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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The 2018 SEMVMA year started off with a great Membership Celebration Dinner which included our speakers Drs. Michael Chaddock and Julie Funk. Dr. Chaddock gave an eye opening talk on student debt and how recent graduates come out of school with incredible financial burdens. Dr. Funk discussed recent changes to the veterinary school curriculum making it more systems based.



Norman Bayne

I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Tim Duncan for his leadership through 2017. People are still talking about the centennial party. He did a fine job in keeping us aligned and on track with our goals for the year.

Personally, I am looking forward to the upcoming continuing education calendar for both veterinarians and our technicians. The end of February saw Dr. Margie Scherk talk on Feline Medicine to both

the veterinarians and our technicians. I found this talk very useful, especially the end of the talk on practical topics she entitled "Journal Club." In addition, her coverage of diabetes mellitus in the feline was very detailed and informative. At the end of March, Dr. Doug DeBoer will lecture to the veterinarians about Dermatology and Heidi Reuss-Lamky will discuss Anesthesia Mistakes. Our seminars are top notch as we gather nation-

ally known speakers on relevant fields. They are definitely worth the investment of both time and money for you and your technicians.

I look forward to the upcoming year for the association as a whole. We have many hard-working individuals looking to advance the profession in many ways. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to orchestrate this effort.

—Norm

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SEMVMA VETERINARY CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

03/28/2018 – Dr. Douglas DeBoer: Dermatology

10/17/2018 – Dr. Craig Datz: Nutrition

11/14/2018 – Dr. Lorrie Gaschen: Radiology

12/05/2018 – Dr. Michael Lappin: Infectious Disease

03/27/2019 – Dr. Tamara Grubb: Anesthesia & Pain Management

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.

SEMVMA TECHNICIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

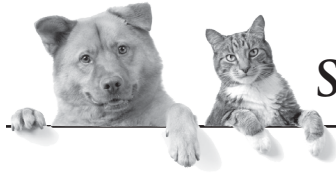
Sign-in and dinner for the conference begins at 5:45 pm with the seminar starting at 6:30 pm. The seminars will conclude at 8:30 pm.

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.

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25th Annual SEMVMA Golf Outing at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon.
Four person scramble - all proceeds benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind.



“Run Wild” for the Detroit Zoo offering 5K, 10K, and fun walk to raise funds for the Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care for the animals at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Dr. John Krieger, (MSU, 2002) Animal Emergency Center, Novi, MI

Dr. Aimee Seguin, (MSU, 2004) Banfield Pet Hospital, Troy, MI

Dr. Judy Duderstadt, (MSU, 2017) Cahill Veterinary Hospital, Flat Rock, MI

The 2018 membership committee is composed of 3 members: Tari Kern, DVM, (Chair) (tkerndvm@yahoo.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.

SEMVMA MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION DINNER

Our membership celebration dinner at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham took place on January 10th, 2018. Instead of our typical blizzard for the evening, we were treated to a cold, light drizzle (in Pure Michigan style). The purpose of this celebration is to welcome new members, honor existing members for their achievements, and install the new council for the upcoming year. If you were unable to attend this year, please keep in mind that all SEMVMA members and one guest are welcome to attend this event free of charge. Faithful Companion once again sponsored our cocktail hour; their support of our association is very much appreciated.

Life membership awards were bestowed on three of our members - Dr. Byron Alexander, Dr. Morris Christlieb, and Dr. Carl Welti. Dr. Alexander graduated from Michigan State University in 1976. He joined the association that year and has remained a member since. He retired from Greenfield Animal Hospital. Dr. Christlieb graduated from Michigan State University in 1971 and has been a member of our association since 1974. He retired from Meadowbrook Animal Clinic. Dr. Welti also graduated from Michigan State University in 1971, joining our association in 1974. He practiced downriver at Willowood Acres.

SEMVMA received several applications for our annual SEMVMA Technician Scholarships, making the selection process quite challenging. As a profession, we will be fortunate to welcome all of these applicants into our field in the near future. Nevertheless, we could only award 3 scholarships, and the recipients were:

1st place: Nicole Timmer – Macomb Community College (\$1000 scholarship + free admission to all SEMVMA vet tech CE for the 2018-2019 cycle)

2nd place: Kelly Capwell – Macomb Community College (\$500 scholarship + free admission to all SEMVMA vet tech CE for the 2018-2019 cycle)

3rd place: Samantha Durecki – Baker College Flint (free admission to all SEMVMA vet tech CE for the 2018-2019 cycle)

Dr. Greg Lott received the Outstanding Contribution to SEMVMA award. Growing up in East Lansing in a large veterinary family, Dr. Lott graduated from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1979. He joined Riverview Animal Hospital after graduation, where he continues



Dr. Norman Bayne, our new SEMVMA president with his wife, Gail Bayne



Dr. Norman Bayne, incoming president with Dr. Tim Duncan, outgoing president



LVT scholarship winners: 3rd place - Samantha Durecki (Baker College Flint), 2nd place - Kelly Capwell (Macomb Community College), 1st Place - Natalie Timmer (Macomb Community College) and Dr. Tari Kern

to practice. He is dedicated to our profession and our organization. One of his hallmark achievements is our annual golf outing, which he has organized for SEMVMA for the past 25 years. He truly is the reason for its continued success, year after year. Thanks very much Greg, congratulations!

Dr. Erin Bannink received our Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Practice award. She grew up in Rochester, Michigan, graduating from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. From there, her road eventually led her to ACVIM diplomate status in Oncology in 2008. She holds multiple certifications in complementary and alternative veterinary therapies, and lectures nationally and internationally about integrating conventional cancer therapies with these alternative modalities. Clinician's like Dr. Bannink elevate our profession and help it progress. Thanks for being part of our association Erin, congratulations!

Our speakers for the evening were Drs. Mike Chaddock and Julie Funk. Both speakers were very engaging, giving us a general overview of the financial state of Michigan State University and a broad outlook for the future generations of veterinarians graduating from the college. Their talk was very informative. We may have some challenges ahead of us, but these two gave us confidence that MSU was prepared to meet those challenges head on.

Thanks very much to everyone that joined us. If you were unable to attend, please consider doing so next year. This is a free event for all members.



Dr. Colleen Beach awards Dr. Erin Bannink the Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Practice Award



Drs. Frank Carmona, past SEMVMA and MVMA president and Jeff Dizik, past MVMA president, giving tips to future SEMVMA president, Dr. Dave Smith.



Dr. Lora Montgomery and Drs. Kathy Hibbard and Greg Lott along with their daughter, Rachel. Dr. Lott is the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to SEMVMA award as this will be his 25th year organizing the annual golf outing.

2017 ACADEMY MEMBERS

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Kelly Wilson, DVM – Leader Dogs for The Blind
Caralyn Zalewski, DVM – Forest Veterinary Clinic
Andrea Zelten, DVM – Jeffrey Animal Hospital

MINIMALLY INVASIVE ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

Lauren Retallack, DVM (Staff Surgeon) Oakland Veterinary Referral Services

Following diagnosis of the orthopedic injury, it is up to the surgeon to recommend procedure options. An alternative to a traditional open arthrotomy, a much more invasive approach, is arthroscopy. Minimally invasive techniques have been the standard of care for human surgery for many years. Arthroscopy is now becoming much more widely used and accepted in veterinary medicine, as it allows for a minimally invasive approach to the joint, visualizing intra-articular structures like the cranial and caudal cruciate ligaments, cartilage, and menisci. It is both diagnostic and therapeutic; by greatly magnifying and illuminating the articular structures, it allows for improved diagnosis of pathology, while simultaneously treating the condition. Joints that can be explored arthroscopically include the stifle, shoulder, and elbow; the tarsus and hip can also be explored arthroscopically in select patients.

Joint surface evaluation: Arthroscopy remains the gold standard for evaluation of cartilage pathology. Osteochondritis and osteochondrosis desiccans lesions can be evaluated, documented, and probed via minimally invasive ports. Additionally, these lesions are more readily visible with arthroscopy.

Cartilage resurfacing techniques, such as the Osteochondral Autograft Transfer System (OATS®) and synthetic allograft system (SynACART®) can be performed in severe cases of cartilage damage or OCD. Arthroscopy is also a primary step in treating end-stage elbow disease; it is performed immediately prior to and selecting candidates for performing the Canine Unicompartmental Elbow (CUE) technique.

Intra-articular pathology: Intra-articular ligamentous structures are readily viewed and magnified with arthroscopy. This gives us great detail in diagnosing and treating cranial cruciate ligament injury, meniscal injury, long digital extensor tendinopathy, biceps tendon evaluation, and even collateral ligament evaluation. Subtle changes in the ligaments or tendons are visible arthroscopically, whereas they would not be visible using an arthrotomy.

Changes to the ligaments or tendons can be treated arthroscopically as well, through procedures like tendon release or transposition, biopsy, or even repair as in the case of shoulder or hip luxation. In these cases, arthroscopy aids in both the diagnosis and placement of implants while only performing a minimal approach to the joint to reduce patient morbidity.

Specific joints: Arthroscopy of the stifle has been shown to have increased rates of meniscal tear diagnosis compared with arthrotomy in dogs with cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) disease. Concurrent meniscal tears were diagnosed in 83% of stifles explored arthroscopically, vs. 44% assessed by arthrotomy. Probing during arthroscopy increases the meniscal diagnosis rate by 8 times. Meniscal tears can be treated arthroscopically via debridement and excision. Meniscal release can be performed using radiofrequency ablation technology. Late meniscal injury, which occurs approximately 5.4-12% of the time, can also be diagnosed and treated arthroscopically after a TPLO or other procedure has been performed.

Arthroscopy of the shoulder allows a minimally invasive way to evaluate the biceps tendon and possible OCD lesions. Both a biceps release and cartilage debridement can be performed arthroscopically, allowing for 2-3 incisions of only a few millimeters into the joint. This technique has improved accessibility and visualization of the caudal humeral head, where OCD lesions are typically located. Additionally, arthroscopy has been used to assist in shoulder instability repair.

Similar to the shoulder, elbow arthroscopy provides a minimally invasive way to evaluate the cartilage and bone structures of the elbow. Fragmented medial coronoid processes, ununited anconeal processes, and OCD lesions can be debrided and treated with this approach, preventing a large arthrotomy and allowing improved access and visualization of otherwise small structures. Even in cases of more severe progression of osteoarthritis and erosion of the medial compartment, arthroscopy can aid in both diagnosis and treatment. Additionally, biceps release can be performed at the elbow, if indicated.

Tarsal/coxofemoral arthroscopy can be used to evaluate for OCD lesions, as well as aiding in a minimally invasive reduction of coxofemoral luxation and Toggle pinning in select patients.

Dr. Lauren Retallack completed a small animal surgical residency at Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital in 2017, following which she joined Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Dr. Retallack has a special interest in arthroscopy (shoulder, elbow and stifle), fracture repair, external skeletal fixation, and thoracic and abdominal surgery. Dr. Retallack has gained considerable experience in minimally invasive orthopedic surgery during her residency and additional off-site courses.

Congratulations to SEMVMA member, **Dr. Larry Letsche** and his wife, **Lorrie Carlton** on winning Best in Show at the 142nd Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show with their Bichon Frise, **Flynn**!

Dr. Michael Wolf, along with the doctors and staff at Animal Neurology, Rehab & ER Center are pleased to welcome two new compassionate and experienced doctors to their team: **Jill Hicks DVM, DACVIM** (Neurology) and **Laurie L. Nelms, DVM, MS** (Emergency Medicine).

Krista Stone, DVM, an Emergency Medicine veterinarian at Animal Neurology, Rehab & ER Center, along with her husband, **Brad Stone** welcomed a baby boy, **Heyden Clark**, on January 24, 2018.

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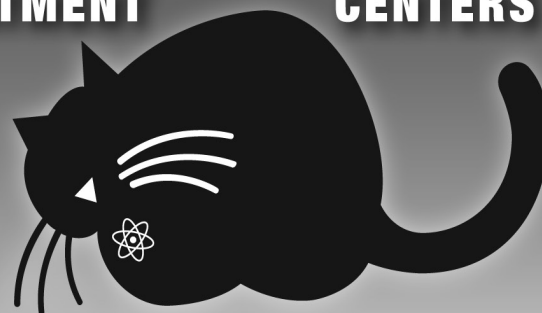
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