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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hello Friends and Colleagues!

Where has this summer gone?! It seems to go by faster each year. The association had great attendance at both of our social events this summer. The baseball game at Jimmy John's Field was a lot of fun for those that attended. Everyone enjoyed the game and a great summer night at the ballpark!

Our annual golf outing at Tanglewood Golf Course was a successful fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Even if you aren't a golfer (like yours truly), there are still plenty of ways to participate. You can start by spreading the word to family and friends! You don't have to be a SEMVMA member to participate in the outing. There are hole sponsorships available, as well as raffle prizes that we are always looking for. It's never too early to start planning for next year's event! Remember all proceeds go to Leader Dogs for the Blind. To see everything you may have missed out on this year, this issue has additional details and pictures.

We'd love to hear about your summer adventures... join our Facebook group to share your summer fun! Maybe you worked all summer, we'd love for you to share that too. If you have any interesting cases you would like to share, search for "Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association" on Facebook and join our group.

As summer ends, and students are headed back to the classrooms, us life-long students of the profession are

headed back to a new continuing education series for 2024-2025. The CE committee has once again obtained nationally renowned speakers that will offer practical advice and information that can be used daily in your practice. Keep an eye out for the brochures for the series. They will be arriving in your inbox and mailbox soon. Keep in mind, we are continuing to offer both in-person and virtual options. In-person option still includes mixing and mingling through the day as well as a provided lunch. The virtual option allows for real-time interactions, questions and answers, all while you stay on your couch! You decide what works best for you. Remember, every member of the SEMVMA receives free Technician CE. Please see the Technician CE brochure for full details.

As our schedules speed back up both at work and at home, continue to prioritize self-care... even if it's just 5 minutes! Check in on your friends, classmates, colleagues, and staff. Have an open and honest discussion about mental health and how everyone is doing. As pet parents expect (and often demand) instant gratification, it is taking a toll on all of us. Whether we realize it or not (often not), it has a way of sneaking up on us. Look out for one another and try to help make a co-worker's day just a little bit easier.

We're all in this together.

— *Dr. Becky Diellin*



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2024/2025 CONTINUING EDUCATION

VETERINARY PROGRAM

10/02/2024 – Dr. Kate Myrna – Ophthalmology

Sponsor: Veterinary Vision

11/13/2024 – Dr. Howard Seim – Practical Techniques in Soft Tissue Surgery

Sponsor: Vetlen Advanced Veterinary Devices

12/11/2024 – Dr. Sara Jablonski – Gastrointestinal

Sponsor: Royal Canin

02/12/2025 – Dr. Sheilah Robertson – Palliative Care/Hospice

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03/12/2025 – Dr. Justine Lee – Emergency Medicine

Sponsor: Idexx

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

10/02/2024 – Dr. Kate Myrna – Ophthalmology

11/13/2024 – Dr. Kari Beer – Transfusion Medicine

12/11/2024 – Annette Engler, LVT, CVPM, CCRP – Client Handling: Tips and Tools for Technicians, Front Office Staff and Veterinarians; skillfully navigating difficult conversations with compassion

02/12/2025 – Dr. Sheilah Robertson – Anesthetic/Perioperative

Complications; Feline Pain – Analgesia/Anesthesia

03/12/2025 – Mallory Olson, LVT, VTS – Recover Protocol for CPR

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

Leader Dogs is very pleased to welcome our newest veterinarian and boarded theriogenologist to its team. **Dr. Gail McRae** graduated from University of Cincinnati in December 2015 with a Bachelors of Science and then moved to Australia and graduated from the University of Sydney with a D.V.M. She was in general practice for 2 years and completed a Theriogenology specific internship at The Ohio State University (Spring 2022). She completed a residency in comparative theriogenology (AKC-CHF/TF sponsored) at The Ohio State University with a Masters in Veterinary Bioscience (2022-2024). She recently passed her board and is now a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenology. She is married and has two cats and one dog. She enjoys reading, hiking, and cooking during her time off and is looking forward to exploring Michigan! She will oversee the Leader Dog breeding colony and provide direction in production, genetics and breeding selection as well as supporting the vet clinic operations. We are so excited to have her at Leader Dogs and the SEMVMA.

Veterinary Vision is welcoming back **Beth Kimmitt, DVM, DACVO** following maternity leave to the Novi and Rochester locations inside the Animal Emergency Center. *Congratulations to the Kimmitt-Holiday family on the birth of Ezra!*

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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Dr. Erik Corbett, MSU, 2006 – Animal Emergency Center, Rochester Hills, MI
Dr. Hannah Grady Bailin, LSU/SVM, 2017 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Lauren Gravatt, MSU, 2019 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Caleigh Griffin, MSU, 2020 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Jordan James, Ontario Veterinary College, 2019 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Linda Kaplan, U of Arizona, 2023 – Springfield Veterinary Hospital, Clarkston, MI
Dr. Lauren Kustasz, MSU, 2018 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Mischa McDonald-Lynch, Tufts University, 2009 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Adrienne Pesavento, Ross University, 2017 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Gloriani Rosario, MSU, 2016 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Dr. Rachel Vander Roest, Long Island University, 2024 – Towne & Country Animal Hospital, Brighton, MI
Dr. Evan Williams, Colorado State University, 2022 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI

The 2024 membership committee is composed of 3 members: Barb Easton, DVM Easton@vet-vision.com, Becky Dietlin, DVM bbarrdvm@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.

2024 SEMVMA GOLF OUTING

It was another beautiful day at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon for the 30th annual SEMVMA golf event on August 7th benefiting Leader Dogs for the Blind. The weather was gorgeous and the course was in great condition. The participants ranged from sponsors to veterinarians to avid golfers that love supporting a great cause. Golfers competed for the championship title, along with closest to the pin, longest drives, and a hole-in-one prize. After a lovely morning of golfing everyone enjoyed a raffle and delicious meal.

Prize sponsorship was generously donated by Faithful Companion Pet Cremation Services.

We also want to thank the following sponsors for their support: Affiliated Veterinary Service, Animal Emergency Center, Antech, CatsRadioiodine, DePorre Veterinary Hospital, Idexx, Oakland Veterinary Referral Service, and Veterinary Emergency Service Plymouth

All proceeds from this event benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind. This year we raised just under \$5,000 for this extraordinary organization.

This amazing event would not be possible without the hard work of Barb Locricchio, Dr. Grace Chang, and the golf outing chairpersons: Drs Frank Carmona, Pierre DePorre, Jordan Roux, and David Smith.

Remember to be on the lookout for next year's outing in early August. Come join us for a fun-filled day benefiting such an incredible organization!



The winning team of Drs. Scott Driscoll, Mark Miller, Tom Carey and Ken Corino.



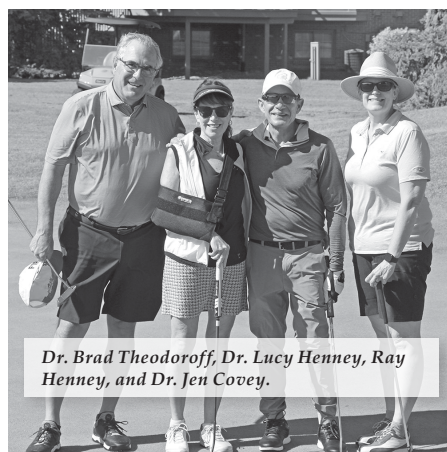
Mary Roux, LVT, Katie Small, LVT, Dr. Anna Arthmire, and Dr. Marty Mylnarek.



Dr. Frank Carmona, Dr. Evan Moore, Dr. Dave Smith, and Jamie Van Tiem.



Greg Neering, Elizabeth Dusang and Dr. Tim Duncan.



Dr. Brad Theodoroff, Dr. Lucy Henney, Ray Henney, and Dr. Jen Covey.

SEMVMA ATTENDS A BASEBALL GAME

SEMVMA members and their families enjoyed a double header at Jimmy John's Field with the Unicorns vs the Hoppers. Tickets allowed for group seating between second and third base with access to a bar and buffet style dinner. A group photo was taken on the field and there was an opportunity to run the bases. It was a very nice night and an excellent way to relax with friends and colleagues.



Group photo at Jimmy John's Field.

STUDENT LOAN DEBT REDUCTION AWARDS

Are you a recent grad and have student debt? Do you know someone that is? If so, now is the time to apply for a chance to win one of two \$5000 Student Debt Reduction Awards. 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 (2022, 2023, 2024)
- 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 18, 2024. 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.

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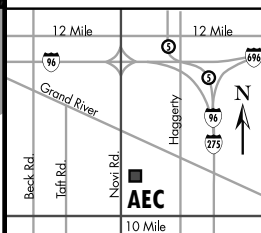
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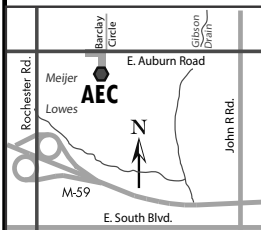
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Practices or businesses with a common owner shall be treated as one business or practice for the purpose of this policy (referred to as "Common Owner Business or Practice"). A common owner is a person or entity which owns 5% or more of an entity or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

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