

# Auxiliary to the AVMA News

Summer 2017

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association

## ACTIVE MEMBER DUES NOTICES

Active Member dues notices will be sent out for 2018 soon. 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.

## 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.

**National  
Pet Week  
May 6-14,  
2018**

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Love Many  
Ways”**

## Message from the President...

I would like to thank all of those who joined us as we celebrated the Auxiliary's 10 carat diamond jubilee at the AVMA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. I would also like to thank those members who built this organization into one that has stood the test of time. Thanks also goes to the members of the Auxiliary board of directors, Kimberly Topper, and Dona Reeves who assisted with preparation for this event. I would like to publically thank my husband, Adam Waldron, my parents, Dr. Marty and Greg Mooney, and my amazing team at Maple Run Veterinary Clinic. They have helped me and supported me as I prepared for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon and without them I would have gotten through this event with any remainder of my sanity. Finally, special thanks goes to Elanco, MWI, Hills, and Boehringer-Ingelheim Animal Health for their donations that helped make the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event possible.

I would like to share the words of Hallie Case, the special historian for the 50 year compilation: "It is fitting that the members of the Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association should pause to assess their record of growth and to honor those of their membership who have given so generously of their time and talents to achieve that growth. The group has been faithful to their goals and the effect of their work has reached into many individual lives; their combined strengths have helped, no doubt, to mold the pathway for the parent organizations. The group began under opposition and has had to prove its worth. In doing so it has left a truly remarkable record. Today, as always they stand ready, forward looking, asking of that parent organization, "TELL US HOW WE CAN HELP?" Your Board and I are currently working with the AVMA leadership on that exact goal, How can the Auxiliary help? --President Allegra Waldron

## 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: 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 – Allegra Waldron, Vice President–Mary Louise Dixon, Secretary –Mary Louise Dixon, and Treasurer –Linda Walker.

**For historical items, pictures, and a timeline of the Auxiliary to the AVMA's history please visit [www.auxavma.org](http://www.auxavma.org).**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are working on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary history book and need your help. There are some details missing. Please help us complete it by looking at the draft on the Auxiliary website. Please e-mail [auxavma@gmail.com](mailto:auxavma@gmail.com) if you have details to fill. Also email if you would like a printed copy of the history once it is complete. We will ship these out at no cost to you.

# AUXILIARY SHINES FOR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

-Excerpts from JAVMA articles written by Malinda Larkin

Although women now comprise a majority of the veterinary profession, for decades they were more likely to be found running the clinic while their husbands cared for sick animals. These women—and now men as well—organized themselves a century ago on the basis of their shared love for the profession. Now they celebrate this big milestone and the profound impact their group has had on the profession.

During AVMA Convention 2017 in Indianapolis, the Auxiliary's 100th anniversary festivities involved a silent auction with baskets donated by past presidents of the Auxiliary and the AVMA Board of Directors in addition to individual student chapters of the AVMA, most of which provided a "school spirit" basket. The main Auxiliary centennial event—a luncheon—featured decorations and giveaways carrying the theme of the 10-Carat Diamond Jubilee, as did the Auxiliary's 100th anniversary book. Finally, the AVMA, in recognition of the anniversary, will place a commemorative bench on the grounds of the Association's headquarters in Schaumburg, Illinois. For the complete article please go to

<https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/170901a.aspx>

## A RACE THROUGH THE AUXILIARY'S HISTORY

Indianapolis is known world-wide for its racetrack and racing, so we are going to race through 100 years of Auxiliary history in just a few minutes.

1917- The Women's Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association was organized August 22, 1917, at Kansas City Veterinary College with about 50 members. At the time there were those who were not happy with the formation of the Auxiliary but we will see how the story plays out. The Auxiliary was founded with the objective "To give necessary financial assistance to the family of a veterinarian if he had been temporarily or permanently disabled." This was the first auxiliary to the health healing arts to be established.

1920-In Columbus, Ohio, it was decided to lend financial aid to student veterinarians. The first loan was for \$175 to a student at the Ohio State University.

By 1926 - Because of demand for the loans, \$2,425 in loans had been distributed to needy students.

1929-Membership was 400.

1930-The movement began to encourage formation of state auxiliaries, laying the foundation for our Constituent Auxiliaries.

1934-The AVMA met with the International Veterinary Congress. A luncheon meeting was held for the wives in the Waldorf Hotel. Demand for loans was exceeding the funds so the Auxiliary began looking for ways to increase resources.

1936 – The Auxiliary was invited to the AVMA General Session to present on work to date.

1939- The membership voted to seek incorporation, so on Sept. 16, 1939, the Women's Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association was incorporated in the State of Illinois, home of the AVMA. The incorporation certificate states the objective: "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."

1941- The Auxiliary visited Indianapolis for the first time during the 1941 AVMA Convention. The war years brought hardship and limited meetings, but the Auxiliary weathered this difficult time.

1945-The first step toward public relations was made with a booklet named "What the Veterinary Profession Means to the Public."

1946-A woman veterinarian asked the Auxiliary to support the newly founded AVMA Research Fund.

1947- In Cincinnati, Ohio the first official meeting with a representative from each state was held with 20 members present. There were 25 well organized state auxiliaries. The availability of GI Bill benefits created a lull in demand for student loans.

1948-Auxiliaries for the Junior AVMA at schools of Veterinary Medicine were established to acquaint student's wives about their responsibilities as the wife of a veterinarian and how they could help their spouse. I have been told that at these meetings they spent time learning how to pronounce the word "Veterinarian." the Auxiliary Senior Veterinary Student Award was created, with one award at each college of veterinary medicine.

1950-Membership had increased to 1,850 with all states except Montana having members. The first senior veterinary student awards were presented. The Auxiliary House of Representatives was established as the official legislative body.

1951-AVMA asks the Auxiliary to help with the AVMA Research Fund beginning our activities in public relations and fund raising for research.

1953-The first Auxiliary News is published.

1955-1,000 women were in attendance at the luncheon with membership now at 5,000. Also during this year, the beginnings of the Achievement Certificates were put in place with the "Honor Roll" for Constituent Auxiliaries.

1956-The Auxiliary was helping with arrangements for radio and TV programs being done by AVMA members.

1959- The Auxiliary adopted a new constitution closely paralleling the AVMA. The Auxiliary opened an office at AVMA headquarters in Chicago to help service its 7,500 members.

1961-The first husband and wife team served as Presidents of the AVMA and Auxiliary at the same time, these being Dr. E. E. Leasure and Mrs. E. E. Leasure, respectively. A total of \$51,000 had been raised toward a goal of \$75,000 for the AVMA Research Fund and, at the request of the AVMA, the goal was raised to \$100,000.

1963- During the AVMA's Centennial year, AVMA President Dr. Dan Anderson spoke to the Auxiliary House of Delegates, giving several suggestions for how the Auxiliary could be of invaluable service, such as career guidance at high schools, science fair awards, and fund raising. These became ongoing projects of the Auxiliary.

1966-The AVMA Foundation was legally separated from the AVMA, and the Auxiliary would have a long term relationship in assisting the AVMF. This included the AVMF's administration of the Research Fund and the Auxiliary Student Loan Fund. This year saw the establishment of an Auxiliary award to the outstanding senior wife in the student auxiliaries.

1967- The Auxiliary celebrated its Golden Anniversary in Dallas, Texas. There were 7,335 members, and a single student loan was \$1,000.

1969- The brochure "I Like Children but..." was printed for the first time.

1970- Started with creation of the Auxiliary 4-H Veterinary Science Project Award and the International Book Project was begun. The Marketplace of States was in full swing at conventions, and Auxiliary members staffed a public relations booth at convention. The AVMA's House of Delegates adopted the Aesculapian Staff as its new insignia.

1971- Membership topped 10,000. A contribution of over \$24,000 was given to the AVMA foundation. Donations ranged from \$16,000-48,000 a year from funds raised through dues and Marketplace of States.

1972-Over 130,000 copies of "I Like Children But..." had been distributed, an translated into Spanish.

1975- The cookbook, "Recipes from Far and Wide" sold at Marketplace of States. This book raised money to purchase an automatic flagpole for the first headquarters building the AVMA owned in Schaumburg, Illinois. The booklet "Is There a Veterinarian in the House?" was introduced.

1976- The Auxiliary donated an additional \$10,702 to the Museum of Science and Industry project. Interest in the student loan program has increased, total loans since inception reached over \$500,000.

1977 – The name was changed from "Women's Auxiliary to the AVMA" to the "Auxiliary to the AVMA," with membership opened to all immediate family members.

1978-79- The Auxiliary adopted the following pledge: "As members of the Auxiliary to the AVMA, we pledge ourselves to these goals: To assist in informing the public of the value of veterinary services. To assist selected veterinary students with loans and awards. To strengthen the bonds of friendship among those connected with the veterinary profession."

1981- The Media Kit was introduced, which included public service announcements for TV, radio, and newspapers. The first Student AVMA Symposium was held in '81 with representatives of the Auxiliary attending. The revised booklet "Once Bitten" was introduced along with the Library Display Kit. The Auxiliary and the AVMA began National Pet Week to foster responsible pet ownership as well as recognize the human-animal bond and increase public awareness of veterinary medicine.

1984 – 210,000 pieces of PR literature were sent out by the Auxiliary. Student Loan Fund assets stood at \$600,000 with individual loans at \$2,500, which grew to \$922,000 in assets in 1987.

1985-1989- These years saw over 250,000 pieces of PR literature shipped per year. Individual student loans had risen to \$4,000 each. The National Pet Week theme was set to continue year to year as “Happiness Is A Healthy Pet”.

1991- The Student Loan Fund assets stood at \$1,550,710, the new animal wellness video series “PETPOURRI” was introduced with brisk sales, and \$10,000 was contributed to the Congressional Fellowship Fund.

1992- At the AVMA Convention in Boston, the Auxiliary celebrated its 75th anniversary, a Diamond Jubilee and also moved its offices to the new AVMA headquarters building in 1994- With the '94 National Pet Week, it was decided to choose a new theme each year.

1994-1999 – Information provided about the Auxiliary Student Loan Fund shows that from 1950 to April 1993, there were 2,067 loans made totaling \$4,568,583 to veterinary students. The Auxiliary established the Distinguished Service Award and the Presidential Award to recognize outstanding service to the Auxiliary. As the '90's closed, new information on the Student Loan Fund showed from 1950 to 1998, there were 2,722 loans totaling \$7,138,050. Throughout this decade, the Auxiliary continued to contribute significantly to the AVMF for the Congressional Fellowship Fund, AVMF programs, and the Auxiliary Student Loan Fund, through funds raised during Marketplace of States. It also continued to sponsor National Pet Week.

2000s- As the new century dawned, the early 2000's saw the Auxiliary working to deal with changes within society, veterinary medicine, and veterinary education. A myriad of opportunities now competed for people's time, energy, and money. Men and women were delaying marriage for several years. Spouses both had careers now. The cost of many things increased. These trends affected veterinary medicine in several ways. More and more students were female, and many students delayed marriage until after earning their degrees. Marriage and family came later into the working career, and time demands were challenging. These all affected sustained and new membership in the Auxiliary. With the cost of veterinary education rising, students' debt loads began to increase, causing loans to be less desirable. Through all of this the Auxiliary continued its mission of supporting veterinary medicine with donations to the AVMF, sponsoring National Pet Week, and other long time programs.

2003- The first Kritters Korner was opened in Denver, Colorado.

2006- The Auxiliary resumed administration of the Student Loan Fund.

2011- Auxiliary House of Delegates authorized the organization's Executive Board to convert the student loan fund to an endowed scholarship fund administered by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation.

2012- The first male president was installed. Delegates in San Diego took the first step toward rescinding the Auxiliary's constitution, to allow new bylaws to be put in place.

2013- The Auxiliary converted the student loan fund to a scholarship. This led to the transfer of \$2,000,000 to the AVMF in 2013 to establish the Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund. This fund is currently giving two \$1,000 scholarships at 30 veterinary colleges. With the last loan payment in 2017, we will close out the Student loan fund that since its beginning has helped about 3,000 students with about \$10,000,000 in loans. The Auxiliary amended its Constitution and Bylaws to Bylaws that had a simpler governance structure and procedures required in the State of Illinois non-profit corporation laws. During all these, the dedicated members continued to fulfill the mission.

2016-For the first time a veterinarian's daughter, instead of spouse, was installed as president.

2017 and Beyond- As we begin our next 100 years, we do not know what the future may hold. We continue to look for ways to help support the profession. We will continue to work to increase the endowment fund to help more students. We will continue to give positive support and encouragement to those whom we love in this noble profession.

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18, 2018**

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18, 2018**

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

PLEASE PUT THE ORDER FORM ON THE  
SECOND DOCUMENT HERE...

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## National Pet Week 2018—May 6-14

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". The order form for 2018 Pet Week Posters and Items is on Page 7 of this newsletter. Please pass the 2019 contest information on to teachers, children, and clients in your area.

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](http://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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