



July 2013



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October 18-20 2013 Radisson Hotel Lansing MI

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2013 Mission of Mercy

Our MDHA Mission statement says that we shall improve the public's total health by advancing the art and science of dental hygiene and promoting the highest standards of education, licensure, research and practice and to incorporate dental hygiene services as a standard of care to achieve total health.

What mission are you on? Recently, the Michigan Dental Association organized the *Entire Dental Community* to provide a multifaceted level of oral health care to over 1100 people in just a few short days! This was Michigan's first Mission of Mercy Project and it was fantastic!

Dentists, hygienists, assistants, staff, spouses, a boatload of dental volunteers and others worked tirelessly to deliver much needed dental care to fully employed folks without dental benefits. It was a huge success! This was the biggest mass production dental delivery program that I have ever been a part of. To be involved in something this meaningful and on this level was almost surreal, like a movie production. We all worked so very hard, but we never felt so good. I strongly recommend this level of volunteerism for anyone looking to make a serious impact for the dental health of the deserving. If you couldn't make this time, there will be another Mission of Mercy Project in 2014. You will reap the benefit. It is just that rewarding.

I worked under the direction of Immediate Past President Brenda Marriott, Mission of Mercy Dental Hygiene Team Leader. My role as the second Dental Hygiene Team Leader involved logistics and support for the two shifts of twenty-four registered dental hygiene team members from all over the state. Brenda did a wonderful job coordinating every aspect of the Dental Hygiene Team for the two day event. We experienced an indescribable feeling of dental unity and pride. Quite frankly, it was downright impressive to watch us "Do What We Do" for people in need.

In spite of the steady pace and demanding circumstances of the hygiene section, we found the time to laugh together, reflect together and take photos together with patients and each other. In other words, we bonded. I am certain the other teams in the various dental sections did the same.

There were hygienists working alongside other providers in all aspects of dental care throughout the massive facility. I met so many new nice hygienists. I hope to see them all again at our 90th House Of Delegates Celebration on the weekend of October 18, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing MI.

See you Soon, Melanie



In Memoriam

I have some sad news about one of our MDHA sisters, Bonnie Nothoff, RDH. Bonnie passed late last night (7/8/13) in the arms of her husband, Jim. Details of Bonnie's service arrangements have not been made, but we will inform you when they come. Bonnie has been a gift and blessing to MDHA and all RDH's in the state of Michigan. Her passion, smile and dynamite personality radiated out to all she came in contact with. Let us celebrate her life.

With love & prayers,
Lisa Darrow, RDH

American Dental Hygienists' Association

90th Annual Session

Boston Celebrating 100 years of Dental Hygiene



On my way home from our 100th year celebration in Boston, I was reflecting on the past week. What a week it was. It started out with a night at Fenway Park sponsored by Young Dental. Seven hundred hygienists cheering for the Red Sox's, it was a blast, seeing old friends and meeting new friends. No one does that better, than Melissa Rosochacki. She is an amazing networker making all those she meets feel comfortable and appreciated. It is her gift. That is what this meeting is all about, networking,

mentoring, learning, recognition, deliberation, and just plain having fun.



Networking is a valuable tool for any professional, but for dental hygienists looking into the future, it is imperative to connect with as many hygienists to share your dreams, aspirations, and to listen and learn from others who may have already traveled down your path. Every state in the country was represented at this year's House of Delegates. We learned from others either through personal conversations or through the Mega issue discussion tool, designed by the ADHA, to seek out ideas from hygienists throughout the country. We had the opportunity to hear from a few states what is going on legislatively and how to develop initiatives to take back home. The membership forum provided direction and opportunity to share ideas and create collaborative programs to increase membership and to create relevance, to our youngest members.



There are plenty of opportunities to mentor students. It is exciting to see a student member get fired up over the proceedings of the house. The Michigan delegation as well as other members attended several events with our student member from the University of Michigan, Katie Kupczyk. We also mentor each other by providing emotional support and direction when needed. Dental hygienists mentor future members through sharing our beliefs, convictions, and loyalty to our professional association.

The courses offered at CLL were second to none. There is always a plethora of courses to choose from. There is a class for everyone. We continue to grow our clinical knowledge, through the many opportunities provided to the hygienists in attendance. We also had the good fortune to get an association update by our executive director Ann Battrell. We learned how the ADHA uses the data collected from surveys and the direction we will take to launch us into the next 100 years. We indeed have an unlimited future.

Michigan's own Bonnie Nothoff, RDH was recognized Sunday evening with the 2013 Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene along with two other ADHA members, Carol Jahn, RDH, MS, from Illinois and Michelle Norblet-Vacha, RDH, BS, from Colorado. Bonnie is currently Michigan's Director of Governmental Affairs and has been a stalwart advocate for the elevation of dental hygiene. Accepting her award on her behalf was her son Jay Nothoff. We are extremely proud of Bonnie and all of her achievements. She has made a remarkable difference in the way in which we practice dental hygiene in Michigan. Thank You Bonnie for all your years of service and of those to come. Congratulations to Ann Gwozdek for receiving the Phillips Sonicare Mentor of the Year award. Ann continues to move our profession forward. Ann was honored during the reception Thursday night hosted by Phillips Sonicare. Ann has mentored many and is well deserving of this award. There was also a University of Michigan reception honoring Wendy Kerschbaum, RDH. MA, MPH on her retirement and welcoming the new director of dental hygiene Janet Kinney, RDH, MS. Thank you to all the sponsors of these wonderful events.



During the first session of deliberations of the House of Delegates, Katie Kupczyk, student delegate from the University of Michigan, delivered the summary of the student mega issue discussion. She did an amazing job. We are extremely proud of her. Katie will have a strong influence on the ADHA. She is a mover and shaker. In further deliberations of the house we accomplished much. We added definitions

and policies to the ADHA manual and a bylaws change, creating a finance committee utilizing specific members of the board of trustees. All in all, it was a successful meeting.

Interspersed throughout the week were amazing inspirational and entertaining programs delivered by Erin Brockovich, Geena Davis, and Debbie Reynolds. These women delivered the message of empowerment, to the mostly female audience. Erin talked about her stick-to-itiveness and how that has brought her success. She shared her personal learning opportunity and how owning your mistake can have a positive outcome. Geena Davis shared her story of activism, ignited by her role as a mother. She strives for gender equality in films and programming, specifically in G rated family films that are influencing our children. Gina believes if a person can do it, so can she. Debbie Reynolds provided us an opportunity to let loose and laugh. She is an amazingly talented older actress, known to many of us seasoned hygienists, however explaining to the youngest in the audience that “I am princess Leia’s mother”. She even had Esther Wilkins sharing laughs with us all. It was a perfect way to celebrate our first 100 years.



Wow, what a week. We share a proud past and an unlimited future. I can only imagine the course our profession will take us. United, let us leap into the next century because WE ARE ALWAYS BETTER TOGETHER.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bentley, RDH
President Elect
ADHA Delegate/Michigan

MDHA 90th Anniversary

Save the Date ~ Friday, October 18, 2013 in Lansing ~ MDHA's

90th Celebration

Please join us to look back at our many accomplishments and look forward to the possibilities that will advance our profession forward. <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qgrhhaImVVs>

MDHA 90th ANNIVERSARY

1923 - 2013

Dental hygienists in Michigan have much to be grateful for as we celebrate our 90th Anniversary. We can reflect on the foresight of nine dental hygienists who established the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association in Detroit in 1923. The vision of those founding members and the actions taken by them provided the groundwork for rest of us who have followed them. MDHA has continued to protect and to advance the scope of practice that we enjoy today. The growth of the profession of dental hygiene in Michigan is a direct result of the actions taken by the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association on behalf of all dental hygienists in Michigan. This year is a great time to look back at our many accomplishments and to look forward to the possibilities that will open up for dental hygiene in the future.

Celebrate our 90th Anniversary by joining or renewing your membership in ADHA as we acknowledge what has been accomplished for us by our professional associations.

The anniversary will be celebrated at the MDHA House of Delegates in Lansing, Michigan on October 18 -20, 2013. Consider this an invitation to join us at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing on October 18, 2013 for continuing education courses and a welcome reception and the opportunity to thank many of the past presidents who will be attending for their vision and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Plunkett, RDH, BS
MDHA Historian
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HOD AWARD REMINDER

This is a reminder that in less than 1 month is the deadline for HOD Award nominations. With this 2013 HOD being a celebration of MDHA's 90th year Membership Council and the awards committee are hoping to have all components submit a nomination for **Outstanding Dental Hygienist**. There are also applications being taken for the **Roger Hill, Frances Shook, Springboard** (deadline 9-15-13) as well as **Life Membership**. You can log onto www.MDHAtoday.org website and under the Membership Council link find the applications needed for submission. All awards, except for Springboard, have a firm deadline of **AUGUST 1, 2013**.

If there are any questions, concerns or needed explanations about any of the requirements please feel free to contact me at [\(586\) 291-5099](tel:5862915099) or by email @ kimamico_rdh@wowway.com.

To allow for proper preparation all deadline dates will be adhered to and anything submitted after the due date will be considered for 2014.

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This is from Mark – our 'singing salesrep' MOM sponsor and friend to MDHA with THANKS !!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



- MDHA is accepting applications for Springboard, Frances Shook, Roger Hill Friend of the Profession, Life Members, as well as Outstanding Dental Hygienist of the Year Awards. All applications can be found on the www.mdhatoday.org website under the **Membership Council link**. Please note the deadline for all awards, except the Springboard Award, has a deadline of **August 1, 2013**. If there are any questions, concerns or needed explanations about any of the requirements please feel free to contact Kim Amico at (586) 291-5099 or by email @ kimamico_rdh@wowway.com.
- Please keep your component officer contact information current with ADHA. Update it on their website at <http://www.adha.org/form/officer-update>.
- ****Students**** - Upon receiving your license number, transition your ADHA membership from student to **active**. Transitioning from Student to Active membership is free. If you graduated in the first six months of the year, your transitioned Active membership will be up for renewal at the start of the following year. If you graduated in the last six months of the year, your transitioned active membership will be up for renewal during the summer of the following year.
Here are some FAQ's
- http://www.adha.org/resources-docs/7318_Transition_FAQ.pdf
- **Today, when dental hygiene is facing a professional crisis, joining forces with your peers is the best way to preserve your profession. After all the time and hard work you've put into your career, it's an investment to protect your future and improve the quality of oral health care for the public, which is part of the dental hygienists' professional commitment.**

Also, ADHA offers an online quarterly payment option for your convenience. Join your professional association at www.adha.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



volunteers needed to serve those who serve us

Hard to believe but many of our active military men and women do not receive dental benefits.

That means their children don't either. Selfridge, ANG has asked Children's ToothFairy Foundation to provide dental care for Michigan's military kids. We are having a two day dental screening and oral health workshop event August 17 & 18. Dentists, dental hygienists and dental hygiene students are needed to donate their services to conduct screenings, sealants and education workshops. We also need volunteers to register families, pass out books & balloons and basically help us with this huge undertaking.**

If you've ever wanted to say, "thank you for your service" and mean it, here's your chance to say it with your actions.

We need you !

** We will need bodies to cover blocks of time for various shifts between 7am to 7pm on both days.

Contact Nicole Greco at Baker College ngreco01@baker.edu or 248-276-8881

And find out more about us at childrenstoothfairyfoundation.org



MISSION OF MERCY UPDATE

Mission of Mercy 2013

On June 6,7,8, and 9th the Michigan Dental Association conducted a joint project with the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association, Michigan Dental Assistants' Association and 135 other stakeholders called the Mission of Mercy.

This was the first time our state had conducted such an event. Michigan became the 27th state to conduct a "MOM". I can tell you this event was a year and a half in the planning. The excitement swelled when the Mission of Mercy Semi pulled up to Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University for the four- day event.

I had the privilege of serving as the first Dental Hygiene Lead along with my Co- Lead MDHA President Melanie Colbert, where we oversaw 100 Dental Hygienists who treated 1,606 patients over the two days of treatment.

I want to thank all of the Hygienists that took the time away from their busy lives to help others in need! I was so proud of each and every one of you, and the way we all worked as a team to make this event the success that it was!

Our MDHA members served in many departments, such as Dental Hygiene, Radiology, Anesthesia, Data Entry, Patient Registration, Support, Patient Ambassadors, Patient Exit and Sterilization.

A special thank you to Chris Farrell (Patient Registration), Kathy Mielke (Data Entry), and Corinne Wellman (Public Relations/ Communications) who also served as Leads.

I hope each one of you will take a few moments to click on the link provided to view our slideshow.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqwcfEWhD-c&feature=youtu.be>

It has long been said that," a picture speaks a thousand words". In this case in particular, that statement speaks very true. This event was life changing for all of us!

I hope you will join us next year at Ferris State University for the 2nd Annual Mission of Mercy. May 2014- Details to follow. Thank you all for serving!

Sincerely,

Brenda Marriott RDH, MA

Immediate Past President
Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association
Dental Hygiene Lead
2013 Mission of Mercy
<http://www.smilemichigan.com/foundation/MissionofMercy.aspx>

Component Updates

Grand Rapids Dental Hygienists' Society gave each student an orange piggy bank with the GRDHS logo on it and a membership form with one day of dues 73 cents inside to illustrate the low daily cost of membership. We hope this helps motivates the students to convert their student membership and save for their yearly dues. We appreciate JoAnne Hodder for being a wonderful liaison on this project for the second year. Pictured Below GRCC Dental Hygiene graduates.



OCDHA 2013-2014 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FORM

EVENING DINNER SEMINAR

Wednesday September 18, 2013
6:00-8:45PM **2 CEU**
Pasquale's Restaurant, Royal Oak

Protecting Michigan's Most Vulnerable Children and Adults

Christine Farrell RDH, MS
& Cynthia Farrell

HALF DAY MORNING SEMINAR

Friday December 6, 2013
Red Run Golf Club, Royal Oak
8:30AM-1:30PM **4 CEU**

Forensic Dentistry- From the Medical Examiner's Office to Mass Disaster

Gary Berman DDS, DBAFO

Better Treatment Better Outcomes

Lynne Moseley DDS
*ADHA Members: \$60
DDS: \$140 Staff/Others: \$80



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EVENING SEMINAR

Wednesday February 5, 2014
6:00-8:45PM **2 CEU**
Farmington Community Library

Using Foods to Fight Pain

Kerrie Saunders MS, LLP, PhD

EVENING SEMINAR

Thursday March 13, 2014
6:00-8:45PM **2 CEU**
Bloomfield Twp. Public Library

Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Review for the Dental Hygienist

David Smith DDS, MSA

EVENING SEMINAR

Wednesday April 16, 2014
6:00-8:45PM **2 CEU**
Troy Community Center

Diagnosis and Treatment Fallacies

Jeffery Walter Johnston D.D.S., M.S.

**evening seminar speakers start at 6:45PM*

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*(individual course fees: ADHA Members: \$30 DDS: \$70 Staff/Others: \$40 *unless otherwise noted)*

Mail registration to: Ann Thom, RDH 805 Forestdale Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 398-3845 amtthom@yahoo.com

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** Please provide your e-mail address as we will be e-mailing handouts if they are available prior to the seminar.*

NAME: _____

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PHONE: _____

ADHA Member # _____ Component Name: _____ DDS _____ Staff/Others _____

Registration must be received before 9/11/13 _____ \$125.00 ADHA Members _____ \$215.00 Non-Members/Staff

Continuing Education

Come see Anne Guignon, national speaker, in Muskegon on August 16th at the beautiful GVSU Marec Center, and then go to the beach! All beaches are within 20 minutes drive of the seminar venue, come spend the afternoon in the sun!

"What does biofilm have to do with chronic disease, persistent wounds and recurrent infections?" and "Say NO to daily aches and pains - Creating a healthy workspace" (pain management CE) Friday, August 16 from 8:30 - 12:30.

Early bird registration save \$15! Cost is \$55 when postmarked by July 15 - then \$70

Email Jackie Balcom at jackiebalcom111@gmail.com or call (231) 557-4880

Future seminars:

Friday, November 8, 8:30 - 12:30 "School Sealant Programs, MI PA161 Programs and Community Water Fluoridation" Earlybird reg. \$55 by Oct. 15, then \$70

Friday, March 7, 2014, 8:30 - 12:30 "Oral Health Connections, Diabetes and Hard Tissue Erosion" Earlybird reg. \$55 by Feb. 15, then \$70



Please mark your calendars so you may join MDHA in the celebration of its 90th Anniversary on October 18 to 20, 2013 during the House of Delegates weekend.

You may contact the 90th Anniversary Task Force with any ideas or questions:

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CLARIFICATION

In the May edition the article Fun Facts about MDHA stated the Board of Dentistry consisted of all dentist. As of 2013 The current Board of Dentistry does not consist of all dentists. There are 10 dentists, 4 RDH, 2 RDA. and 3 Public members.

Become familiar with www.mdhatoday.org and learn to navigate MDHA's website!! There is an easy link for a membership application, and many opportunities for continuing education credits through various components.

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