

## ACTIVE MEMBER DUES NOTICES

Active Member dues notices for 2017 have been sent out. Your dues and donations help with payment of the expenses of ongoing Auxiliary actions and activities in fulfilling our purpose. If you did not receive a dues notice recently, please contact the Auxiliary office. If you received it and haven't returned it, please do so now as dues must be paid by the membership record date, probably the end of May, to be eligible to vote this year.

## AUXILIARY OPPORTUNITIES

You are important to your Auxiliary. If you will be attending the 2017 AVMA Convention in Indianapolis, plan to participate in the Auxiliary Annual Meeting and Luncheon and help with our booth in the exhibit hall where we will be sharing the Auxiliary story and operating Kritters Korner. If you live near to Indianapolis and would be available to help with greeting and decorations on the day of our annual meeting and centennial luncheon, please contact President Allegra Waldron.

## It's Here!!!! The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

It is 2017 and time to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Centennial, of the Auxiliary!!! The Auxiliary was originally formed as the Women's Auxiliary to the AVMA on August 22, 1917, in Kansas City, Missouri. For 100 years, the Auxiliary has been supporting and promoting the veterinary profession and students. Our celebration will take place during the luncheon on Sunday, July 23 at noon.

We are still asking for you to look through your photo albums and those boxes of keepsakes to find those memories you might like to share with other members. If you would like to share a memory, please email it to President Waldron at [avmaaux@gmail.com](mailto:avmaaux@gmail.com). Stories should be less than 200 words, be respectful of members' names, and kept clean. Stories may be posted on the website. If you have any photographs you would like to share, please send them digitally or printed to Allegra so they can be saved in the Auxiliary archives. If you would like to bring a keepsake to share during the luncheon, please email President Waldron that you will be bringing an item(s), bring it to the luncheon with you, and arrive a little ahead of time so it can be placed on the memory table.

Centennial Celebration information and memories may be found at [avmaaux.org](http://avmaaux.org) by clicking on Centennial 2017.

Come join us to be part of our Centennial celebration!

## 2017 AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

The 2017 AVMA Convention is scheduled for Indianapolis, Indiana, July 21-25, 2017. You are invited to join in the activities throughout the convention. See the convention information available on-line and in print from AVMA for more details.

**Auxiliary members and guests are invited to join in the Auxiliary Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, July 23.** Please note that the day of the week for the annual meeting and luncheon has been changed to accommodate our celebration. Consult the AVMA website to purchase tickets for the luncheon. If you live within easy driving distance of Indianapolis and would like to attend the Annual Luncheon but will not be registering for the AVMA Convention, please contact President Allegra Waldron at [avmaaux@gmail.com](mailto:avmaaux@gmail.com).

## 2017 Directors & Officers

During the 2016 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, the election of Directors and Officers to serve on the Auxiliary Board of Directors took place. The following were elected as Directors: Megan Allegra Waldron, Mary Louise Dixon, Judy DeWitt, Leslie Montgomery, Patricia Davis, Bonnie Ramseyer, and Linda Walker (automatic member as Immediate Past President). The following were elected as Officers: President – Megan Allegra Waldron, Vice President – Mary Louise Dixon, Secretary – Mary Louise Dixon, and Treasurer – Linda Walker.

## National Pet Week

**May 7-13, 2017**

**“People Who Care,  
Take Their Pet to the Vet”**

## **Auxiliary Office**

*The Auxiliary office is located in the AVMA Building in Schaumburg, IL. Send mail items to The Auxiliary to the AVMA, 1931 N. Meacham Rd, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360. Phone calls are answered at 847-285-6747. The fax number is 847-303-6240. The Auxiliary website is [www.avmaaux.org](http://www.avmaaux.org). Victoria DeMuro is our contact person. We appreciate the work that Victoria does on behalf of the Auxiliary.*

## **Website Maintenance**

The Auxiliary website rebuild is finally finished! Please refer to it for any information you may need. We are still working towards getting Kritters Korner merchandise online but it is a slow process.

## **The Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Beginning in September 2014, the Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Legacy Endowed Scholarship began accepting and awarding scholarships. For the 2016-17 academic year, students who are currently in the second or third year and will be in the third or fourth year of veterinary education following award of the scholarship, enrolled at one of the 28 colleges of veterinary medicine in the United States, and meet other selection criteria applied. The scholarship subcommittee decided to award a \$1,000 scholarship to one student at each of the 28 colleges of veterinary medicine for 2016-17. Following the application deadline, the applications were reviewed for eligibility. There were over 500 eligible applicants. Then the subcommittee members begin the difficult process of selecting the recipients. The Auxiliary is happy to announce the selectees for this scholarship award cycle.

The award announcement for the 2017-18 award cycle will be made soon. The application announcement for the 2018-19 cycle will be made in September.

The Auxiliary is continuing to honor all the existing loan contracts and continue to administrate the Student Loan Fund until completion of all outstanding loans.

Donations to the scholarship fund may be made by individuals or companies. Make checks payable to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, note on the memo line "Auxiliary to AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship", and include a note with the donation stating that it is for the Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship and whether the donation is being made in Memory or Honor of someone. Donations to the Auxiliary scholarship are tax deductible as a charitable contribution since the AVMF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

### **In Memory**

The Auxiliary has received word that the following Active and Life Members have passed away: Past President Marianne Lange of Columbus, NE passed away in August 2016; Mary Dunckel of Weslaco, TX passed away in December 2015; Francis McClurkin of Kaneohe, HI passed away in December 2014; and Florence Hartenstein from Panton, VT passed away.

These members will be greatly missed by their families and many Auxiliary friends. The Auxiliary members extend their sympathy to the families.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee consists of three members. The member elected member is Brenda Bullard who is serving as Chairman, and 2 positions are vacant. The committee is issuing a request for nominations from members of recommended candidates to be elected by the Members as Directors and Officers with submissions due within 30 days of the postmark of this newsletter. Contact Brenda Bullard at 404-617-3196. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a written slate of candidates for Directors and Officers which may include a nomination received from a member or any other candidates nominated by the committee. This slate shall be submitted to the members no later than 45 days before the Annual Meeting. The notification may be by the website or mail. Additional nominations for Director and Officer candidates not included on the committee's slate shall be submitted to the President or committee chairman no later than 38 days prior to the Annual Meeting. A ballot will be prepared following this.



AUXILIARY TO THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP FORM

The purposes of the Auxiliary to the AVMA shall be "to assist the Profession in informing the public of the value of Veterinary Services in Practice, Education and Research, Public Health, and other fields of endeavor". Accomplishing this purpose may include, but not be limited to: (a) promoting and supporting the AVMA; (b) assisting veterinary students in AVMA accredited colleges of veterinary medicine; and (c) strengthening the bond of friendship and communications among those associated with the veterinary professions.

Your membership, participation in whatever ways possible, and dues are a vital part of our efforts. Thank you for becoming a member.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Receive Communications by MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: ACTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ SUPPORT \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Types**

**Active Members:** Any spouse, child, parent, sibling, widow or widower of a veterinarian who is (or who was while living) a "Voting Member" of the AVMA and in good standing with the AVMA is eligible to become an Active Member upon payment of the membership dues required for Active Members.

**Support Members:** Any individual who is not eligible to be an Active Member but who is sponsored by either an Active Member or a Life Member of the Auxiliary who is in good standing with the Auxiliary, or a "Voting Member" of the AVMA who is in good standing with the AVMA, shall be eligible to be a Support Member upon payment of the membership dues required for Support Members.

SPONSORING VETERINARIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

VETERINARIAN'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERINARIAN FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORING ACTIVE/LIFE AUXILIARY MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE/LIFE AUXILIARY MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$50 for Active and Support Members. Please attach a check made out to "The Auxiliary to the AVMA".

Please give this form to an Auxiliary Member or Director or mail to: The Auxiliary to the AVMA, 1931 N. Meacham Rd., Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

# 2018 National Pet Week Poster Contest

The Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association (Auxiliary to the AVMA) is pleased to announce their annual artistic poster contest. This contest will be for the 2018 National Pet Week theme, "Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs... Pets Speak Love Many Ways".

The poster contest is open to students in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The poster should:

- be the artist's original work
- center around the NPW theme (Note: the ... in the theme means "and so on", therefore other animal sounds may be used in the poster)
- include the NPW theme in the body of the poster (Note: use the theme as given in the first paragraph)
- be colorful (Note: media may be artist's choice)
- be reproducible poster quality
- be either portrait or landscape in layout and 11 inches by 17 inches in size (Note: paper may be any appropriate for the artist's media but must be this size)
- be previously unpublished
- be accompanied by an entry form which has all pertinent information filled in.

The national winner will receive a \$100.00 cash award. Judging will be based on originality, content, the use of the National Pet Week theme, and following these guidelines. Immediate or extended family members of the judges will not be eligible to participate.

Submission of a poster and entry form entitles the Auxiliary to the AVMA to publish and promote the poster in their projects, promotions or publications. Posters will not be returned and become the property of the Auxiliary to the AVMA.

**-NATIONAL PET WEEK POSTER CONTEST 2018  
APPLICATION FORM  
POSTER DEADLINE: June 17, 2017 - EXTENDED DEADLINE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

Send the original poster with the entry form (which is attached to the rear of the poster in some way) to:

NPW Poster Contest  
Auxiliary to the AVMA  
1931 N. Meacham Road Suite 100  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

# 2018 National Pet Week Creative Writing Contest

The Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association (Auxiliary to the AVMA) is pleased to announce their annual creative writing contest. This contest will be for the 2018 National Pet Week theme, "Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs... Pets Speak Love Many Ways".

The creative writing contest is open to students in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The creative writing entry should:

- be the writer's original work
- center around the NPW theme (Note: the ... in the theme means "and so on", therefore other animal sounds may be used in the writing)
- include the NPW theme in the writing (Note: use the theme as given in the first paragraph)
- be a poem, story, or essay
- be no less than 20 words and no more than 200 words in length
- have proper spelling and grammar (An adult may help with this as well as typing the entry but may not change the content or style)
- be previously unpublished
- be accompanied by an entry form which has all pertinent information filled in.

The national winner will receive a \$100.00 cash award. Judging will be based on originality, content, the use of the National Pet Week theme, and following these guidelines. Immediate or extended family members of the judges will not be eligible to participate.

Submission of a creative writing entry and entry form entitles the Auxiliary to the AVMA to publish and promote the writing in their projects, promotions or publications. Entries will not be returned and become the property of the Auxiliary to the AVMA.

**NATIONAL PET WEEK CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST 2018**  
**APPLICATION FORM**  
**CREATIVE WRITING DEADLINE: June 17, 2017 – EXTENDED DEADLINE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

Send the creative writing entry with the entry form:

-By email (the entry form and writing should be in the body of the email and not as an attachment) to [avmaaux@gmail.com](mailto:avmaaux@gmail.com). The date of the email transmission shall be considered the postmark date.

-By mail (the entry form should be attached to the rear of the creative writing in some way) to:

NPW Creative Writing Contest  
Auxiliary to the AVMA  
1931 N. Meacham Road Suite 100  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

This seems to be the question that's asked quite often when someone is invited to participate in an organization or event, no matter what the cause or affiliation might be. Saving 15% on your auto insurance, discounts on goods and services, a credit card with the organization's name and logo, and more goodies are not what you'll get with membership in the Auxiliary to the AVMA. For all my many years of Auxiliary membership at the national and state levels, membership has been about how I can serve and what I can give to support the veterinary profession and the important individuals in our lives who are veterinarians. I'm sure many of you would say the same thing. Our Auxiliary has been about promoting the value of veterinarians and their services, assisting veterinary students, and so much more that you have read about in this newsletter. While I say it's all about the service, I can tell you what I have received from my Auxiliary membership. I have had: the satisfaction of seeing how our efforts have helped people related to the veterinary profession and pet and service animals; the opportunity to grow as a person while I participated in various events and positions of leadership; and the chance to visit cities I might have missed otherwise. Most importantly, I have met many fine veterinarians, their family members, and others associated with the profession and developed great respect for and friendships with these people, all of whom I might never had met if not for the Auxiliary. These friendships and memories of service together are a most valuable part of my life. Please continue your Auxiliary memberships, be involved in Auxiliary activities, and invite someone to become a member by helping them submit the attached Membership Application. --Gregory Mooney

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## National Pet Week 2017—May 7-13

National Pet Week 2017, May 7-13, 2017, is sponsored by the Auxiliary to the AVMA to foster responsible pet ownership, recognize the human-animal bond, and increase public awareness of veterinary medicine. The theme is "People Who Care Take Their Pet To The Vet".

The 2017 poster contest winner is Jade Tamashiro of Kapolei, Hawaii, who was a seventh grader at the time of entry. The winning artwork may be viewed at [avmaaux.org](http://avmaaux.org) on the home page or by clicking on the National Pet Week block on the home page. The 2017 creative writing contest winner was Ava Styles of Rome, Georgia, who was a first grader at time of entry. Here is her poem.

If you love your pet,  
then bring it to the vet.  
So if you have a flu,  
the vet will help you.  
I love the vet  
because they take care of your pet.

The theme for National Pet Week 2018 is "Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs ... Pets Speak Love Many Ways". The periods mean "and so on". The information for the National Pet Week 2018 poster and creative writing entries is available on the website and in this newsletter. The entry deadline for receiving entries is June 17, 2017.

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