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DENTAL ASSISTANTS
 ASSOCIATION

It's Happening in Fresno!

Join CDA A for our business meeting and volunteer at CDA Cares



October 2-4

It's a special weekend in Fresno as the dental community converges for business, pleasure and helping others. The California Dental

Assistants Association is holding its business meeting at the same time as the CDA Cares clinic so members can participate in both events. *Read on for more details!*

New Look!

Keeping up with the times, the California Dental Assistants Association is undergoing a facelift.

You will be seeing our new logo on the website, emails, journals and our facebook page.

Just as you strive for professionalism as a dental healthcare provider, your professional association strives to provide you with current, important information concerning the dental assisting profession.

For more information, visit our website at:

www.CDA Aweb.org



VISIT THE CDA A BOOTH AT MOSCONE CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 22

If you are attending the *CDA Scientific Session* in San Francisco on August 20-22, **be sure to stop by the CDA A booth #533**. Member representatives will be there to assist you with any questions you may have.

Find out what new government regulations affect you. Discover a local



connection for continuing education and networking with other dental assistants.

Be sure to register for the event as a Dental Assistant at:

<http://www.cdapresents.com/SF2015.aspx>

See you there!

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLAUDIA POHL, CDA, RDA

As I write this, I have just enjoyed a bit of a break from the normal routine – summer vacation! I hope that you, too, have had time to enjoy the long evenings and opportunity for time to relax and enjoy our wonderful California weather.

While many of the local societies also take a summer break, know that they are working behind the scenes as they plan their education courses for the coming year! We look forward to seeing you again in the fall at our local educational meetings. These provide wonderful opportunities to not only get your needed CE, but to network with colleagues in your area, providing valuable connections and support. To find the local society near you, go to the link on our website www.CDAAweb.org.

You will notice that the website has a new look! We hope you find it easy to navigate and find the information you'll find helpful to you. Check it out!

Those of us on the CDAA Board of Directors are working on your behalf to make a difference for all dental assistants in California – and we appreciate the support you provide through your continued membership! Your membership in the professional organization *does matter* as we advocate for you on the issues at hand.

“To advance the careers of dental assistants and to promote the dental assisting profession in matters of education, legislation, credentialing and professional activities which enhance the delivery of quality dental health care to the public.”



Mixing business with pleasure -
Claudia Pohl, Vicky Silva, Kristy Borquez, Shari Becker, Linda Willyerd

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Shelly Sorensen, CDPMA, CRFDA, CDA, RDA

Well, the Sunset Review process continues and we continue to represent you. In these last few weeks, AB 178 and 179 have continued through the approval process. Here is where they stand:

As of right now, AB 179 has been passed by the Assembly (June 1) and ordered to the Senate, where it has been referred to committee/s and amended. It was passed by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and has been re-referred to Committee on Appropriations (July 6).

This bill addresses the issues raised during Sunset Review and would extend the authority of the Dental Board until 2020, would limit the term of a Dental Assisting Council member to two terms, places a temporary moratorium on the Practical Exam and requires the DBC to conduct a review to determine whether a practical exam is necessary and increases fees.

AB178 is the emergency legislation proposed by the legislature and imposes a one-year moratorium on the RDA practical until

such time as the Board and the State Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) concludes a validating assessment called an Occupational Analysis. It does the same thing that AB 179 will do, but the intent was to get an immediate halt to the RDA Exam because of the fluctuating and high failure rate.

It was last heard by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee on June 29, where it was passed (7/0) and re-referred to Appropriations Committee. It was scheduled to be heard on July 13, right before they went on summer break.

The next Dental Board meeting is scheduled for August 27-28 (location still TBD) and we anticipate that the next regulatory language workshop will be held in conjunction with the Board meeting. We will keep you posted as to the topics for that workshop and the date.

The 1st and 2nd Occupational Analysis Workshops will be held in the coming weeks and as we hear back, we'll report to you. The deadline for the 3rd and 4th Workshop of November 20th, so there's still time to submit your name to participate! Here's the link (http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/rda_sme20150520.pdf).

WHEN ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

by Shari Becker, CDA, RDA

The date is April 5, 2015. The time is 5:45 pm. The place is Shanghai, China. After over 14 hours on an airplane, we had finally landed! And so the journey officially began literally half a world away.

There were three of us on this adventure. CDAA President Claudia Pohl and I had been invited to China by a colleague and friend, Linda Cai.



We both met Linda during our annual meetings of the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA). I was serving on the Board of Trustees and Claudia was on the Executive Council and also served as President for the ADAA. Claudia lives in Southern California, and as it turned out, Linda and I were geographically close to one another, with both of us living in the East Bay Area. As this trip was in the planning stages, Linda and I were able to meet to discuss the fine details surrounding this amazing trip.

Linda has been traveling between China and United States for quite some time. With her previous experience as a dental assistant and understanding of the important role the dental assistant plays in the dental office, Linda saw a need in the dental community in China. It seemed there was a lack of trained dental assistants in the country. Linda began offering training for doctors and assistants for the past number of years. And so the story really begins.

Claudia and I had been asked to develop five presentations for our trip. We would be teaching in two different cities to a group of dentists and assistants. The topics were:

A Day in the Life of an Assistant, Infection Control, Implants, Communication, and Oral Health/Hygiene. Each day of teaching would also include a clinical portion with hands-on demonstrations of chairside assisting.

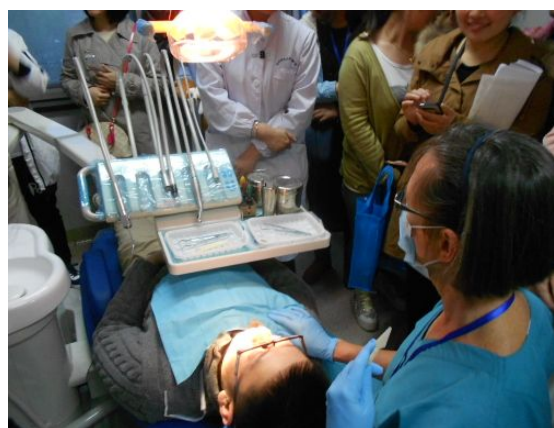
So there we were, in a foreign land, depending solely on Linda to be our interpreter throughout the entire trip as none of our other hosts spoke English. So after 14 hours traveling, off we went on a 3 hour car ride to our first destination, to prepare for

an 8:00 am class the next morning. And so we literally hit the ground running. We arrived in Hangzhou, had a wonderful dinner and then retired to our hotel to try to get some sleep. End of day one.



Day two, our class ran all day and into the evening. The venue was the local hospital which also had a dental clinic. The students were very receptive to the material and everyone was very warm and friendly.

Our hosts were amazing and though there was no real exchange of English, we were all able to communicate our appreciation for one another and share our mutual love of dentistry.



ADAA 12th District Trustee



by Ruby Roach, CDA, RDA

I'm pleased to report the ADAA Leadership with the advice and council of Solutions for Associations have made significant progress in getting new systems in place at our Central Office. We can move toward ADAA's future with confidence.

I hope all of you have viewed the new website: www.adaausa.org and have logged onto the members only section. The website has been up and running for over 3 months now. On the website you can find:

- View our calendar of events contains information on conferences and continuing education sessions that are taking place throughout the country.
- Keep track of your Continuing Education (on the members-only section) whether it is provided by ADAA or another source.
- Pay your dues.
- Order ADAA educational courses.
- A new section allows Students to join the association via the website and 1,150 dental assisting educations institutions have been notified of this new process.
- We have launched a new monthly vehicle to communicate with the membership, [The ADAA](#)

Update. The first publication was just released and can be accessed on the website. The goal is to keep everyone informed on developments and status of the association. I encourage you to read this pertinent information provided by our ADAA President Kim Bland and Executive Director John Kasper.

- Note that membership cards and certificates are currently not being printed and mailed to members because of cost considerations. You may still print your own by accessing your dashboard on the website. If you cannot do this or have difficulty you may contact ADAA.

Additional ADAA information:

- ADAA has renewed its recognition as an approved provider from the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) Council.
- Although we have suspended our ADAA Annual Session for November 2015 in Washington, DC, plans have proceeded to sponsor education sessions, have a Membership Forum and an informal drop-in reception in our Presidents' hotel room hospitality suite. All information will be made available when finalized. When registering for this meeting through ADA use the Dental Assistant designation.



Meeting Oct 2-4

Your help and input is important!

Coinciding with the *CDA Cares* event in Fresno, the *California Dental Assistants Association* is holding its business meeting.

All members are welcome to come and meet your State representatives and participate in the running of your professional organization.

Friday, October 2
7 pm Executive Committee dinner and meeting

Saturday, October 3
8 am Breakfast
9-12 Board meeting
12-1 Lunch
1-4 Board meeting
5- ?? Dinner and Social

Sunday, October 4
8 am Breakfast
9-12 Board meeting

Meeting Details
Location & registration information to follow.

Keep checking the CDAA website for updates

Calendar

August 20-22

CDA Scientific Session, San Francisco
CDAA Booth #533

September 28

Continuing Education Course
San Diego Dental Assistants
j99homies@gmail.com

October 2-4

CDAA Meeting, Fresno

October 2-3

CDA Cares event, Fresno

October 24

Continuing Education course
Pomona Valley Dental Assistants
www.pvdas.org

CDA CARES - HOW YOU CAN HELP

To help provide oral health care services to the large number of expected patients, volunteer dental and health professionals are needed. Additionally, community volunteers are needed to assist with registration, setup, data entry, escorting patients, translating, and much more. Visit <http://www.cdafoundation.org/cda-cares>

