



South Florida Dental Hygiene Association

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SFDHA

Message from the President- Next Meeting

I just wanted to let you know that I spoke to Judy and Raphael from Colgate, and they have arranged for a room for our next meeting at the Schein showroom. Yeah! Judy and I have been working on this idea for a couple of months, and Raphael has already had the invitations printed out. Judy O'Brien, RDH, BA will present "Fluoride Therapies and Oral Disease Management." The Colgate Reps and Schein reps will distribute them to hygienists they see in their routes. In case you miss the handout, here is your invitation.

**Colgate and Henry Schein Dental join the
South Florida Dental Hygienists' Association
Inviting you to dinner and a free Continuing education Course (2 CEU's)
Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m..
Henry Schein Dental
2089 NW 87th Avenue
Miami, Florida**

Please let us know if you will join us, attendance is limited. Call your Colgate Representative Raphael, toll free at 305-525-5123.

Diana Galvis RDH, President

ADHA President At Miami-Dade College

An enthusiastic and highly professional group of dental hygiene students welcomed ADHA President, Jean Connor, to the medical center campus for a year end SADHA meeting. She brought Megan Fitzpatrick, ADHA's Director of Governmental Affairs with her. The new ADHA brand is a promise that the Association makes to all its members. Join after graduation and let ADHA help you unleash your potential with one of many opportunities the association creates for its members. Impressed with Miami-Dade's 100% ADHA/SADHA membership, Ms. Connor urged all of us to stay involved so that we, too, can make a difference. Remember, your first six months of full ADHA membership after graduation is free. Simply go the website <<ADHA.org>> and type in your new license number, with any changes in address, etc. ADHA will do its best to see that your conversion from student to Registered Dental Hygienist and member of ADHA goes smoothly. You are a member of one of the fastest growing professions in the country. Band together so we can bring oral health care services to all the people of Florida.

MDC also has 100% ADHA membership among its faculty. Faculty members in attendance at this inspiring meeting were Dr. Susan Hudson, Dr. Susan Kass, Lillian Mancebo, Karen Mattox, Barbara Amazon, Becky Smith, Stephanie Sommers, Ileana Pinero, Duran Mootry, and Shannon Dooley. Also in attendance were Florida SADHA President, Monica Hernandez, and the incoming senior officers of Miami-Dade's SADHA, President Marcos Acosta and Treasurer Jaysel Soto. Other seniors who will be working hard next year to acclimate the incoming freshmen include Fundraising Chair Ronald Garcia, Activities Chair Adilen Alfonso, SADHA Store Chair Alisa Satayakul, and Professionalism Chair Jen de la Cruz and her assistnat Sommer Rogers. Carroll Cameron came representing the South Florida Dental Hygiene Association.

FDHA

On Friday, April 11th, Senate Bill SB2670 passed as amended on the Senate floor. Unfortunately, FDHA was forced to request that any language pertaining to supervision levels for dental hygienists should be removed from the bill. What happened to the language that would have created public health supervision for dental hygienists? The Florida Dental Association opposed the language and in negotiations with the Governor's office, developed "alternative language" which it presented as a compromise acceptable to all dental related professional organizations. In actuality, FDA's substitute placed **MORE RESTRICTIONS** on our practice act. With FDHA's request to remove the substitution, we were able have the restrictive language deleted, but the original language was also lost.

As for the progression of the House Bill, it has not even been heard in committee yet. It is interesting that the Vice Chair of the House Health Care Committee assigned to the bill is Representative Alan Hays, a Retired Dentist. You can visit the final language of the Senate bill at www.myflsenate.com.

Even though we did not get the language that we had hoped for, we have been successful in building a relationship with the Governor's office. The most important message to take from this session is who truly lost...the under served citizens of Florida, who once again will be denied access to efficient, cost-effective preventive oral health services. FDHA will continue to fight to improve oral health for those who cannot fight for themselves. Governor Crist appears committed to improving access to care also. Please do not feel defeated as a profession. The real losers are, once again, the underserved people of our state. We recognize what has been lost. How long will it take our legislators to address this issue?

Thank you for hard work and commitment. We will return.

ADHA

Join us at the Center for Lifelong Learning 85th Annual Session this June 18 ^ 25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Come and hear the sensational keynote speaker, Debbie Reynolds, star of 'Singing in the Rain' and 'Will and Grace' on Saturday morning June 21 and enter to win a Philips Flat Panel TV courtesy of Philips Sonicare!

Just added: 2 new CE courses making up over 28 CE courses featuring the latest, cutting edge information to empower YOU! New courses are: 'The Epidemics!' <<http://adha.org/annualsession/sections/CLLASColgate.pdf>> and 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly' <<http://adha.org/annualsession/sections/CLLASCrest.pdf>>. Register online for these programs. If you have already registered and want to add these to your existing registration, call 312/440-8926. CE Courses are selling out so register Today! <http://adha.org/annualsession/index.html>.

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Just to remind you about ADHA's Myspace and Facebook pages. The sites provide information about ADHA programs and efforts. Facebook requires an account to view the ADHA page, but Myspace can be viewed by anyone at: <http://www.myspace.com/dentalhygienist>.

Clinical Practice

A Master's-level Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP) program has been established at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is the first ADHP program in the nation, made possible in part by the support of the Minnesota Dental Association after meeting with the Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association and the Minnesota Safety Net Coalition, comprised of a variety of health care organizations. A number of public health dentists also joined in the effort as individuals.

Graduates of the program will be licensed dental hygienists, educated at the Master's-level and permitted to practice an advanced scope of practice by the state board of dentistry. ADHPs will provide the preventive and educational services currently administered by dental hygienists. In addition, ADHPs will be licensed to provide prescriptive, diagnostic, and minimally invasive restorative services. The first class of 15 dental hygienists will begin in 2009 and graduate in 2012.

Readers Corner

From Nan Hornberger: Emily Wilcock, a teacher at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High is collecting of prom dresses for girls who may not be able to attend because they cannot afford a dress. If your dress, or your daughter's dress is still taking up room in your closet, here is a local charitable organization in which you can make a real difference. If you could drop a prom dress off at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High, it would be much appreciated. The school located at 3601 SW 147 Avenue between Bird Rd and Coral Way. You can just come in and drop them in the main office which is right at the main school entrance on 147 Avenue. There is plenty of visitor parking in front of the school on 147th Avenue. For more information, email Ms. Wilcock at <<ewilcock@dadeschools.net>>.

Also From Nan: Miami Northwestern High School had 46 regional winners in the annual Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) tournament, 31 that were eligible to compete at state. All 3 of Nan's students in the category of Dental Assisting advanced, along with one student who competed in Dental Terminology.

At state competition in Orlando, 8 Northwestern students placed in the top 5, with 4 of those students are going on to Texas for the National HOSA Conference. Those 4 will be competing in Extemporaneous Speaking and Medical Reading. Nan's Dental Assisting student placed 5th at state competition. Winning students competed in Medical Lab Assisting, Extemporaneous Health Poster, and Knowledge Test over Concepts of Health Care. It is interesting to note that there were 4 ninth graders, 1 tenth grader, and 3 in the 11th grade who advanced to the state level. We can expect success to continue at Northwestern.

From Betty Meador: Recycle your cell phone and do a good deed. Log on to www.gooddeedfoundation.org/aarp and follow easy prompts. You will receive a postage paid envelope or collection box. Simply put your old phones in the package and drop them in the mail. Some phones will be sold, with proceeds going to programs that help women and children escape poverty or to support climate-change initiatives. Some will go to older adults so they can make 911 call.

From Kenela Barton: *I am finally moving to Haiti* and have the opportunity to participate in an Estate Sale at my friend's, so come have fun! Know that you will be helping me to "find new homes for my acquisitions" and the money will go to support me with my move and our Tree Nursery in Kenscoff, Haiti (Donations are also gratefully accepted and are tax deductible). I am happy to be doing this sale and you will have a memento of mine!! If you have any questions about the address, please call me: 310-387-7341 for assistance with directions.

Health and Welfare

Olga Rodriguez is in Tampa with her husband, John Hourihan, to make the arrangements and take a training course on caring for him after he undergoes a stem cell transplant. We will have more specifics on a start date for the treatment and an address to send cards by the end of the week. Your editor will send you information by separate email as soon as Olga has more information. Olga was the President of South Florida Dental Hygiene Association for the two years prior to this one. She is a great asset to our organization and to our community. We want her to know that we appreciate all she has done for us and will be supporting her and John as they go through this trying time together.

Employment

The University of Florida College of Dentistry is seeking approximately 12 part-time dental hygienists across Florida to train physicians and their staffs about oral health, including the performance of a screening examination and risk assessment, application of fluoride varnish, parental education and referral. About half of these hires will be in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties. Starting July 1, 2008, Florida Medicaid will reimburse physicians for those procedures. The dental hygienists will be provided with preparatory education and the supplies to support project training efforts.

The majority of training sessions provided by the hygienists will be conducted over the lunch hours, Monday through Friday, with some potential for early morning, evening and weekend activities; all to be negotiated. Participants will be expected to provide 1–5 training sessions per week, for a total of approximately 2–10 hours per week. These time-limited dental hygienist positions offer a competitive salary of \$38 per hour with no benefits. Minimum requirements: Licensed as a dental hygienist in accordance with Chapter 466, Florida Statutes. A valid driver's license and vehicle are also required; travel expenses will be reimbursed. If you are interested in applying, please submit your online application and list of three professional references at: <https://jobs.ufl.edu/> to [requisition # 0705204](#). Questions regarding

the positions can be directed to Dr. Frank Catalanotto at fcatalanotto@dental.ufl.edu or 352-273-5970. A criminal background check and post-offer health assessment will be conducted. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a culturally diverse and inclusive faculty and staff.

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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