



Word of Mouth
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South Florida Dental Hygiene Association
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SFDHA

May CE Course

Those of you who attended our free Continuing education Course (2 CEU's) Wednesday May 14th at Henry Schein Dental know what an outstanding meeting our president arranged for our final meeting before our summer break. Judy O'Brien, RDH, BA presented "Fluoride Therapies and Oral Disease Management." Colgate and Schein sponsored the course, providing the facility and a sandwich/salad supper. It was a perfect combination of fellowship and education made possible by these fine corporations.

You should have received your emailed certificate by this time. If you hear of someone who did not receive their certificate, they either did not provide an email address or their spam protector blocked the delivery of the certificate. Tell them they must add your editor's email address to their contact list, then notify her so she can resend the certificate. All attendees who provided their Florida license number have had their credits registered at CE Broker.

By the way, Henry Schein Dental is holding a Miami Expo at the Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel 711 N.W 72 Avenue. Miami, 33126 , on Thursday, September 18,2008 , noon to 9 PM. This event will take on a more of a convention atmosphere with booths rather than table tops. Be looking for further announcements as the date nears.

South Miami Hostile to Local Dental Hygienist

A dental hygienist working as a salaried, part-time employee of a dentist in the city of South Miami has received a civil infraction notice demanding that she pay, within five days, \$188.13 for an occupational license. The city has cited Section I 3-1of their Code of Ordinances, "No person shall engage in or manage a business required to be licensed by the City without first having paid the amount of license tax required and complying with all zoning requirements."

It is unclear why this hygienist, only one of many working in South Miami, has been singled out. It is also unclear why a salaried employee who is not engaged in independent practice should be considered an independent practitioner in the city. Obviously, she does not

engage in or manage a business; she works in a business owned by a dentist. None of the other municipalities within Miami-Dade County consider dental hygienists to be independent practitioners requiring occupational licenses. Nurses working at South Miami Hospital and in physician's offices are not required to purchase occupational licenses. If any of you know anyone who can help this hygienist, please contact your editor by reply email. An attack on one dental hygienist is an attack on all dental hygienists.

FDHA News Flash

Next Year's Smile Day will be Thursday, April 16th, 2009

Make plans to attend!

Jackie Burt McDonough, R.D.H.

FDHA President

2007-2008

Smile day is the day hygienists from all over Florida travel to the state capitol to educate our legislators about oral public health. It's a great learning experience, for them and for us. Participation requires some planning, but is well worth your while. Mark the date in your calendar. You have a year to work on becoming a part of this great tradition.

ADHA

Time is getting short to register at the 85th Annual Session on June 18-25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Go to ADHA.org to get registration details.

ADHA Constituent and Component Officer Updates now Electronic!

ADHA has established a dedicated email address strictly for reporting Constituent and Component officer updates. Please send all officer updates to officer.update@adha.net as they occur.

Clinical Practice

FDA Approves OraVerse

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved a drug that reverses the effects of local anesthesia for patients aged 6 years and older. OraVerse is the first dental anesthesia reversal agent in the United States. The state board of dentistry should release guidelines for use soon. Let the dentist you work for know about this product.

<http://adha.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT05ODY0MyZwPTEmdT0xMDAwNTYwMzE2JmxpPTI0MDM4Ng/index.html>

NIOSH Seeks Public Comment

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) seeks public comment on a proposed national survey of healthcare workers' safety and health and a proposed national survey of employer safety and health practices. To take part in the survey go to:

<http://adha.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT05ODY0MyZwPTEmdT0xMDAwNTYwMzE2JmxpPTI0MDM5NA/index.html>

Readers Corner

From Erin Jesse: THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW YOUR CELL PHONE COULD DO

Your cell phone can be an emergency tool if you know what it can do.

1 Worldwide Emergencies: The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile phones is 112. If you are out of your network coverage area during an emergency, dial 112. Your cell phone will search all existing networks to establish the local emergency number for you. 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked..

2 Keys locked in the car: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call home. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person you are calling press the unlock button on your spare keys while holding them near the mobile phone on their end. If the connection is clear, your car will unlock, and save someone from having to drive your keys to you.

3 Hidden Battery Power: When your battery is low, you can activate a reserve by pressing the following keys: *3370#. Your cell will restart with this reserve and give you a little more battery until you can recharge. The reserve gets recharged when you charge your cell.

4 Disabling a stolen cell phone: First, check your Mobile phone's serial number by pressing in the following digits on your phone: *#06#. A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. Write this number down and keep it somewhere safe. Should your phone get stolen, you can call your service provider and give them this code. They will be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will not work. If everybody did this, there would be no point in stealing mobile phones.

5 Cell phone companies charge \$1.00 to \$2.00 or more for 411 information calls. When you need to call information option, simply dial: (800) FREE 411, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring charges.

From Betty Meador: Brass Roses Award

The Brass Roses award was designed to recognize a group of Hygienists who not only created this Society, once known as the Miami Dental Hygiene Society, but were responsible for providing the members with role models in the practice of dental hygiene. These women gave a lifetime of selfless dedication to the profession, the society, the community and each other.

Originally there were eight hygienists, all from the Miami Society. This society was the largest in the State of Florida, and they felt the need to set direction for other state societies and the members. These eight hygienists worked together closely and became slightly pushy about getting things done. They were often called "brassy hygienists" but their husbands wanted to soften their image and called them "Roses without Thorns" hence the name Brass Roses.

The Brass Roses award is presented to individuals who have contributed outstanding service to the Dental Hygiene Profession and to their Society, now called South Florida Dental Hygiene Association.

Original Members Brass Roses

Billie Burr
Toni Gunn
Margaret Jensen
Carolyn Rion
Marilyn Sturgeon
Virginia VanHorn
Lois Weighal
Etta Mae Wirt

Brass Roses Award Recipients

Barbara Amazon	1986
Paula Cericola	1987
Betty Meador	1988
Nannette Hornberger	1990
Ellen De Vito	1991
Irene Stavros	1992
Carol Ann Bach	1993
Karen Mattox	1994
Dee Orgaz	1995
Carroll Cameron	1996
Lisa Hayden	1997
Manuela Rendl	2000
Olga Rodriguez	2007

Health and Welfare

We brought you this reminder of the Brass Roses because recently we lost the two remaining members of the original group. BILLIE T. BURR passed away February 16, 2008. Billie's career as a dental hygienist began in 1953 where she worked in many prominent dental offices including the L. D. Pankey Clinic. After many years in private practice she became a faculty member at Miami-Dade Community College, Department of Dental Hygiene. She shared her clinical expertise at the College from 1978 to 1988. Billie is remembered as an excellent teacher and a leader in dental hygiene. She served as President of East Coast District Dental Hygiene Society (now South Florida Dental Hygiene Association) and Florida Dental Hygiene Association (FDHA). She remained an active member of our component until 1996 when she moved to Georgia to live near her children. She will be missed.

MARILYN STURGEON died in California on April 29th, after a long battle with pulmonary and heart disease. Marilyn graduated from Ohio State University's college of Dental Hygiene in 1953. She worked as a dental hygienist in Ohio and Florida for over 45 years, and was an active member and officer of the Florida Hygienist Association. Marilyn, who loved traveling, was also a sports enthusiast who enjoyed watching golf, football, and car racing.

Both of these founding members of our component society are listed in the Miami Herald's online guest book. It would mean a lot to their families if each of us would add a few words to their guest books. Go to www.MiamiHerald.com/obituaries then type in their last names. We can demonstrate that we care about those who helped build our profession.

Employment

From Martha Torres: I'm going on maternity leave for 3 months during the summer, I'm due June 18 could stop working anytime. I need a hygienist who is looking for temporary employment this summer. Those who could be interested can call the office.

Dr. Michael Gordon
Periodontist, 1 day a week, Wednesday 8-5, 1 hr per pt.
1045 Kaine Course Suite 204
Bal Harbor Island
Please call the office at 305 868- 4600

ADHA Launches Interactive Online Career Center!

ADHA is proud to announce the creation of a new online Career Center. This valuable tool provides nationwide employment assistance. Whether you're a second year dental

hygiene student looking for your first job in the profession or an experienced clinician looking to change locations or move into a new area such as public health, education, or research the Career Center is the place for you. This tool is **FREE** to use for job seekers! Post your resume today!

<http://careers.adha.org>

<http://adha.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT05ODY0MyZwPTEmdT0xMDAwNTYwMzE2JmXPPTI0MDM4Nw/index.html>

Employers can use the Career Center to search a nation wide network of resumes! Plus, now through June 2, 2008, potential employers can receive a 25% discount on a single 30 day job posting! Just enter the code: UP508 when prompted to enter your promotion code. Please contact Bill Termunde if you have any questions: billt@adha.net

Speaking of employment opportunities, the career center is open only to ADHA members. So attention 2008 Graduates! You've invested in your education, now it's time to invest in your career by transitioning your membership status from Student to Active. We understand making the transition from student to professional-life can involve many challenges, including financial ones and we would like to help you start *Unleashing Your Potential* by offering a grace period through December 31, 2008 on Active Membership dues. ADHA makes it convenient for you to transition. Simply grab your license number and look for the "Graduates Transition Now" button at the following locations:

[www.adha.org](http://adha.org)
<http://adha.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT05MzA1NiZwPTEmdT0xMDAwNTYwMzE2JmXPPTIyMTE4MQ/index.html>

www.myspace.com/dentalhygienist
<http://adha.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT05MzA1NiZwPTEmdT0xMDAwNTYwMzE2JmXPPTIyMTE4Mg/index.html>

Reminder about the Newsletter List Serve

You've heard this before: our listserve will be purged to remove the following people: those who block the newsletter, those whose mail boxes are full, those who have not activated their email accounts, and those who change their addresses without notifying the editor. Every month, we have had to take this action because a faulty email address can end up blocking the entire list.

The editor's address is cameronc@bellsouth.net. Be sure the editor's address is in your contact list. We will add names to the listserve only when an interested person emails us and notes that the editor's address has been added to their contact list. If you can't open the attachment, notify the editor and she will paste a copy in to the body of your email.

Once again, the success of this newsletter depends on you. Let's get the ***Word of Mouth*** out.

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