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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Greetings fellow SEMVMA members. It seems as if this year flew by in the blink of an eye. It is hard to believe we are into the holiday season. The SEMVMA continuing education series is off and running. We are still offering in person and virtual options for the CE series. We had great success with both options for our soft tissue talk in October, but we were met with some technical difficulties during our Cardiology talk in November. The SEMVMA Board has been working closely with the Management Education Center to avoid this from happening at our future meetings. We appreciate the members' patience and understanding as we do our best to resolve these issues as they arise.

In our last newsletter, we introduced the debt reduction scholarship. This was a great success; we had several applicants that would have benefited from the scholarship. Two well deserving winners were randomly selected. More info on the winners inside this newsletter. We look forward to continuing this scholarship in the future to help new graduates struggling with their student loan debt.

As we finish out the 2021, year we look forward to our Membership Celebration January 12th at the Townsend Hotel. If you have not had the opportunity to attend, 2022 should be that year. It is always a great time to spend time with colleagues and friends. This celebration is no cost to members and their one guest. The celebration includes dinner and drinks. This year we have a fantastic speaker, Walter Brown LVT, that is sure to entertain. We look forward to having as many members as possible attend.



Nicole Grube

As this year comes to an end, this will end my term as your president. It has been a pleasure to serve in this role over the past year. I look forward to continuing to serve on the board and help this organization any way possible. As this concludes my last newsletter as your president, I wish everyone a great holiday season and hope you all have the opportunity to spend much needed time with your loved ones.

Happy Holidays,

– *Nicole Grube*

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2021/2022 CE PROGRAM

VETERINARY PROGRAM

02/09/2022 – Dr. Stephen Carey – Respiratory

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03/02/2022 – Dr. J. Catharine Scott-Moncrieff – Endocrinology

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TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

01/26/2022 – Julie Azzopardi, LVT, VTS – Cardiology

(This is the makeup date from the November meeting and
will only be offered virtually)

02/09/2022 – Heidi Reuss-Lamky, LVT, VTS – Upper Airway Disease &
Understanding Capnography – It's Breathtaking!

03/02/2022 – Mallory Olson, LVT, VTS (ECC, Nutrition) – Critical Care
Nutrition

For each SEMVMA member in your practice, one technician or staff member
can attend each of the seminars for FREE. 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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You can attend our meetings in person or virtual – Your choice!

Please contact Barb at the SEMVMA Office to register – (248) 651-6332

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Save the Date

Membership Celebration

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Join us for dinner as we appoint our new board and council members followed by our guest speaker, comedian Walter Brown, LVT (aka - Skinny Go Live - Facebook)

The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham, MI

We are doing something different this year. It's been a tough year for everyone and we could all use a laugh! For the first time, we are opening up this event to your staff.

*This event is free to attend for members and a guest.
Each additional person from your clinic will be \$100.*

Look for your formal invitation in the mail

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Dr. Brad Schumaier, MSU, 2020 – Orchard Lake Animal Hospital, Orchard Lake, MI
Dr. Natalie McKeon, University of Illinois, 2021 – Veterinary Emergency Service West, Plymouth, MI
Dr. Nicholas Vitale, MSU, 2011 – Wilson Veterinary Hospital, Washington, MI
Dr. Elena Panchal, University of Pennsylvania, Southpointe Veterinary Hospital, Allen Park, MI
Dr. Leah Marszalec, University of Glasgow, 2016 – Madison Veterinary Hospital, Madison Heights, MI
Dr. Kristin Donovan, MSU, 2009 – Richmond Veterinary Hospital, Columbus, MI
Dr. Krysten Andrews, MSU, 2020 – Oxford Veterinary Hospital, Oxford, MI
Dr. Tony Vernaci, MSU, 2020 – Oxford Veterinary Hospital, Oxford, MI

The 2021 membership committee is composed of 3 members:

Emily Socks, DVM harri812@gmail.com, Tari Kern, DVM tkerndvm@yahoo.com and Tim Duncan, DVM, Duncan@oaklandanimal.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 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.com/academy for more information). Visit our website at www.semvma.com/academy to download your application.

Applications must be submitted by February 14, 2022.

-2020 ACADEMY MEMBERS-

Christian Ast, DVM – Plaza Veterinary Hospital

Kaitlin Bahlmann, DVM – Exclusively Cats Veterinary Hospital

Kathy Christy, DVM – Oakland Hills Veterinary Hospital

Melissa Doolin, DVM - Greenfield Animal Hospital

Judy Duderstadt, DVM – Gibraltar Veterinary Hospital

Marj Field, DVM – Furever Friends Veterinary Services

Tari Kern, DVM, CCRP, CVMA, CVSMT – Pawsitive Steps Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine

Laura Kulinski-Masell, DVM – Levan Road Animal Hospital

Molly Lynch, DVM – Country Cat Clinic

Michelle Meyer, DVM – Serenity Animal Hospital

Karen Michalski, DVM – Serenity Animal Hospital

John S. Parker, DVM – Briarpointe Veterinary Hospital

Julie Sherman, DVM – Serenity Animal Hospital

Sandy Smith, DVM – Animal Health Clinic of Fenton

Emily Socks, DVM – Oakland Hills Veterinary Hospital

Andrea Zelten, DVM – Jeffrey Animal Hospital

STUDENT LOAN DEBT REDUCTION AWARDS

SEMVMA has a long history as a successful veterinary organization in an educational, social and community support perspective. We are proud to have implemented an additional way to continue doing this. We all know that the cost of a veterinary education has grown tremendously. The Student Debt Reduction Award was developed and instituted by SEMVMA to support members who have recently graduated. There will be two awards yearly in the amount of \$5000 to help offset some of their educational debt.

The application will be each fall with two awards presented at the Membership Celebration Dinner the following January. The selection process will be accomplished by random in the presence of a quorum of the SEMVMA Board. Applicants must be members of SEMVMA, work in our nine counties and have a current student debt obligation. They must have graduated within the 3 previous years and not have previously received the award.

We are proud to announce the 2022 recipients are Dr. Nicole Cichon of Serenity Animal Hospital and Dr. Brad Schumaier of Orchard Lake Animal Hospital. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them to our fine association at the Membership Celebration Dinner this January. We hope this award represents the commitment to our community and membership.

SERVICE DOG LAWS AND ETIQUETTE

If you haven't already, you will likely encounter a service dog in public. From guiding someone who is blind to alerting someone who is deaf to supporting a veteran who has PTSD and more, what these dogs do is amazing.

Because of the important work that service dogs accomplish each day, they are covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The law allows that people with disabilities may bring their service animals to all "public accommodations" such as hotels, restaurants, stores, museums and more. This includes all types of transportation services.

Under the ADA, service animals are defined as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. They are not to be confused with emotional support animals, therapy animals or companion animals.

How you act when you meet someone working with a service dog, such as a Leader Dog guiding a person who is blind, is very important. Here are some

simple rules to follow to ensure the safety of the person/Leader Dog team.

1. Do not pet a Leader Dog in harness or take hold of the dog or its harness.
2. Ask the handler's permission before touching the dog or making eye contact. Eye contact can distract the dog, so always interact with the person—not the animal.
3. Approach the person on their right side, as the Leader Dog is usually on the left.
4. Never offer food to the dog. Food and treats should only be provided by the dogs' handler.

Service dogs provide independence, self-reliance, safety and more to thousands of people in the U.S. It is important to respect the role that service dogs play in their handlers lives. Service dog handlers realize that their dogs create unique social situations; however, there is more to these people than just their dog. Take the time to get to know them.

OPPORTUNITIES

VETERINARIANS

Part or Full-time veterinarian needed. We are a busy, well-established, AAHA accredited, small animal practice in Livonia, MI. We have a well-trained staff and offer ultrasound, digital Xray, laser therapy, in-house blood work, top level medicine, surgery and dentistry with digital X-ray. We are looking for a team player with strong client communication skills. We can accommodate interest in surgery, dentistry, ultrasound and acupuncture. Flexible hours and multiple benefits. Contact Laura or Nancy at levanvet@levanvet.com

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Full/Part-time small animal veterinarian needed for a well-established, progressive, multi-doctor practice in Livonia. Well-equipped hospital with ultrasound, Cardell monitors, digital dental radiography, Companion laser, in-house laboratory equipment, and digital radiography. Must have great client communication skills, commitment to a teamwork approach, and practice compassionate high quality medicine. Loyal, long-term clientele and staff. LVTs utilized. Excellent benefits. Email resume to Jessica@dadamoveterinary.com

CLINICS FOR SALE

Are you ready to buy or sell a veterinary practice? Valuations, consultations. Buying or selling, I can help. Call or text Dr. Fred Zydeck, Broker, at: 248-891-3934 or email: fzydeck@aol.com.



NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT POLICY

In order to preserve the educational and informative purpose of the SEMVMA newsletter, the SEMVMA council adopts the following policy regarding advertising. Ads should be submitted to Barb at adminsemvma@semvma.com

Practices or businesses with a common owner shall be treated as one business or practice for the purpose of this policy (referred to as "Common Owner Business or Practice"). A common owner is a person or entity which owns 5% or more of an entity or practice. Shareholders or sole proprietors of an entity or practice shall be considered an owner along with the entity that holds an interest in the business or practice.

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.

SEMVMA Members interested in providing Relief Veterinary Services can advertise in the newsletter at no charge. The classified ads must follow the same guidelines regarding number of words and deadline restrictions as all other classified ads. If you are a SEMVMA member interested in placing a classified ad, please contact Barb at 888-SEMVMA-5 or www.adminsemvma@semvma.com.

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