President’s Message—
--Carmen Pinkston

Just the other day; in 1913, Dr. Albert C. Fones established the first dental hygiene program in Bridgeport, Connecticut and the following year, graduated the first class of 27 dental hygienists to work in public schools. The year is now 2013 and we find ourselves celebrating 100 years of the dental hygiene profession. Our occupation has constantly been on the move; creating opportunities, breaking barriers and setting standards.

As dental hygienists, we have commanded attention, and paved the way for future endeavors. The career we have chosen has not been without challenges and setbacks, yet we have remained steadfast in not only moving forward, but in protecting what has been established for the benefit of hygienists and the general public. Let us take pride in knowing that the Tennessee Dental Hygienists’ Association is right there, continuing to make tremendous strides to ensure the continued viability of our vocation.

We are a gifted, knowledgeable and courageous organization, so join me as we celebrate the road traveled that is our past; embrace the present with the created opportunities such as our written protocol workforce model and varied educational possibilities; and finally let us reflect and define what we see as the future of our dental hygiene profession.

I ask that you work with me to establish a strong legislative presence; improve the lines of communication between our districts and allow me to be your voice in our ongoing effort to develop a sustainable future for our organization and profession.

*celebrate our past; embrace the present; define our future*

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Making a Difference - Protocol Agreement

Congratulations to the inspired Hygienists and Dentists who have entered into a written protocol agreement. Thank you for taking that leap of faith and making a difference in our communities.

Would you like to share your story? Contact TDHA President Carmen Pinkston at chinds4me@gmail.com or (901) 237-8512 and let’s talk about putting you in the “spotlight”. It may encourage others to follow your lead. I hope to hear from you, and again, THANK YOU!

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TDHA 84th Annual Session - April 2013 - Murfreesboro

TDHA Annual Session in Murfreesboro was a fast-paced weekend with many activities. The location of the Embassy Suites Hotel was close to shopping and many dining choices.

Many continuing education courses were available, covering multiple topics on oral cancer, orofacial mycology, and leadership.

The House of Delegates, representing members from all across the state, carefully and precisely performed the duties required by our governing processes.

A highlight of our meeting each year is the President’s Luncheon. We hear from our President of the accomplishments of our members during the year. Victoria Richards, our District VI Trustee, brought greetings from ADHA. It is also a time to acknowledge those members who are recognized for service to our association and dental hygiene. Recognizing our student award winners gives us a chance to see the possible leaders of our association in the future.

2013 Annual Session Award Winners

40 Hrs and Over
- Megan Cox 41
- Kellye Wilson 41
- Margo Puckett 44.5
- Jennifer Ousley 45
- Sherri Bush 47.5
- Lisa Senesac 47.5
- Marje McCall 51
- Jamie Watts 51
- Whitney Howerton 51.5
- Pamela Gavin 52
- Pat Jacobs 53

Mary Sue McFarland 54
Janna Ray 54
Ashley Rodriguez 54
Brenda Schreiber 54.5
Mike Tullos 56
Carolyn Rand 57
Patti June Johnson 58
Lori D. Higgins 60
Kelly Gross 61
Susan Melton 61
Whitney Howerton 51.5
Pamela Gavin 52
Pat Jacobs 53

Distinguished Service Award
Patricia Jacobs
9th District Memphis

TDHA Special Service Award
Evelyn Edwards (posthumous)
4th District

Mary Lou Marabito Award
Jennifer Byerley
1st District

Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student Mentor Award
Angie Maida
3rd District

President’s Award
Mary Sue McFarland
9th District

Outstanding Dental Hygienist
Carmen Pinkston
9th District

Outstanding Dental Hygienist
Carmen Pinkston
9th District

Mellisa Boyd
107 hours
Cashion-Schmitt Award

Mary Sue McFarland receiving President’s Award 2012-2013 from Elaine Elder, Awards Chair
Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student Awards

Chattanooga State Community College
Samantha J. Rector

Concorde Career College
Bretha Reeves

East Tennessee State University
Amanda McGill

Hiwassee College
Jose Acevedo

Remington College
Katren Pless

Roane State Community College
Stephanie Williams

Tennessee State University
Mikaela Gray

University of Tennessee at Memphis
Amanda Migliaccio

Student TABLE CLINIC Awards

1st Place
“Lose the Snoring for Better Mornings”
East Tennessee State University
Brittany Cagle & Jennifer Fawver

2nd Place
“Goodness Grapecious”
Tennessee State University
Rebekah Sindell

3rd Place
“Oil Pulling”
Hiwassee College
Jose Acevedo

Join ADHA & TDHA

A key benefit of your ADHA membership is all the ways we help you stay connected. From the Annual Session to National Dental Hygiene Month, you will be notified in advance of all upcoming programs and events. Our goal is to keep you informed about opportunities to network, share knowledge and explore the possibilities of your career.

Board of Dentistry

The Tennessee Board of Dentistry will hold a board meeting from September 19-20. One of the major agenda items is a Rule Making Hearing regarding changes to the continuing education and C.P.R. rules, the rules governing the practice of dentistry, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and the schools, programs, and courses.

The link below will take you to the Board of Dentistry agenda:

http://health.state.tn.us/Downloads/DENTO91913.pdf
ADHA Senior Delegate Report - Kelly Gross

As Senior Delegate, I want to thank TDHA for giving me this opportunity to represent Tennessee and meet other hygienists from around the United States. As I attended these meetings and heard from hygienists regarding their struggles and gains I am very proud to see where Tennessee ranks.

I attended the District VI workshop, June 7-9 in Little Rock, Arkansas. TDHA was represented by me and Junior ADHA Delegate Susan Melton, ADHA Delegate Mary Sue McFarland, and ADHA Alternate Delegates, Carmen Pinkston and Diana Saylor. Proposed resolutions for the House of Delegates were reviewed as well as a discussion of the open CODA hearing regarding the proposed accreditation standards for Dental Therapy programs.

ADHA celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Dental Hygiene in Boston. I attended all plenary sessions, exhibits, and receptions. Susan Melton, Carmen Pinkston and I met with ADHA’s new Governmental Affairs representative Jose Rodriguez.

I attended the ADHA association update where they announced a new partnership with the Santa Fe group whose goal is to increase ADHA’s presence and structure. I participated in the CODA open hearing and the Mega Issue forum where the topic was “What would our membership structure need to look like to be in alignment with our vision of empowering members and transforming the profession.”

I attended both the First & Second House of Delegates. The HOD did pass policy statements regarding social media, being and advocate for health literacy, the need to communicate and document dental materials information on a patient’s record. Both Susan and I attended the legislative workshop and Carmen and Mary Sue attended the membership workshop.

The 2015 ADHA Annual Session will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Donnella Miller is on the Annual Session Committee for ADHA. If any of you would like to help, I am sure Donnella would love to hear from you. Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent Tennessee.

—Kelly Gross

TDHA Needs Your Help

2014-15 Officers are needed for TDHA! Please consider volunteering for your professional association. Details of the officer and council positions are available on the TDHA website www.tndha.org. Go to the Membership dropdown and select the TDHA Procedures Manual for all of the officers positions and council position requirements.

Under the Leadership dropdown are the current members serving in these positions. Feel free to contact any of them for mentoring on the position for which you are interested.

TDHA is a tripartite of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association. It is the only professional organization that is there for the dental hygiene profession. Please consider helping your professional organization by being a part of it. Be active. Volunteer! Be it on national state, or local level. Your participation is needed and is invaluable! Please contact any current officer, local or state, for help getting started. You will be glad you did! Thank you in advance for your support!

Mary Sue

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), accredits dental schools as well as advanced dental education programs and allied dental education programs in the United States. CODA’s mission is to serve the oral health care needs of the public through the development and administration of standards that foster continuous quality improvement of dental and dental related educational programs.

CODA developed draft accreditation standards for a non-dental hygiene track for dental therapy but did not develop accreditation standards for a dental hygiene-based dental therapy track despite the fact that there were requests for development of both a dental hygiene program track and a non-dental hygiene track. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry along with the dental therapy programs, made formal requests to CODA to develop accreditation standards for both dental therapy tracks.

The Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association supports the position of ADHA to urge the commission to develop dental therapy standards for a dental hygiene-based dental therapy track. You can view the proposed accreditation standards and the ADHA talking points at www.tndha.org. CODA is accepting your comments until December 1, 2013.
**Save the Date**

The Tennessee Dental Hygienists’ Association

85th Annual Session

April 10th – April 12th 2014

Take advantage of great CE’s with speakers:

- Dr. Michael Tabor – Chief Forensic Dentist for the State of Tennessee Office of the Medical Examiner
- Noel Brandon Kelsch, RDH, RDHAP – an international speaker, writer and Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice
- Chris Mahan – Dental consultant with over 15 years of experience
- Rebecca Reynolds – Chair of the Health and Information Department at the University of Tennessee

Learn about new dental hygiene products on the market at the Product Presentation Saturday morning

****Visit with Market place vendors and exhibitors****
****Meet and Support Dental Hygiene Students as they present their Table Clinics****
****Fellowship with Colleagues - Share your Experiences – Become a Mentor****

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Group Code: TDH (Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association)

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TDHA Board of Trustees in Action

The Board of Trustees of TDHA recently met in Murfreesboro for officers and councils to report on activities and accomplishments since Annual Session last April. Many of these reports are listed in other areas of this publication.

You are invited to come to any and all of the meetings of your Board of Trustees (comprised of your state officers and the elected Trustee of each District). There is ample room in the gallery for any members to attend. Contact your Trustee for more information. The next meeting dates will be:

November 2, 2013 — Interfaith Clinic in Nashville
February 8, 2014 — Cookeville Hospital in Cookeville

The Council on Regulation and Practice met after our Summer TDHA Board of Trustees meeting in Murfreesboro on Saturday, July 20, 2013. The members of this council consist of all 10 District Trustees and Advisor, Mary Sue McFarland.

Our action plans for this year according to the TDHA Strategic planning goals are:

1. Initiate and maintain communication with our lobbyist, Mike Bivens, and our individual legislators to keep TDHA issues in the forefront.
2. Actively pursue SRP under general supervision and ask all trustees to connect with their local legislators and dentists in their districts who would favor SRP under general supervision and report to chair of council and TDHA President, Carmen Pinkston.
3. Maintain a strong legislative presence.

— Lori Higgins, Chair

Council on Member Services

So far, 2013 has been an exciting year for TDHA’s Member Services, as we have seen increased participation and enthusiasm in regards to recruiting and retaining new members. Especially noteworthy are the accomplishments of two of Tennessee’s dental hygiene programs. Both Remington College in Nashville and Concorde Career College in Memphis received the 2013 ADHA Graduate Transition award for achieving a graduate conversion rate of 90 percent or greater. These schools were recognized by ADHA and featured in the July 2013 edition of Access magazine.

On behalf of TDHA and the Council on Member Services, I would like to extend a great CONGRATULATIONS to these schools! Your hard work and dedication is benefiting our state’s membership growth and the dental hygiene profession by inspiring students to stay involved! Keep up the excellent work!

The first year for new members is key in membership retention. Our dental hygiene programs are working to transition new members, and it is our responsibility as returning members to connect with and encourage these individuals in order to make their first year as memorable as possible. I appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to serving you.

- Jennifer Fielden, Chair
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Center for Lifelong Learning
at the 91st Annual Session

June 18-24, 2014
Las Vegas <> Caesar's Palace

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