

**Please remember February 8th** is our opportunity to get together and socialize in an informal setting for dinner, CEU's and to honor the recipients of the Dorothy Below Leshar Scholarship. [Sign-up today with the attached form.](#) Please note that the CEU has been changed to 1.5 to reflect our speaker and presentation of history and education of scholarship (the length of the event will remain the same.) Our hostess for the evening is our illustrious Jane Reagan, RDH followed by our esteemed speaker Dr. Eliza Ghezzi.



**Elisa M. Ghezzi, DDS, PhD** provides dental care for residents of nursing and assisted living facilities in the Detroit Michigan Metropolitan area. In addition, she is an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Cardiology, Restorative Sciences, and Endodontics at the University of Michigan (UM) School of Dentistry. She received her DDS (1995) from UM, completed a General Practice Residency (1995-6) at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN, trained in a geriatric dentistry fellowship (1996-8) at UM, and obtained both an MS (2001) in Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis and a PhD (2005)

in Epidemiology from UM School of Public Health. Dr. Ghezzi serves as the chair of the Michigan Coalition for Oral Health for the Aging, a board member of the Michigan Society of Gerontology, and is a member of the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry of Special Care Dentistry. Her research focuses on the effects of oral diseases on systemic health. She has written and lectured extensively on the topic of oral health care for older adults and persons with dementia.

### **Jane E. Reagan, RDH, MPA**

Jane Reagan is a 1973 graduate of Ferris State University, where she earned her Associate degree in dental hygiene. After eight years as a clinical dental hygienist, she earned a BS degree in Human Nutrition from Michigan State University in 1979. She became an employee of the State of Michigan in 1981 and remains a State employee, currently as a Department Specialist with the MI Department of Education in the Office of Special Education, where she works on policy and implements the Medicaid in the schools program.

Jane has been an active member of the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association since her days at Ferris and earned life membership status in the MDHA in 2000. She also has been President of the MDHA, delegate to the ADHA, was Chair of the MDHA Governmental Affairs committee for 15 years, and served as Association parliamentarian for many years.

Jane is a charter member of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, and in October was installed as its President. Jane also holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Western Michigan University. Jane worked closely with Wayne Leshar and Steve St. Amant to complete the paperwork required for the Leshar Scholarship to become IRS-approved as a Trust.