



# THE CORNER INFORMER

*The Newsletter of The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association*

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## OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I can hardly believe that we are so far through 2023 already. School has started back up and it feels like Fall has already begun. The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association has finalized the continuing education seminar series for both veterinarians and technicians. This information has been sent via mail and email. It is also included within the newsletter. We take pride in offering high quality veterinary continuing education locally to our members. I encourage you to take advantage of either our in person or virtual option.

After working through a pandemic, I was happy to see so many of you at the Packard Proving Grounds for the Sizzling Summer Soiree in July. I had a great time and hope you did as well. A summary of the evening and photos are included in this newsletter.

Our 29th annual golf outing at Tanglewood Golf Course was well attended on August 2nd. This event is a fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind. For more information on the winners, our sponsors, or photos from the event, please see the article in this newsletter. The golf outing is always in

early August each year; you do not have to be a member to participate. If you have friends or family that enjoy golfing, remember to invite them to next year's outing. We would love to have you, your friends, and your family there.

Have you hired or know a new or recent graduate working in the area? Please encourage them to become a SEMVMA member as it is free for new graduates. SEMVMA offers a Student Loan Debt Reduction Award of \$5000 to those who qualify. See the requirements and information on how to apply in this

newsletter. Applications are due October 16, 2023. If they are interested in mentorship or you are interested in being a mentor - contact [adminsevmma@sevmma.com](mailto:adminsevmma@sevmma.com).

As always, we want to hear from you! We are hoping to engage more with our members. Check us out on facebook. I encourage you to share any good news you have for our member spotlight or any special cases that you think others can learn from. I am excited for what our association can do together and look forward to seeing you this Fall.

– *Emily Socks*



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## 2023/2024 CONTINUING EDUCATION

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### VETERINARY PROGRAM

10/25/2023 – Dr. Elizabeth Layne – Dermatology

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11/15/2023 – Dr. Larry Adams – Urinary Disease

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12/13/2023 – Dr. Stephan Carey – Respiratory

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02/28/2024 – Dr. Kate Sippel – Radiology

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03/13/2024 – Dr. Matthew Lemmons – Dentistry

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Sign-in for the conference begins at 8:15 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 PROGRAM

10/25/2023 – Dr. Elizabeth Layne – Dermatology

11/15/2023 – Dr. Larry Adams – Urinary

12/13/2023 – Jessica Perry, LVT, VTS (ECC) - Emergency Medicine

02/28/2024 – Danielle Schaak, LVT, VTS (SAIM) - Radiology

03/13/2024 – Justine Speck, LVT - Dentistry

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 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 - 811 West Square Lake Road, Troy, MI, (248) 879-2456

You can attend our meetings in person or virtual, your choice! Please contact Barb at the SEMVMA Office to register (248) 651-6332 adminsemvma@semvma.com

## MEMBER Spotlight

**Dr. Kari Krause**, of Great Lakes Veterinary Behavior Consultants recently opened her behavior-only veterinary clinic in Livonia on Farmington Road, just south of 8 Mile Road. She is so excited to finally have her own clinic (after 16 years in business)! The clinic has plenty of space, which is so important for behavior consultations. It also allows her to provide a low-stress environment from the time the pet arrives in the parking lot. If you are in the area, come check it out! *(By the way, she still does cat housecalls)*

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 [adminsevmma@sevmma.com](mailto:adminsevmma@sevmma.com)

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- Dr. Cathy Mosher**, Washington State University, 1976 –  
Levan Road Veterinary Hospital, Livonia, MI
- Dr. Edyta Bula**, MSU, 2016 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- Dr. Aya Iwai**, University of Illinois, 2009 – D'Adamo Veterinary Hospital, Livonia, MI
- Dr. Lauren Lew**, University of Pennsylvania, 2020 –  
Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- Dr. Erinn Williams**, MSU, 2006 - Creekside Animal Hospital, Macomb, MI
- Dr. Azia Haynes**, Ohio State University, 2022 –  
Exclusively Cats Veterinary Hospital, Waterford, MI
- Dr. Alexis Wilson**, MSU, 2023 – Creekside Animal Hospital, Macomb, MI
- Dr. Jennifer Wortz**, MSU, 2023 – Town Center Veterinary Associates, Howell, MI

The 2023 membership committee is composed of 3 members:

Kaitlin Lonc, DVM [klonc@ovrs.com](mailto:klonc@ovrs.com), Emily Socks, DVM [harri812@gmail.com](mailto:harri812@gmail.com), and Tim Duncan, DVM [Duncan@oaklandanimal.com](mailto: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.



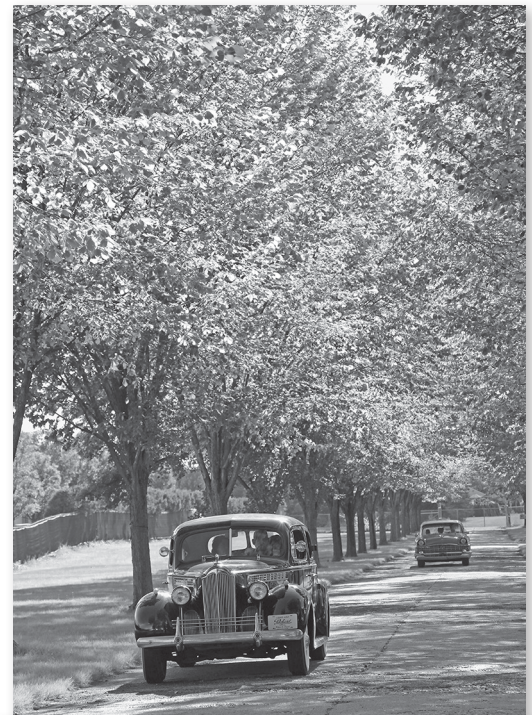
## SIZZLING SUMMER SOIREE

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Our summer party on Saturday, July 15th was well attended at the historic Packard Proving Grounds. The evening started with a cocktail hour, wine and cheese pairing, and rides in some of the historic cars. A few opening remarks were made by this year's SEMVMA President - Dr. Emily Socks. Dinner was served followed by a dessert buffet. During this time, most tables took part in a "table game" with the winning table receiving a prize. The Packard Museum was then open for tours while others elected to play corn hole, partake in bourbon tasting, or take photos using the photo booth. The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association hopes all attendees had a wonderful evening.



*Jim and Janice Wright enjoyed a classic car ride.*



*Attendees were able to ride in several of the classic cars during the cocktail hour.*



*The Cheese Lady made an appearance again with wine pairings also available.*



*Dave Whitten and Ron Mehler*





*Lisa and Christian Ast*



*Mary Oswald and Larry Gremel*



*John and Dr. Linda Blough in the Packard Museum*



*Matt Grube, Erin Rollo, Andrew Rollo, Nicole Grube, Leah Marszalec, Taylor White and Logan White*



## 2023 SEMVMA GOLF OUTING

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It was another beautiful day at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon for the 29th annual SEMVMA golf event on August 2nd. The course was in great condition and played very well. Sponsors, veterinarians, and other interested parties for a total of 64 golfers vied for the championship title, closest to the pin and long drives, and an attempt at a hole-in-one prize. We then settled down for a meal, prize presentations, and the raffle.

*Winning Team* this year was Lance Williams, Amy Fedon-Steele, and Brad Theodoroff.

Some of the individual *standout accomplishments* were:

Laura Miller and Joe Santeiu with closest to the pin, Donna Daniels and Russell Gajos for long drive, and Angel DeBene for longest putt. Congratulations! Prize sponsorship was generously donated by Faithful Companions Pet Cremation Services.

We also want to thank the following *sponsors* for their support:

Purina, Heska, Ralph C. Wilson Agency, Animal Emergency Center, Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Patterson Veterinary, Cats Radioiodine, Pawsitive Steps Rehabilitation & Therapy, Idexx, Antech, Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Services, Merck Animal Health, and Midwest Veterinary Supply.

The event was again successful, and Leader Dogs for the Blind was the recipient of the proceeds. We had the good fortune to meet a Leader Dog puppy and her raiser at the dinner. All of this would not have been possible without the hard work of Barb Locricchio, Dr. Grace Chang and the golf outing chairpersons, Drs. Jordan Roux, Pierre DePorre, and David Smith. Remember to be on the lookout for next year's outing in early August.







*Jim Fidell, Karen Maloney, Karen Fidell,  
Matt Liewinski*



*Tim, Michelle, Kim, and Joe Santeiu -  
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*A current Leader Dog puppy attended the  
event along with his raiser.*

# OPPORTUNITIES

## MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Who you are, have demonstrated leadership with a strong track record of success during times of change, transformation and rapid growth. Board-certified veterinary specialists, experienced ER DVM's, DVM's with military leadership, DVM's with animal health leadership, or DVM's with equivalent experience are ideal. Everything Starts with Our Caregivers; we offer all the benefits you expect, plus a Generous Signing Bonus, Competitive Compensation, Shareholder Opportunity, Student Loan Repayment Program and Paid Parental Leave. For more information about MedVet, please visit our website at [www.medvet.com](http://www.medvet.com) or to submit a confidential CV, email Carolyn Luther, DVM at [Carolyn.Luther@medvet.com](mailto:Carolyn.Luther@medvet.com).

## VETERINARIANS

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# ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE SEMVMA OFFERS STUDENT LOAN DEBT REDUCTION AWARDS?

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The SEMVMA is concerned about the cost of a veterinary education and the accumulated student debt. We realize student debt only adds to the stress of new graduates and we would like to take action to reduce the debt load.

The SEMVMA is proud to announce that we will be awarding two \$5000 awards to recent graduates during the January Membership Celebration Dinner to reduce their student debt. This grant will be awarded to two members who meet specific requirements. We intend to choose 2 recipients per year who meet the following requirements:

- Have graduated in the last 3 years (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Are members of the SEMVMA
- Work in one of the 9 counties that our membership derives from (Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, Lapeer, Genesee, St. Clair & Windsor).
- Have active student loan debt that can be verified from a lending institution. **Each award shall be granted to a recognized student loan provider or debtor organization.**
- Have not received the award in the past

An application may be obtained via the SEMVMA office and submitted by October 16, 2023. The award will be chosen at random in the presence of a quorum of the SEMVMA Board of Directors during the November or December BOD meeting. Awardees will be notified and invited specifically to the January Membership Celebration Dinner. The award will be submitted directly to the loan originator or institution.

Please spread the word and encourage your new graduates to apply. We hope this effort will make a difference in the lives of the awarded individuals and make you proud to be a member of the SEMVMA. An application to apply is available on the SEMVMA website.

## 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](mailto: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.

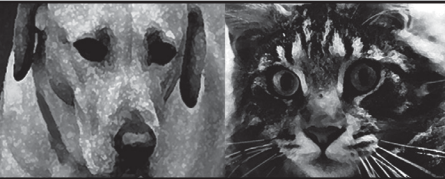
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Ads will run only once unless a request is submitted to the Administrative Secretary to run longer. Classified ads are \$15 for 60 words or less and \$25 for 61–100 words. Corporate ¼ page ads are \$135 per issue or \$500 for four issues. Payment is 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](mailto:www.adminsemvma@semvma.com).

Newsletters are published quarterly: on March 15th, June 15th, September 15th and December 15th. All ads should be submitted to the SEMVMA office by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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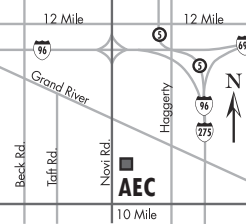
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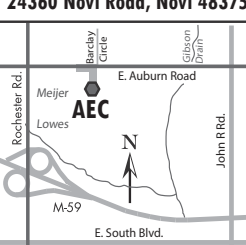
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A SEMVMA mentor would be an “older/ wiser” SEMVMA member who would be a friendly face at SEMVMA CE meetings and other events, could offer guidance on living in Southeastern Michigan or starting out in practice, be available to talk about “life in the trenches,” or just offer support.

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