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### CDAA Officers 2010 - 2011

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

#### President’s Message

Kristy S. Borquez, CDA, RDAEF, FADAA

As my term as president comes to an end, I find myself saddened by the sudden passing of a very dear friend and colleague, Anna Nelson. Anna was a very strong driving force behind this association and a special void has been created. There will never be another quite like Anna Nelson. Her passion for life and dental assisting is unparalleled. She will be missed.

This year’s CDAA Annual Session will be held in Dublin, CA on Saturday, April 30th. The agenda and registration information is included in this Journal and on the CDAA website. We have a great 3 CE educational program scheduled in combination with the

annual General Assembly, election and installation of officers. I encourage, especially the CDAA members in Northern CA to attend. We currently have an opening in our slate of officers and are in need of a person to run for president. Please contact me if you can help in this capacity and have any questions or concerns I can address.

Remote Area Medical - RAM USA is back. This free mobile dental unit is coming to Sacramento and Oakland in April. The necessary event details are posted on the CDAA home page under the logo “Volunteer.” This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and to your profession. Please find time to volunteer your talents and help many people less fortunate.

On Friday, May 14th, we will sponsor a Student Recognition event in Anaheim. It will be held in conjunction with the CDA Scientific Session. We encourage students to come by our membership booth and sign up to win special prizes. Information on this event will be posted on the website. If you are an instructor, please encourage your students to come by the booth.

Lastly, the ADAA Annual Conference will be held in Las Vegas, NV 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 preserve the environment, this communication will go out electronically to any members with email addresses. It will also be posted on the website. Please visit: [www.cdaaweb.org](http://www.cdaaweb.org) for the latest updates and events. Thank you.

#### Nominating Report

Virginia Cardoza, CDA, RDA, FADAA  
Nominating Committee Chair  
[carvirgrda@yahoo.com](mailto:carvirgrda@yahoo.com)

The election of 2011 - 2012 CDAA officers will take place on April 30, 2011. The report of the nominating committee, thus far, is as follows:

- President: Open**
- 1st Vice Pres.: Cindy Ramirez**
- 2nd Vice Pres.: Terri Kron**
- Secretary: Ruby Roach**

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

**Leslie Canham, CDA, RDA**  
**Government Relations Chair**

**March 1, 2011**

**Legislative Update**

As Government Relations Chair of CDAA, I am pleased to bring information to CDAA members on issues affecting dental assisting. The last year there were many changes for both licensed and unlicensed dental assistants.

**Unlicensed dental assistants**

The Dental Board met in February of 2010 and decided that the new requirement for an 8 hour infection control course will apply to only those unlicensed dental assistants who were hired after January 1, 2010 instead of all unlicensed dental assistants. In addition, unlicensed dental assistants hired after January 1, 2010 will have to take a board approved Dental Practice Act course and maintain a current basic life support (CPR) certificate. The employer of a dental assistant is responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant who has been in continuous employment for 120 days or more, successfully completes these requirements within one year of the start date of employment.

**For Registered Dental Assistants, Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions, Orthodontic and Dental Sedation Assistant Permit holders**

The above requirements are also pre-requisite for those who wish to become a Registered Dental Assistant or obtain an Orthodontic or Dental Sedation Assistant permit. An RDA applicant must now pass three examinations, a Practical exam, a Written exam and a Law and Ethics exam. Each applicant must also possess a valid CPR certificate, a radiation safety certificate and coronal polishing certificate. In addition, all RDAs licensed after January 1, 2010 must obtain a Pit and Fissure Sealant certificate before their first renewal that requires CE units. (RDAs licensed before 2010 do not need the Pit and Fissure Sealant certificate unless they wish to perform the duty).

**New Continuing Education Regulations**  
**Effective April 8, 2010**

Category I and II have been eliminated however; the regulations still require at least 80% of the total continuing education units to be in courses that involve "the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or the community." Within the 80%, you may include the mandatory courses: Infection Control, California Dental Practice Act and Basic Life Support. Up to four hours of Basic Life Support training may be used towards the total number of continuing education hours required.

Certain types of courses are limited to no more than 20% of a licensee's total units during each renewal cycle. These include courses that are considered to be primarily of benefit to the licensee. These might include courses on recall and scheduling systems, production flow, communication systems and data management, management of the dental practice including office computerization and design, ergonomics, and the improvement of practice administration and office operations.

The total number of continuing education hours required for RDAs, RDAEFs and permit holders is 25 units (hours) every two years. An RDA or RDAEF who holds a permit as an orthodontic assistant or a dental sedation assistant shall not be required to complete additional continuing education requirements beyond that which is required for licensure renewal in order to renew either permit. Dual licensure, or licensure with permit, shall not require duplication of continuing education requirements.

Additionally, the new regulations now will allow credit for courses given by approved providers of the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) with the exception of the mandatory courses. The course must meet the same content requirements as outlined in the regulations.

**Other items of interest**

**Live Electronic Fingerprint Requirement Information**

Regulations are currently pending and, when approved by the Office of Administrative Law, the following will go into effect: For all RDAs and RDAEFs who were licensed prior to 1999, or those for whom the Board otherwise has no record of fingerprinting, electronic fingerprinting will be a required component. Unfortunately, the paper fingerprint cards used historically no longer fulfill this new legal requirement. This requirement is due to the fact that applicants prior to 1999 were not required to file fingerprints, and the Board has no way of receiving arrest and/or conviction information for such individuals unless they are fingerprinted. It is anticipated that the renewal form will contain information on how to comply with this requirement, once it goes into effect.

**Dental Practice Act and Regulations**  
**Related to Dental Assisting**

To see the CDAA 67 page report on "Excerpts from the Dental Practice Act "and Regulations Related to Dental Assisting and the current duties of DAs, RDAs and RDAEFs go to the CDAA website:

[www.cdaaweb.org/government.html](http://www.cdaaweb.org/government.html)



# 12th District Trustee Update

Shari Becker, CDA, RDA, FADAA

## ADAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### 2010 Orlando, Florida

Registration for the annual conference was lower than expected. However, the meeting was quite successful on many levels. The participation of dental assisting students from local schools added great energy and excitement to the opening ceremonies. The budget for 2010-2011 was approved by the House of Delegates. There was positive feedback on the round tables offered during the conference. Congratulations to the three California members were presented with the following prestigious awards: **Claudia Pohl** was presented with the Sunstar Americas Pride Award for Educator of the Year. **Ruby Roach** was presented with the Loyal Assistant Award serving 46 years in the same dental practice. **Kristy Borquez** was presented with the ADAA Henry Schein Achievement Award. Congratulations to the new officers of the ADAA who were installed at the President's Gala. The 2010-2011 ADAA officers are: President-Natalie Kaweckyj, President Elect-Claudia Pohl, Vice President-Susan Rexroat, Secretary-Bonnie Marshall, and Immediate Past President-Angela Swatts.

### Conference Update-Las Vegas, NV, October 10-14, 2011:

ADAA/ADA housing registration opens April 6, 2011 and closes September 9, 2011. Attendees must register through ADA. **Also, you MUST register as a dental assistant in order for ADAA to track the numbers of dental assistants who register for the conference.** There is a registration code required for your registration. If you are planning to come as a delegate, be sure to determine if you would like your delegate handbook electronically or in printed version. There may be a charge for printed versions. ADA/ADAA is hoping for higher numbers in Las Vegas than in Orlando, so please be sure to get yourself registered early on. There is a direct link for registration on the ADAA home page. The ADAA headquarters is the Luxor Hotel. The convention center is adjacent to the Mandalay Bay Hotel and is approximately a 10 minute walk from the Luxor. Sleep rooms start at \$139.00 per night. The final schedule is still being developed. ADAA in the round will once again be a part of the meeting. Also, California's own, Claudia Pohl, will be installed as the incoming ADAA President at this meeting and 12<sup>th</sup> District will be hosting a celebration in the President's suite to toast the event. Congratulations to Claudia!

## MEMBERSHIP /MEMBER SERVICES

Dental Assistants Recognition Week (DARW) - the theme this year is "Key to Productivity: The Professional Dental Assistant". Celebrate March 6-12, 2011 and submit your activity to ADAA to share your special event. There are flyers and information kits available for downloading on the ADAA website @ [www.dentalassistant.org](http://www.dentalassistant.org). During the entire month of March, ADAA will offer a \$20.00 discount for new members. Membership applications can be downloaded & mailed in, or you can file online and save an additional \$5.00 @ [www.dentalassistant.org](http://www.dentalassistant.org).

Not a member? Join today and start to enjoy the benefits of membership!

### *Important deadlines:*

**March 31, 2011**-Juliet Southard Scholarship applications and Student Achievement Awards applications are due. Download applications on the ADAA website.

**June 30, 2011**-Award deadlines-New member, ADAA President Award of Excellence, Loyal Assistant Award, Sunstar America Pride Award (Clinical/Business/Educator/Military), the new Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence (Journal Award), and the Kay Mosley Award.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns: (925) 673-3131; [sharibecker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharibecker@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your continued support as 12<sup>th</sup> District Trustee!

## The following Bylaw change will be voted on at the CDA Annual Session.

Bylaw as it currently reads:

### ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

Section 1. Number and Titles. The elected officers shall be five (5) in number: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

- 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.
- B. Secretary and Treasurer shall have served as a voting member of the Board of Directors two (2) years prior to nomination.

Proposed bylaw amendment:

Article VII; Section 2. Eligibility: A  
Strike out the **and** between 1<sup>st</sup> VP & 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, **add** Secretary and Treasurer

- 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.

Article VII; Section 2. Eligibility: B

Delete entirely:

- B. **Secretary and Treasurer shall have served as a voting member of the Board of Directors two (2) years prior to nomination.**

It will now read:

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

Rationale: To make Secretary & Treasurer eligibility consistent with the eligibility requirement established by the 2010 General Assembly for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

### The 2011 CDAA Annual Session

This event will take place in Dublin, CA at the Hyatt Place Dublin/Pleasanton Hotel. It is conveniently located near the BART station with great shopping and restaurants across the street.

The General Assembly, with election/installation of new officers, will take place directly following a morning of continuing education . Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30, 2011. Registration and Agenda forms for this event are listed on the CDAA website: [www.cdaaweb.org](http://www.cdaaweb.org). We encourage all CDAA members to attend.



Anna Nelson, CDA, RDA

### CDAA says good-bye to a dear friend.....

They say “don’t be sad” but how can you not be? Someone you have known, admired and loved is gone, so suddenly - a colleague, a mentor, a friend. A more generous person would be hard to find. No matter what you needed, she was there to lend a helping hand. You might find yourself engaged in a spirited conversation but you always knew you could agree to disagree. When all was said and done you unquestionably had a friend you could always depend on. I will deeply miss Anna and will take just a moment to be sad that we will never have the opportunity to work or play together again. But then I will remember her smile, her laughter, and her enthusiasm. I will celebrate her life and know how lucky I am to have called her my friend. Until we meet again *Anna Banana*..... KSB

Anna Nelson, a past national president, state president and pioneering member of the American Dental Assistants Association, died suddenly of heart attack at her home in San Francisco on January 18, 2011. Memorial donations may be made in her honor to the ADAA Foundation at, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1730 Chicago, IL, 60601-2211. Thank you.

### Winter CDAA Board Meeting November 2010



Leslie Canham, Georgina Vargas-Burket, and Joanna Clarke



Adrienne Harris, Shari Becker, Lori Clark and Lois Parento

### 2010 ADAA Annual Conference - Orlando, FL



12th District Delegates



Claudia Pohl & Anna Nelson



Joanna Clarke, Dorothy Cox, and Leanna Martin



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