

THE CATALYST

THE MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION SPRING NEWSLETTER



Greetings to all!

I hope everyone has survived winter. We seem to be having a great pre spring already. I hope it stays this way. MnDAA is off to a good start this year. Check out the information regarding our Learning in the Round Meeting coming up on March 14th. Please register for it asap as it is coming up this next weekend. We also have information about our next MnDAA General Assembly. We will be conducting our 98th year meeting of the MnDAA. I can't believe our association has been around that long. We will have to have a big party for our 100th year.

If you have time during the Star of the North Meeting, come and meet our new 7th District Trustee, Malea Flynn. She will share information on what's going on at ADAA. There is information within the newsletter.

Natalie Kaweckyj, LDA, RF, CDA, CDPMA, COA, COMSA, CPFDA, CRFDA, MADAA, BA will be speaking at the Star of the North Meeting this year. She has some great topics for dental assistants, so if you haven't signed up yet check it out at www.star.mndental.org and take part in the wonderful CE that will be presented.

We are always looking for volunteers for our association. If you would like to get involved, we would welcome your ideas and input to our committees and association activities. Please see information in newsletter. You can contact me at lin.schmitt@centurylink.net if you have any questions.

Have a great spring and I hope to see you all at one of our upcoming meetings. Thanks....

Linette Schmitt LDA, CDA, MADAA/Newsletter Editor/MnDAA Vice President



“ADAA 7TH DISTRICT MEET & GREET”



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Greetings to MDAA President Wendy Ahles and the Minnesota Dental Assistants Association!

I would like to Thank all of the 7th District delegates for the support in my election of your new 7th District Trustee.

At this time, I want to introduce myself and just give you a little background on my passion for the ADAA! I have been a member of the ADAA for 44 years, serving as the state and local President for many years in Wisconsin. I have been a delegate to the annual session for many of those years. I worked for the first part of my dental assisting career in the clinical area and then the last 16 years as a Dental Business Manager in Green Bay, WI. I also had the opportunity to be a Dentrax Practice Management Software Trainer and work with many dental offices in the 7th District too.

As a Certified Dental Assistant for 44 years and a Certified Dental Practice Management Assistant for 16 years I know the importance of career advancement is not only by continuing education, community service and collaborative work with our peers, but my continued membership and growth with the ADAA!

The ADAA Executive Board are busy fostering relationships with our past sponsors and we know that without increased membership in the association we can't grow with all of our goals in mind. We want to make this association an adjunct to every dental assistant's career. We are working hard to make our presence in the social media world so look to the future with that in mind on our web page.

Please join me for a “ADAA 7th District Meet & Greet Meeting” at the Star of the North Meeting, on Thursday April 23rd, 2020. It will be at the InterContinental Hotel, 11 East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN from 5-6pm. in the bar area.

Sincerely,

MaLea Flynn, CDA, CDPMA
ADAA 7th District Trustee
Serving MN, ND, SD and WI

The Catalyst Archives

Happy 2020!!

It's hard to believe that we are into a new year and it's moving quickly. I am looking for any pictures that you may have from past MnDAA meeting, events, etc. I would like to put some oldies but goodies in our newsletters. You can email them to me at kelliolson84@gmail.com

Linette Schmitt receiving the Anna Braun Loyalty Award





Becky Granowski, Dentistry for Children & Adolescents, receiving the Anna Braun Loyalty Award.



MnDAA Past Presidents: Top left: Brenda Spanovich, Marlene Westin, Natalie Kaweckyj, Teri Youngdahl, Deb VonAlman. Bottom Right: Anna Malay, Nan Starzecki, Linette Schmitt



Lisa McCloud, Dentistry for children & Adolescents, recipient of the Anna Braun Loyalty Award.



MnDAA is looking for help/volunteers for the following committees. We would love to have you join us. Please contact Wendy Ahles at wahles1@gmail.com for more information!!

Awards

Bylaws/MOP

Judicial/Legislative



Nomination

Student Involvement/school

Are you looking for a change in your career? Would you like to work for an office that will keep you busy, will allow you to do many of your expanded functions and have a bunch of awesome dentists, hygienists, and assistants, and patient care coordinators to work with. Bassett Creek Dental is looking for someone like you for a full time licensed dental assistant position. We are a busy 5 doctor 2 specialist office. If you are interested please call and contact Denise Rhymes, our administrator at 763-546-1301 and she will fill you in on all of the details. I have worked at Bassett Creek Dental going on my 24th year. And I am the current MnDAA Vice President. I look forward to hearing from you...

Thanks, Linette Schmitt LDA, CDA, MADAA.



SAVE THE DATE:

Minnesota Mission of Mercy

The next MnMOM will be held on July 24-25, 2020, in St. Cloud, MN. For more details and information go to: <https://www.mndental.org/events/mission-of-mercy/>

ANATOMY OF A DENTAL ASSISTANT

A MIND THAT'S ALWAYS ASSESSING

EYES THAT HAVE SEEN IT ALL!

WARM HEART

WARPED SENSE OF HUMOR

ACHING BACK

DRY CHAPPED HANDS

MYSTERY STAINS ON UNIFORM

EMPTY STOMACH

FULL BLADDER

TIRED FEET



Anna Braun Loyalty Award 2020

**Minnesota Dental Assistants Association
To: All Executive Board Members & Committee Chairs
From: Mary Schutz, MnDAA Awards Committee Chair
SUBJECT: ANNA BRAUN LOYALTY AWARD**

On behalf of the Awards Committee, I invite all MnDAA Members & affiliates to submit to me, Mary Schutz, the names of all eligible assistants who qualify for the Minnesota Dental Assistants Association Loyalty Award.

The Anna Braun Loyalty Award is presented each year to the member who has the longest record of continuous service with their employer. The candidate must have been a member of the MnDAA for five years prior to eligibility and must be present to accept the Award at Annual Session in April.

No Recipient shall win this award more than once. If more than one nomination is submitted the individual with the longest record of service will receive the award.

The award will be presented at the General Assembly at Annual Session.

This award shall be kept confidential, but we encourage and appreciate employer(s) to attend the presentation. The dentist will be contacted with further details.

PLEASE RETURN NOMINATIONS TO Mary Schutz @ mary.w.schutz77@gmail.com by March 20,2020
**Minnesota Dental Assistants Association To: All Executive Board Members & Committee Chairs -
MnDAA Members From: Mary Schutz, MnDAA Awards Committee Subject: Ruth Asp Martinson
Achievement Award 2017**

Time to cast your nomination; this award is presented at Annual Session Awards Ceremony. THIS GOES TO MOST OUTSTANDING SERVICE FROM A MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION, MNDA. The awards committee will confer with the Business Secretary to announce at Annual Session in April. All Members are encouraged to send a nominee. RE: MnDAA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DEADLINE to Submit March 20, 2020 PLEASE Email your Nominee to me at: mary.w.schutz77@gmail.com Include the following information: FROM:

_____ Best
Contact Phone #: _____ and Email: _____ Nominee
Name: _____

RATIONALE (WHY):

Respectfully yours, Mary Schutz 209 9th Avenue S. Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 If you have any questions you can call: 320-293-8290

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FROM: _____

Best Contact Phone #: _____ and Email: _____

Nominee Name: _____

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Mary Schutz

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8th Annual "Learning in the Round"

Date: Saturday March 14, 2020
Time: 8:30 registration 9:00-1:00 Continuing Education
Place: Herzing University
435 Ford Road Floor 10
St. Louis Park, Mn 55416

Keys to Leadership	Natalie Kaweckyj, LDA, RF, CDA, CDPMA, COA, COMSA, CPFDA, CRFDA, MADAA, BA
Dental Materials Hands on workshop with Kerr	Brian Keating, Kerr Representative
Dental Materials Hands on Workshop with 3M	Fredrik Eliason, 3M Representative
OSHA Update	Heidi Kephart, LDA, CDA, BS

Please join us for fun, food, friends, education and door prizes at our 8th Annual Learning in the Round!

All dental assistants, dental assisting students, instructors, dental hygienists, and dental therapists are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please email your RSVP to kelliolson84@gmail.com by March 12, 2020.

Payment, if applicable, can be paid at the meeting.

MnDAA Member/Students_____ Free Association cards will
MnDHA Member/Students_____ \$10.00 be checked.
MnDTA Member/Students_____ \$10.00
Non-Members _____ \$30.00

MnDAA Executive Board

President: Wendy Ahles, LDA

Pres. Elect: Theresa Treptow, LDA, CDA

Vice President: Linette Schmitt, LDA, CDA, MADAA

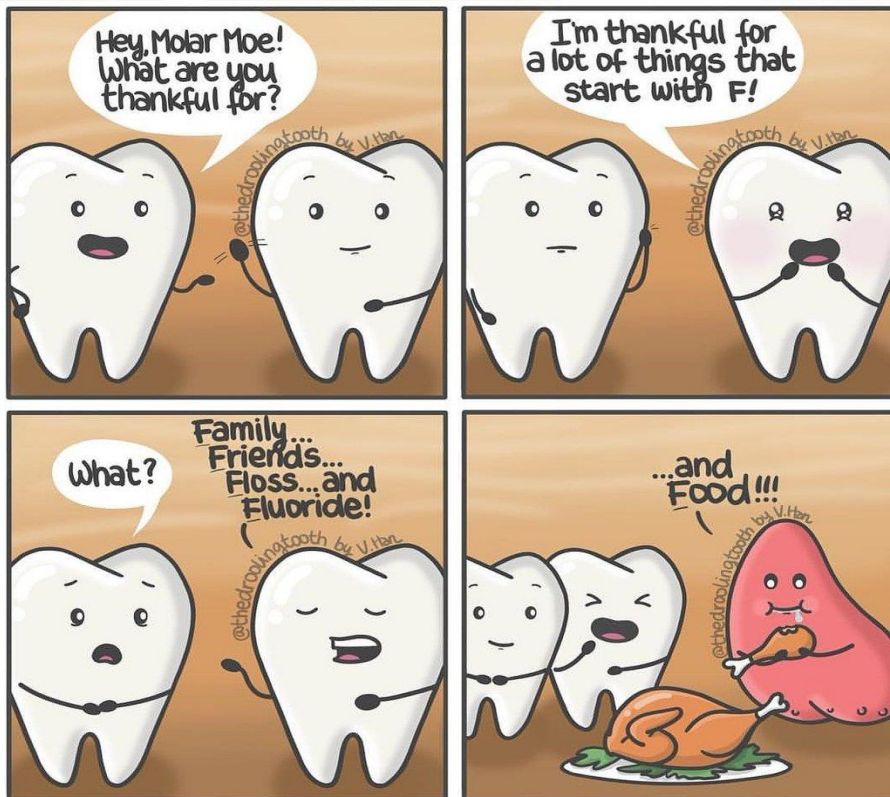
Secretary/Treasurer: Natalie Kaweckyj, LDA, RF, CDA, CDPMA, COA, COMSA,
CPFDA, CRFDA, MADAA, BA

Immediate Past President: Kelli Olson, LDA, CDA, CDPMA, CPFDA, FADAA

7th District Trustee: MaLea Flynn, CDA



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MnDAA 98th General Assembly Dinner Saturday April 25, 2020

5:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Please join us at the Downtowner Woodfire Grill

Pre-registration is required with active membership and payment by the designated deadline as space is limited to 30. No onsite registration possible. You will have your choice of the following first and main courses. Please plan to join to celebrate our continued success!

APPETIZERS

***Spanakopita** *layered phyllo dough with spinach and feta cheese.*

* **Crispy spring rolls** *filled with cabbage, carrots, celery, onion, and shitake mushrooms. Served with sweet Thai chili sauce.*

***Mushroom Dip** *Fire-roasted wild mushrooms, garlic, olive oil and thyme topped with mozzarella, wood-fire baked until hot and bubbly. Served with cracker bread.*

***Tomato Bruschetta** *served on a crispy baguette.*

FIRST COURSE (choice of)

Mixed Greens Salad *with cranberry vinaigrette or Moe's Caesar Salad*

MAIN COURSE (choice of)

***Wood-Fired Downtowner Sirloin** *with green peppercorn sauce. Served with grilled vegetables & mashed potatoes.*

***Wood-Fired Salmon Filet** *served with grilled vegetables & mashed potatoes.*

***Amish Chicken Breast** *marinated in olive oil with fresh herbs. Served with grilled vegetables & mashed potatoes.*

DESSERT

Cheesecake

Coffee or Herbal Tea

Alcoholic beverages are available at your own cost



Deadline April 4, 2020

Name:

Phone:

Any food allergies/restrictions?

Please mail above information with \$28 payment to:

Natalie Kaweckyj

3107-68th Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55429

Checks can be made out to: Minnesota Dental Assistants Association or **MNDAA \$28.00**

253 West 7th Street St. Paul, MN 55102 Complimentary parking available next to the building and across the street for your convenience, but it is walking distance from the convention center.

