Texas Dental Hygiene Educators Association

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Excellence Through Education

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From the President

Greetings;

This Spring has started off like a hurricane (thank goodness we did not have that great experience this past summer & fall here along the coast). As I write this all of us are busy getting our students ready for National Boards next week and WREB in just a few more weeks. Tis the season!

Thank you to all who attended the TDHEA conference in February, it was a great success. Huge thanks go out to Holly Rice for her work with the SADHA planning committee as well as to Debbie Lyon for the her work in coordinating the excellent Professional Development program that was presented. Also many thanks is to be given to the TDHEA Board for the work behind the scenes – numerous people give a lot of time to assure that this association has a voice and events like this are successful.

There is a lot going on this spring. I heard on the news yesterday that the Legislature is half way through the session and only one bill has passed.

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HIGHLIGHTS

from TDHEA February, 2007 Business meeting

- **TDHEA Represented**

  TDHEA was represented by Holly Rice at Texas Oral Health Coalition Symposium, DHA Annual Session and other conferences relevant to dental hygiene education in Texas

- **Lobbyist Hired**

  Lobbyist Marshall Kenerdine was hired to assist TDHEA with its legislative goals.

- **Excellence through Education**

  TDHEA established a scholarship for educators seeking a master's degree

- **Letter of Support for TDHA**

  President Rice wrote a letter to TDHA in support of that organization's legislative goal of increasing the scope of dental hygiene practice to include the administration of local anesthesia.

- **Thank you to all committee members**

  President Rice thanked all TDHEA committee members for their contributions to the association over the past year.

2007 TDHEA Membership List (Individual & Institutional)

Welcome new members

If your name is not listed and you feel it should be, contact
Betty Reynard
409-880-8858

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Brenda Bode
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Rene Cornett
Kelly Craft
Kate Darnell
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Barbara DeBois
Magda de la Torre
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Robert Patterson
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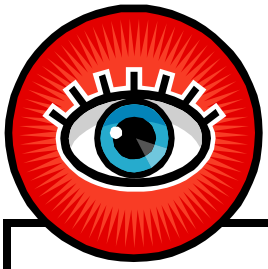

Are you interested in joining the TDHEA Speakers Bureau..

...then TDHEA is looking for you.

TDHEA has developed a Speakers Bureau. The Bureau consists of faculty who are willing to present a CE course with or without a reduced honorarium as a means of generating income for TDHEA. This income will be used by the Excellence through in Education Committee (ETE) to promote quality, accredited dental hygiene education in Texas. If you are willing to help TDHEA in this way, send your name, institutional affliation, address, phone number, e-mail address, and topic to

Christine French Beatty at cbeatty@mail.twu.edu

TDHEA Speakers Bureau

NAME / Affiliation	Topic
Barb Bennett, TSTC	Infectious Diseases
	Oral Complications of Cancer
	Prep for NO_2 Certification
Christine Beatty, TWU	Fluorides & Fluorosis
	Dental Hygiene Care for the Elderly
Renee Cornett, ACC	Instrumentation
Harold Henson, UTHSCH	Ergonomics
Marque Mathis, Blinn College	New Concepts in Dental Hygiene Care
Carolyn Ray, TWU	New AAP Perio Classification
Donna Warren, UTHSCH	Advanced Instrumentation
Angela Worrell, TSTC	Fluorides (Certified through AGD)
Becky Wright, LIT	Nutrition and Oral Health: Challenges and Concerns for the Aging Population

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TDHEA has teamed up with TDHA to support House Bill 903 and Senate Bill 974 for dental hygienists to have the opportunity to administer local anesthesia in Texas as well as House Bill 2993 for Improved Access to Oral Health for Children in Head Start Programs. This is a very exciting time for all dental hygiene educators as the impact of the local anesthesia bill could potentially impact our curriculums in a very big way. Those of you that attended the conference had an opportunity to meet and hear from our lobbyist Marshall Kenderdine. Marshall has great connections in the Capital and is actively working for us during this session. I would encourage you to contact your legislators asking for their support for these bills. My 82 yr. old father visited his Senator's office last week asking for her support for the local anesthesia bill on behalf of all the dental hygienists in the state. You just never know where your support will come from.

My best wishes for a great finish to the spring semester for all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if needed. My office number is 281-312-1517 and my email is Maribeth.Stitt@nhmccd.edu

Excellence through Education

Texas Dental Hygiene Legislative Awareness Day on Thursday, February 1, 2007 reported many positive experiences. Marshall Kenerdine, from Palestine TX, was hired to represent the interests of TDHEA during this legislative year. Mr Kenerdine has experience as an aid to members in the TX House of Representatives and the Senate. He also represents the interests of other public, non-profit, and state associations. HB 903, filed by Myra Crownover, from Denton, TX increases the scope of practice of dental hygienists, by permitting the administration of local anesthesia. A bill that would address the need to improve access to dental hygiene care could be forthcoming during this legislative session. President Maribeth Stitt will be in contact with Mr. Kenerdine on a regular basis and will be available to offer testimony to the state legislators during the coming months Past President Holly Rice encouraged all TDHEA members to contact their local legislators to offer support for HB 903 and the collaborate practice bill to be filed. HB 903 can be tracked by consumers at the following website: www.capitol.state.tx.us

Important Announcement

from the

Texas Dental Hygienists' Association

TDHA is pleased to announce the filing of three bills

for the 80th legislative session.

HB903 and SB974 are both for hygienists to have the opportunity to administer local anesthesia in Texas.

HB2993 is for Improved Access to Oral Healthcare

for Children in Head Start Programs

We would like to encourage all hygienists to contact their state legislators and ask that they support these bills. Please access this website and enter your zipcode for the names and addresses of your legislators.

www.capitol.state.tx.us

If you would like more information about either of our bills please go to :

www.texasdha.org

Or contact:

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TDHEA Annual Conference & SADHA meeting

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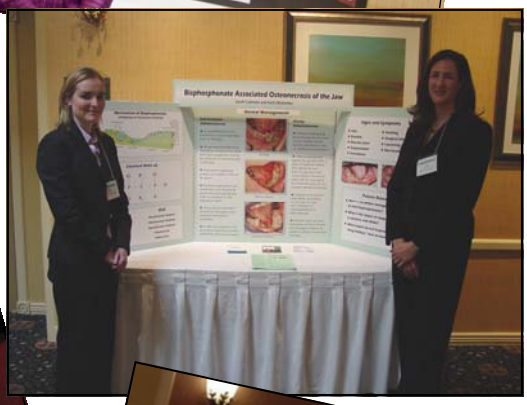
Bisphosphonate Associated Osteonecrosis of the Jaw

Faculty Corner

Check out this new website from "Texas Dentists for Change" and register your opinion

To all of you who have indicated support for hygienists being able to administer local anesthetic: please go to www.texasdentistsforchange.com and read my blog.

Please register and contribute…….

This is one way the lobbyists are telling me we can get momentum for this bill to pass!

Also, another request: in order to get this blog to as many dentists as possible, please pass this on to as many Texas dentists as you have email addresses for.

Thanks for your support on this matter….

Marc Whitmore, DDS, Plano, TX

out this website: **www.merlot.org**

It has some great learning objects!

KUDOS

Becky Wright received the Lamar Institute of Technology Alumni Association's **Distinguished Alumnus and Faculty Award,** March 29, 2007.

Lisa Harper Mallonee received Baylor College of Dentistry 2007 **Service Excellence Award.** The nominee must excel in at least 2 of 3 areas of service as specified by the TX A&M University System HCS. The Faculty Development Committee reviews the applications and makes the final decision regarding who is chosen.

Christine F. Beatty has been re-appointed to ADA, Commission on Dental Accreditation Consultant & Allied Health Education Program Site Visitor for 2007. She has also been reappointed to the National board Dental Hygiene Test Construction Committee III (Community Dental Health).

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

offers a

Community Dental Health Certificate (CDHC) through Web-based education.

This program encourages the participant to become familiar with current information and resources in order to implement programs for the underserved in the community through 12 college credit hours. It's a good review of principles of program planning, health education and communications. The participant implements a program in the community. This certificate might be helpful for those graduating students who would like to augment their community interests or for faculty who would like to brush up on their community health knowledge and experience. For more information, visit:
http://www.nwtc.edu/FLO/CertificatePDFs/Community_Dental_Health.pdf

Dental Oncology Education Program

DOEP initiatives are directed at increasing the effectiveness of dental professionals in oral cancer prevention and early detection and management of oral sequelae of cancer therapy. Ideally, every dental office should be an oral cancer prevention and detection center. The DOEP seeks to unify cancer control efforts, provide speakers and information on oral cancer prevention and detection and assist in the dissemination of this information.

WWW.DOEP.org

TX Dental Hygiene Faculty Professional Publications, Posters, and Presentations

Listed below are the professional accomplishments of Tx Dental Hygiene faculty in the past year.

Christine F. Beatty. Evaluation of Dental Public Health Learning. Presented at 5th Annual Dental Public Health Educators Workshop, U. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, Oct. 4, 2006.

Christine F. Beatty. Evaluation of Scientific Literature and Biostatistics. Presented at 5th Annual Dental Public Health Educators Workshop, U. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, Oct. 6, 2006.

Leslie DeLong, Burkhart, N. General and Oral Pathology for the Dental Hygienist, Pennsylvania: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, October, 2007.

Janice DeWald, Solomon, ES. Impact of Cultural Competence Instruction in a Dental Hygiene Program, J. Dent Educ, 71:54, 2007.

Nina Bay Infante. Student Applications and Admissions Process...Going Paperless Presented at 2 Lunch and Learn, ADEA, New Orleans, LA, March 20, 2007.

Lisa Harper Mallonee, Wright, JM, Allen, CM. Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Case Review: Bulimia Nervosa, J. Tex Dent, 123(10:976, 980-981, 2006.

Lisa Harper Mallonee, Faine, MP, Nutrition in Pregnancy, Infancy and Childhood. In: Palmer,C., Diet and Nutrition in Oral Health. 2nd ed. New Jersey: Prentice, Nov, 2006; 344-363.

Lisa Harper Mallonee, Faine, MP. Nutritional Concerns for the Dentally Compromised. In Pamer, C. Diet and Nutrition in Oral Health. 2nd ed. New Jersey: Prentice, Nov, 2006; 315-330.

Lisa Harper Mallonee, Boyd, L, Palmer,C. Nutrition and Its Impact on Periodontal therapy: Educating the Educators. Presented at ADEA, New Orleans, LA, March 19, 2007.

Donna Warren Morris, Jayne McWherter, Darla McKitrick, Harold Henson. Integrating Web-based Curriculae into Dental/Allied Dental Programs Presented at ADEA, New Orleans, LA, March 19, 2007.

Nihad Nikpour and Christine F. Beatty. Management of Diverse Clients in Oral health Care Programs. Presented by Nikpour at TSAHP Conference, Denton, TX, Sept 28, 2006.

Holly Rice. Integration of Dental Hygiene and Dental Students in a Clinical Setting. Presented at Lunch and Learn, ADEA, New Orleans, LA, March 19, 2007.

Ruth Tornwall, book review of Practical Oral Medicine, J. Dental Hygiene, 81:1, Spring, 2007.

Ann Wetmore. Taking the next Step: Advanced Dental Hygiene Traineeship in Periodontics Presented at 2 Lunch and Learn, ADEA, New Orleans, LA, March 19, 2007.

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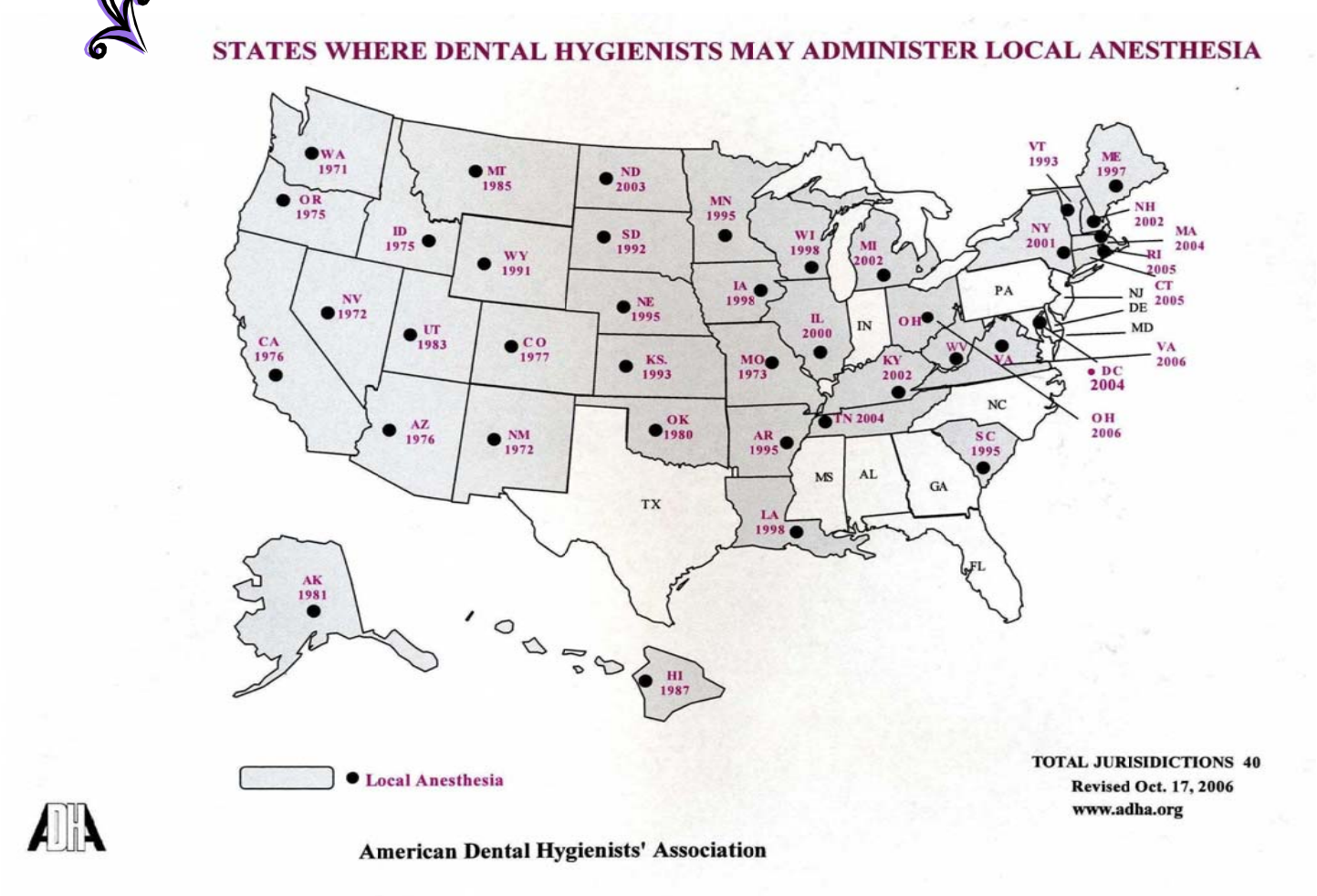
For their support of the 2007 TDHEA Annual Conference

There are many programs and individuals that deserve the appreciation and gratitude of the Texas Dental Hygiene Educators" Association. If you have the opportunity, please thank these individuals or programs below.....

Previous donations made by schools thru continuing education courses

- **Caruth Sigma Phi Alpha**
- **Temple College**
- **Wharton Community College**
- **Kingwood Community College**
- **Tyler Junior College**
- **Texas Women's University**



States that do not allow hygienists to administer local anesthesia:

- Alabama
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Maryland
- Mississippi
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Washington, D.C.

Congradulations

Nine Table Clinics were presented this year at the TDHEA/SHADA Annual

- **First Place**

  Andrea Conti, Jennifer Desormeaux, Jodi Myer, Shaista Vigil from The University of Texas Health Science Center Dental Branch at Houston Dental Hygiene program for ***Vaccination: the Next Trend in Periodontal Management.*** The faculty sponsor was Nina Bay Infante RDH, MS. The 1st place winners received $75. TDHEA will provide funding for the students to present their Table Clinic at ADHA's Annual Session

- **Second Place**

  Joni Biddlecome, Linda Lozano, Katie McLaren, and Tammy Staffieri from The University of Texas Health Science Center Dental Branch at Houston Dental Hygiene program for ***The Bottom Line on Bisphosphonates.*** The faculty sponsors were Jerry Bouquot, DDS, MSD and Ann O"Kelley Wetmore, RHD, MS. The 2nd place winners received $50.

Mark Your Calendar……..

Event	Date	Location
TDHA Director & Clinic Coord	September 27-30, 2007	Omni Parkwest, Dallas
TX/SADHA Director & Clinic Coord	February 7-9, 2008	To be announced
TDHEA Annual Conference	February 7-9, 2008	To be announced

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