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President's Report



Hello again! I hope this finds you all doing well. This last 8 weeks has been an eventful time. We saw

the class of 2019 graduate and recently experienced another memorial day which is quickly followed now by Father's Day.

I would like to first congratulate the Class of 2019!! It was my privilege and pleasure to be able to speak at the graduation this year. I found my favorite part of the event to be prior to the actual graduation. I found myself in the stairwell to the entrance of the arena standing near the doorway that the students pass through to enter the arena full of anxiously waiting friends and family. I found it a great moment of reminiscence as we cheered the students on as they passed by us to walk out into the open arena where their families were then cheering them on as well. We should all be able to experience that moment from time to time to remind us of that time and that fire that we all had entering our profession.

I will say I find myself very fortunate to still find this profession to be as exciting and challenging as I knew 30 years ago. I hope the same for everyone blessed to be part of our profession. Again, Congrats! Class of 2019....you are an inspiration.

Additionally I mentioned that we recently experienced Memorial day. I would like to salute all who sacrificed for our freedom and their families! And as we approach Father's day I would like to share a short story from my own life and that of my father.

My father, John Mauterer Sr. was born into poverty in New Orleans and found himself wanting to follow his older brother into the service at the age of 17. Altering his age on the application to the US Air Force, he joined the service at the age of 17. After going through 4 years of duty, he returned home to find that family and friends would regard him as "shell-shock" or just "crazy". You see, when he returned from the European theater in 1945 he told everyone that

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there would soon be a man sent to the moon. Remember, at this time the first jet engine was just being heard of and John Sr was talking about going into space to get to the moon. At this time, many people still believed that Mars was inhabited by little green men!!!

The real story behind this actually starts with D-Day. It is worth noting that we have just experienced the 75th anniversary of this incredible day. So my father was an air force medic serving on the ship on D-Day treating the men who could be rescued from the beaches. We never really knew what he saw or did because he would not talk about it.

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President's Report Continued

However, after seeing Saving Private Ryan, we can all have a reasonable idea of what the medics were dealing with. So on D-Day plus 5 John Sr hit the shore with a medical group led by a Colonel that took them across Europe through France and into Germany. The stories he would tell many times involved how the people of France would line the streets as they traveled through cheering them on in their excitement in being newly freed from Nazi occupation. After France, into Germany they went, all the way to Berlin. Here, my father would be assigned a very unique duty which involved caring for and attending to some German scientists that would be working for the USA for the remainder of their lives. In this duty he was assigned to care for Wernher von Braun: the inventor of the rocket

engine that was used to send the first men to the moon. Here in this duty he had one on one conversations with the world renown scientist who told him just how men would one day go to the moon. So this unknown boy from the wrong part of town in New Orleans came home with unspeakable discernment of the future to be called crazy, but in the end was justified while I was a child, watching Neil Armstrong take his famous first steps on the moon! And that it how he told it!

I hope you find this interesting and inspiring as it has been for me for many years.

**John Mauterer, DVM, Dip, ACVS
President, LVMA**



Executive Director's Report

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME... (1902 by George Evans and Ren Shields)

To the strains of this song, I can picture Judy Garland and Van Johnson strolling through the shady lanes, relieved that the legislature is no longer in session. The LVMA was on the sidelines for the most part in the past legislative session, which is where we prefer to be able to be.

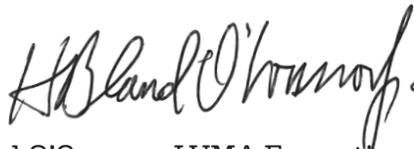
Typically, the most exciting thing that occurs for the LVMA in the summer is the annual budget discussion in the July Board of Directors meeting. In recent years, Treasurer Dr. Dale Peyroux has made this annual rite a very low-stress event. The LVMA operates on an annual budget of approximately \$350,000, with membership dues and Winter Meeting revenues as its major sources of revenue. Your participation is important to the continued vibrancy of your professional association.

Following what we hope will be an enjoyable summer, things pick up quickly for the veterinary community in the Fall and Winter. The Southwest Veterinary Symposium (SWVS) will be held in San Antonio again in 2019, and is scheduled for September 26-29, 2019. Louisiana veterinarians report that the SWVS is a great meeting experience for those who enjoy a larger meeting. The LVMA Winter Meeting will be held in Shreveport in 2020, January 31 – February 2. This is always the premier event bringing Louisiana veterinarians together for continuing education and fellowship.

Also in the Fall, Louisiana's third Power of Ten class will ramp back up for meetings in September, October and November. Power of Ten helps develop new veterinarians for current and future leadership roles in the profession and the LVMA is one of many veterinary medical associations across the country that conduct the program.

More information about current and upcoming activities may be found on the LVMA website at www.lvma.org. Be sure to visit it regularly!

Stay well and stay connected!



Bland O'Connor, LVMA Executive Director

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Dear LVMA,

This year's LSU SAVMA vision/mission statement is "Personal Involvement for Professional Development." This year Louisiana State University Student American Veterinary Medical Association (LSU SAVMA) has shifted priorities from temporary gratification to professional development benefits/opportunities for LSU School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) students. Our goal this coming school year is to give each veterinary student in the first, second and third year classes \$30 in professional items (such as surgical instruments and surgical gowns) that are not covered by LSU SVM tuition. LSU SAVMA is continually fundraising through LSU SVM merchandise, Open House, the Alumni Tailgate, Pharmacy Day, Vaccine Day, school lunch sales and a brand new Fall 2019 Gala to raise money for these items.

Veterinary school can be stressful and a goal with LSU SAVMA in conjunction with the Wellness Committee is to provide stress relief for students. LSU SAVMA provided funds to the Wellness Committee to put on activities such as paddle boarding on LSU Lakes with a food truck that provided free food to LSU SVM students. Also, the Wellness Committee welcomed all veterinary students to come outside during lunch to enjoy the sunshine and plant greenery in pots to take home.

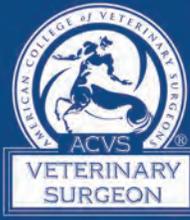
From March 8th-12th 2019 was SAVMA Symposium in Athens, Georgia and several LSU students attended the conference to gain experience through interactive wet-labs. Students at SAVMA Symposium could go to lectures where clinicians gave practical veterinary knowledge to future veterinarians. Though this was the main SAVMA conference, several other veterinary organizations provided conferences for veterinary students too. LSU SAVMA accepted applications from all veterinary students whom attended a veterinary conference to receive money compensation for their trip, which resulted in LSU SAVMA giving close to \$2,000 to LSU SVM students.

LSU SAVMA provided funds to eight different LSU veterinary clubs for lunch meetings and wet-labs geared toward LSU veterinary students. Lunch meetings allow students to hear from guest speakers or faculty within LSU SVM about a plethora of topics in veterinary medicine. Wet-labs provide students with extra practical clinical experience before heading into clinical rotations. In the Fall 2019 semester, LSU SAVMA will continue to be personally involved to professionally develop students. LSU SAVMA hopes you enjoyed a look at the LSU SVM Spring 2019 semester.

Sincerely,
LSU SAVMA



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As we prepare for possible Mississippi River Flooding, June is the beginning of Hurricane season and is also National Pet Preparedness Month.

This a good time to review our personal family disaster plans, our facility and business plans as well as educate clients about preparing for disasters. Resources and links for planning and client information are available on our website www.LSART.org under the Veterinarians tab.

In 2006 Louisiana State Statute 29:729 was amended to require animal shelters, humane societies, veterinary offices, boarding kennels, breeders, grooming facilities, hospitals, schools, animal testing facilities, and any other businesses or not-for-profit agencies that normally house household pets or service animals to create evacuation plans for such animals. Such plans shall be made available to the public upon request and shall be filed annually with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, office of animal health and food safety and with their respective parish office of homeland security and emergency preparedness.

This is a good time to review and update evacuation plans for veterinary facilities. If you need assistance with developing an evacuation plan for your facility email LSARTINFO@gmail.com.

The AVMA has several downloadable brochures to assist with planning, **Disaster Preparedness for Veterinary Practices**, and a great resource for clients **Saving the Whole Family**.

This year Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) launched a music video called **“Take Your Pets with You”** in conjunction with Pet Preparedness Month and the start of hurricane season. This is a fun way to teach people the basics of pet preparedness and another great resource to educate clients.

The song was written, performed and donated by New Orleans musician Johnette Downing accompanied by trumpeter Kevin Clark of the Dukes of Dixieland, sousaphonist Kirk Joseph of the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, and percussionist Michael Skinkus. Downing is also an award winning children’s book author dedicated to sharing her Louisiana roots in music, books and programs with children globally. She has performed on five continents and has received multiple awards including the 2017 Louisiana Writer Award.

Downing said, “During Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, I volunteered to help my sister who was setting up a co-located state pet/human shelter in Alexandria, La. I assisted families during the registration process, and learned about the items, such as a leash, carrier and proof of vaccination, that are required at shelters. As an evacuee with my own pet, I was inspired to write this song, as a checklist of these essential items, to better prepare children and their families to safely evacuate to shelters with their pets.”

The video was released at a press conference at the Governor’s mansion with Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M, the singer songwriter Johnette Downing, Louisiana’s First Lady Donna Edwards and the First Pets

Links to the video can be found at www.ldaf.la.gov or at <https://vimeo.com/339362608>.

Links to all of these resources are on www.lsart.org

Sincerely,
Renee Poirrier, LSART Director



Counting Down the Top 10 Reasons to Attend the



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#10. Attendees love this meeting. When asked to evaluate the value of the last AHS Symposium attendees scored it 4.8 out of 5. And this year's meeting promises to be even better.

#9. No other scientific meeting convenes this many heartworm experts. From parasitology to pathology the American Heartworm Society (AHS) program combines the latest in heartworm research findings with practical insights.

#8. You'll do more than listen to the experts—you'll meet them, too. We know that symposium attendees come with questions. Our program facilitates interaction between speakers and attendees during the program and at our Meet the Professor lunches.

#7. There's a lot to learn about heartworm disease. Whether the topic is heartworm prevalence, the pros and cons of different diagnostics, lung pathology or learning about new product research, there's never a dull moment at this meeting.

#6. It's one of the best C.E. values you'll find. Practitioners who attend the full meeting can earn at least 20 credits, and the fee includes a number of meals, receptions and breaks.

#5. You'll meet interesting people. Heartworm disease is a worldwide problem and this conference attracts attendees from across the country and around the world.

#4. You can bring your staff, too. Veterinary technicians are welcome to attend and can take advantage of special rates.

#3. The venue is second to none. New Orleans is our standing location. Whether your interest is great jazz, Cajun cuisine or unique tours and architecture, there's something for everyone in the Big Easy.

#2. The hotel is superb, too. The New Orleans Ritz-Carlton is in the heart of the French Quarter with rates of just \$179/night (first-come, first-served). C'est bon!

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Our 2019 Power of Ten class held its second program on May 1st at the LSU School of Veterinary medicine. Dr. Thom Mohn, from Zoetis, gave our class a FRANK communications training, which was beneficial to all.

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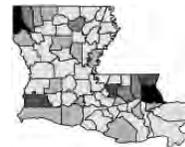
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September 21-22, 2019	Veterinary Conference	San Diego Country VMA	Handlery Hotel in San Diego, CA	SDCVMA.org
September 26-29, 2019	SWVS	SWVS	San Antonio, TX	SWVS.org

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