

# GREATER DETROIT DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION



## President's Message

Shirley H. Stroupe, RDH

Welcome colleagues, to the Greater Detroit Dental Hygienist's Association (GDDHA) Fall Newsletter.

Hopefully everyone has had a glorious summer with family and friends. As the season comes to rapid closure, it's time for the excitement of the fall and winter activities that await us.

To recap our spring and summer, during May 28th-June 1st, GDDHA members and Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) from across Michigan gathered in Grand Rapids at Calvin College to volunteer with the Mission of Mercy (MOM). Over 900 grateful uninsured patients were recipients of various free dental care services.

A large delegation of Michigan RDHs descended upon Columbus, Ohio in June for the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) annual meeting. Many participated in quality Continuing Education (CE) courses offered by very knowledgeable speakers. Renewing of friendships, the creation of new friendships, and celebrating accomplishments brought excitement to the atmosphere. Chris Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA, State of Michigan Dental Director, was honored during the ADHA President's dinner as recipient of the distinguished "Johnson and Johnson Excellence in Dental Hygiene" award. Chris gave a star performance acceptance speech concluding with "Go Blue" which led to the Michigan attendees raising the roof top with the University of Michigan fight song. Can you imagine this all happening in the heart of Buckeye country?

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The GDDHA Board members met in July for an organizational meeting with continued planning of the 2018-2019 year. Seasoned and newer members were welcomed as we confirmed CE speakers, assigned new committee chairs, brainstormed new concepts for getting to better know each other on a social basis, and strategized the recruitment of new members. In addition, we discussed the upcoming MDHA House of Delegates (HOD), which is scheduled for October 5-7, 2018 in Shanty Creek. It was also announced to Karen Lawson, RDH that she had been voted by the board members to be the recipient of the 2018 GDDHA "Dental Hygienist of the Year" award.

In July, GDDHA completed the 2018 Revisions for the Standard Operating Procedures Manual which the current board voted to accept. I invite you to review this living document on the GDDHA website for information as to how this organization and its leaders handle business. Many thanks to the Task Force for hours of dedication in making these revisions.

During August, Trustee, Michelle Spencer, RDH BSDH successfully executed the election of Delegates and Alternates for the MDHA HOD. As a result, we have eight Delegates and eight Alternates who will be representing our component. The pre HOD meeting to review the Proposed Resolutions (PRs) and Proposed Bylaws (PBYs) is scheduled for September 12th at the University of Detroit Mercy. GDDHA will be rocking the House at Shanty Creek! Kudos to Michelle for her timely and successful recruitments.

Thank you to the RDHs that participated in the Oral Cancer Foundation (OCF) 5K Walk/Run on August 5th in Birmingham. Donations can still be made on the website through November 30th or by contacting Jennifer Menser at [jenn.ocf.mi@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.ocf.mi@gmail.com). I encourage you to continue donation requests for the OCF!

GDDHA has made history by providing the option of applying for CE courses with online payments using PayPal. I was the first ADHA member to use this option and found it user friendly. The fee structure is most reasonable and numerous members have followed. The process is working well according to our webmaster, Andrea Stoltenberg, RDH. Kudos to Andrea for her professional dedication and skill sets. Mail in registration is still an option accompanied by a check.

To kick off the 2018-2019 year, our September 20th CE program is FREE to ADHA members. Dr. Lisa Knowles will bring valuable information that we can apply to a variety of patients.

Visit [www.gddha.com](http://www.gddha.com) for the complete listing of the CE courses offered in 2018-2019. Read each CV for our speakers and I feel that you will be impressed with the enrichment opportunities that GDDHA has afforded you for this coming year.

In addition, on the state level, HB 5241 which calls for dental screenings of kindergarten students in Michigan and SB 541 which aims to improve access to dental care in Michigan are still in legislative negotiations. Follow the MDHA newswire for updates as they occur.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve GDDHA as your President. I look forward to seeing you at our CE programs!

Professionally yours,

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## Upcoming CE's

September 20, 2018 (Thursday) – The Science of Erosion

November 30, 2018 (Friday)– Red Run\* [Red Run 2018.pdf](#)

January 5, 2019 (Saturday)– CPR for BLS Providers

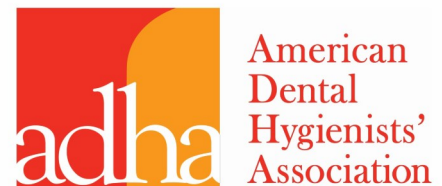
February 27, 2019 (Wednesday) - Personalized Periodontal Medicine; A New Approach to Total Body Health

April 4, 2019 (Thursday)- Taking the Dental Hygienist to the Patient; How to Best Meet the Needs of a Special Population

May 15, 2109 (Wednesday) - Keep Your Motor Runnin' – Instruments: Ergonomics, Efficiency and Sharpening

NEW! Register online at: <https://gddha.com/registration-forms>

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# MDHA House of Delegates

We are so happy to announce that we have filled all eight Delegate and Alternate positions for the upcoming House of Delegates in Shanty Creek. Thank you to all who are volunteering their time to our professional organization and profession! We have a diverse group of volunteers who will proudly represent our area.

## **DELEGATES:**

Dawn Baker, RDH, BSDH  
Stephanie DeMoss, RDH, BSDH  
Karen Lawson, RDH  
Maggie Pillars, RDH  
Angela Rouhib, RDH, BSDH  
Kathi Shepherd, RDH, BS, MS  
Shirley Stroupe, RDH  
Maureen VanHook, RDH, BS, MS

## **ALTERNATES**

Ann Costello, RDH, BSDH  
Autum Drew, RDH, BSDH  
Janiece Flores-Davies, RDH, BS  
Stephanie Lozano, RDH, BSDH  
Tracey Peterson, RDH  
Jennifer Shelbourne, RDH, BSDH, MS  
Andrea Stoltenberg, RDH  
Kayla Wells, RDH

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in this delegation and we look forward to a productive session this October!

Best,  
Michelle Spencer, RDH, BSDH  
GDDHA- Trustee

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## **GDDHA Business Meetings 2018—2019**

The door is always open. We invite all members, those interested in joining our organization ,and students to see how business is conducted.

### **Wednesday September 12, 2018**

Pre-House of Delegates  
6 pm — 7 pm  
Detroit Mercy Dental School  
2700 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48208



### **Wednesday January 9, 2019**

Business Mtg  
7 pm—10 pm  
Legacy Dental Group  
950 Old Woodward Ave  
Birmingham, MI 48009

### **Tuesday November 13, 2018**

Business Mtg  
7 pm—10 pm  
Detroit Mercy Dental School  
2700 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48208

### **Tuesday May 7, 2019 2**

Business Mtg  
7 pm—10 pm  
Legacy Dental Group  
950 Old Woodward Ave  
Birmingham, MI 48009

### **Wednesday March 13, 2019**

Business Mtg  
7 pm—10 pm  
Detroit Mercy Dental School  
700 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48208



**GUESS WHERE WE ARE!**







**2018 ADHA Annual  
Conference!  
Columbus, OH**



# 2018 ORAL CANCER WALK







**We would love to hear from you!**

**Let us know how we're doing or what you would like to see in the next newsletter.**

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