



CDAA
Journal



CDAA Officers 2009 - 2010

Left to right – Back row: Shelly Sorensen and Joanna Clarke
Front row: Lois Parento, Kristy Borquez, Terri Kron, Georgie Vargas-Burket

President's Message

Kristy S. Borquez, CDA, RDAEF, FADAA

Greetings! It is that time of the year when we are preparing for our CDAA Annual Session. It will once again take place in Burbank, CA on Saturday, April 10th. The agenda and registration info is included in this Journal. We have a great educational program scheduled, a luncheon to acknowledge past presidents of CDAA, the annual General Assembly, as well as the election and installation of officers. There are proposed bylaws changes that will need to be voted on. A copy is included in this journal for your review. We encourage all members attending to review the bylaws prior to arrival.

If you did not get a chance to volunteer at the RAM (Remote Area Medical) event in August of 2009, you have another opportunity. This free mobile dental unit is coming to the L.A. Sports Arena from April 27- May 3, 2010. A flyer with event details is posted on the CDAA home page. You can contact the Los Angeles Dental Society to register to volunteer your services: (213) 380-7669. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and to your profession.

On Friday, May 14th we will sponsor Student Recognition Day in Anaheim. It will be held in conjunction with the CDA Scientific Session. It will be a fun filled, educational event. There will be cash prizes, and great raffle gifts, such as RDA practical exam kit rentals. Information on this event is posted on the website. If you are an instructor, please sign your students up ASAP.

Lastly, the ADA Annual Conference will be held in Orlando, FL this coming October. We are looking for delegates to represent CA in the 12th district delegation. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

In an attempt to help the environment, this communication will go out electronically to any members with email addresses. It will also be posted on the website. Please visit the website: www.cdaaweb.org for the latest updates and events. Thank you.

Nominating Report

**Kelly Leonardi , CDPMA, RDA, FADAA
Nominating Committee Chair
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The election of 2010 - 2011 CDAA officers will take place on April 10, 2010. The report of the nominating committee, thus far, is as follows:

President: Kristy S. Borquez

President-elect: Open

Vice Pres.: Georgina Vargas-Burket

Secretary: Terri Kron

Treasurer: Shelly Sorensen

Note - Editor, Joanna Clarke, will be serving the second year of her two-year term.

If you are a CDAA member and are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Kelly Leonardi for the necessary qualifications and a nominating form. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor that day.

Legislative Update

Leslie Canham , CDA, RDA Government Relations Chair

As the Government Relations (GR) Chair of CDAA, I am pleased to bring information to CDAA members on issues affecting dental assisting. In addition, I am also a Co-Chair of the Dental Assisting Alliance. The California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers (CADAT) has decided to no longer participate in the Alliance, so now the Alliance is a collaboration of CDAA and Expanded Functions Dental Assistants Association (EFDA). The mission of the Alliance is to represent the common interests of CDAA and the EFDA before the Legislature, the Dental Board, and other entities and organizations.

The new duties for DAs, RDAs, RDAEFs are in place as of January 1, 2010. For a list of new DA and RDA duties, visit: www.cdaaweb.org. The Dental Board is currently updating the Allowable Duties for Dental Assistants. The table contains a list of all allowable duties for each licensure category and the level of supervision required. When approved, it will be posted to the Dental Board's website. www.dbc.ca.gov

As of January 1, 2010, all unlicensed Dental Assistants are required to take an 8 hour course in Infection Control, a course in California Dental Practice Act and maintain a current basic life support certificate. All applicants for RDA licensure must also complete these requirements.

The RDA written exam content has changed. A presentation will be made at the February 2010 dental board meeting for the new RDA exam. The written exams for both the Orthodontic Assistant and Dental Sedation Assistant permits have been finalized and the new RDAEF written examination is in its final stages.

A new procedure has been added to the RDA practical exam. The three procedures now being tested are: (1) Fabricate a temporary crown on tooth #8 ; (2) Cementation of tooth #8; (3) Place, adjust and finish a direct provisional restoration on either tooth #19DO or tooth #30 MOD, to be assigned at the examination. www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/practical_exam.pdf

To see our 67 page report on *Excerpts from the Dental Practice Act and Regulations Related to Dental Assisting*, go to the CDAA website, government relations tab and select "DA Laws Document."

The first meeting of the newly created Dental Assisting forum (DAF) took place on February 10, 2010. The DA Forum members present were:

Judy Forsythe, RDA, DB-Dental Assisting Com. Chair
Bruce L. Whitecher, DDS, DB liaison to DA Forum
Barbara Blade-Jacobs, RDAEF- DAF Chair
Pam Baldwin, RDA-DAF Vice-Chair, Lois Parento, CDA, RDA, Brenda Gyllenswan, RDA, Suzie Jordan, RDAEF

For a full report on the first DAF meeting, please visit the CDAA website.

If you have any questions please contact me via email. Leslie@LeslieCanham.com

ADAA Annual Conference October 2009 - Delegates



Delegates: Joanna Clarke, Elizabeth Delgado and Elena Gaeta



12th District Delegates



CDAA president, Kristy S. Borquez (R) with her sister, Vicki Silva (L)



CDAA past presidents and sisters, Ruby Roach and Cindy Ramirez



ADAA Vice President, Claudia Pohl with 12th District Trustee, Shari Becker



12th District Trustee Update

Shari Becker, CDA, RDA, FADAA

2010 Annual Conference Orlando, Florida

The ADAA/ADA housing registration will open April 7, 2010, as well as course and event registration. All attendees must register through ADA. **Be sure to register as a Dental Assistant in order for ADAA to track the numbers of dental assistants who register for the conference. Please DO NOT register as a business assistant or educator.** There will be a direct link for registration on the ADAA and CDAA home pages once registration opens. Please note that the ADAA Annual Conference dates are October 7-10, 2010 and the ADA meeting is October 9-12, 2010. You will notice that ADAA is starting our meeting prior to ADA. This will allow for our delegates to participate in more educational courses while also being able to serve their districts.

Fellowship/Mastership

The Fellowship/Mastership program continues to grow, with 93 Fellows and 14 Masters currently. There a mentoring program in place to encourage momentum with the program. There are approximately 200 Fellowship enrollees and approximately 25 Mastership enrollees. There is discussion on a possible "workshop" to be held at the annual conference to promote the program and assist with forms and protocols. For more information on programs, you can contact Isabel Guillen at: iguillen@dentalassistant.org.

DARW

Dental Assistants Recognition Week is March 7-13, 2010. This year's theme is "One theme: One goal: Improving Oral Health". In honor of DARW, a \$20 discount will be honored throughout the month of March. There are flyers and information kits available on the ADAA website.

MEMBERSHIP

There is a newly designed membership application for 2010. Forms can be downloaded from the ADAA website. Be sure to fill in the local and state lines, as this will help to get all new members placed in the correct local. The membership applications will be updated quarterly to reflect prorated dues. Please be sure to take note on the new expiration dates that will be in place on the new membership applications. This should assist in more accurate collection of mid-year renewals.

The new E-membership category has been launched with over 200 members already in the system. We are all very excited also about this ground breaking possibility to expand our membership nationally and internationally and provide an opportunity to demonstrate the advantages of full pay membership. Detailed info is available on the ADAA website.

Important deadlines: All forms and criteria are available on the ADAA website under ADAA Awards

March 31, 2010 – JAS Scholarship and Student Achievement Awards applications are due.

March 31, 2010- ADAA Officer and Trustee nominations are due.

June 30, 2010- Henry Schein Achievement Award, Loyal Assistant Award, New Member Involvement Award, and Sunstar Americas Pride Award nominations are due.

For an in depth trustee report please visit the CDAA website. Thank you for your continued support as 12th District Trustee!

ADAA website: www.dentalassistant.org.

The ADAA Toll Free number is : (877) 874-3785.



Shari Becker, 12th Dist. Trustee, with her best friend, CDAA past president, Lana Wright

CDAA says good-bye to a dear friend...Lana Wright

On January 18, 2010, Lana Marie Wright passed away from a two month illness. Lana, along with Cathy Ziegler, established the Mt. Diablo Loma Vista Adult Education RDA program in Concord, CA over 20 years ago.

Lana was very passionate about dental assisting and very involved in her professional organizations on a local, state and national level. Lana served on the American Dental Assistants Association, California Dental Assistants Association, Diablo Dental Assistants Society, the California Council on Adult Education, the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers. She loved her family, friends and students. She was compassionate and caring.

Lana was an amazing lady who leaves a great legacy of her contributions to the profession of dental assisting and the community.

Shari Becker

CDAA Student Recognition Day (SRD) will take place on Friday, May 14, 2010 at the CDA Scientific Session - Anaheim

The California Dental Association Association is pleased to extend an invitation to dental assisting students and instructors who wish to participate in a short program honoring the future of dental assisting - *Dental Assisting Students*. SRD will take place on May 14, 2010, in the Pacific B Room at the Hilton Hotel - Anaheim Convention Center. The time frame for the event is 8:30am to 10:45am. The featured speaker will be Shelly Sorensen, CDPMA, RDA and her topic will be ***Employment Strategies: How to Present Yourself Before, During and After an Interview***. There will be insightful information for entering the workforce, goodie bags, a cash raffle, and an open forum for their specific questions. For details please visit the the CDAA website: www.cdaaweb.org or contact Kristy S. Borquez by email at kdancer@earthlink.net.



Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel in Burbank, CA

The 2010 CDAA Annual Session

will take place in Burbank, CA at the beautiful newly refurbished Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. It is located directly across the street from the Bob Hope (Burbank) Airport and the Metrolink station, making it easily accessible from all areas of California.

The General Assembly with election of new officers will take place directly following a morning of continuing education with various exhibitors and a luncheon honoring past presidents of the California Dental Assistants Association.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 10, 2010. Registration and Agenda forms for this event are listed on the CDAA website: www.cdaaweb.org. We encourage all CDAA members to attend.

Proposed CDAA Bylaws Changes for 2010 Annual Session

Current: Article VII Section 1. "Number and Titles. The elected officers shall be six (6) in number: President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor."

1. Amend Article VII, Section 1: Strike out "President-elect" and insert "First Vice- President and Second Vice-President"

New will then read: Article VII – Officers

Section 1. Number and titles. The elected officers shall be six (6) in number. President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

Current: Section 2. Eligibility. Only active, life or special members shall be eligible to serve as an officer.

A. To be eligible to serve the President-elect shall have served as a voting member of the Board of Directors for three (3) years including one (1) year on the Executive Committee within the past six (6) years

2. Amend Article VII Section 2. Eligibility.

A. Strike out President-elect and three (3) and including one (1) year on the Executive Committee within the past six (6) years. Insert First Vice-President and Second Vice-President and one (1).

New will then read:

A. To be eligible to serve the First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall have served as a voting member of the Board of Directors for one (1) year.

Rationale: It has been difficult to find candidates for President-elect and we have been electing Presidents instead. Duties from President-elect can be distributed between both VPs and the two officers can assist each other especially in the area of membership. If this is adopted, consequential, editorial, amendments will be made to Article VII, Section 2.B., and Section 7.

Current: Article VII Section 1. "Number and Titles. The elected officers shall be six (6) in number: President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor."

3. Amend Article VII, Section 1. Strike out "Editor", move "and" to before "Treasurer"

New will then read: Section 1. Number and Titles. The elected officers shall be five (5) in number: President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rationale: We do not have a full Journal that goes out 3 times a year anymore. Most of the information is communicated electronically and through the website. If this amendment is adopted, consequential, editorial amendments will be made to: Article VII, Section 2. A., Section 5., Strike references to Editor. Also in Section 7. Article X, F., Sentence 2., to read, The Board of Directors Shall elect the Editor in odd numbered years as Chairman who shall serve a term of two years. Other members shall serve a term of one year.