



Delegates Annual Conference Report

89th Annual Session
New Orleans, Louisiana



The annual American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) meeting was held in New Orleans, Louisiana from October 29 to November 2, 2013. Delegates credentialed were Mary Harrison and Robynne Peterson from Portland, Kym Goodell from Philomath, and Sheri Billetter from Corvallis.

The most exciting portion began early with Bill Clinton as the keynote speaker. His presentation on volunteerism and assisting those less fortunate was inspiring, excellent and left one with the thought of how fortunate we are to work in a career where individuals donate countless hours and provides services within and beyond the borders of our country.

The first day started with our district Caucus at 7:00 a.m. where Laurie Simpson, 10th district Trustee verified and credentialed all Oregon delegates.



Left to right: Sheri Billetter, Laurie Simpson, Mary Harrison, Robynne Peterson and Kim Goodell.

The 1st House of Delegates was called to order with President Breen presiding. After brief remarks there was a Candle Lighting Ceremony honoring all deceased members. Then the presentation of colors and national anthem.

The Bylaws & Resolutions Committee presented policies for workplace sexual harassment and promotion and proprietary of educational course materials.

The Education/CODA forum presentation involved introductory standards for a separate dental therapy program and unified standard of care and regulation of accreditation standards. Awards were presented to one nominated military assistant, business assistant, clinical assistant, educator and longest working dental assistant. The award ceremony included the first ever award of ADAA/DANB scholarships.

Five scholarships were awarded to working dental assistants who want to further their education.

Theresa Anderson, of Wentzville, Mo., plans to use her scholarship award to earn DANB certification and ADAA Fellowship.

Brittany Ashenfelter, CDA, of Indianapolis, Ind., will apply her scholarship award toward earning a master's degree

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

JANUARY 18TH

ODAA Board meeting

FEBRUARY 15TH

ODAA Board meeting

MARCH 2-8TH

Dental Assistants Recognition Week

MARCH 15TH

ODAA Board meeting

APRIL 3-5TH

Oregon Dental Conference

JUNE 21ST

ODAA Board meeting

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in clinical research administration.

Nicole Calderone, of Hemet, Calif., is pursuing California's Registered Dental Assistant in Expanded Functions II program.

Fanice Jean-Baptiste, of Lynn, Mass., plans to earn DANB's Certified Dental Assistant certification. Her scholarship award will be applied to the General Chairside Assisting component exam fees.

Maria Urita, CDA, of Joppa, Md., will use her scholarship award toward earning DANB's Restorative Functions Dental Assistant certification.

Balloting for all offices began in the early morning hours of day two. All delegates were assigned to attend Forums which were Budget, Legislative, Social Media, Resolutions, Membership, Education/CODA, Student and Business Assistant. All forums were interactive, the floor was open for questions and/or suggestions or recommendations. The membership forum presented a strategic plan and a roadmap to growing the organization.

The second House of Delegates reconvened on the third day. It involved the business segment of the meeting. The agenda included bylaws, budget and elections as well as other business. Kim Bland was elected President for the 2013-2014 year. Kim has a vision for change, and ways the ADAA needs to move forward for success. Fellowship and Mastership

convocation ceremonies were also held. There were five fellows and three masters inducted. Currently there are 119 Fellows and 21 Masters.

Installation of new officers was held Friday evening during the Gala. President Lori Paschall, President Elect Kim Bland, Vice President Maureen Mosse, and Secretary Virginia Cairrao as well as new trustees from the first, fourth, eighth and eleventh districts.

The Anna Nelson award to fund a student trustee was presented to Marina Cook from Greenville, SC.

The budget segment was presented by Larry Sepin who painted a bleak picture of the current status of ADAA and how marketing for new members will be a large part in the coming years to increase membership and move forward in a fiscally responsible manner. Currently there are 6000 dues paying members nationwide. The budget committee proposed changing to a new audit group because we have been using the same group for an extended number of years and a change was due.

The Dale Foundation held a reception for members and had information available for education. The ADAA Foundation held the traditional silent auction. Foundation officers were very happy with items donated, bidding success and exposure the Foundation received.

Sheri Billetter
1st Vice President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Once again we are beginning a New Year filled with both challenges and excitement. You have an excellent Board working in your behalf. At our Fall Planning Session in November we worked on plans and goals for the ensuing year. A strategic plan was developed and an assessment of progress will be reviewed at each ODAA Executive Board meeting.



Left to right: Bonnie Marshall, Mary Harrison, Linda Kihs, Sheri Billetter and Robynne Peterson.

As you can see, the ODAA Newsbulletin is now solely being produced on our website. This is the result of the survey we sent out earlier this past year. It seemed most of our members were in favor of "going green" and saving paper in producing a hard copy and sent through the mail. We will, however, let you know by e-mail that a new published Newsbulletin is available for view by visiting oregondentalassistants.com.

Wreaths Across America is always a solemn but memorable time. Held on the second Saturday in December. Since 1992, rain, snow or shine, the annual laying of wreaths has taken place for veterans buried in specific cemeteries throughout the country. The Mission: *Remember* the fallen who gave of their tomorrows with



family and loved ones, so that we can enjoy our todays; *Honor* those who serve, the men and women of the armed forces who put themselves in harm's way to protect; *Teach* our children about the freedoms we enjoy each day, and the great cost at which they were purchased.



"To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen.
To be lost is not the worst that can happen.....to be forgotten is the worst."

Pierre Claeysens (1909-2003)

Mary Harrison and Linda Kihs of the ODAA Executive Board were privileged volunteers. Perhaps you may have seen us on the 10:00 o'clock news on channel 12. Mary was given the opportunity to say a few words.

I would like to encourage you to review our website from time to time. Helpful hints are published monthly and look for a continuing education course in hopefully late January.

Linda Kihs,
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Dr. Faith Sai So Leong: The first Chinese woman dentist

By Daniel Demers, DrBicuspid.com contributing writer

When Faith Sai So Leong graduated from the San Francisco College of Physicians and Surgeons (P & S, now the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry) in 1905, she received "rousing applause by her classmates." She was the only woman in the class of 40 and, according to a 1907 article by Ruth Berg of the San Francisco Sunday Call, "her fellow students were her loyal friends."

The P & S yearbook in 1905 claimed she was "universally esteemed and respected" by both classmates and professors. But something else happened that fateful June day...

Read more at: <http://www.drBicuspid.com/index.aspx?sec=nws&sub=rad&pag=dis&ItemID=314841>



Creston Children's Dental Clinic welcomes dental assistant volunteers.

Since the clinic's inception in 1962, more than 50,000 children have received dental care. If you have a passion for children and would like to come tour the clinic or volunteer, please give us a call 503-916-5808 or visit our website at www.crestondental.org. Our hours of operation are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:40 - 3:30.

While helping kids is a great reason to volunteer at Creston, there's an equally important reason to get involved: Volunteering is good for your health!



Marie Allen of Cottage Grove

Marcia, an ODA Past President, has a passion of local Cottage Grove history, working with the Historical Society and the Covered Bridge Festival. Rare films of community life in the 1930's are restored and preserved, thanks to Marcia's vision.

NEW AFFINITY REWARDS CREDIT CARD FROM American Dental Assistants Association

The American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) and UMB Card Partner (cardpartner.com) have joined forces to launch the American Dental Assistants Association affinity Visa Platinum Rewards credit card.

For the life of the card program, ADAA will receive a portion of every dollar that each cardholder charges. The ADAA Visa Platinum Rewards card offers qualified cardholders exceptional benefits including competitive rates and terms.

Find out more about The American Dental Assistants Association Visa Platinum Rewards card and apply online by visiting <http://www.cardpartner.com/pro/app/adaa>.

Looking Ahead to the Oregon Dental Conference

April 3-5, 2014 • Portland, OR

Education Chair, Sheri Billetter has some excellent speakers and topics lined up for the Oregon Dental Conference April 3-5, 2014.



Thursday April 3rd

Alternative Medications and Their Impact on Patient Care: Nutrition, Aging, and Oral Health

Friday April 4th

Defining and Integrating Social Media and SEO into the Dental Practice

Saturday April 5th

Introduction to Dental Sleep Medicine for the General Dental Team

Sleep Bruxism

(Be watching for a complete listing of all educational classes that will be coming from ODA)

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***CALLING ALL DENTAL ASSISTANTS!**

Make sure to stop by the ODAA table, located in Pre-Function A of the Oregon Convention Center to "spin the wheel" for a chance to win some great prizes.



Dental Assisting: Embracing the Changes of the Profession

March 2-8, 2014



Contributing to quality dental care, today's dental assistants are role models of professional development. Strengthening the entire dental team, they enhance patient satisfaction throughout the world.

March 2-8, 2014, has been designated by the American Dental Assistants Association, along with the American Dental Association, the Canadian Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Assistants' Association, as the perfect time to acknowledge and recognize the versatile, multitalented member of your dental team — your Dental Assistant.



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