



NEWSWIRE

MDHA

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Hole # 6 on the MDHA course: We've had our first Double Bogey! MDHA sent out 8375 Advisor/Newsletters via the US Postal Service on Feb 16th to every Dental Hygienist in Michigan. To our knowledge, only a few handfuls have been received. This remains under investigation and we are asking everyone to contact joyce@mdha.org to report whether or not they received it. Please refer to our previous EMC for additional instructions.

**MID LEVEL DENTAL PROVIDER**

There is a buzz in the air as Luke Shaefer at the University of Michigan is opening dialog with MDHA, MDA, MDCH, MOHC, and UD Mercy, to name a few of the many stakeholders being invited to a summer mini-conference with the working title, "Concrete Proposals for Closing the Oral Health Care Access Gap in Michigan".

UM-SSW Dean Laura Lein has offered to fund the conference though funds made available by the Nokomis Foundation. There will be several speakers and ample time allowed for discussion of the pro's and con's and how to proceed into the future to provide quality dental care to the underserved in Michigan.

Please contact Luke Shaefer at [lshaefer@umich.edu](mailto:lshaefer@umich.edu) if you or an organization you know would like to be part of this new initiative someday in August of 2011.

Kathleen Inman RDA RDH BS  
MDHA  
President

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A large group of dental professionals, including Bonnie Notoff representing MDHA, have been meeting for quite a while to evaluate the access to care situation in our state. While all members of this group did not always agree on everything, and PA 161 is not as highly regarded as some might prefer, there is a report from this group that can be viewed at:

<http://www.smilemichigan.com/pro/ProfessionalTopics/CharitableCare/AccessToCareReport.aspx>

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**KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE:**

To date, Chair Marge Buehner reports that very few people have signed up for the team! The walk will be held on Saturday, May 21 in Detroit and you all are encouraged and invited to walk and help find a cure! See attached registration information please...

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## MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS:

Come visit the MDHA booth in the Exhibit Hall at Joint Session - show your ADHA membership card to receive a free lip balm! Also enter for a chance to win a beautiful Bath and Body Works basket. The booth will be staffed with dental hygienists from around that state promoting our professional association.

ADHA/MDHA pins are back in stock for \$10 each! Components may purchase 20 or more pins for only \$6 each. They then have the option to either donate that money back to MDHA or use it for their component. Pins will be available at the MDHA Booth or contact Heather Beavers at [hbeavers@comcast.net](mailto:hbeavers@comcast.net).



Sharon Libich and Linda Plunkett have graciously volunteered to be co-chairs of MDHA's 90th Birthday Celebration, which will be held in 2013. Please contact them if you are interested in being on the task force for this landmark celebration. Sharon

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Membership Council is also in the process of contacting 160 non-renewed members for 2011. Most will be contacted via phone.

The quarterly payment plan (QPP) is now available! Any current ADHA member who is due for renewal can join the QPP online today. Any new, former, lapsed ADHA members will have to contact ADHA Members Services by phone to join the QPP (312)440-8900. For more information, please visit the QPP Frequently Asked Questions page on ADHA's website. [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org)

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## EDUCATION COUNCIL NEWS:

**MDHA/MDA Joint Session is this coming week!** This will be held in Grand Rapids at the Amway Grand Plaza, from April 14-16. Have you registered yet? Do so today at [www.smilemichigan.com](http://www.smilemichigan.com). Hope to see you all at the Welcome Reception on Friday, April 15 at 5:00 pm. Fun for all!!!

**Come see us!** You're cordially invited to attend a welcome reception for all licensed dental hygienists on Friday, April 15, 2011 from 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the Gerald Ford Room in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please join us for an opportunity to network with others from across the state and meet and renew connections with fellow hygienists and former classmates. There will also be door prizes! For further details, please contact MDHA at (517) 381-8557.

(We are looking for door prizes from components again this year. If you could bring your donation to the MDHA Booth on Friday April 15 by 4:00 the committee will pick them up there. Thank you!)  
Welcome Reception is sponsored by GC America, PDT, Inc., and degree completion programs from Ferris State University, University of Detroit Mercy, and University of Michigan!

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## PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL NEWS:

The next PA 161 Roadshow will be held Wednesday April 13 at Mott Community College, sponsored by Genesee District Dental Hygiene Society. There is a registration form attached to this newswire.

So far, since inception, MDHA has had 7 successful "PA161 Roadshows" around the state and has raised \$1850. Students are always FREE! \$15 of fee charged goes to MDHA.

Do you have your license plate cover yet? They will be available for purchase in Grand Rapids at the MDHA/MDA Joint Session!

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEWS:

Please mark your calendars for this year's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Luncheon that will take place on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 11:30am until 1:30pm at the *House Office Building, Mackinac Room* (corner of Ottawa and Capitol in Lansing, MI).

Write the date on your hygiene schedule. Take some time to speak with your legislator about your profession. Working together, we can make a difference.

It's fun, it's free, and YOU are the expert.

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## COMMUNICATION COUNCIL NEWS:

*THE BULLETIN* has been published on the web site, [www.mdhatoday.org](http://www.mdhatoday.org) for your reading enjoyment

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## FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS:

MDHA's 2011 Shopping Spree Raffle is currently underway! Please see your trustee, or come to MDHA/MDA Joint Session where you can purchase tickets and hopefully win prizes!! First Place is \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$100. Donation is \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Drawing is April 16, 2011 at 1:00 pm at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. No need to be present to win.

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## ADHA DELEGATE NEWS:

There have been some changes to our delegation since you voted at HOD in October. Delegates Stephanie Ciarkowski and Briane Mezo have both had to decline due to personal reasons, so Alternate Delegates Eve Sidney and Stacy Priem are now attending ADHA as Delegates and Paula Weidig will be attending as the Funded Alternate Delegate. District V is meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana May 20-21 and you will then be receiving an update on ADHA proposals.

All District V Members, ADHA has initiated a [letter writing campaign to CODA](#) Director (Glen Ziebert) and CODA Manager of Dental Hygiene (Gwen Welling) to advocate for ADHA's recommendation to CODA about the need for a formal needs assessment to be provided with every new education program submitting an application for voluntary accreditation. To help CODA better gauge the current state of the dental hygiene employment situation, three different letter templates have been provided. Those choosing to send letters will choose from templates designed for unemployed hygienists, underemployed hygienists, or just a dental hygienist concerned about the current situation. The link to these templates and the CODA letter writing campaign is: [http://www.adha.org/news/CODA\\_campaign.htm](http://www.adha.org/news/CODA_campaign.htm) I would strongly recommend that you all send a letter to CODA and express your opinion on this issue. I would also suggest that you forward this information to all ADHA members and educators in your states and encourage them to participate in the CODA letter writing campaign.

Denise Bowers, RDH, MSEd  
Chair and Professor, Dental Hygiene  
Rhodes State College  
ADHA District V Trustee

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