



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MDHA is on the move!! The past few months have been very productive for our association. Members are volunteering their time and becoming more active. We are trying to make ourselves more visible and introducing a few new things as well.

I have had the opportunity to work with many of the MDHA Committees. The Membership Committee has been working hard to increase the number of hygienists in the association. We are trying to increase the number by targeting potential members attending continuing education programs offered by MDHA. Potential members who attend courses are sent a letter and an application to join their professional organization. Membership has slowly started to climb!

We also had the most successful Fall Connection on November 4th, 1995. The Annual Meeting Committee did a fabulous job organizing this meeting and are finalizing plans for the Annual Meeting held June 21-22, 1996 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. The flyers will be mailed soon so watch for yours in the mail!

I recently had the chance along with other hygienists to participate in MDHA's first Lobby Day at our state's capitol. Hygienists from private practice, public health, dental hygiene students and educators attended. We were excited to answer questions, share a few ideas and promote our profession. The Legislative Committee plans to make this a yearly event.

Hygienists throughout the state help celebrate National Dental Hygiene month in October. Governor King signed a Gubernatorial

Proclamation stating October as National Dental Hygiene Month in our state. I had a chance to be involved in toothbrush swaps during the month in which over 100 toothbrushes were given out to children. Components ran public service announcements and receptions were held to honor hygienists and hygiene students during the month.

MDHA and the Maine Dental Association met together for a joint meeting early this winter. Both organizations expressed the importance of keeping the lines of communication open. MDA also gave us a few ideas that we will try to implement to help increase our membership. One of their suggestions was to advertise MDHA membership in their monthly newsletter.

This is such an excellent time to be involved in our association. We are not standing back waiting to be noticed. We can't help but be noticed. I have been so excited since June when I was installed as MDHA President and I think that has a great deal to do with all the support I have gotten by so many hygienists in the state. It is a great feeling to know what you are doing is making a difference. So please keep participating in MDHA and be proud of your profession!

Michelle J. Gallant, RDH
President, MDHA

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED MAKE THE 1995 FALL CONNECTION A
SUCCESS!!!**

**THANKS A BUNCH!!!
MICHELLE GALLANT**

MDHA'S FIRST LOBBY DAY

On Thursday, February 1, 1996 hygienists and dental hygiene students traveled to Augusta to participate in MDHA's first Lobby Day.

Flyers were sent to each legislator and announcements were made from the floors of the Senate and House of Representatives inviting the law makers down to the Hall of Flags to meet with hygienists from private practice, public health and dental hygiene students and faculty. MDHA provided toothbrushes, samples and patient education materials for the interested legislators and staff. We were impressed that many of the legislators had listened to their hygienist and were checking to make sure they were receiving a soft brush!

Westbrook College was represented by Ellen Beaulieu and dental hygiene students Jennie Kendall and Richard Marciano. University College of Bangor was represented by SADHA President Lorraine Klug, Marie Doucette, Jeanine Robertson and Marcia Page. They did a fine job answering questions about their dental hygiene programs and helping to inform the many legislators and staff about proper brushing and flossing.

Bonnie Vaughan and Joyce Duffy represented the public health hygienists from the Advocates for Oral Health group with a display and a packet of information of the public health agencies and the public health hygienists activities throughout the state.

Debbie Andrews and Judy Feinstein from the Oral Health Program (formerly the Division of Dental Health) had a display showing the demographic distribution of dentists and dental hygienists by counties and their ratio to patients.

Patty Whitcomb, Susan Lindsay, Kim Procropchuk-Trotz, Bev Litchfield and Ramona Martin joined myself and MDHA President Michelle Gallant to greet the many representatives, senators and staff that came down to the Hall of Flags in search of toothbrushes and samples. The MDHA water bottles were a popular item while they lasted.

Thank you to all who participated and helped make our first Lobby Day a success. Those who participated enjoyed the trip to our State Capitol. We hope to make this an annual event for MDHA. It was a very positive experience and a great opportunity to promote dental hygiene and our professional association. Please join us next year!

Kris Blaisdell, RDH
Legislative Committee, Chair

RDH OF THE YEAR AWARD

It is with great pleasure that the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association recognizes Joanne Cote of Ashland, Maine as 1996 RDH of the Year. Joanne is truly a person who is committed to the profession of dental hygiene and to helping with the continuing growth of our association. The Maine Dental Hygienists' is pleased to recognize Joanne Cote as RDH of the Year because of her many years of service and dedication to her profession, to her colleagues and to her patients.

Ms. Cote was honored at the District I meeting at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston, on January 26, 1996 and at the MDHA Annual Meeting June 21, 1996 at the Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine.

WESTBROOK COLLEGE SADHA

The Westbrook College SADHA chapter has been busy fundraising this academic year. During each monthly meeting a raffle is drawn. Other fund raisers include a lobster raffle and bake sale this spring.

The two co-presidents Jennie Kendall and Allison Jones encourage student involvement and interest. The SADHA participants are looking forward to the annual spring meeting April 12-14th at Middlesex Community College, entitled "Advancing the Profession."

Calendar

March 12, 1996
"Patient Compliance with Periodontal Referral"
Mary Jo Bernier, RDH
Granite Hill P.T.
Conference Room
Brunswick, ME
2 CEUs

April 11, 1996
"Public Health Supervision Rule Change"
Center for Community Dental Health
Westbrook College
Portland, ME
2 CEUs

April 12, 1996
"Redefining Ultrasonic Therapy - Power Scaling"
Kathy Jankowski, RDH
Keeley the Katerer
Portland, ME

April 12, 1996
"Cosmetic Dentistry and the Dental Hygienist"
Dr. Jay Morgenstern
Ramada Inn
Bangor, ME

April 12, 1996
"Work Place Ergonomics Especially for the Dental Team"
Allan M. Brown, P.T., A.T.C.
Westbrook College
Portland, ME
6 CEUs

April 25, 1996
"Therapy for TMJ Disorder"
Susan Wesley, C.N.M.T.
Location: TBA
2 CEUs

Do you have an event you would like to add to our calendar? Please let us know! Send us a postcard with date, time, location and speaker.
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SCOOP Deadlines for 1996:6

Spring Issue - April 20, 1996

Fall Issue - September 8, 1996

FALL CONNECTION 1995

Where were you on November 4, 1995? The Maine Dental Hygiene Association (MDHA) put on a fantastic program held at the Down East Restaurant in Yarmouth, ME. The program consisted of the MDHA Business Meeting, two continuing education courses along with a three hour lunch-shopping break.

First, Michelle Gallant, MDHA President, opened the business meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking people for supporting MDHA. Michelle then announced that MDHA is conducting a survey. MDHA is looking for better ways to represent MDHA members. A \$5 rebate good towards MDHA sponsored courses only, will be given to everyone who completes the survey. The results of the survey will be discussed at the Annual Meeting held at the Samoset on June 21-23, 1996. Marji Harmer-Beem, President-Elect, discussed continuing education courses that MDHA is working on offering at the meeting such as: Homeopathic Medicine in Dentistry, CPR, Perio, and other possibilities. Marji encouraged MDHA members attendance in June so that our presence be noted to MDA and others.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The MDHA Continuing Education Committee has three wonderful courses to offer for 1996. On April 12 from 8:00 to 12:30, Kathy Jankowski, R.D.H. will present "Redefining Ultrasonic Therapy - Power Scaling". Ms. Jankowski has practiced dental hygiene for fourteen years and is currently a Clinical Program Specialist for Dentsply/Equipment. This course will give the dental professional information on the use and application of ultrasonic instruments with an emphasis on current theories to achieve optimal periodontal health. This course is offered in Portland at Keeley the Katerer, Warren Ave., and it will be repeated in Bangor on Friday, September 20, 1996, from 8:00 to 12:30.

On Friday, April 12, 1996, "Cosmetic Dentistry and the Dental Hygienist" will be presented by Dr. Jay Morgenstern in Bangor at the Ramada Inn, Oden Road. This course will also be repeated in Portland on Friday, September 20, 1996.

There will be an evening course in Portland presented by Dr. Laura Krause. The course will be on pain management. We will have more information on the course content at a future date. Reserve October 23 from 6:30 to 9:00 at the Dana Auditorium.

For more information contact Susan Lindsay at 879-0817 or Sherry Ritchie at 775-2191.

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Kris Blaisdell, Immediate Past President, updated everyone at the meeting on legislation regarding tobacco products.

MDHA has also been working on a revision of the MDHA Bylaws. This revision is necessary due to the growth and expansion of the association. The revision is still in process. A draft copy is available. This revision of the Bylaws will have to be presented on June 21, 1996 Samoset Meeting. One of the revisions is that the Fall Connection become a voting meeting. So please attend in June!

After the business meeting Joleen Lee, R.D.H., M.Ed. presented a course titled "Periodontics Update for the Dental Hygienist". As usual Joleen's enthusiasm captured the crowded room and everyone left with expanded knowledge. Helena Gallant-Tripp, the District I Trustee, presented a program titled "Parameters of Practice in Dental Hygiene". This course is ADHA's attempt to define the practice of dental hygiene before someone else does. This is a companion piece to the Code of Ethics. The information Helena presented was extremely informational and important for our future as hygienists.

The Maine Dental Hygiene Association wants to thank everyone who made Fall Connection 1995 possible. Your support is important to us! Please look in the mail for future information on upcoming continuing education courses and the Annual Meeting in June.

Christina Corbin-Price, R.D.H., B.S.
Secretary, Maine Dental Hygiene Association

CENTRAL VALLEY COMPONENT

The component has had some renewed interest this season. A few continuing education programs are planned for the coming months. They are as follows:

TOPIC: Patient Compliance with Periodontal Referral
Tuesday, March 12, 1996

7:00 - 9:00 2 CEUs

Speaker: Mary Jo Bernier, R.D.H.
Granite Hill P.T. Conference Room
12 Industrial Parkway, Brunswick, ME

TOPIC: Therapy for T.M.J. Disorder
Thursday, April 25, 1996

6:30 - 8:30 2 CEUs

Speaker: Susan Wesley, C.N.M.T.
Location to be announced

Calls are being made for another program during April. A local orthodontist has expressed interest in speaking about the proper time for child referrals. This may be held in the Lewiston area with the date and location to be scheduled.

There is a nominal fee for each program. Preregistration is being taken care of by Becky Johnson, R.D.H. at 883-6226. Any further questions call Monica Kilfoil at 721-8952 or 725-5831 (w).

NOTICE OF UPCOMING CE COURSE

PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION RULE CHANGE Seminar and Information Session

Supported by:

Maine Board of Dental Examiners	Oral Health Program, Bur. of Health	City of Portland - Public Health Dept.
Maine Dental Association	Advocates for Oral Health	Westbrook College
Maine Dental Hygiene Association	Center for Community Dental Health	University College of Bangor

PLACE	DATE	TIME
1. Portland - Westbrook College	Thursday, April 11, 1996	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
2. Rockland - Samoset - MDA/MDHA Annual Meeting	Saturday, June 22, 1996	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
3. Bangor - University College of Bangor	Wednesday, October 9, 1996	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

CEUs: 2 (free of charge)

A team presentation will be made to explain the recent rule change which enables hygienists to provide preventative clinical services to underserved populations under a new supervision status. The course will explain this rule change, Board notification and reporting systems, dentist supervision and liability issues, infection control, portable equipment, and give examples of programs that a private practice hygienist can provide in their local headstart, schools, nursing homes, etc.

Program Outline:

Introduction - Roger Kay, DDS, President, Maine Board of Dental Examiners

Practical Questions - Carol Williams, RDH, Former Board Member

Community Needs and Opportunities - Bonnie Vaughan, RDH, MEd, MBA, Executive Director, CCDH

Legal Issues - Tim Collier, JD, Legal Counsel to the Board of Dental Examiners

Portable Dental Equipment/Infection Control in the Field - Deb Andrews, RDH, BS, State Oral Health Program

Program Profile(s) - presented by coordinators of local programs:

- Aroostook County Action Program
- Washington County Child and Youth Program
- Center for Community Dental Health
- City of Portland
- State Oral Health Program

For more information: call (207) 287-2361/1-800-640-6886

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DATE (Choose one) (1) April 11 _____ (2) June 22 _____ (3) October 9 _____

COMMUNITY ISSUES

By Debbie Andrews, RDH, BS. Debbie is a public health hygienist working in the State Oral Health Program in the Division of Community and Family Health. She facilitates the group of public health dental hygienists called the Advocates for Dental Health.

TOBACCO ISSUES UPDATE

Survey Results: One year ago SCOOP contained a survey about tobacco use intervention practices. One hundred and eighty MDHA members and SCOOP subscribers received that issue. There were only 13 responses, a disappointing return. The results are still interesting, however, and perhaps are indicative of the practices of the average hygienist.

When asked how frequently certain types of patients are asked about tobacco use, most (11) hygienists usually or always asked adults; about half seldom asked teenagers; and all rarely or never asked children about tobacco use. Since we know that most tobacco users start before they graduate from high school, it is not too soon to ask children about tobacco use and recommend that they stop or don't use it.

Reinforcing nonusers is also very important. In this survey, 9 usually or always commended adult patients for not using tobacco; half seldom or never commended teenagers; and 10 out of 12 seldom or never commended children for not using tobacco.

Seven hygienists advised their tobacco-using patients to stop at every visit; four advised at most visits; and 2 advised during some visits. Three hygienists rated their ability to assist their tobacco-using patients in quitting as high; four felt they had a medium ability; and six hygienists rated their ability as low.

Charts did not indicate tobacco use status in a consistent manner. About half of the waiting rooms provided an anti-tobacco message.

SOUTH COAST COMPONENT OF MDHA

The South Coast Component once again invites hygienists to attend the Table Clinics given by the Westbrook College Community Dental Health Class. They will be held at Ludke Auditorium on February 26th, 1996 from 6 - 8 p.m. 1 CEU will be awarded per hour of attendance. Please call Sherry Ritchie at 775-2191 if you have any questions.

Our Component is proud to announce a donation of \$50.00 to the ADHA Institute for Oral Health on their 10th Anniversary.

FLUORIDATION

The Citizens for Better Dental Health met on February 1, 1996 at Westbrook College to discuss preliminary plans for Greater Portland public water fluoridation referendum.

Anyone interested in participating on the Steering Committee who may not have been at the last meeting, please contact Susan Cote, R.D.H. at 874-8451.

Did you know? (Courtesy of Project ASSIST)

- 74% of teenagers who smoke regret that they ever started and 64% have tried to quit. 63% of teenagers who smoke consider themselves to be addicted.

- Legal sales of cigarettes in Michigan have declined by approximately 30% since the state increased the tax on cigarettes by 50¢ per pack bringing the total tax to 75¢ per pack.

Miniposter: The Health Care Systems Committee for the ASSIST Project (American Stop Smoking Intervention Study for Cancer Prevention) is providing the enclosed flyer/mini-poster regarding tobacco use intervention. This flyer reviews several measures which your entire office staff can use to improve your approach to helping your patients stop using tobacco. Importantly, it also reminds the reader to encourage young people not to start. The measures outlined are simple but effective tools for tobacco intervention. Please share this flyer with your coworkers and consider whether or not you would change your office approach to tobacco intervention. Larger posters are available for free.

Advising our patients not to use tobacco products, explaining the negative correlation with tobacco and oral health (See "Smoking and Its Effects on Early-Onset Periodontitis", JADA, Vol. 126, August 1995, p. 1107-1113), does not have to be time consuming. It can save your patients' periodontal health as well as their lives!

For more information: about tobacco intervention in the dental office or for more flyers or large posters, call Debbie Andrews, the State Oral Health Program (formerly the Division of Dental Health), at 287-3263.

MEMBERSHIP

MDHA would like to WELCOME the following new members:

Deborah Ellis-Ricker - York
Terry Huntley - Surry
Janice McNinch - South Portland
Chandra Weymouth - Abbot
Sharyl Hussey - Ashland

MDHA would also like to take this opportunity to thank our current members for remembering to renew their 1996 membership. By keeping our membership strong, we will be able to meet the new and exciting challenges that will face the profession of dental hygiene as we head into the twenty-first century!!!

SIGMA PHI ALPHA
DENTAL HYGIENE HONOR SOCIETY



Honorary Membership

Sigma Phi Alpha is the national honor society of the dental hygiene profession. Its purpose is to recognize and honor scholarship, service and character in the field of dental hygiene. Membership is comprised of faculty charter members who found the chapters, outstanding graduates of dental hygiene programs and honorary members. Each chapter can elect up to two graduate members and one honorary member per year.

Susan Higgins was selected in 1995 as the first Honorary Member of the Chi Pi Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha. Honorary members are people outside of the dental hygiene profession who have "made an outstanding contribution to the progress and development of the art, science, literature or public understanding of the dental hygiene profession through educational or community services". Susan Higgins was chosen because of her years of service as the consumer representative on the Maine Board of Dental Examiners during which she showed strong support for the dental hygiene profession.

Sigma Phi Alpha encourages you to nominate individuals to Honorary Membership. These people may be dentists, legislators or any others who have played a role in the promotion of dental hygiene. Use the following form to nominate one or more individuals to *either* Maine chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha. The deadline is April 1, 1996.

SIGMA PHI ALPHA

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Address _____

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Westbrook College
Department of Dental Hygiene
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Attn: Ellen Beaulieu

SADHA... OUR FUTURE

I recently attended the District I SADHA Workshop held in Boston. Several hygiene students, advisors and ADHA members were in attendance. I was extremely impressed by how the students participating in SADHA are becoming more active and enthusiastic about their organization. This includes the students from University College and Westbrook College. We must ask ourselves who or what keeps these students so "pumped up" about their association? Well, it begins with the SADHA advisors. Students who undertake the intense schooling of dental hygiene could easily say they do

not have time to participate in any extra activities including SADHA. Students involved in SADHA realize how important it is to belong to their professional organization. Students are motivated to have fundraisers so they can afford to attend district and national meetings. Some of these fund raisers and meetings mean students give up precious time on weekends. Students also attend MDHA meetings, usually with their advisors close at hand. I feel without support from the schools and the leadership from the SADHA advisors, the students would not understand the importance of our professional organization. So I thank the SADHA advisors (Diane and Ruth) for donating their own time and for doing such a wonderful job with the students because... SADHA is part of MDHA's future.

Michelle J. Gallant, RDH

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Event Date: Saturday, March 30, 1996

Time: 6:30 p.m. Social
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8:00 p.m. Dancing
11:00 p.m. Dessert Buffet

Theme: "Gone With The Wind"

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

Place: CALUMET CLUB
Augusta, ME Route 116

Live Band: UMA Big Band & Aces and
Eights

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SCHOOL NEWS



WESTBROOK COLLEGE

The dental hygiene bachelor degree program at Westbrook College continues to grow. Many of the students this semester are engaged in interesting off campus projects as part of the curriculum. Mary Jo Bernier is in the second phase of the long project under the supervision of Cathy Turbyne of Turbyne Associates to investigate the feasibility of direct, in office continuing education programs on periodontal therapy. A special thank you to Cathy for her supervision and mentoring of Mary Jo in a very meaningful way.

Jennifer Michaud is currently working under the supervision of Cathy Stimpson of Procter & Gamble Company investigating the process of adoption of Actisite by hygienists and dentists in the southern Maine area. Reiche School in Portland is the setting for an innovative pilot project being conducted by Mary Aube and Jasmin Verrier. These two baccalaureate hygienists are in the process of placing sealants on the second grade school children and conducting an analysis of this school based project. This particular program is under the auspices of the City of Portland, Department of Health.

Best wishes for success to all of these students engaged in very interesting and worthwhile projects.

Congratulations to Mary Aube, R.D.H. for her recent award by the American Association of Dental Schools. Mary's project titled "Dental Hygiene Outreach at a Free Medical Clinic" was judged to be one of the most interesting and exciting examples of excellence in dental hygiene education. Mary has been invited to present a report on her work at the Quest for Excellence in Dental Education Symposium, which is part of the AADS annual session in San Francisco in March. The Westbrook College community of faculty, staff and students are very proud of Mary and her work in the community.

Ellen Beaulieu

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BANGOR

SADHA

SADHA at University College of Bangor raised \$3,000 to send 22 members to Yankee Dental Congress and will be sending 8 members to the Annual Northeast Regional SADHA Conference at Middlesex Community College in April. We would like to publicly thank MDHA and Mid ME Component for their contributions in funding our trips.

We recently had 4 students participate in Lobby Day at the State House in Augusta with MDHA.

Our activities for the spring include another food & clothing drive for the homeless and more fundraising for Yankee '97. The Seniors are busy working on Table Clinics which are open to the dental community on Tuesday, April 16 in Lincoln Hall. They are also working on Community Dentistry projects, preparing for our Annual Dental Health Fair on Wednesday, February 28 and studying for boards.

Lorraine King, President

WHAT IS A COW?

A COW is an acronym for Constituent Officers Workshop which is held in Chicago at ADHA. Participants are president and/or president-elect. There were participants from every state. It is an annual three day workshop that is funded by Colgate. This was an exciting learning and networking experience for Marji Harmer-Beem who represented Maine at the workshop.

Marji reported to the MDHA's Board on ADHA activities. ADHA is involved in legislative activities throughout the U.S.

by providing support and resource networking, also Stanley Peck, ADHA Executive Director, keeps us abreast of such issues in Washington D.C. as managed care. Other topics included discussing the executive office duties, fund raising and development, communications, and member services.

Attending the workshop was a chance to form new friendships and resources for our state association. MDHA benefits from these types of offerings and we are looking forward to sending the president-elect in November '96.

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MAINE BOARD OF EXAMINERS INFORMATION

As of January 1997, hygienists will receive an amended continuing education rule. This clarifies that courses that are directly related to the dental profession will earn category one credits, while those that are only indirectly related to the profession (business management or financial planning), will be limited to category two status. This rule became effective for dentists starting January 1996.

Reminder - The hygienist is ultimately responsible for record keeping and proof of attendance for all continuing education courses. The Board will be doing random audits.

I hope this category one clarification will be helpful for the association and components doing advanced planning of continuing education offerings for 1997 and forward.

Diane Blanchette

CALL FOR SCHOLASTIC PAPERS

Announcing: The Review Corner

MDHA's editorial staff is calling for original writing from Maine dental hygienists. The submissions for publication can include: literature review, abstracting journal articles, review of text books, case studies, and original research reports.

Mail your submissions to: Ruth Collard RDH



MDHA CELEBRATES 70!!!

MDHA will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 1996. We are looking for people who would like to help organize the celebration!

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