

Auxiliary to the AVMA News

Spring 2018

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association

ACTIVE MEMBER DUES NOTICES

Active Member dues notices for 2018 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, June 15th, to be eligible to vote this year.

AUXILIARY OPPORTUNITIES

You are important to your Auxiliary. If you will be attending the 2018 AVMA Convention in Denver, 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 Denver and would be available to help, please contact President Allegra Waldron.

Denver is Almost Here!!!!

I hope all is well with our wonderful members. As I sit down to write this we are 63 days away from the opening of the 2018 AVMA Convention being held in Denver, Colorado. This will be my 3rd trip to Denver for an AVMA convention, and I am looking forward to all the sights, sounds, and tastes that Denver has to offer. I hope you will be joining us for the 101st anniversary of the Auxiliary. We will be reminiscing about last year's celebration and looking forward to the future as the Auxiliary "Shines Bright Like a Diamond and Glitters Like Gold." At the 2017 convention we revealed our new logo. To see it in full color please visit our website at www.avmaaux.org. I look forward to renewing old friendships and maybe even making some new. Please join us for the annual meeting, lunch, and visit Kritters Korner. See you there!

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2018 AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

The 2018 AVMA Convention is scheduled for Denver, Colorado July 13-17, 2018. 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 15. Please note that the day of the week for the annual meeting and luncheon has been changed. Consult the AVMA website to purchase tickets for the luncheon. If you live within easy driving distance of Denver 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.

2017-2018 Directors & Officers

During the 2017 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, 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 6-12, 2018

**“Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs...
Pets Speak Love Many Ways”**

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 Auxiliary website is www.avmaaux.org. Victoria DeMuro is our contact person. We appreciate the work that Victoria does on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Website

Please visit the website. 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. 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 30 colleges of veterinary medicine in the USA and 3 international location that meet other selection criteria applied. The scholarship subcommittee decided to award a \$1,000 scholarship to one student at each of the 33 colleges of veterinary medicine for 2017-18. 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 is included in this newsletter. The award announcement for the 2018-19 award cycle will be announced soon. The application announcement for the 2019-20 cycle will be made in September.

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

As of this printing there have been no notifications that any members have passed away. If you know of anyone who should be mentioned please email Allegra at avmaaux@gmail.com

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consists of three members. The board selected members are Greg Mooney who is serving as Chairman and Kimberly Topper and the elected member is Ginger Morton. 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 by May 25th. Contact Greg Mooney at 419-560-0165. 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.

2019 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 2019 National Pet Week theme, "More than a Pet, More than a Friend...Family".

The poster contest is open to students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade.

The poster should:

- be the artist's original work
- center around the NPW theme
- 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 2019
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

2019 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 2019 National Pet Week theme, "More than a Pet, More than a Friend...Family"

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

The creative writing entry should:

- be the writer's original work
- center around the NPW theme
- 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 2019
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. 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 2018—May 7-13

National Pet Week 2018, May 6-14, 2018, 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 "Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs ... Pets Speak Love Many Ways". Please pass the 2019 contest information on to teachers, children, and clients in your area. Feel free to copy the applications in this newsletter.

The 2018 poster contest winner is Gracie Babin of Hammond, Louisiana, who was a fifth grader at the time of entry. The winning artwork may be viewed at avmaaux.org on the home page or by clicking on the National Pet Week block on the home page. The 2018 creative writing contest winner was Spencer Williams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who was a twelfth grader at time of entry. Here is his poem:

Barks, Purrs, Tweets, Neighs
Pets speak love many ways.
Chirps, squeaks, bellows, trills
Pets give you so many thrills!
Croaks, cols, quacks, clicks
Pets will reward you with a shower of licks!

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