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TDHEA Board of Directors
Meeting
June, 2006

Excellence Through Education

From the President

Dear Educators,

Welcome to the 2006 year with TDHEA. The new officers are Maribeth Stitt, President-Elect; Julie Mettlen, Secretary; Chris Beatty, Treasurer; and Becky Wright, Immediate Past President.

TDHEA has many accomplishments for 2005. Our website (tdhea.org) is up and running. We had a successful and well attended board review in January, 2006. Thank you to all of the faculty who participated in the review. A special thanks goes to Barbara Bennett for her continued support of TDHEA by hosting the board review. Thank you to all of the 2005 officers and committee chairmen: Becky Wright, President; Julie Mettlen, Secretary; Chris Beatty, Treasurer; Carrie Hobbs, Immediate Past President; Betty Reynard, Membership; Debbie Lyon, Conference Planning; Deborah Durham, Excellence in Education; Harold Henson, Conference Planning, and Ruth Tornwall, Newsletter. TDHEA was represented as members testified in legislative hearings. TDHEA is trying to have a closer liaison with TDHA. TDHEA appreciates the dental hygiene programs that sponsored Continuing Education courses for us this past year: Kingwood, Temple, Wharton, TWU, and Tyler. Thanks also to Lamar for printing the brochure for the annual conference.

The conference in Dallas was well attended. The professional development course by

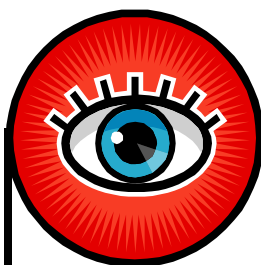
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2005 TDHEA Accomplishments

- **Dental Hygiene National Board Examination offered by Barb Bennett was an excellent fundraiser for the organization, with a record number of students attending the Houston review**
- **Five Dental Hygiene Schools hosted Continuing Education Courses and donated the proceeds to TDHEA**
- **Liaison with TDHA has brought us closer to jointly working toward common goals**
- **Members gave testimony in Austin during the last Legislative session, with some progress being made. Legislators now recognize TDHEA**
- **TDHEA 2006 Conference hosted a record number of educators**
- **TDHEA Web site: tdhea.org is online. Membership forms are available at the site, the newsletter is also on the site, and a "Members Only" section is being developed**

**2006 TDHEA
 Membership List
 (Individual &
 Institutional)**

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| David Arreguin | Kari Gould | Lisa Mallonee | Lynn Smiley |
| Chris French Beatty | Connie Griffin | Mattie Marcum | Lizabeth Spoons |
| Barbara Bennett | Marylou Gutman | Marque Mathis | Nancy Stewart |
| Patricia Campbell | Dale Hahn | Shelly Mayfield | Barbara Sullivan |
| Doris Clayton | Donna Hamil | Darla McKritrick | Marianne Tajchman |
| Leigh Ann Collins | Mallonee Harper | Jayne McWherter | Tabitha Tavoc |
| Rene Cornett | Lisa Harrell | Julie Mettlin | Amy Teage |
| Kelly Craft | Patty Harrigan | Donna Warren-Morris | Ruth Tornwall |
| Heather Crist | Carrie Hobbs | Susan Moss | Michelle Trammell |
| Martha Crump | Franci Holleman | Kellie Murphee | Deborah Vayon |
| Barbara Curran | Debra Hughes | Garland Novosad | Pamela Wade |
| Kate Darnell | Nina Infante | Cindy O'Neal | Andrea Westmoreland |
| Veronica Deaver | Mary Jacks | Susie Pearce | Ann Wetmore |
| Barbara DeBois | Glenna Johns | Carolyn Ray | Diane Wilson |
| Leslie DeLong | Jacquelyn Johnson | Betty Reynard | Becky Wright |
| Janice DeWald | Melissa Kravetz | Holly Rice | Midwestern University |
| Marianne Dryer | Rob Levy | Diane Ring | |
| LeaAnn Dunn | Debbie Lyon | Terri Robertson | If your name is not listed and you feel it should be contact |
| Deborah Durham | Melissa Machalek | Paige Robinson | Betty Reynard 409-880-8858 |
| Joanne Fletcher | Andrea Maddux | Joanne Scofield | |
| Nancy Glick | Norma Maedgon | Barbara Shearer | |



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 affiliation, address, phone number, e-mail address, and topic to

**Chris 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
Chris Beatty, TWU	Fluorides & Fluorosis
	Dental Hygiene Care for the Elderly
Renee Cornett, ACC	Instrumentation
Harold Henson, UTHSCH	Ergonomics
Mauque 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)

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Carolyn Ray and Liz Spoons was very beneficial. The table clinics were very impressive this year. Thank to the schools who participated this year. Congratulations to Elizabeth Onescu-Lee, UTHSC at Houston for the first place table clinic: Hooked on Hooka! Elizabeth and her classmates will be presenting the table clinic at ADHA in Orlando with support from TDHEA. The winner of the table clinic at TDHEA in 2005 won second place at ADHA.

A committee to establish guidelines for a scholarship for graduate education has been formed. The committee consists of Janice DeWald (Chairman), Liz Spoons, Leslie Delong, Barbara Sullivan.

TDHEA Board of Directors has recommended that a lobbyist be hired for the legislative sessions only. Brad Shields is now the lobbyist for TDHA. Brad helped to get our name before the legislative committees. A Scope of Practice Interim Study of Health Professionals, including Dental Hygiene is currently underway. TDHA has been invited to the public hearing. TDHEA has let the committee know that we would like to participate.

The website is still being developed. A "members only" section is being developed. The newsletter will be included in this section. Suggestions for this section are: resources for new faculty, member roster (listed by school affiliation and courses taught), and legislative issues. Another suggestion is to have a SADHA Advisors section and employment opportunities in the public section. If you have any further suggestions, please contact Debbie Lyon at deborah.lyon@lit.edu.

I would like to encourage all dental hygiene educators to join TDHEA this year. We have 68 members. This is your organization. Please give the BOD your suggestions. I will be working with Heather Knitter, TDHA- SADHA meeting chairman, to plan the conference in San Antonio in 2007. You may contact me at 713-683-0067 (home), work (713-500-4398) or email (holly.c.rice@uth.tmc.edu).

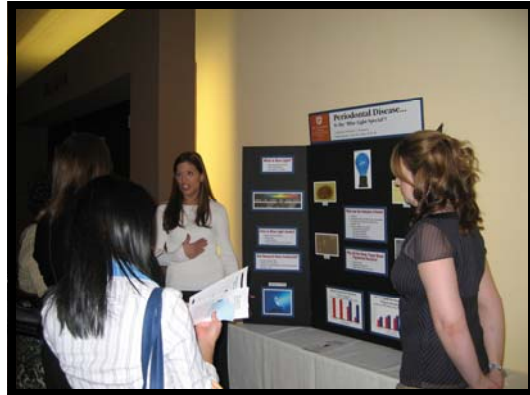
Holly C. Rice, RDH, MEd

Excellence Through Education

TDHEA members testified during 2 Legislative hearings regarding bills advocating the application of fluoride varnish by dental hygienists and dental hygiene collaborative practice, in 2005. Great strides have been made in making our voices heard in Austin and in building relationships with other professionals from many areas of healthcare. After Brad Shields was hired as the TDHA lobbyist, it was decided that he could not serve the interests of TDHEA at the same time. TDHEA BOD recommends that TDHEA hire a lobbyist only during the legislative year. Deborah Durham explained that the rules regarding dental assisting testing have not changed, but the ability to offer testing has been expanded to include accredited dental, dental hygiene, and dental assisting schools. Efforts to dilute the laws governing dental assisting were unsuccessful, under the leadership of Brad Shields during the recent review by the Sunset Commission. Deborah Durham believes Brad Shields' newsletter will continue to be posted on the TDHEA website. He was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the

re-introduction of expanded access to care issues during the next legislative session. Meetings with Senator Nelson and Representative DeLisi resulted in a friendlier attitude toward dental hygiene access to care issues, especially regarding care in long term care facilities. Temple College began providing care to residents in a long term care facility recently. Photos of students providing care in this setting will be sent to the two Public Health Committee Chairs. Deborah Durham suggested that during non-legislative years, schools could invite legislators to address their students concerning legislative issues in Austin. A Scope of Practice Interim Study of Health Professionals, including Dental Hygiene, is currently underway. TDHA has been invited to the public hearings. TDHEA has let the committee know that we would like to attend, as well.

TDHEA Annual Conference & SADHA meeting





TX DENTAL HYGIENE FACULTY PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS, POSTERS, AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Marylou Gutmann, Domestic Violence: the Dental Health Care Provider's Role. Southwest Dental Conference, Dallas, TX, January, 2006

Marylou Gutmann, Barrow SY, The Patient with Orthodontic Appliances. In Wilkins EM, Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist, 9th edition, Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, p. 453-468, 2005.

Marylou Gutmann, Janice DeWald, Scofield JC, Campbell, PR, Disciplinary Actions Associated with the Administration of Local Anesthetics against Dentists and Dental Hygienist. J Dental Hygiene 79(1): 1-9, 2005.

Marylou Gutmann, Tabitha Tavoc, Making the Principles of Ergonomics Work for You. *Dimensions Dental Hygiene* 3(1):16-21, 2005

Lisa Harper Mallonee, Pounders, R. Collaborative Dietary Intervention in the Dental Setting. American Dental Education Association, Orlando, FL, March, 2006.

Lisa Harper Mallonee, Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body, healthy Practice! Southwest Dental Conference, Dallas, TX, January, 2006, Texarkana College Dental Update, Texarkana, TX, March, 2006.

Deborah Lyon, Shows, A, Wallet-Chalambaga, K. Means of Coping Used by Southeast Texas Two-Year Institute Students During Hurricane Rita, 3rd Annual Research conference Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, March, 2006.

Holly Rice, A Comparison of the Academic Performance of Baccalaureate and Certificate Dental Hygiene Students, American Dental

Hygiene Association, Las Vegas, NE, June 2005.

Amy Teague, Jurisprudence: A Virtual Tour of Texas Law, Sigma Phi Alpha, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, April, 2006.

Amy Teague, Jurisprudence Update 2005, Sigma Phi Alpha, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, April, 2005.

Ruth Fearing Tornwall, Who's Partying in Your Lungs, Texas Society for Respiratory Care, Beaumont, TX, April, 2005.

Donna Warren, Prophy Angles and Pastes-Then an Now, *Contemporary Hygiene*, 5:18-22, 2005.



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

Donations made by schools thru continuing education courses

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

- Lamar Institute of Technology donated the mailing costs for the 2006 conference.

Suggestions for fund raisers

- Dental hygiene students present table clinics for area clinicians and charge a minimal registration fee



Faculty Resource Corner

This section includes helpful information, CDs, websites, links, etc. for faculty to use in their classes.

Oral Pathology

“53 Most Common Oral Lesions”

CD by Dr. Jerry Bouquot

Available free at UTHDB, Dept of Diagnostic Sciences 713-500-4420

Brenda.Bethea@uth.tmc.edu

Website

This website will create crossword puzzles for you. It is a free download. Students may get more out of it if they complete it in groups as a class activity.

<http://www.greeneclipsesoftware.com/eclipsecrossword/>

Do you have resources that might be helpful to other faculty? Please send them to me so that I can list them in this section.

ORAL CANCER

Prevention, Early Detection, Oral Self-Examination

A recent survey conducted by the American Dental Association to determine the knowledge of oral cancer risk factors, early warning signs, symptoms and aspects associated with having had an oral cancer examination provided startling results. Overall, the level of knowledge was low and misinformation was high. Although 79% reported having heard of oral cancer or mouth cancer, only 28% of the respondents reported ever receiving an oral cancer examination. Only 3.8% correctly recognized a white patch and 2.9% recognized a red patch as an early sign of oral cancer. While greater than 90% of respondents recognized tobacco as a primary risk factor, less than 50% accurately identified alcohol as another factor. Forty point five percent reported cheek biting as a risk factor, while only 68.6% could accurately identify sunlight as a leading cause of lip cancer.

The Dental Oncology Education Program (DOEP), a project of the Texas Cancer Council, has recently embarked on a public awareness campaign to address these needs. A brochure has been developed, available at no cost to Texas health care professionals, in both English and Spanish to address this lack of information. The brochures address basic oral factors, risk factors, signs and symptoms. Readers are guided through the seven-step self-

examination process. Color photographs offer examples of questionable subtle oral lesions.

The DOEP program is asking for your assistance as a dental professional and dental hygiene educator to take part in this public awareness campaign. Please send your request for brochures to:

Grady Basler

Project Director

Dental Oncology Education Program

1946 South IH 35,

Suite 304, Box 109,

Austin, Texas 78704

Congratulations

- **Elizabeth Lee, Valeri Cavazos, Leticia Leal Lopez, and Christine Nguyen** from The University of Texas Health Science Center Houston Dental Hygiene Program received the **first** place award of \$75 for *Hooked on Hookah*. Donna Warren- Morris served as their faculty sponsor. TDHEA also offered a \$500 reimbursement to the winning table clinic to help defray the expenses of attending the 2006 ADHA Annual Session in Florida. The students will take their table clinic to Orlando in June.

Seventeen table Clinics were presented this year at the TDHEA/SADHA Annual Conference.

- **Jennifer Thompson, Jessica Clements, and Michelle Kornett** from The University of Texas Health Science Center Houston Dental Hygiene Program received the **second** place award of \$50 for *Periodontal Disease: Is the Blue Light Special*.



Mark Your Calendar.....

Event	Date	Location
TDHA Director & Clinic Coord	September 20-24, 2006	Omni San Antonio, San Antonio
TX/SADHA Director & Clinic Coord	February 1-3, 2007	Omni San Antonio, San Antonio
TDHEA An- nual Confer- ence	February 2-3, 2007	Omni San Antonio, San Antonio
Legislative Awareness Day	March 21, 2007	Austin



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