

AVMA Friends and Alumni Monthly Digest

November 2022

Yeah, we know: it's been more like six or seven weeks since the last AVMA Friends and Alumni Monthly Digest. But that just means we have that many more updates to share with you today (not to mention you got two months of content for the price of one last time!) Anyway, let's get to reviewing October and previewing November, shall we?

AVM Car Wash Oct 1. AVM started off the month with the fall Car Wash. The bad news is that we all also started the month with the remnants of Hurricane Ian, which meant the kids got rained out before they could finish their second hour of washing cars. The good news, though, is that **they still managed to raise \$851 for AVMA!** In past years that would have been a great haul for a full five-hour car wash! Thank you to all the kids who braved the conditions and all the people who brought their cars out in less-than-ideal weather for a wash!

AVM Performance with Voices of Hope Sat Oct 8. For the first time since 2019, the show choirs were back on the North Shore Music Theater stage to perform their Hamilton medley as part of Voices of Hope's fall gala and fundraiser. Hopefully you were able to join us in Beverly for the evening, but if you missed out (or just want to take in the performance again), we have a private video of the AVM number on YouTube that you can access and watch via this link:



<https://youtu.be/o8H-ZUOy8xA>

Note that the video is on the AVMA YouTube channel, but it won't show up among the listed videos on the channel's home page. You need to use this direct link to access and view it.

October Tasty Tuesday at BuenoMalo Oct 11. From the car wash to the VoH performance, we moved straight to properly observing Taco Tuesday at the first AVMA Tasty Tuesday of the season, at BuenoMalo in Andover Village Square. Our added foot traffic to BuenoMalo generated **\$352 for AVMA**, which is great, but it gets better: BuenoMalo commented that they were so pleased with the turnout and impressed by how many people said they were there to help support AVMA, that **they decided to round up their donation to AVMA up to \$500!** So the next time you're at BuenoMalo, please be sure to respond in kind by rounding up your order with an extra appetizer or two, OK? Thanks! And thank you to BuenoMalo for their generosity and their support of AVMA!

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Fall Broadway Cabaret Oct 19. Things continued to return to post-pandemic normal on Oct 19 with a full-fledged AVM Broadway Cabaret: **over 25 numbers and well over two hours of entertainment!** Sadly, “back to normal” meant we didn’t get a livestream of the event online for people to enjoy from away (so now you know you need to be at the Collins Center next time!), but if you want to get a quick peek at what went down, we have a couple of options:

- We have this [shared Google Photos album](#) with a bunch of still shots and a few videos from the audience.
- AHS TV did a segment this week on the Broadway Cabaret, and you can catch it on YouTube at this link:

<https://youtu.be/tGD8PQ7P8Z4?t=117>

The segment starts at the 1:57 mark, and the above link should take you right there.

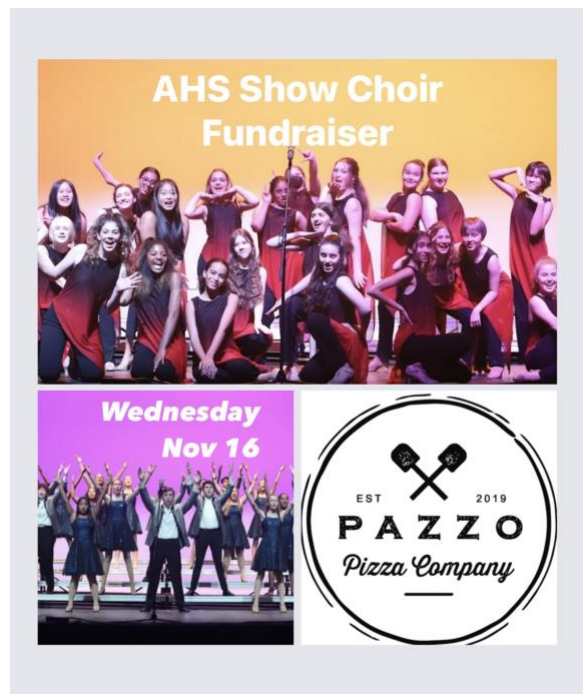


AVMA Parent/Guardian Social at Oak & Iron Oct 27. And yet another step closer to normalcy: the grown-ups were able to get out and meet in person for the first time in years, this time at Oak & Iron. It was great to welcome some new families into the AVM fold and to reconnect with other folks who the pandemic prevented us from hanging out in person the past couple of years. We’re all looking forward to doing this more often for sure!

So that was October in review. Now let’s preview what’s currently on tap for November:

Tasty Tuesday Wednesday at Pazzo Pizza Nov 16. Our November Tasty Tuesday not only takes us to a different locale in downtown Andover but also a different day: Tasty Tuesday will be Wednesday (not Tuesday) November 16 at Pazzo Pizza. The arrangement will be similar to how we had things set up with BuenoMalo:

- Hours: 4 PM to closing.
- The Deal: 10% of *all* purchases – food, drink, gift cards, dine-in or take out – will be donated back to AVMA! No special promo codes required: just show up and load up and Pazzo Pizza will donate 10% of your bill back to AVMA!





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Pazzo Pizza has been a strong supporter of APS-related causes in the past, so let's really turn out for Tasty Wednesday as a way to show them how much we appreciate their continued support. Mark your calendars now!

Texty Tuesday at Andover Bookstore. Due to popular demand, we are working to bring back Texty Tuesday at the Andover Bookstore again this year. We don't have all the details set in stone yet – and when we do, you can be sure we will get the word out – but we expect it's going to work a little differently this year. Here's what we know/expect so far:

- **Instead of being an in-person event at the bookstore itself, it will be an online event.** While it's fun to run into people you know at the bookstore, it can get a little crowded in there. Plus, by making it online, we increase the number of books available for purchase, and we can open it up to out-of-town friends and family members.
- **Instead of being a one-day event, it will likely run for a week or so.** As of this writing it sounds like we're looking at Sun Nov 26 through Sat Dec 3, but it's not a done deal yet.
- **All orders will be delivered in plenty of time for the holidays.** In past years, if you were in town, you could get your orders for free (either pick it up at the bookstore or if you lived close enough they'd drop it at your house), and if you were away, you could pay a small delivery fee. Not sure how it will work this year yet, but we do know that whatever you order, you'll receive it in time for holiday gift-giving.

Once we have all the details locked down, we will get the word out – we promise! For now, though, mark it down that you'll have an opportunity to get some holiday shopping done at a local business while supporting AVMA at the same time!

Andover Vocal Music Gala Wed Nov 30. Finally, looking ahead to the last day of the month, we'll be back in the Collins Center for the Vocal Music Gala, starting at 7 PM. This is the one that includes the concert and chamber choirs as well as the middle schools, so expect a good crowd. We hope to see you there!

And that's your digest for November! As always, we close with reminders of the ways you can easily and continue to support AVMA:

- **AmazonSmile.** AVMA participates in AmazonSmile. It's a super easy way to donate back to AVMA each time you make a purchase on Amazon. To set up AmazonSmile to benefit AVMA, [follow these instructions](#), and be sure to select Andover Vocal Music Association as the organization you want to support. Then, each time you buy anything on Amazon, .5% of the purchase price will be donated back to AVMA. It doesn't seem like a lot, but over time, with enough people participating, it adds up!



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- **Links.** We rely primarily on social media to get the word out on happenings and events and to otherwise communicate with the rest of the community. So if you haven't done so already, please give a subscribe or a like or a follow to the:
 - **AVMA YouTube Channel:**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGreFvbQIEKB_OrD7RLNY0g
 - **Andover Vocal Music Association public Facebook page:**
<https://www.facebook.com/AHSVocalMusic>
 - **AVMA Twitter Account:** https://twitter.com/andovervma_org

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Until next time, stay safe and healthy, keep singing and dancing, and keep supporting AVM and AVMA!

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