

The **AADH** Times

President's Message

Aloha Everyone!



It is always wonderful to reunite with old friends and make the circle larger with new ones. To all of you, who gathered to attend our annual business meeting at the *RDH Under One Roof Conference*, in Orlando, I'd like to say thank you! I'd especially like to thank Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS, FAADH, for all that she has done in her service as AADH President from 2008-2010. Tricia is an exceptional leader. I was very fortunate to have her example to follow and have learned a tremendous amount.

Another HUGE thank you goes out to all who attended our Educational Presentation. It was wonderful to stand at the front of the room, look out and see such a great turnout for "Exploring Systemic Disease Pharmacologic Connection" presented by Marilyn Cortell, RDH, MS, FAADH. Marilyn did an outstanding presentation that was very well received. Thank you, Marilyn! You really did us proud!

At the meeting, it came to my attention that Maria Perno Goldie, RDH, BA, MS, had just been installed to the prestigious position of President of the International Federation of Dental Hygienists. I'd like to offer sincere congratulations to her. We are all very proud of you, Maria, and wish you the very best during your term.

Between continuing education courses, the new booth was admired by many who sauntered through the exhibit hall. For those who have not seen it, it is truly impressive (see page 4).

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Welcome
to the
*American Academy
of Dental Hygiene*

Our vision is professional
growth through
leadership, mentorship
and fellowship.

Our mission is to:

- Foster the continuing pursuit of education and research in the art and science of dental hygiene;
- Provide formal recognition of excellence in the practice of dental hygiene;
- Recognize distinguished community service in the effort to foster improved oral health.

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Thank you to the Public Relations Committee, particularly Marilyn Cortell, RDH, MS, and Lois Dreyer RDH, MSDH, for working diligently with the artist, President Osuna, Executive Committee, and Governing Council to bring this project to fruition. It created an entirely different experience and feeling of professionalism for those of us who spent time at the booth.

Added to the pride and pleasure of our new professional booth was the opportunity to provide our members with the **new AADH pins**, designed by last year's Membership Committee, with Lois Sobel, RDH, as Chair. Another heartfelt thank you goes out in that direction. These beautiful pins are being worn by our members with great pride. If you have not received a new pin, they are available to our members by simply submitting a request to Mary Calka, RDH, AADH Administrative Assistant Extraordinaire.

With the Annual Meeting and Conference behind us, I would like to welcome new officers to the Executive Committee and Governing Council members.

Nominations were taken from the floor for the position of President Elect and, I am very happy to announce that Kristy Manage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT, is now your President-Elect. In addition, Lynn Southerland, RDH, BS was elected Treasurer; and newly elected Governing Council Members include Sue Humphrey, BDH, MSED, Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA, Debbye Krueger, RDH, BS, and Anita Roth, RDH, BSDH. Margaret Fehrenbach, RDH, MS, will be Editor for the *Times*.

Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for stepping forward and taking on this responsibility alongside returning officers, Governing Council Members, Committee members, and our Administrative Assistant. It is wonderful to be surrounded by so much enthusiasm and passion. We really have a terrific team! Just take a look at the list of Officers and Governing Council:



2010-2012 Officers:

President: Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH Term 2010-2012
 President-Elect: Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT Term 2010-2012
 Treasurer: Lynn Southerland, RDH, BS Term 2010-2012
 Secretary: Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH Term 2008-2011
 Immediate Past President: Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS, FAADH Term 2010-2012
 Administrative Assistant: Mary Calka, RDH

Governing Council:

Lois Sobel, RDH - Chair	Term 2008-2011
Donna Grzegorek, RDH	Term 2009-2011
Debbye Krueger, RDH, BS	Term 2010-2012
Sue Humphrey, RDH, MSED, FAADH	Term 2010-2012
Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA	Term 2010-2012
Anita Roth, RDH, BSDH	Term 2010-2011

As I step into my new role as President, I am truly honored for the opportunity to serve you. It is my hope to continue the progress initiated by the leaders before me, in addition to implementing your suggestions and new ideas as we continue on this forward path.

My goals are:

- To continue to build relationships between AADH and corporate entities, to further encourage their participation, usage, and support of our vision.
- To increase AADH recognized course providers.
- To increase membership and active involvement in AADH.
- To increase acceptance and recognition of AADH for CE certification by individual state regulatory agencies.

Please continue to contact me to share your thoughts, ideas, and vision for the future of the Academy with me. I value your input.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish you (and your precious circle of friends and family) health, security, and countless memorable moments of joy and laughter.

Sincerely,

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

The Role of the American Academy of Dental Hygiene in Defining a Profession

There are numerous sources who discuss the characteristics of a profession, and in looking to the nursing profession, most agree that the following define a profession:



- Draws on a well-defined body of intellectual knowledge;
- Uses the scientific methods to enlarge that body of knowledge, improving education and service;
- Educates its practitioners in institutions of higher learning;
- Functions autonomously in control of professional policy and activity and functions within a code of ethics;
- Is composed of individuals who consider this occupation as their lifework, contributing to the good of society through service to others;
- Requires continuous professional development.¹

The AADH was formed to meet the need for life-long learning, and is the only organization that has established credentialing for continuing education by dental hygienists for dental hygienists. This year as the President-Elect, I have also volunteered to oversee the Course Approval Committee. Leslie

Andrews, RDH, MS, the Chair for the past 2 years, and the Committee, worked diligently to put systems in place to update and bring our approval process in line with new technology as well as advance our presence in the community. We thank Leslie and the committee for all of their hard work and dedication!

Moving forward, the committee will continue to contact state dental boards/dental hygiene committees to request that AADH be listed as a recognized provider of continuing education. We will evolve our program to assure that courses approved by the Academy meet our rigorous standards to optimize the delivery of oral health care and provide our members with the opportunity to achieve Academy credentials.

The Academy demonstrates an important tenet of a profession, and each and every member is a part of assuring that dental hygiene is, in fact, considered a profession. In closing, we acknowledge our current approved providers. They have agreed to the Academy standards and gone through a meticulous approval process. As providers of AADH continuing education, they demonstrate their commitment to advancing the art and science of our profession while supporting the mission and vision of the AADH. Look for our logo, support these providers, and proudly wear our membership pin (see page 7) to demonstrate your commitment to life-long learning and the professionalization of dental hygiene.

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Editor's Note

The *AADH Times* is interested in publishing news about your professional projects, publications, CE presentations, and other accomplishments. The deadline for the Summer Issue is **April 1, 2011**. Please submit all material in MS Word. If you are submitting photos, please include a caption with the names of people included as the title of the photo.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

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American Academy of Dental Hygiene

Approved Provider through December 31, 2011

AADH Approved Providers of Continuing Education – Look for the Logo!

Academic Institution Providers

Farmingdale State University
New York City College of Technology
New York University
Orange County Community College

Corporate Providers

AlDent Learning Center
Aspen Dental
Cetylite Industries
Dental Hygiene Seminars
HealthPro Staffing Resources
MidWest Dental
PennWell Corporation
Philips Sonicare
Sunstar (Butler)

National Association Providers

American Dental Hygienists' Association
European Association of Registered Dental Hygienists
International Federation of Dental Hygienists

State/Component Association Providers

Dental Hygienists' Association of the City of New York
Greater New Orleans Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities
Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association
Westchester Dental Hygienists' Association

Individual/Member Providers

Maria Goldie, RDH, MS
Debbie Krueger, RDH, BS
Carol Lee, RDH, MS
Pat Pine, RDH
Professional Learning Services

To become an AADH recognized provider, visit www.aadh.org – click on the continuing education link.

Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT, President-Elect & Chair, Course Approval Committee

1. Bradley C: Profession or trade? It's up to nurses to answer the age-old question. [Nurse Week](#), October 9, 2000; accessed October 6, 2010.

Become a Fellow in the American Academy of Dental Hygiene

*An award of Fellowship in AADH is a recognition of achievement in a specific concentration.
All criteria for Fellowship is available on the website.*

SCENES FROM 2010 ANNUAL MEETING



Installation of President Diane Brucato Thomas by New Immediate Past President Tricia Osuna



GC Members Jane Weiner, Nancy Barnes, Carla Gantz, Donna Grzegorek are recognized



Fellow Convocation awarded to Sue Humphrey by Tricia Osuna



Thanks to Immediate Past President Mary Calka by Tricia Osuna



Thanks to Secretary Winnie Furnari by Tricia Osuna



New AADH booth!



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2010-2011 AADH COMMITTEES

Membership Committee

Lois Sobel, RDH - Chair
Sue Humphrey, RDH, MEd, FAADH
Donna Grzegorek, RDH
Anita Roth, RDH, BSDH
Dawn Kasper, RDH, BS
Cindy Kleiman, CDA, RDH, BS
Lois Dreyer, RDH, MSDH
Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS, FAADH

Public Relations

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Marilyn Cortell, RDH, MS, FAADH
Sue Burzynski, RDH, BS, MsEd
Lois Dreyer, RDH, MSDH
Kristen LeClair Dowling, RDHAP, BA

Minutes Review Committee

Donna Grzegorek, RDH

Course Approval Committee

Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT - Chair
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Marcia Lorentzen, RDH, MS
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Wendy St. Cyr, RDH, BS
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Procedures Sub-Committee

Carla Gantz, RDH, BS
Linda Bohacek, RDH, MA, FAADH
Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA

Fellowship Approval Committee

Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH - Chair
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Jane Weiner, RDH
Dawn Kasper, RDH, BS
Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA

Nominations Committee

Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS, FAADH - Chair
Jane Weiner, RDH
Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT

Finance Committee

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Vicki Munday, RDH
Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT
Lynn Southerland, RDH, BS

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Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH -
Consultant

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Carla Gantz, RDH, BS
Joyce Turcotte, RDH, BSDHEd, MEd

Annual Meeting Committee

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Diane Brucato Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH
Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT

Awards Committee

Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH - Chair



Welcome new members!



Kelli Swanson Jaecks, RDH, MA holds a Master's degree from Oregon State University in Communication and Adult Education and a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from Oregon Health Sciences University. She is an ADA

Cell Seminar Series speaker for 2010-2011. Kelli is an active leader in the ADHA, serving at the local, state and national levels and was recently elected ADHA District XII Trustee.

Kelli is employed as a clinical specialist for OralDNA Labs, and is president of [Verbal Impact, LLC](#), an educational company offering healthcare courses, keynotes and workshops.

Ed. note: our apologies to Kelli for the wrong picture in the initial newsletter!



New membership pins are always available

Debbie Hartman, RDHAP (Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice), AA, is the owner of Debra Anne Hartman Professional Dental Hygiene Corporation, [A Smile To You](#) (in Los Angeles and Orange County) and is the CDHA Liaison to the Oral Cancer Foundation among numerous Board positions in her local San Gabriel Valley Dental Hygiene Society.



Hartman's mobile dental hygiene practice exemplifies a strong emphasis on preventive dental health education to minimize dental disease and pain for the home-bound with special needs to the participants at a WIC Facility, (Women, Infants & Children) where ECC is quite prevalent. For 28 years, Debbie has sustained an unwavering vehemence and devotion to the ideals in the strength of our professional affiliations and collaboration.



Member Leslie Andrews, RDH, MBA, (in red) after receiving last fall's CDHA award, having dinner with her local component. Fellow member, Mary Calka, RDH, also attended (2nd from left in back row).

Leslie Andrews, RDH, MBA Named the 2009 CDHA Mabel C. McCarthy Award Recipient

The Mabel C. McCarthy Award is presented to a state member who has promoted dental hygiene in an outstanding manner. The 2009 Connecticut Dental Hygienists' Association recipient was member Leslie Andrews, RDH, MBA. Her dental hygiene career has included private practice as well as a Professional Educator for Philips Sonicare. While there, she developed the first CE program to teach alternative medicine to the dental community and subsequently authored several articles in dental hygiene journals. A proud member of AADH, she has served as committee chair for Public Relations and, most recently, Course Approval.



MEMBER PRESIDENT



Member Maria Perno Goldie, RDH, BA, MS, was installed as the 2010-2013 President of the [International Federation of Dental Hygienists](#) (IFDH) during the closing ceremony of the IFDH in Glasgow, Scotland.

Goldie has served in numerous positions within the IFDH and the American Dental Hygienists' Association, including President-Elect of the IFDH. She is a Professional Member of National Speakers Association, visiting faculty at the Universities of Rome and Pisa, and a researcher, author, and speaker.

MORE IFDH NEWS:

IFDH Special Interest Group for Dental Hygiene Practice in Health Care Facilities and Client Homes

An initiative to form an [International Federation of Dental Hygiene](#) (IFDH) special interest group (SIG) has been inaugurated by three dental hygienists, AADH member Cindy Kleiman - U.S.A., Mickey Emmons Wener – Canada, and Yael Carlin - Israel. The intent is to support dental hygienists whose passion is focused on caring for those who are dependent on others.



The group is intended both for dental hygienists already working and those considering working in chronic and acute care hospitals, personal care homes, special needs schools, mobile practices for homebound clients, and longterm care facilities.

The SIG, in conjunction with the IFDH, would provide an avenue for networking throughout the world. In addition, it is hoped to have collaborative efforts with other healthcare providers. The plan is to connect through an international network that allows communication via email and social networks.

To learn more about this exciting new initiative, please contact [Cindy Kleiman, CDA, RDH, BS](#).

MEMBER ATTENDS SUMMIT

Member Christel Autuori has been chosen as Co-President of [Cape CARES](#), a humanitarian organization that brings medical and dental care to the poor and needy of southern Honduras. Cape CARES had been selected to appear at a Summit sponsored by the Center for Citizen Diplomacy in Washington, DC this past fall. Cape CARES has also been chosen for its best practices in Global Health and was showcased at this summit.



Autuori feels honored and privileged to be invited to this historic summit, the goal of which is to encourage other American citizens to volunteer and/or work abroad and serve as citizen diplomats. She works as a dental hygienist in Ridgefield, CT.

DISTINCTIVE MEMBER

Member Susan Pennella Burzynski, RDH, MEd, of Tonawanda, NY, is a recipient of the [2010 Sunstar of Americas/RDH Magazine Award of Distinction](#) this past summer. In the magazine, she tells how a congenital hearing loss has not stopped her from achieving her goals. After 28 years in practice, she obtained both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees.



Burzynski not only gives to her patients, she also volunteers with hospice, Red Cross, she also raises money for oral cancer awareness, and coordinates and creates care packages for overseas military personnel. She is also serving a second term for the Buffalo Dental Hygiene Association and

conducts sealant clinics with her state group.

MEMBER ON MISSION

Member Mary L. Kellerman RDH, MS, FAADH, went on a dental mission to the Ukraine this past May with a team of two other dental hygienists from Massachusetts. They visited several orphanages there under the auspices of [Universal Aid to Children](#). They also visited with the Head of Children's Dentistry of Odessa, Dr. Oxana Denga and the former Minister of Health, Dr. Constantine; both are very interested in starting a Dental Hygiene Program possibly commencing in 2011.



Over 300 children received education, screenings, fluoride varnishes, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Kellerman is also the 2007 recipient of the Dr. Esther M. Wilkins Distinguished Alumna Award at Forsyth. She works as a dental hygienist for the Cambridge Health Alliance in Cambridge, MA.

**Next Governing
Council Meeting
Call Dates**

**10/27/10
1/26/11
4/13/11
7/13/11**

SMILES TO KIDS

Member Harriet H Kushins, CDA, RDH, MA is a member of Gives Kid A Smile Foundation (GKS), a non-profit corporation and an affiliate of the National Children's Oral Health Foundation. Her group recently sponsored "[Give Kids A Smile Day](#)", an oral healthcare fair in Montclair, NJ. They provided free dental screenings and fluoride treatments for over 200 children with limited or no access to dental care.



Kushins also recently published an article in *Dimensions of Dental Hygiene* (April 2010) on "[The Ranula: Recognizing and treating this rare oral lesion](#)". She is a clinical instructor in the Department of Health Professions, Dental Hygiene, Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ.



*Remembrance and reflection
how allied.*

*What thin partitions divides
sense from thought.*

Alexander Pope

**AADH Annual Meeting 2011
July 2011**

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 565-1234

Annual Business Meeting:
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

CE Course:

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Speaker: Olga Ibsen, RDH, MS
Course Title: "*Oral Pathology
for Dental Professionals*"

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