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Hello Friends and Colleagues

Thank you to all participants at the 2012/2013 Spirit of Michigan Conference at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The Welcome Reception was a MDHA group success that we will evaluate for the future. A special thank you to Henry Schein, Jamark, Premier Dental, and Surgitel for their financial support.

Thank you to the components who contributed to the MDA/MDHA Joint Session. Your support is greatly appreciated and not taken lightly. We as an executive board are planning to send a letter to vendors for their support for 2014 at the end of May. We need to be pro active and not depend on components to support this event. Thanks again for your generosity. We will inform the membership concerning the success of the 2013 meeting; as soon as the information is compiled.

Sincerely,

Melanie D. Colbert, RDH BS

MDHA President

Spirit of Michigan Meeting in Novi

MDA/MDHA joint session

Once again the dental team met to learn, to engage with vendors on the exhibit floor, and to network with colleagues. This is the spirit of Michigan, it is an amazing meeting. We have a shared goal, to learn how to treat our patient to the best of our abilities utilizing the newest technology and evidence based research. We came together during a most difficult week in our nation's history. We were all keenly aware of the breaking news on Friday; the brothers of the Boston bombing were in pursuit by the authorities and the devastation at the fertilizer plant in Texas. Our united hearts go out to all those affected by both tragedies.

Personally, I was one of the hosts for an excellent speaker on Thursday, Kelli Vrla, CSP. The morning session, "Keys to Jaw Dropping Patient Service" and the afternoon session "Being Cool Amidst the Chaos". She was full of energy and engaged the audience with her enthusiasm. She provided the attendees with an abundance of ideas to bring back to their offices. I was fortunate enough to have spent a fair amount of time with Kelli. We went to dinner the previous evening and it allowed me to interact in a relaxed environment. Kelli chose a Mediterranean restaurant, making her feel quite at home. Kelli lets everyone know, within the first few minutes of meeting her, that she is Greek and very proud of it. She shares her Greek family history and traditions peppered throughout her conversation. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and recommend hosting to anyone. It is an opportunity to help with the needed positions during the meeting as well as providing ceu's and personal growth. Volunteerism has many benefits. I have bonded with Kelli and know that we will remain in touch and hopefully she will return to Michigan to educate and entertain us once again.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bentley, RDH

MDHA President Elect

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

NEW LEGISLATIVE SURVEY:

Calling all Hygienists!! Your opinion is important to us at the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association. In order to represent all Dental Hygienists in Michigan and actively pursue their interests, we need to have current and accurate information about their practice environment.

Likewise, we need information regarding your preferences on pending issues which can affect our profession and the future practice of Dental Hygiene in our state. This information will also be used for grant proposals.

This is your opportunity to have a voice in the direction that you would like Dental Hygiene to take in Michigan. Please look for it to arrive in your email box May 15th and the site will be closed June 1st. Thank you. Your vote counts!

FREE OFFER

Sometimes an offer comes along that everyone can take advantage of! FREE!!! Premier Dental is offering "The 2pro Challenge". A fun and easy way to get samples AND see how much you can save!

Try it here www.premusa.com/try2protoday

You will get the price savings emailed RIGHT BACK!

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

MISSION OF MERCY PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If you have ever volunteered to be part of a humanitarian effort, you know what a fantastic feeling it is to be able to help the less fortunate. Anything that you can do for others is better than not helping at all.

The Michigan MOM ("Mission of Mercy") Dental Clinic Event will be held June 6-9, 2013 at the Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University. The dental treatment days are actually Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8, and the day before and after is for set-up and takedown. It is a huge undertaking and very well organized with all the equipment trucked in and set up just for this event!

Around 1000 volunteers of various types will be required to staff this event in order to help 2000 patients receive some free dental care. Many states have hosted a MOM before but this is the first time for Michigan. It is expected to attract patients from all over the state and many will come and camp out ahead of time just to have the chance to receive some dental care which is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is a wonderful opportunity for the MDA, MDHA, MDAA and other groups to come together in this great humanitarian effort; I hope you will join us!

The next step to making this happen is to recruit many volunteers!

Volunteers will be needed for many non-dental positions: registration, data entry, parking, security, set-up, take-down, food service, exit interviews, translators (especially for Spanish), pharmacists, x-ray techs, and

more. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and may choose specific shift dates and times. There will be two 6-hour shifts each day.

This humanitarian event will be well publicized and it will be a privilege to serve those in need. You will be glad you became involved in the effort.

So please take the next step and become involved...sign up today at: <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?438408>

For more information go to:

<http://www.smilemichigan.com/foundation/MissionofMercy.aspx>

YouTube has many videos from MOMs held in many states in the past. Go to www.youtube.com and search for Mission of Mercy Dental. The videos are quite inspiring.

Sincerely,

Brenda Marriott RDH, MA

Immediate Past President MDHA

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Component Updates

The Grand Rapids Dental Hygienists' Society worked with the Lakeshore Dental Hygienist Association to put on a welcome to the profession breakfast at Grand Rapids Community College. Time was spent to familiarize the students with their local components, and help them understand the benefits of membership to ADHA MDHA and their local component. They were able to relax and enjoy a healthy breakfast since they had completed all of their classes and board exams. 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. Thanks also to Suzanne Tanis who came and represented Lakeshore.

Lakeshore Component Update:

Sept. 19th seminar featuring Bonnie Nothoff, RDH, DGA and Melanie Colbert, RDH MDHA President, "Is Our Profession Going Forward or Backward?"
September 19 from 6 - 8 PM at the Grand Haven Community Center.

Continuing Education

Join Muskegon Community College for 2 days of Dental workshops. Each day will offer 3 CEU's.

May 14, 2013, 6-9pm Stepping Stone to Success Speaker: Linda Meeuwenberg, RDH, M.A., M.A., FADIA



The world is ever so constantly changing and in this changing world we must learn to adapt to the changes and continue to thrive in our business. Linda is going to teach you just this, along with many other tools to improve and grow your business. Linda's interactive lecture will teach you how to assess your skills and transfer to another arena, self marketing and social media techniques for today's changing market, how to capitalize on your soft skills, and how to change your clinical practice to meet today's challenges.

June 13, 2013, 6-9pm Keep Your Motor Runnin' Speaker: Lisa Darrow, RDH



Improve your knowledge on how sharp quality instruments make good ergonomics and economics. We will discuss new developments in instrument design and materials. We will also review ergonomic choices, how to make your instruments stay sharp and last, as well as hands-on basic instrument sharpening strategies.

Each workshop is \$60.00 or take two for \$115.00. Call 231-777-0348 to register today.



Muskegon Community College

You are invited to a Seminar!

“Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder and Cumulative Trauma Disorder”

Co-Sponsored by: The Southwest Dental Hygiene Society and Continuing Connections, LLC

Who: Laurel Falvo of Social Incites, LLC www.socialincites.com

Holly Lookagaugh-Duer, PT, DSc, GCS owner of Generation Care
www.generationcare.org

- *This course qualifies for your pain and symptom management credit*

When: Friday May 31, 2013 from 8:30am until 1:30pm

Where: Holiday Inn 12812 Harper Village Drive Battle Creek, MI 49014

For more information and registration go to: www.continuingconnections.com



Questions? Call Suzanne 231.557.1195 BOD Sponsor #299130005

Jackie Balcom, RDH, MEd, Dental Seminars and Consulting PLLC is excited to bring Anne Guignon to W. Michigan on Friday, Aug. 16th. Anne's topics will be "What does biofilm have to do with chronic disease, persistent wounds and recurrent infections?" and "Say NO to daily aches and pains!" which can be used for pain management CE. Cost is \$55 Early bird rate, and \$70 after July 15. Plan to get some summer CE in the morning and hit the beach in the afternoon!!! Call or email Jackie Balcom at (231) 557-4880 and jackiebalcom111@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE Friday November 8th when Dental Seminars and Consulting PLLC features Jill Moore, RDH, MHA, Dental Sealant Coordinator and Susan Deming, RDH, RDA, BS, Education/Fluoridation Coordinator and "School Dental Sealant Programs, Michigan's PA161 Programs, and Community Water Fluoridation." Call or email Jackie Balcom at (231) 557-4880 and jackiebalcom111@gmail.com



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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MDHA 90th Anniversary

MDHA 90th Anniversary 1923 – 2013

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.

FUN FACTS for MDHA 90th Celebration

The countdown has already begun towards the MDHA's 90th Celebration in 2013! For many of us this will be a time of reflection on all the accomplishments MDHA has championed to this profession. Others are making preparations to carry on where our predecessors have left off; knowing that oral health needs continually need to be addressed even more today. What should the Registered Dental Hygienists of Michigan do to make a difference in the health of our patients? How can we make a lasting impact to advance the cause of this profession? Our past Presidents led the MDHA to the point we are today! So we will explore the past contributions that were made in Michigan over the past 9 decades. We are starting with 1923, the first dental hygienists graduate from Michigan's ONLY dental hygiene educational program at the University of Michigan. Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) is chartered and incorporated. Dental hygiene's education, licensure requirements, and practice are determined

by the Board of Dentistry, consisting of all dentist members. Photo of the 1934 class of U of M.



<http://www.dent.umich.edu/Sindecuse/classphotos/dh>, The Bulletin, Spring 1998

CORRECTION

Misprint: From January and March Newswire please note a corrected spelling of Oakland member's Nancy Gurzick

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