday extravaganza is hosted each fall by the Macomb County Veterinary Association with generous support from the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. If you didn't make it this year, watch for it next fall!

A huge thank you goes out to all of the veterinary offices and companies who donated items to the charity raffle: Advanced Animal Emergency, Affiliated Veterinary Emergency, Animal Emergency Center, Animal Neurology, MRI & Rehabilitation Center, Animal Surgical Center of Michigan, Antech Diagnostics, Aratana Therapeutics, Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners, Boehringer Ingelheim/Merial, Companion Animal Health, Dogwood, Elanco, Faithful Companion, Henry Schein Animal Health, Heska/Cuattro, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Idexx Laboratories, Kimball Animal Hospital, Macomb Community College Veterinary Technology Program, MCVA, Merck Animal Health, Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Partridge Enterprises, Patterson Veterinary Supply, Ralph Wilson Agency, Royal Canin, Pawsitive Steps Rehabilitation & Therapy for Pets, SEMVMA, Sound Technology, Virbac and Zoetis. When you see their representatives, please pass along a thank you for their continued support of this wonderful charity event.

Tari Kern, DVM, CCRP, CVMA, CVSMT
Holiday Party Coordinator



Dr. Michael Wolf, Animal Neurology & MRI Center, presents Laura Fabian, OVRs, the Ring Video Doorbell Pro.



Dr. Dan Degner, Animal Surgical Center of Michigan, presents a Keurig Coffee Maker to Dr. Julie Cappel, Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital.



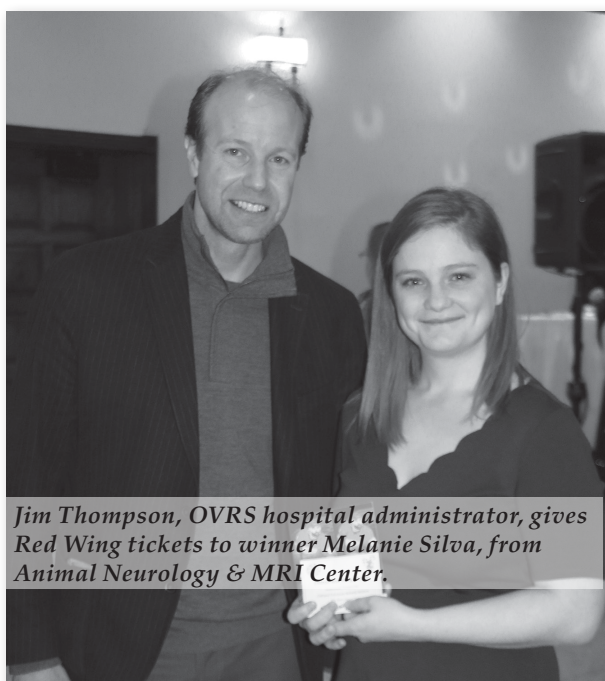
Team Pawsitive Steps Rehabilitation & Therapy for Pets in the photo booth!



Angelina Oliverei, Pawsitive Steps Rehabilitation & Therapy for Pets, winner of the 55" Sharp LED Smart HD TV donated by Brett Stowell from Faithful Companion.



The Animal Emergency Center Ladies play Connect 4.



Jim Thompson, OVRs hospital administrator, gives Red Wing tickets to winner Melanie Silva, from Animal Neurology & MRI Center.



Dr. Tari Kern, concentrating on which brick to move.

SEMVMA PARTY OF THE CENTURY

The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association formed as an association in 1917. This is our 100th year in existence. The association has a very colorful history, starting as a small organization to develop respect and goodwill amongst the veterinarians in the area. The original organization included Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Membership dues were \$1 annually. Yearly income was about \$30 per year. Our continuing education programs have remained in existence (in some form or another) since the beginning. We have hosted several AVMA conventions in Detroit in 1929, 1949, and 1971 and our current CE program is considered one of the best in the nation.

To celebrate the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association's 100 year anniversary, SEMVMA members gathered at the Chapman House for cheese, wine, beer, and bourbon tasting along with a formal dinner in the outdoor courtyard. The Party of the Century certainly lived up to its name! We hope our members enjoyed the interaction with fellow colleagues and friends as much as we did. We are excited to be a part of this organization, and can't wait to see what the next 100 years bring.



Mark Socks, Dr. Emily Socks, Dr. Laura Van de Grift, and Drew Van de Grift enjoying drinks on the patio.



The Cheese Lady going over the selection of cheeses to taste with Mrs. Sandy Kavanagh.



Looking over the bourbon selection.



SEMVMA Presidents over the years: Dr. Ron Mehler (1991), Dr. Dave Carron (1986), Dr. Stephen Steep (1988), Dr. Elizabeth Dawe (1983), Dr. James Wright (1982), Dr. David Balaj (1997), Dr. Christian Ast (2007), Dr. Kathy Christy (2015), Dr. Colleen Beach (2016), Dr. Lucy Shields Henney (1999), Dr. Grace Chang (2000), Dr. Julie Cappel (2006), Dr. Norman Bayne (2018), and Dr. Tim Duncan (2017).



Dr. Steve Steep and his wife, Anne Steep, enjoying the evening together.

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Corporate ¼ page ads are limited to one business, owner or corporation for each issue of the SEMVMA newsletter. This is in the interest of having the newsletter inform the association and not overwhelm them with ads. The SEMVMA council may modify or waive the application of this policy on a case by case basis at the discretion of the council.

Ads will run only once unless a request is submitted to the Administrative Secretary to run longer. Classified ads are \$15 for 60 words or less and \$25 for 61–100 words. Corporate ¼ page ads are \$135 per issue or \$500 for four issues. Payment is due at the time of the initial ad placement.

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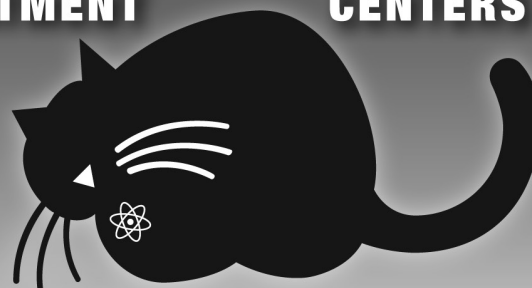


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