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Message from the Treasurer

Well, since the world is going through some unprecedented times lately, might as well have the newsletter do the same! I am writing this to help out our President Ryan Younge who is currently having some major health challenges, please keep him in your thoughts and hope for a speedy recovery.

I am sure all of you have had your personal and professional life affected from the Covid-19 Virus. It has reshaped the way we work and live, with social distancing being the main challenge and getting used to wearing face coverings. The arrival of summer heat and humidity will definitely make it more challenging for those working outdoors. As our state leaders tell us, “We are all in this together”.

We were scheduled to have our Annual Meeting this fall in Columbus and as you can imagine that is on hold. Unfortunately, no one has a crystal ball to determine what our world will look like four months from now. We will get back to you later in the summer to inform you the status of our Annual Meeting. It may be a one day meeting with content provided by most of your board members, stay tuned.

The mosquito season is upon us, this is the time for us to get to work, larviciding, adult mosquito surveillance, and adulticiding. Covid-19 may be in the news every day, but WNV and LAC will be lurking around the corner. We still need to be there doing what we do, year in and year out to suppress mosquito-borne diseases and protect public health. Let's grab our dipper and get to it! Have a good summer and stay safe, we will be in touch later this summer.

Thanks,

Joe Lynch

Joe Lynch, Treasurer



In Memoriam

OMVCA was notified that Russell Shilling, Operations Manager at the Barberton Norton MAD passed away in April. Russ was a long time member of OMVCA and attended the Annual Meeting faithfully. His big warm smile and dedication to mosquito control for the residents in his district will be missed. A front page article in The Barberton Herald dated April 23, 2020 about Russ and his accomplishments was well written.

WNV/LAC Surveillance – 2019

Ohio experienced 3 confirmed WNV human cases and 263 positive adult WNV mosquito pools and 24 LAC human cases. Although activities were on the quiet side for mosquito-borne disease we know from past experience that it can change a year later. So far in 2020, no WNV activity has been detected in the US.

The following course information has been provided by Dr. Peter Piermarini, OSU, he has been a speaker at OMVCA in the past. Please see below -

Enroll in On-Line Veterinary Entomology Certificate Courses offered by The Ohio State University Department of Entomology

Introduction to Veterinary Entomology

An introduction to the fascinating world of Veterinary Entomology and arthropod pests that impact the health of domestic animals. This course is approved for CE credit by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (OVMLB) on an hour per hour basis.

- Register for the course here (\$35 enrollment fee): <http://www.cvent.com/d/fgq8ry/4W>

Veterinary Entomology: Mites and Ticks

The goals of this on-line course are to introduce you to mites and ticks, as well as highlight some fascinating aspects about their basic biology and the impacts they have on animal and human health (with an emphasis on domestic animals). This course is pending approval for CE credit by the OVMLB on an hour per hour basis.

- Register for the course here (\$20 enrollment fee): <http://www.cvent.com/d/wnqg6h/4W>

Veterinary Entomology: Mosquitoes

The goals of this on-line course are to introduce you to mosquitoes, as well as highlight some fascinating aspects about their basic biology and the impacts they have on animal and human health (with an emphasis on domestic animals). This course is pending approval for CE credit by the OVMLB on an hour per hour basis.

- Register for the course here (\$20 enrollment fee): <http://www.cvent.com/d/mnqgb5/4W>

The content for each course is delivered in a series of on-line lectures and readings. Each module has a 15 question quiz to test comprehension of the lecture and reading materials; each quiz requires a score of 70% to earn a certificate (multiple attempts are allowed).

For additional details please contact **Dr. Peter Piermarini: piermarini.1@osu.edu**