

# THE CORNER INFORMER

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## OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

As we approach the end of summer and look forward to a beautiful Michigan fall season, I look back and wonder where the time went. Summer is my favorite season, with so much to do and so little time. I am the most selfish this time of year to get out and do things that help maintain my sanity, while sacrificing the sanity of others. To those of you, thank you for that. The Dream Cruise is again history, the lake water will begin cooling at a rapid rate (too soon for some of us), and friends and colleagues are sending children off to college. Another very successful SEMVMA Annual Golf outing has passed due to the selfless dedication to our own Greg Lott. He has spearheaded this outing for so many years and we are so thankful to him.

We are looking forward to several approaching events including Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo, the 48th Annual Holiday Party, and of course, the start of the SEMVMA Seminar Series. The CE starts with Drs. Jen Chatfield and Diedra Clark. You may have heard Dr. Chatfield speak to us at the Annual Membership Celebration in January. She is an extremely engaging speaker and knowledgeable on so many aspects of

veterinary medicine. They will speak on 'Zoonotic & Emerging Diseases;' it should be a fascinating educational seminar.



Dave Smith

One of the areas of medicine that I think needs revisiting from time to time is the thought process regarding our decision making and diagnostic process. So much of this is subconscious and automatic after years of seeing similar cases. The difficult ones give us pause and render us a chance to give thoughts to things that do not come forth often. Hence, the possible occurrence of a decision error. Not just because you

didn't know something, but that you discounted something important - that you assumed it was the simple answer (Occam's Razor). I'd like to suggest a book that approaches this subject (also recommended by Dr. Mike Willard) in a fascinating way with many take home messages. So, as you relax on the deck, on the boat or in the La-Z-Boy, consider the read *How Doctors Think* by Jerome Groopman, MD. You won't be disappointed. Besides being a better patient, you just may come away from it being a better veterinarian. Have a great fall. Go green!

- Dave

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## SEMVMA VETERINARY CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

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10/23/2019 – Dr. Jenifer Chatfield: Zoonotic & Emerging Diseases  
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## SEMVMA TECHNICIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

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10/23/2019 – Ann Wortinger: Diabetes Management

11/13/2019 – Dr. Leslie Sinn: Behavior

12/11/2019 – Dr. Andrea Monnig Yuro: Emergency Medicine

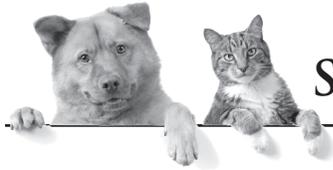
02/05/2020 – Heidi Reuss-Lamky: Pain Scoring and Dental Nerve Blocks

03/25/2020 – Dr. Holly Brown: Maximizing the In-the-clinic-lab

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. Seminars will be held at the Management Education Center

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## SAVE THESE DATES! UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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### Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo

Offering 5K, 10K, and fun walk to raise funds for the veterinary care at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center.



### 48th Annual Holiday Party

for the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Community  
6:00 p.m. to midnight at the San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan  
Please see the flyer for additional details

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

**Heather Bauer**, DVM, Auburn University, 2007 OVRS, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
**Chelsea Giese**, DVM, MSU 2019 Creekside Animal Hospital, Macomb, MI  
**Jennifer Travers**, DVM, MSU, 2019 Compassionate Care Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI  
**Katelynn Youah**, DVM, MSU, 2019 Animal Emergency Center, Rochester, MI

The 2019 membership committee is composed of 3 members: Nicole Grube, DVM (Chair) [snikki1912@yahoo.com](mailto:snikki1912@yahoo.com), Tim Duncan, DVM, [Duncan@oaklandanimal.com](mailto:Duncan@oaklandanimal.com) and Tari Kern, DVM [tkerndvm@yahoo.com](mailto:tkerndvm@yahoo.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.

### IN MEMORIAM

## PATRICIA ANN PILLSBURY, DVM

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(January 5, 1962—July 23, 2019)

Dr. Patti Pillsbury (Michigan State '90), 57, of West Bloomfield, Michigan died on July 23, 2019. Following graduation, Dr. Pillsbury was a small animal practitioner in New York before returning to Michigan. Following that, she practiced in Birmingham and Grosse Pointe before joining Oakland Animal Hospital in Rochester, Michigan in 2000. Her special interests included feline medicine and animal behavior. She was a member of the AVMA and the SEMVMA. Dr. Pillsbury is survived by her husband, Alexi Neverovich, her parents, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. One sister, Dr. Nancy Pillsbury (Michigan State '93), is a veterinarian in Grosse Pointe, MI. Dr. Pillsbury enjoyed riding her horse, Rose, playing with Yeti, her white Chihuahua, and four cats. She also enjoyed saber fencing, was an avid reader, and world traveler and adventurer. Memorials can be made to the ASPCA at [aspc.org](http://aspc.org) and Big Cat Rescue in Tampa at [bigcatrescue.org](http://bigcatrescue.org).

# 2019 SEMVMA GOLF OUTING

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Ninety-nine golfers enjoyed one of the most magnificent days of weather in the history of the SEMVMA outing on August 14th. Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon hosted our event for the 25th of its 26 year history.

Once again, with the help of our treasured sponsors, we were able to raise over \$7,000.00 to donate to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills. Sponsors provided cash contributions as well as golfer four-some support for the event.

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In addition, FAITHFUL COMPANION PET CREMATION SERVICES provided sponsorship with \$1,000.00 cash for our ten contest hole prizes, and the RALPH C. WILSON AGENCY provided insurance coverage for the \$20,000.00 hole-in-one prize which, unfortunately, went unclaimed again. John Bankstahl, representing Elanco, came closest with a tee shot just 6'6" from glory.

First place was captured by FAITHFUL COMPANION TEAM 1 consisting of Tim Santeiu, Ricky Santeiu, Jon Lane and Sean Moffitt with a blistering 11 under par score of 61. Runner-up prizes were awarded to a HESKA sponsored team of Evan Stephens, Tom Daly, Kevin Klass and Alex Thomas that was only one stroke behind with a score of 62. The senior (and all veteran- veterinarian) team of Fred Rutherford, Jim Cook, Tom Kavanagh and Rick Caputo were awarded a prize for their respectable score of 67.

Longest drive contest winners were Brianne Baker, Lucy Henney, and Bob Eberline. Closest to the pin prizes were awarded to Bonnie Mathewson, Chris Grant, Brandon Gunn, Phil Hart and Dave Smith. Longest putt winner was Frank Carmona and closest to the pin after 2nd shot was taken by Eric Scott. Eric (\$100.00) and Bob (\$200.00) graciously donated their winnings back to Leader Dogs.

Angie and John DeLisle were instrumental in obtaining a donation for a Foursome at Tournament Players Club of Dearborn. That spectacular prize was won by Chris Grant in a separate raffle.

Many other fantastic prizes were distributed in a raffle after a delicious banquet dinner was served by the Tanglewood staff. Those prizes included tickets to David Sedaris, a Mark Dantonio autographed football, Bose headphones, Bluetooth speakers, a carry-on suitcase, a Keurig coffee maker, numerous restaurant gift certificates and many more wonderful prizes.

Gifts that were donated by solicitation included tickets to the Purple Rose Theatre, Meadowbrook Theatre, Henry Ford Museum, Wayne State Performing Arts Theatres, Go! Comedy Improv Theater, Automotive Hall of Fame, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Tour, Diamond Jack's River Tour, Detroit Repertory Theatre, and a University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens membership.

Watch for an announcement for next year's outing date.

Submitted by Greg Lott



*Brad Theodoroff, Jen Covey, Charlie Schena, and Lucy Henney*



*The winning team from Faithful Companion: Tim Santeiu, Ricky Santeiu, Jon Lane, and Sean Moffitt*



*Dave Smith, Frank Carmona, Bill Ebinger, and Tim Duncan*



*Rick Nurse, Dwayne Bargowski, Harlan Witt, and Eric Saunders*



*Jim Cook, Tom Kavanagh, Fred Rutherford, and Rick Caputo*



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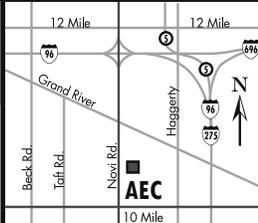
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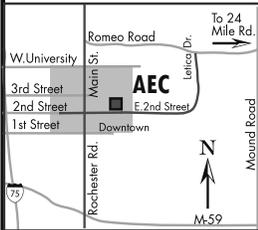
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**The cost is \$ 55.00 per guest**

Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the evening will include:

Open Bar (21 and older only), Hors d'oeuvres

Plate dinner at 7:00pm - soup, salad, and boneless breast of chicken with vegetables  
(*vegetarian entrée available – please request any special dietary needs with RSVP*)

For a sweet ending: a large selection of cakes and pastries; coffee and tea

**Dress Code Required:**

Cocktail attire for the ladies

Jacket, shirt and tie with dress slacks or a suit for the gentlemen

*(Shirt only will not be admitted)*

**RSVP early so you are not left out of this GRAND AFFAIR!**

This venue requires assigned seating and will be limited to the first 300 guests.

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*If you have special seating requests, please include that in your email  
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We look forward to you and your staff joining us for an elegant fun-filled evening.

If you have any questions or special nutritional needs, please call (248) 564-0309

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***Check in at the door at 6pm on Saturday, November 16th!!***