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President's Message

What an exciting year! I have always been very fascinated with rocks and what rocks produce. My theme for this year is "Stepping Stones to Expand YOUR Horizons". The district visits we will be exploring the many different roads that our profession is taking and how you can make a difference in those paths. You will be able to voice your insight to what is happening in your area. My vision for this year is to have better communication between the State and Local components so we can accomplish the goal of serving the public better. I have even started the President's email blast again to keep everyone informed. If you are not receiving the information please contact our administrative assistant, Tina Ashford, tdhadirector@gmail.com

There are some exciting opportunities happening throughout the United States and TN needs to be aware of these opportunities. I have heard many concerns about employment issues throughout the state and am deeply concerned about these issues. We are not the only states that are having these issues, it is happening all over the United States. That is why ADHA is **hard** at protecting our profession. But that brings up the point of membership, without members the states can not move forward on legislation to help the issues of Access to Care. ADHA even has quarterly payments now. It is even more important to be a member and donate to Hygienists for Progress, our state political Action committee. The RDHs of TN need to be aware of the rising workforce models and how these are impacting the issue of Access to Care.

For those of you who want to be apprized of what is happening in our State; please visit our website, www.tndh.org. There is a wealth of information from CE, upcoming events, updates on your licensure, and much more. There is even a link to ADHA so you can stay connected and informed about what is happening nationwide.

Just remember there are many different kinds of roads but each started with a single stone or rock. So what is going to be your first stepping stone on your Dental Hygiene road?

Diana Saylor, RDH

Legislative Update

Legislation passed this year (2011) with a unanimous vote in the State House of Representatives and in the State Senate updating the definition of a Registered Dental Hygienist from the previous definition that was written in the 1980's.

The following is the new definition:

An act to update the current Tennessee Code Annotated, section 63-5-108, relative to dental hygienists. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

(c) (1) A dental hygienist is an individual who has graduated from a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and is licensed under this chapter to practice dental hygiene.

(2) The practice of dental hygiene means the performance of preventive, educational, and therapeutic services including the removal of all hard and soft deposits and the stain from the human teeth to the depth of the gingival sulcus, polishing natural and restored surfaces of teeth, performing clinical examination of teeth and surrounding tissues for diagnosis by the dentist, and performing other procedures that may be delegated by the dentist, under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

(3) No person shall practice dental hygiene in a manner that is separate or independent from a supervising dentist, or establish or maintain an office or a practice that is primarily devoted to the provision of dental hygiene services.

(4) A dental hygienist shall perform, under direct supervision only, root planing, subgingival curettage, administering nitrous oxide, and local anesthesia.

(5) Under general supervision a dental hygienist may provide to patients, for not more than fifteen (15) consecutive business days, all other dental hygiene services not otherwise limited to direct supervision by this chapter or rules adopted by the board, if all of the following requirements are met:

(A) The dental hygienist has at least one (1) year, full-time, or an equivalent amount of experience practicing dental hygiene;

(B) The dental hygienist complies with written protocols for emergencies that the supervising dentist establishes;

Donnella Miller, RDH, BS
Legislative Chair

House of Delegates RESOLUTIONS 2011

PR 2-8-10 Resolve to have a standing committee on Student Affairs. Moved

PR 1-1-11 Resolve to adopt PBY 1-1-11 proposed bylaws in their entirety. Amended. Moved

PR 1-8-10 Reslove that TDHA approve budget 2009-2010, line item 028, Lobbyist Contract, over expenditure in the amount of \$1,666.68 be approved. Moved

PR 3-1-11 Resolve to amend proposed budget, income line item ETSU to \$12,500.00 and expense line item 028 Lobbyist contract to \$32,500.00. Moved

PR 4-1-11 Resolve TDHA Approved Budget 2011-12, be approved, as amended. Moved

A BIG THANKS to the Delegates who served this year!

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Greetings from ADHA!

Please help spread the word about the District VI "virtual place"
to meet--District VI Listserv.

Follow the link below to sign up for the list serve.
www.adha.org/lists

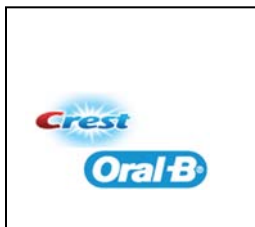
At times we really feel like there is a load on our shoulders. I have heard so many hygienists looking for jobs presently and not knowing where to turn. ADHA is the only organization that protects our profession and they hear all the concerns that its members are expressing. ADHA has invested in exploring what the environment looks like for oral health and the future of the dental hygiene profession. ADHA contracted futurists Marsha Rhea and Craig Bettles and commissioned an Environmental Scan to help explore the future of oral health and the changes dental hygienists must make to contribute to the health and well-being of society. This report intentionally focused on issues that could challenge assumptions about the profession and require ADHA to explore new and often challenging opportunities. The ADHA board used this scan to make strategic decisions about the association's priorities, programs and services in the process of developing the new 2012-15 strategic plan.

Key issues that were discussed in the Environmental Scan were the following:

Future Opportunities for Dental Hygienists: New opportunities for dental hygienists will emerge in community centers, health care organizations and retail locations, but they must work hard to secure these opportunities.
Expanding Access & Ensuring Equity in Oral Health Care: Expanding access to oral health care will be a defining issue for DHs looking to improve the health of the nation and create new opportunities for practice.
Harmonization of Practice: Public and private payers will look to harmonize standards and scope of practice to improve quality of and access to oral health care.
Growth of For-Profit Schools and Corporate Education: For-profit and corporate education programs will continue to grow creating fierce competition for jobs in some markets.
Technology Advances in Oral Health: New advances in science and technology will radically alter oral health care.
Aging Workforce: The largest and most influential generation will be retiring over the next decade and swelling the ranks of older patients with high demands for complex oral health care. These issues identified in this scan will dramatically affect the future of our profession. ADHA must rise to these challenges and practice collaborative leadership by working in tandem with other groups in order to remain a driving force in shaping the way that dental hygiene is practiced in the future. If you would like to view this document please go http://adha.org/downloads/ADHA_Environmental_Scan.pdf

So many of have taken for granted that our job will always be there and unfortunately too many of us have learned the hard way that nothing is a done deal. Please look outside the box or should I say look outside our clinical operator to what is happening around us and to fellow hygienists- the new graduates and seasoned hygienists. LET'S BE PROACTIVE!!!

**Thank You to Nashville Dental, Inc., Sonicare,
Crest/Oral-B and GSK for partnering with TDHA for
our Board of Trustees July Workshop!**



Congratulations to Evelyn Edwards!!

Evelyn was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry in June, 2011.

Since 1975, Evelyn has continually been a member of the American Dental Hygiene Association, TN Dental Hygiene Association and Local 4th District Hygiene Society.

She has served as an officer on both the local and state level and a member of the TDHA Board of Trustees for 3 terms. Evelyn served as President in 2005-2006 and has served as member of the Annual Session Council, Awards Chair, and member of the Concerned Dental Professionals Committee. She was a member of the TN Public Health Association serving on several committees and former member of their Board and also Past president and current member of the TN Academy of Dental Hygiene. She has testified before TN House and Senate committees on fluoridation and Board of Dentistry issues and worked in the first school-based dental sealant program in TN. Evelyn helped initiate the first school-based dental sealant program in Metro- Nashville and has extensive training in local emergency preparedness programs.

Sr. ADHA Delegate Experience 88th CLL Annual Session

As the Senior ADHA Delegate this year to the 88th CLL annual session, I enjoyed a wonderful and enlightening experience. Through all of the House of Delegates business sessions , the Mega Issue discussion, the CODA hearing and the Association update, the one issue that reverberated through conversations is that the needs of our world, our communities and our colleagues is changing. ADHA is addressing these changes by looking at how to better communicate the needs and available opportunities on the National, State and local levels. They are also encouraging dialogue and partnerships with organizations such as the Kellogg Foundation to increase access to care for vulnerable populations.

The ADHA passed several resolutions of definitions such as Direct payment, collaborative practice, Dental Public Health settings and Third party payment as a result of the growing trend in workforce models. All of us must recognize that our profession is changing and as Sr. ADHA delegate, I came away from this meeting ready to meet the challenge of continued growth and vision. I would be happy to share any and all materials I have related to Annual session.

**Yours,
Carmen R Pinkston RDH
Sr. ADHA Delegate**

For Carmen's complete report and resolutions passed at Annual Session, please visit our website (www.tndha.org).

2011 TDHA ANNUAL SESSION AWARD WINNERS

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

OUTSTANDING DENTAL HYGIENIST - Carmen Pinkston and Donnella Miller

TDHA SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - Kelly Gross and Jennifer Byerley

MARY LOU MARABITO AWARD - Bambi Snapp

TDHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - First District Dental Hygiene Society
and ETSU Students

CASHION-SCHMIDT AWARD- Ruth Ketron

OUTSTANDING DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT AWARDS:

ETSU: Lauren Gibson

ROANE STATE CC: Amanda Robinson

CHATTANOOGA STATE: Meagan Haswell

CONCORD COLLEGE: Maggie Curtis

TENNESSEE STATE: Julia Edelhuber

UT-MEMPHIS: Jennifer Gordon

40+ Hour Continuing Education

Clare Snyder-Branch

Carolyn Rand

Marjorie McCall

Susan Melton

Pam Gavin

Patti June Johnson

Gina Warr

Donnella Miller

Diana Saylor

Dimitri Scruggs

Mary Connie Williams

June Caine

Mary Sue McFarland

Student Table Clinic Winners

1st **Friends With Benefits**---ETSU: Olivia Edwards, Rachael DeBorde, Mary Edgar

2nd **Spitting's Image**----ETSU: Shannon Overcast, Nicole Smith, Rachel Pulliam

3rd **"Dew" You Really Want to Drink That**---TN State: Chelsea Spiceland and
Amanda Patterson

2012 TDHA ANNUAL SESSION

**Make plans NOW to attend the
Tennessee Dental Hygienists' Association
Annual Session**

April 19-21, 2012

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As President-elect, I am looking for 2012-13 councils, liaisons, and special committee members. Please consider volunteering your talents. Listed are the councils, liaisons and special committees. Our strategic plan is dependent on these councils to lead our association in their goals. It is important to remember that the council members are asked to attend the strategic planning retreat in the Fall of 2012 (September 29-30, 2012) in conjunction with the Fall BOT. Your voice is needed. Please speak up!! You can make a difference!!! Please contact me if you would like to know more about a specific council, etc. Council on: Annual Session, Association Policy and Bylaws, Continuing Education, Member Services, Student Tract, Public Relations, Regulations and Practice, Access to Care, Leadership, Liaison to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, Liaisons to each of the DH programs in the state and HyPac. Additionally, we are compiling the slate of officers for 2012-13. Your Voice, Talents, and Thoughts are NEEDED!!! President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, ADHA Jr. Delegate, HySpy Editor, Speaker of the House; Trustees for 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th districts are needed. Please go to the website tndha.org for descriptions of these offices and councils etc.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING YOUR ASSOCIATION!!

Please complete a Personal/Professional Data Form and return to me. Thanks, Mary Sue McFarland president-elect (molarscrubber@aol.com) P.O.Box 412 Oakland, TN 38060 (cell 901.734.2745)

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TDHA MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the public's total health, the mission of this association is to advance the art and science of dental hygiene by ensuring access to quality oral health care; increasing awareness of the cost-effective benefits of prevention; promoting the highest standards of dental hygiene education, licensure, practice, and research; and representing the interests of dental hygienists.

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These are great ways to stay up to date with the latest happenings in dental hygiene!