

## Free Spring Seminar—Members Only!

The LVMA hosted its first Spring Seminar in April 2012 with Dr. David Tweedt at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. It was attended by 145 members and included eight (8) hours of CE and lunch. Members were very pleased and enjoyed taking advantage of the FREE education.



This year the Spring Seminar will feature Dr. Valerie Fadok of Houston, TX. She will present seven (7) hours of Dermatology to registrants. This is a great opportunity for members to get CE credits at absolutely no charge.

The seminar will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Auditorium. Topics will include:

- “Atopic Dermatitis, What’s New and What’s

Coming: It IS Getting Better”

- “Treating Pyoderma in the 21st Century”
- “Making Sense of Topical Therapy”
- “Otitis Externa: The Bane of Our Existence”
- “Food Allergies and the Dilemma of Diagnosis: What Works and What Doesn’t”
- “Update on Parasitic Dermatoses”

For more information about the member’s only Spring

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Seminar, visit the LVMA website at [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org). A registration form will be available soon.

## Board Meeting Updates

A meeting of the Board of Directors took place on Sunday, April 14, 2013 in Baton Rouge, La.

Some of the noteworthy discussions included:

- Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, Dr. Brent Robbins reminded all that an annual emergency evacuation plan needs to be on file at the LDAF for all veterinary clinics.

- Governor Jindal has retracted his tax plan which would have placed a sales tax on veterinary services. Also, a compounding bill has been filed to allow compounding in La.
- SB187 by Senator Francis Thompson has been filed to withdraw veterinarians from the Prescription Monitoring Program.

- An “Adopt-a-Class” program was implemented to provide mentors among the LVMA for LSU veterinary students.
- Dr. Carl Helouin, President of the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation, announced that a grant was awarded to assist veterinary activities in the Federal Republic of Africa.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for Sunday, July 14, 2013 and will focus on planning for the 2013-2014 budget. Budget request forms can be requested by emailing [office@lvma.org](mailto:office@lvma.org).





## Dale S. Peyroux, D.V.M., *President*

I was able to represent the L.V.M.A. recently at the White Coat Ceremony for the LSU-SVM Class of 2014. It was great to see the excitement and all of the proud family and friends in attendance. And speaking about the LSU-SVM students, what a great job they and the faculty did while hosting the National SAVMA Symposium in March. The L.V.M.A. had a booth in the exhibit hall and I got to meet students from all over the world. Also, thanks go out to Drs. Renee Poirrier and Martha Littlefield for organizing the LSART drills during the Symposium.

Dr. Gary Balsamo is Chairman of

the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission (LAWC). This Commission's purpose is to inspect and evaluate all local and parish government administered animal shelters. LAWC is seeking volunteer veterinarians who might be interested in inspecting a few shelters on an annual basis. If you are interested, please contact Gary at 504-568-8315 or [gary.balsamo@la.gov](mailto:gary.balsamo@la.gov).

I had the pleasure of visiting with the Acadiana Area Veterinary Medical Association in March (District 5). This District has outstanding representation from outgoing Rep. Josh Smith and incoming Rep. Trish Marullo. It was also great visiting with some of my classmates, including Ron English, Kim Bradley, and David Orgeron.

Now that the Louisiana Legislature is in session, we will be watching matters very closely. More detailed information will be coming in the next newsletter on our efforts. Thanks to Drs. Pat Thistlethwaite and Fenton Lipscomb and the rest of our Legislative Committee for staying on top of this.

We thank you for being a member of the L.V.M.A. If you know a colleague that is not a member, please encourage them to join the L.V.M.A. We offer many benefits, including legislative support, which is proving more critical every year!

Please do not worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale S. Peyroux" with a stylized flourish at the end.

## Executive Director's Report H. Bland O'Connor, Jr. CAE, CPA

*THE LVMA RESTS ON THE LAURELS OF A RECORD WINTER MEETING (OR MAYBE NOT)....*

Thanks to key leaders that have given an enormous amount of time, personal and professional energy to furthering LVMA's legislative agenda this session. Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain, DVM has been exceptionally active and influential on behalf of veterinarians this year. Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite has also been extremely busy looking out for the interests of all Louisiana veterinarians and Dr. Fenton Lipscomb has continued to invest large blocks of time on the PMP Advisory Committee front. If Dr. Thistlethwaite contacts you to ask for assistance please give him your best effort. Also, if you are closely or cordially acquainted with a member of the Louisiana Legislature and have not yet informed the Office, please do so.

The LVMA Board of Directors met on April 14, 2013 and it was a privilege to watch a group of professionals combining business with warm collegiality. The Board will also meet this year on July 15 for its annual budget meeting. If you have a concern or something you want to share with the LVMA Board, please notify the Office or your appropriate District representative.

President Dale Peyroux, DVM, has initiated a number of improvements in member communications and Board protocols that should pay excellent dividends in the future. His leadership on the social media front and in our Winter Meeting programming are making large impacts and one result, the new website, should be published either shortly before or after this issue of the newsletter is published.

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*From,  
The LVMA*

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## AVMA Delegate Report

The AVMA HOD will convene in Chicago, IL starting on Wednesday, July 17, and ending on Friday, July 19, 2013. Afterwards the AVMA convention kicks off its opening session in the Grand Exhibit Hall of the McCormick place.

This will be my first meeting as your new delegate, along with Dr. Bobby Gros as alternate. I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. David Hesse for his many years of service to the LVMA as our delegate. Thanks, David, for a job well done.

As last reported by Dr. Hesse, numerous resolutions were presented to the HOD for consideration. Several of the resolutions that were tabled or deferred will be considered at this summer session. The hot topic for the meeting will be the governance proposal by the task force committee. No solid information on the exact structure of the new governance proposal has been brought forth and I expect the discussion before the HOD to be lively.

At the April 18-20 EB meeting, the Task Force will present their report. It will be the first in-depth report and analysis to the Executive Board. There is a website link for comments by all members of the AVMA. If you would like to comment, the link is <https://www.avma.org/About/Governance/Pages/Concepts-for-Governance-Remodeling.aspx>.

The AVMA Executive Board, at their last conference call, deferred the recommendations on drug compounding back to the AVMA's Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents for review. "AVMA will be gathering additional member input and sharing compounding information with members." The web link is <http://atwork.avma.org/2013/03/14/protecting-veterinary-needs-for-compounding/#.UUJa78Yseio.mailto>.

If you are confused by the conflicting interpretations of the current FDA policy on compounding try the following link <http://atwork.avma.org/2013/03/13/dispelling-myths-on-compounding/#.UUJeR5bx2RQ.mailto>.

I recommend copying/pasting into the URL for easier access. Several other topics of interest, include the HOD Leadership Development Program and the Animal Health Smart Brief. You should receive an email about this AVMA information resource. Contact the LVMA office if you desire more information.

I will be looking for LVMA members at the Chicago meeting in July.

Thanks,  
C. Wayne Roberson, DVM  
Delegate



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**Submit articles and advertisements to the LVMA office as follows:**

January/February Newsletter	December 15th
March/April Newsletter	February 15th
May/June Newsletter	April 15th
July/August Newsletter	June 15th
September/October Newsletter	August 15th
November/December Newsletter	October 15th

## Classifieds

**Veterinarian Wanted:** Rapidly growing, 4 doctor, small animal practice in Tangipahoa Parish has an opening for a hard working, dedicated part-time associate with excellent communications skills. The job has the potential for full time hours. Hickory Small Animal Hospital was formed in 2009 with 1 veterinarian and has rapidly grown to a 4 doctor practice since then. Our practice has computers in each exam room, in house blood chemistry, CBC and PT/PTT, digital tonometry, digital xray, and EKG. We also have 3 Heska IV pumps in our dedicated ICU unit. We regularly schedule surgical and cardiac specialists at our facility. Competitive base salary based on production plus benefits. After hours emergency every 3rd weekend and alternating between 1-2 days during the week. Emergency call only taken until 10pm with additional financial compensation per emergency. Please email resumes to drjpfarrell@yahoo.com.

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**Associate Veterinarian Needed:** 6 doctor small animal practice, established 30 years in Hammond La. seeks full time associate. Well equipped practice (Laser surgery and therapy, digital radiography, dental equipment, full in house lab with twice daily reference lab pickup). Salary based on experience and production ability. After hours compensated at 50% of total fees generated on calls gives great opportunity for associated to supplement competitive base pay. Benefits include retirement matching, C.E. stipend, association dues, and paid vacation. Flexible schedule 35-45 hours/wk. Please e-mail resume' to [info@animalcarecenter.net](mailto:info@animalcarecenter.net) or call Dr. Bubrig at 985-974-3227.

**Veterinarian Wanted:** Small Animal Emergency Clinic located in West Monroe, LA has an immediate opening for a full time veterinarian. The position offers a very attractive base salary plus production percentage. Please e-mail resume to Tracy Miller at [tracym2001@gmail.com](mailto:tracym2001@gmail.com) or mail it to 102 Downing Pines Road West Monroe, LA 71292.

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**ASSOCIATE NEEDED:** Feline only practice in Shreveport, LA has an immediate opening for a part-time associate. Well-equipped practice with all the bells and whistles including in-house lab, digital radiolog (body and dental), and ultrasound. We are paperless practice with a very loyal client base and we are growing with new clients every day. No emergency duty. Please email resume to Pamela Stegall at [Pamelas@catdoctoronline.com](mailto:Pamelas@catdoctoronline.com).

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## Charlie Glen Dupree, DVM

7/21/1956—2/27/2013



The LVMA would like to offer its sincere condolences to the family of former member Charlie Glen Dupree, DVM. Dr. Dupree passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at the Grace Home in Shreveport at the age of 56 after a two year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Charmaine of St. Francisville, two sons, Justin and Seth of Thibodeaux. His mother, Charline Dupree of Bossier City, two brothers, Gary and wife Ginger of Bossier City and Greg and wife Jonna of Clarence and numerous nieces and nephews. He leaves a host of friends who shared his love for his homeopathic veterinary profession and lifestyle. He was preceded in death by his father, Reual C. Dupree, Jr. and grandparents.

## LSU to host 82nd Annual Conference

The Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine will be holding its 82nd Annual Conference for veterinarians and veterinary technicians on Saturday, May 4th, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. The conference will focus on companion animal surgery and will feature surgeons: Drs. Jude Bordelon (LSU SVM2002), Katrin Saile (LSU SVM 2006), Duane Robinson and Julia Sumner. The conference will offer eight (8) hours of continuing education credit for veterinarians as well as eight (8) hours for veterinary technicians.

The registration fee for the conference is \$200.00 for veterinarians and \$125.00 for veterinary technicians, if registered before the early cutoff date of April 22nd. After the cutoff date, registration will be \$250.00 for veterinarians and \$150.00 for veterinary technicians. Lunch will be provided.

For more information regarding the conference, information about speakers and to download a registration form, visit [www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu).

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Editor's note: A correction needs to be made for this picture in the previous issue. The correct caption should read: "Commissioner, Dr. Mike Strain accepting an award from **Dr. Diane Stacy.**" We apologize for the confusion.





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Event Hosts	Event	Date	Venue	City, State	Contact Information
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	Free Member Event	June 2, 2013	Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine	Baton Rouge, LA	(225) 928-5862 <a href="http://www.lvma.org">www.lvma.org</a>
American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM)	2013 ACVIM Forum	June 12—15, 2013	Washington State Convention Center	Seattle, WA	(800) 245-9081 <a href="http://www.ACVIMForum.org">www.ACVIMForum.org</a>
American Veterinary Medical Association	42nd Annual Convention	July 19—23, 2013	McCormick Place	Chicago, IL	(877) 303-0716 (708) 486-0716 <a href="http://www.avmaconvention.com">www.avmaconvention.com</a>
LVMA Equine Committee	Annual Meeting	September 22—24, 2013	Sam's Town Hotel & Casino	Shreveport, LA	(337) 235-9945 <a href="mailto:lvmaequine@yahoo.com">lvmaequine@yahoo.com</a>
Southwest Veterinary Symposium	Connect 2013	September 26—29, 2013	Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center	San Antonio, TX	(972) 664-9800 <a href="http://www.swvs.org">www.swvs.org</a>
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Winter Meeting	January 23—26, 2014	Crowne Plaza	Baton Rouge, LA	(225) 928-5862 <a href="http://www.lvma.org">www.lvma.org</a>