



NEWSWIRE



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Hole #7 of the MDHA course: Legislative Council under the direction of Lisa Darrow, Sandy Franklin and Bonnie Nothoff have scored an "Eagle" with the Michigan Dental Hygienist Survey that should have hit your email box on May 5th. Please take 2 quick minutes to complete this very important survey sent to you by Lia Burkey at ADHA. The results will be used to direct the future of dental hygiene in the state of Michigan. Your voice will be heard and shape our destiny. Thank you.

The e-mail that you may have received on May 5 was not SPAM – it is titled “Michigan Dental Hygiene Survey” and came from ADHA. They will be resending the Survey to all members hopefully on Friday to anyone that did NOT fill it out yet. This one will be from **ADHA**, not Lia Burkey, and the subject will be: **Important MDHA Survey.**

This is your opportunity to have a voice in the direction that you would like Dental Hygiene to take in Michigan. The link below will take you to a brief survey. The information you provide is important to us and we value and appreciate your participation and input. You may forward it to any hygienist and please encourage them to become an active part of our e-membership!

Click on the following link to access the survey:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W8PSN6V>

If you have not completed your survey by Friday May 27th you will be getting a second notice from ADHA with the Subject: Important MDHA Survey. In order to advance and protect the future of every Dental Hygienist in the State of Michigan, please consider taking this very important survey now. Thank you.

MDHA Raffle Winners from MDHA/MDA Joint Session:

1st place: Sheila Gandy, 2nd place: Sue Klaus, 3rd place: Angel Bobrick. Kim Werth sold the winning ticket. Thanks to all that participated!

Still time to join MDHA team at the Susan Komen Walk for the Cure! The walk will be held on Saturday, May 21 in Detroit and you all are encouraged and invited to walk! Help MDHA find a cure! You can contact team captain Marge Buehner at buehnemi@udmercy.edu.

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

We are looking for award recipients! You can find all award applications on line at www.mdhatoday.org. This year you will see that a few revisions were made to requirements, applications, as well as deadline date changes. All of these changes were implemented by the Membership Council and approved by our Board of Trustees. Please note that Liz Lakomy, RDH and Kim Amico, RDH will be working on the awards together this year. If sending in nominations, please send preferably to Kim and cc Liz on any correspondence:

Kim Amico: kimamico_rdh@wowway.com

Liz Lakomy: chickadoodle@yahoo.com

The 88th Annual House of Delegates will be held October 14- 16, 2011 in Dearborn at "The Henry" formerly "Ritz Carlton." Award recipients will be acknowledged at either Opening Ceremonies or at the Award Recognition Luncheon held on October 15th. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend both events. Registration is required for the Recognition Luncheon and will be included in the HOD Delegate packets which are to be sent out at a later date.

We are looking for nominations for the following: **Outstanding Dental Hygienist**, **Life Member**, **Frances Shook** and **Roger Hill** Awards. To nominate an **Outstanding Dental Hygienist** from your component, please forward Kim their name, email, phone number and/or home address as well as a paragraph as to why this person is being nominated. For this award we are looking for a member that has contributed something extra to your component. Maybe it was taking on several board member roles, helping with CE courses, or anything that your component feels makes this person outstanding in their dental hygiene role.

Applications and requirements for the **Frances Shook**, **Roger Hill** and **Life Member** awards can be found on the MDHA website under Membership Council info. Those applications must be sent into central office no later than **August 1, 2011** (*note new deadline*.) To allow for proper acknowledgment and preparation of each of these awards anything submitted after the due date will be considered for 2012.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

The Legislative Luncheon was very successful with a good number of hygienists and students, as well as legislators! Thanks to the practicing PA 161 employees in attendance, the legislators were able to grasp a better understanding of this wonderfully working program!

FYI: MDA, at their recent House of Delegates, passed Resolution #19, in which they hope to "tighten things up" and make PA161 more restrictive for RDH's. Remember, this is LAW in Michigan. Kudos to your MDHA Officers and Governmental Affairs Director for the foresight to ensure this program was placed in statute for our citizens of Michigan.

SB 47 (Medicaid Reimbursement Bill) Update: This bill continues to sit in Appropriations Committee. As you may recall it was introduced last year into the House of Representatives and didn't get a hearing because of the late date into the session. The maker of the bill was then elected into the Senate and has reintroduced it in this session, where it sits for now. Keep your eyes peeled for any updates that may be forthcoming in your legislative alerts!

Support your PAC! You may make donations to: Jackie Oliver, 309 W. Saratoga, Ferndale, MI 48220.

All Councils: Program Worksheets (to help determine MDHA 2011-12 Budget) are due June 1!
Any MDHA member may have input to the budget. Contact an officer for more information or suggestions!

District V: Your ADHA Delegates will be meeting this coming weekend in Fort Wayne, IN with the rest of the District V Delegates to discuss the upcoming ADHA Annual Session. If you would like background and information on the items that they will be discussing please check out: www.adha.org. -> Members-> Delegate Resources-> 2011 Annual Reports



NEWS from ADHA:

ADHA Loupes Raffle: Renew Your Membership online to be Entered

For those members on the Summer Cycle, your membership renewal is now available for review online. Any **Summer Cycle members who renew online now through 6/30/2011** will be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two pairs of loupes. Click [here](#) to access your account at any time. Once logged in, click the *pay my ADHA dues* tab. Thanks for the continued support of YOUR association.

Please Donate to the Irene R. Woodall Special Needs Trust

Irene R. Woodall, a leader in the field of Dental Hygiene, was an internationally recognized speaker and educator for continuing education courses as well as dental hygiene program director at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and the University of Pennsylvania. Irene's bright career ended abruptly in 1993 when she suffered a brain aneurysm and a disabling stroke that severely affected her cognitive and physical abilities. She is now living in a long term care facility in Chicago, close to her youngest daughter. Click here for more information and [to donate](#).

Network with YOUR Professional Community

Connect with your peers, mentors, colleagues and friends at your national association's [annual convention](#). Now is the perfect time to reinvest in yourself and career, so come join us to re-energize your passion for the profession as we navigate through our changing environment and capitalize on the opportunities that lie ahead! [Register today](#) for ADHA's CLL at the 88th Annual Session Nashville!

Please visit the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association website for news, CE and component information at www.mdhatoday.org.

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