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Message from the President

Greetings OMVCA Members;

I hope you and your families are all doing well over the past year during these unprecedented times. It has been a long hall with COVID-19 but it looks like we may return to some normalcy in the near future.

The 2021 mosquito season is upon us and I want to thank you all for the work you do to suppress mosquito borne disease and to protect the public.

I want to thank two of our board members, Sarah Fink and Jacob Sublett, for putting together the OMVCA virtual training held on May 11th. I would also like to thank Dr. Mary Ann Rose, Jacob Sublett and Leanne Garrett for their very informative presentations.

As far as our annual meeting goes, the board is hoping to at least have a shortened virtual conference this fall. We will keep an eye on the COVID-19 response and who know maybe we will get to see each other in person instead. More details to come about the conference.

Please let the board members or me know if we can help you or what we can do to strengthen OMVCA.

Best regards,

Ryan T. Younge, REHS





OMVCA Annual Fall Conference

More details to come!
Conference may be a virtual format.



ODH Surveillance

Great news! This summer ODH will be able to provide West Nile Virus testing along with mosquito identification. You can start collecting and submitting mosquitoes whenever you like, but testing will start June 14th. ODH will continue to pay for shipping and provide coolers, ice packs and tubes as needed. There are also mosquito traps, larvae dippers, aspirators, laser printer labels (new), labeling tape (new) etc. available upon request. More detailed information will be sent via email. Contact Leeanne Garrett with any questions at leeanne.garrett@odh.ohio.gov or **614-466-7215**.

ODH also accepts ticks for identification year-round. Testing is NOT performed on the ticks. Place the tick with a small amount of alcohol in a leak-proof vial or baggie and mail in a padded envelope to: ZDP Tick Identification, Ohio Department of Health, 8995 East Main Street, Building 22, Reynoldsburg OH 43068. In lieu of mailing the tick, high-resolution photos can be sent to zoonoses@odh.ohio.gov. Call **614-752-1029** for any tick-related questions.

Legislative Update

Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act or the SMASH Act

This bill reauthorizes for FY2020-FY2024 and revises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant program that supports state mosquito control programs. Among other changes, the bill expands the grant program so that grants may be used to address emerging, infectious mosquito-borne diseases and to improve existing control programs. The CDC must also give preference to applicants that have (1) a public health emergency due to a mosquito-borne disease, or (2) a control program that is consistent with existing state preparedness plans.

The bill also reauthorizes for FY2020-FY2024 and revises the CDC epidemiology and laboratory capacity grant program, which helps public health agencies improve surveillance and response activities related to infectious diseases.

Read more about this bill here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/345>

US fish and Wildlife to include the Monarch butterfly on the endangered species listing. This is something that will have a major impact on mosquito control professionals.

https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=u.s.-fish-and-wildlife-service-finds-endangered-species-act-listing-for-&_ID=36817

OMVCA Spring Training

Click the link below to watch the recorded training. Fast forward 15 minutes for optimal viewing.

https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/rec/share/yH_apOG7Q8ihR6G6d75N3gz2sXDmxMIm1cM0s9kfvwyHRLymTatRPjFwt0X1GU7O.sgZznKx6fvFeJQJi Meeting Recording:



Grant-In-Aid Program

Grant-In-Aid is available thru OMVCA for up to \$1,000 to fund projects related to vector biology, ecology, surveillance or control.

The Grant can be awarded to:

- Local or State Governments
- Student Research Projects

Application requirements:

Please submit the following to the OMVCA Board of Directors:

- Project Description (1 page limit)
- Project Time Line (1 page limit)
- Proposed Project Budget* (1 page limit)

**OMVCA will allow travel funds for the Annual Meeting when you are presenting be included in the budget.*

Deadline:

All information should be postmarked by **September 1, 2021**.

Miscellaneous information:

- Example applications available upon request.
- Recipients are awarded a one year OMVCA membership.

Recipients requirements:

Present your project at the first annual meeting after your proposed deadline.

Please mail or email to:

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In Remembrance of Dr. Richard (Dick) Berry

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Dr. Richard (Dick) Berry on May 7, 2021. Dr. Berry was a long-time member OMVCA where he served as (then OMCA) President in 1975 and 1976. He has received several OMVCA awards, including the Golden Dipper (1983) for his work on La Crosse encephalitis, the Richard L. Berry Merit Award (2002) named in his honor and a lifetime honorary membership in 2003. Dr. Berry was the former Chief of the Ohio Department of Health Vector Borne Disease Program, where he worked for 32 years. Many of you knew Dr. Berry and had the privilege of working with him over the years thru a variety of vector related issues. He was a great mentor and friend to many public health colleagues and vector control partners and he will be dearly missed.

A funeral mass will be held at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 29 West St., Shelby, Ohio 44875 at 1pm Saturday June 5, 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank at 3960 Brookham Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123, Habitat for Humanity at 88 E. Broad Street, Suite 1800, Columbus, Ohio 43215, St. Joseph's Indian School at PO Box 326, Chamberlain, SD 57326, or the Salesian Missions at 2 Le Fevres Ln., New Rochelle, NY 10801. Online condolences may be made at www.barkdullfuneralhome.com

