



CATALYST Summer 2018

Hello Everyone,

Happy Summer!!! Spring came in with a little bit of snow and cold but summer has quickly taken over. Hopefully, you have been able to get your flowers and gardens done and any other yard and house tasks done.

MnDAA held their 96th General Assembly on Saturday April 28, 2018 at the Downtowner Woodfire Grill in St. Paul. We had a very productive meeting. We will be working on getting some new expanded functions for LDA's.

The Mn. Mission of Mercy (MnMOM) will be held on Friday September 7 and Saturday September 8, 2018 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For more information and to sign up to volunteer go to: <https://www.mndental.org/events/mission-of-mercy/> This is a wonderful way to help those in need, meet new people, receive CE's and make someone's day. It is a very rewarding opportunity and its right here in our own backyard. I hope to see you there.

What would you as a member of MnDAA like to see your Association doing for you? What CE topics would you like to have offered? And what would you like to do as a member to help accomplish this? I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

The 6th Annual Learning in the Round was held on Saturday March 3, 2018. We had a nice turnout of attendance for this meeting. We will be holding another Learning in the Round this year in the fall.

MnDAA has committees that are in need of your talents! Members are welcomed and needed. Being on a committee is a great way to start getting involved in your Association. It truly does not take up as much time as you think, as we work together as a team, making the work load light and easy. We have a lot of fun sharing ideas, laughing, and meeting new people. Don't miss out on the fun, join us, volunteer, and see what it is all about!

Thank you.

Kelli
MnDAA President



MnDAA Awards

Ruth Asp Martinson Achievement Award was given to Wendy Ahles.



Anna Braun Loyalty Award was given to Heidi Vreeland.

Congratulations to the both Wendy and Heidi!



What committee would you like to help out with?????

Student Involvement

Oral Cancer Walk

Website

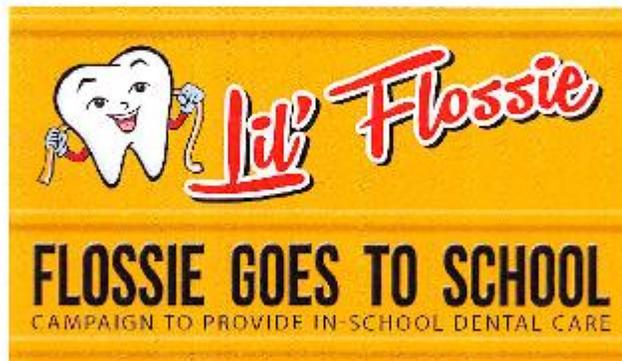
Judicial/Legislative

Bylaws/Manual of Procedure

You can contact Kelli O. for more information on any of these committees. It's a great way to get involved!!

LDA—LDH

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MOBILIZING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE OTHERS



Upcoming Events

MnDAA Summer Board Meeting, Saturday July 28, 2018 10:00 a.m. White Bear Lake. If you would like to attend contact Kelli at 763-221-9393

Mn. Mission of Mercy, September 7-8, 2018

ADAA Virtual House of Delegates Saturday October 20 and Saturday November 3. If you would like to be a delegate, contact Kelli at 763-221-9393. You can be a delegate and attend/participate in this event from the comfort of our own home.

Fall 2018 Learning in the Round-- Date and place TBD check the website for updates.
www.mndaausa.org

Reminder: Mn. Board of Dentistry updates:

The Board of Dentistry will no longer be sending that pink postcard that reminds you to renew your license, they have now gone paperless. Watch your email for your renewal information, newsletters, rulemaking alerts, professional development audit requests, self-assessments, and other important information.

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A Tribute to a Passionate Dental Assistant

Carol Lindig, CDA-Emeritis, RDA, started working in 1955 for Drs. Oscar and Henry Bjorndahl in St. Anthony Park. She enrolled in the U of M Department of Continuing Education in the Course in Dental Assisting. It was under the direction of Dr. Ainsley Thorson. She was certified in 1959 by the Dental Assisting National Board. When the Bjorndahl's retired in 1967, Carol became employed at the U of M Hospitals Outpatient Dental Clinic as a Dental Clinic Supervisor (1968 - 1977) and at the School of Dentistry Dental Assisting Program (1977-1981). It was at the U of M that I met her while a resident in Pediatric Dentistry and worked in the Hospital Outpatient Dental Clinic. During that time, I was impressed with Carol's professional way she approached her job, i.e. always focused on making sure the equipment was maintained, instruments sterilized properly and the patient's needs were being met.

When the Dental Assisting Program was discontinued in 1981, we were fortunate to hire Carol as our Clinic Coordinator. During her career with our pediatric group Carol was charged with opening three offices where her duties included, hiring/training dental assistants, selecting and maintaining the equipment, instruments, sterilizing protocols and monitoring effectiveness, Department of Health guidelines for xray equipment, hazardous waste and establishing guidelines for dental assistants personal appearance. She was highly effective and motivated in her job and passed on her professional attributes to many dental assistants and dental assistant students.

Carol was active in organized dentistry as member of the Dental assistant organizations. She achieved Life Membership in 1984. She was President of the Saint Paul Dental Assistants Association in 1963 and served on many committees. In 1968 she was President of the MN Dental Assistants Association and received

their Achievement Award. In 2001 Carol received the MDAA Loyalty Award. She served on and was chairman on many committees. She served as the MDAA representative to the MDA Education Committee and was a member of the MN Board of Dentistry Registration Test Item Committee for several years. She was an attendee at the ADAA annual sessions, six times as a delegate and two times as an alternate. She was a member of the ADAA Credentials Committee three times and presented table clinics at the ADA annual meeting.

She served on the Advisory Committees for the Dental Assisting Programs at Suburban Hennepin County Vocational-Technical Institute, 916 Vocation-Technical Institute and MN Institute of Medical and Dental Careers. She was a judge for VICA Skill Olympics for 8 years.

She was privileged in 1982 to be part of delegation of dental assistants from MN that were invited by the government of the People's Republic of China for academic exchanges.

Carol grew up around flowers as her parents were owners of Lindig Florist in Falcon Heights. She had a green thumb and was happy to be a problem solver for anyone who needed help with plants. She was grateful to have been involved in a profession that had been rewarding and fulfilling, largely due to the people with whom she had been associated.

Carol passed away on July 14, 2017 leaving a legacy of professionalism with a caring spirit.

We who knew and worked with Carol were blessed to have her as part of our lives.

Kurt King, D.D.S.

May 1, 2018

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