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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I was glad to see so many of you at the 2023 Membership Celebration at the Townsend Hotel. It was a great night to socialize, drink, and have dinner while we recognized lifetime members,

new members, council members, scholarship winners, debt reduction award winners, and more. Our speaker, Ian Falzon, told us about working with his dog, Jagger, as part of the Canada Border Services Agency's Detector Dog Service Program. Jagger was trained to find currency. He had many wonderful stories of his late partner. It was easy to see how strong of a bond they shared over such a long service together. Look for the Membership Celebration article in this newsletter for a full listing of those recognized and pictures from the

event. If you have never attended, the event is free to you and a guest. We hope to see you at the celebration next year in January.

A huge thank you to Michelle Meyer for her affable leadership and enthusiasm last year as SEMVMA's president. Dr. Norm Bayne finished his SEMVMA duties and we thank him for his years of contribution to our association. We also must recognize and thank Barb Locricchio for all she does to keep SEMVMA organized and operating smoothly.

I am excited to serve as president this year. In previous years, I have been a council member working on the technician continuing education calendar and as our newsletter editor. As editor, we are ALWAYS looking

to hear from our members. If you have any interesting news, cases, or questions, reach out to us! As this year's president, I look forward to working with my outstanding colleagues serving on the SEMVMA

council. We have already started to work on the 2023-2024 continuing education calendar. A large effort is made to bring nationally recognized speakers to our area so that our members can have top tier educational opportunities from dynamic speakers only a short distance away. If you would like to continue to have a virtual option, let us know by reaching out to one of your council members or Barb. We are always looking for member input to make your



Emily Socks

The SEMVMA council has also been working toward another party. In 2017, we celebrated our 100 year anniversary by gathering at the Chapman House for cheese, wine, beer, and bourbon tasting along with a formal dinner in the outdoor courtyard. It was definitely the "Party of the Century," at least until this summer! Join us at Packard Proving Grounds on July 15, 2023 for another party to rival our last one.

association useful for you!

I am excited for what our association will do in 2023. I am hopeful that even more of our members will become involved and engaged in our continuing education series, newsletter, social engagements, and more. I look forward to seeing you!

– Emily Socks

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Dr. Norman Bayne's son will graduate from the San Bernardino Medical School in California in May 2023. *Congratulations!*

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 adminsemyma@semyma.com

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Dr. Kais Francis, Univ of Baghdad, Iraq 1973

Francis Animal Hospital, Detroit, MI

Dr. Kimberly Berrie, MSU, 1997

Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic, Northville, MI

Dr. Nadine Saad, MSU, 2021

Westarbor Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI

The 2023 membership committee is composed of 3 members: Kaitlin Lonc, DVM klonc@ovrs.com, Emily Socks, DVM harri812@gmail.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 or the SEMVMA office and we will be happy to send them information.

-2022 ACADEMY MEMBERS-

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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. The Academy is the first institution in the State of Michigan to recognize and reward veterinarians for their commitment to advance their continuing education. Academy members must have earned at least 50 hours of continuing education.







SEMVMA Summer Party

Packard Proving Grounds
The SEMVMA council is busy making plans. You will want to mark your calendar for this amazing event.



SEMVMA 29th Annual Golf Outing

Tanglewood Golf Course 9:00 am Shotgun Start

THE MAZUNTE PROJECT

Pierre DePorre, DVM

When Mexico outlawed the harvesting of sea turtles in 1990, several species were critically endangered. Mazunte, Oaxaca, Mexico was one of the largest centers for sea turtle harvesting and processing. The local economy was dependent on the sea turtle trade, and had to quickly pivot to ecotourism, with an emphasis on sea turtles, dolphins, and whales.

The veterinary community played a role in the transition. By 2001, sea turtles were beginning to make a comeback along the Pacific coast of Oaxaca, but a major stumbling block were the packs of feral dogs living on the beaches and surviving on turtle eggs, hatchlings, and adult sea turtles, and deterring tourism.

Marcelino Lopez Reyes, DVM of the Mexican National Sea Turtle Center in Mazunte reached out to Richard Rodger, DVM, a volunteer in the Samoa Project, a successful spay/neuter campaign in the Dominican Republic. Rich and Marcelino created the Mazunte Project, a volunteer group of DVMs and veterinary nurses, and started providing free spay/neuter and other health services to underserved villages located on or near critical turtle nesting beaches.

The project has grown since 2001 to form multiple surgical teams. The latest campaigns in November 2022 and January 2023 visited 27 villages, provided 31 days of canine and feline sterilization and antiparasitics to over 1000 patients!

As a result of these yearly campaigns, there has been a significant improvement in the quality of life of the canine and feline populations, and few to no feral dogs now roam the beaches. The project also provides educational opportunities to many. Through spoken word and videos, the communities served are exposed to the importance of veterinary care, its role in disease prevention, and the balance of

ecosystems. The project also provides valuable surgical and shelter medicine experience to veterinarians, veterinary students, and veterinary nursing students.

Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine began participating in the project in 2016 with 2 veterinary students. In this campaign, MSU was represented by 4 faculty DVMs, 1 faculty LVT, 6 senior veterinary students and 2 veterinary nursing students. The campaign was very fortunate to also be joined by DVM faculty from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

Recent DVM graduates from Luxemburg and The School of Veterinary Medicine at the Universitad Autonoma "Benito Juarez" de Oaxaca (UABJO) also volunteered, and received excellent instruction and experience.

Having participated in this campaign for 18 years, I have witnessed the positive impact this project has had on animals, people, and turtles; It has shown me what a like-minded group of people can accomplish.

It has evolved since 2001 from one small group of DVMs darting packs of feral dogs and performing surgeries on the beach, to 5 mobile surgical teams visiting villages along the turtle nesting beaches.

I would like to thank MVMA's Michigan Animal Health Foundation for the educational grants that they have provided to support the involvement of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

MSU CVM's participation and the continued support of dedicated volunteers gives me hope that the project will continue and flourish.

The Mazunte Project is a community outreach of the Palmaritoseaturtlerescue.org a 501(c) (3).

For further information, feel free to contact me at pdeporre@deporrevet.com





2023 Membership Celebration

This year we continued our annual membership celebration on January 11th at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. There were 93 people in attendance; members along with their guests. The bar was graciously sponsored by Faithful Companion. The celebration dinner was kicked off with the incoming President, Dr. Emily Socks, presenting Dr. Michelle Meyer with the "Outstanding Service as President" Award for her service during 2022. A few outstanding veterinarians earned some well-deserved awards as well. An award for "Contribution to Community" was presented to Dr. Lawrence Letsche (Remrock Farms Veterinary Service) who is this year's Michigan Veterinary Medical Association President. The Award for "Contribution to SEMVMA" was presented to Dr. Norman Bayne (Bayne Mobile Veterinary Services) for his dedication and hard work as a council member and Past President.

The SEMVMA continues to support the veterinary technician program at Macomb Community College with our scholarship opportunity. This year's winners were as follows: 1st place awarded to Riley Brown, 2nd place to

Shannon McDonough, and 3rd place to Taryn Ahlborn. Congratulations to all!

The SEMVMA Student Debt Reduction Awards were presented to Dr. Tony Vernaci, Oxford Veterinary Hospital, and Dr. Kari Haase, Southpointe Veterinary Hospital. We had five members receive lifetime membership which is awarded to those that have been members of the SEMVMA for 25 or more years and are fully retired. Dr. James Clarkson (37 years, retired from West Arbor Animal Hospital), Dr. Jonathan Ross (22 years, Ross Animal Hospital), Dr. Michael Schumacher (39 years, Romeo Veterinary Hospital), Dr. John Simon (54 years, Woodside Animal Hospital), and Dr. Kathleen Yates (34 years, Salem Veterinary Hospital) were all given this honor. We finished the evening with a wonderful presentation by Ian Falzon, a Canadian Border Patrol officer whose dog, Jagger, was assigned the task of currency detection.

If you were unable to attend this year's membership celebration, we hope that you consider attending next year. Mark your calendar for January 10, 2024 for this great event.



Dr. Tom Kavanagh, Dr. Jeff Rothstein, Dr. John Simon and Mrs. Sandy Kavanagh



Technician scholarship winners: 1st place - Riley Brown, 2nd place - Shannon McDonough, and 3rd place - Taryn Ahlborn with council member, Dr. Kathy Christy



Mrs. Phyllis Cornwall and Dr. Bryan Cornwall



Dr. Larry Letsche received his "Outstanding Contribution to the Community" Award from immediate past president, Dr. Nicole Grube



Recognizing some of our new members - Dr. Alysha Vincent, Dr. Katharine Lee, Dr. Stephanie Dexter, and Dr. Katherine Engel with newly appointed president, Dr. Emily Socks.



Ian Falzon of the Canada Border Services Agency presenting about his late partner, Jagger, a currency detector dog

OPPORTUNITIES

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Moore Veterinary Hospital is an AAHA accredited, small animal practice in SE Michigan. Currently with 1.5 FT veterinarians, we are rapidly growing to need another associate. Our ideal candidate would have 2+ years experience with the ability to perform surgical and dental procedures. If a desire to lead and manage exists, the opportunity to transition to medical director is also available. Ultimately our hope is to match your professional goals with our practice needs! A \$30,000 sign on/relocation assistance, full medical benefits and more. Contact us at moorevh@mypm.vet

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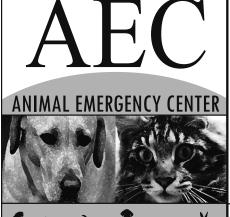
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