

# GREATER DETROIT DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION



## President's Address

Sandy Sutton, RDH, BSDH

We made it! Through the cold winter, through phases of Covid, into a vaccination season, and into the promise of spring, giving us the possibility of seeing each other again. I'm proud of all we have been able to accomplish here at our component. New methods of doing things are never easy, but together we discovered that having CEs from the convenience of our own kitchen is pretty sweet! We've also still been able to have our business meetings, quite efficiently! We miss the time we spent together, talking, planning or even sharing a beverage; but there is a chance that we can get some of that back. In planning our schedule for the coming year, we will be proposing a few occasions to blend our meetings and have a mix of live and virtual.

The MDHA's Executive Council has made the difficult decision to make our 2021 House of Delegates virtual again. Safety for our members is paramount and is not taken lightly. Components may gather as they see responsibly safe. As healthcare professionals, most of us should already have had our vaccinations. My hope is that we are still able to have a live pre-HOD meeting with our students, delegates and alternates! Volunteers will be called for delegates and alternate delegates in the next few months.

Our final business meeting, CE, and elections will be on us before you know it. I just want to thank all of you for everything we were able to accomplish together this past year. All of us, from the Executive Board to chairpersons and committees would not be here fighting for our profession and trying to widen our scope of practice without all your support. In the coming weeks as the call goes out for elections, please consider volunteering for a position. The Standard Operating Procedures Manual has a description of all positions and what is expected and can be found right on the GDDHA website. Many hands make a lighter load. Thank you for being there with me this year to carry it.

Sandy



Legislation in action: Greater Detroit members participated in both the state and national legislative meetings with our lawmakers in March, 2021. Some of the national issues discussed revolved around having Medicare-Part B to include dental care, having Medicaid include more than just extractions for adults, and to fund the Center for Disease Control (CDC) so that all states can have support for Oral Health Programs. You would be surprised to know, that not all states have an Oral Health Program. Thanks to the CDC's funding, we do have one in Michigan. The state and local issues discussed were prescriptive rights for the RDH, specifically fluoride, and adequate funding of the Kindergarten Screening bill. The Screening bill, PA 261, was approved in December of 2020 by Governor Whitmer, but not enough funding has been allocated to get it moving successfully. Along with the MDHA, we also supported the push to allow RDH who are licensed to administer local anesthetic to be part of the Emergency Orders in the mass administration of the Covid vaccination. Michigan was not able to join with the other 11 states whose legislatures approved this measure due to the current government affairs, but we continue to support the vaccination efforts. Heartfelt thanks to all those who participated and pushed for the widening of our scope.

We were saddened to hear of the closing of Baker College Clinton Township's Dental Program. However, there is a new program starting at Macomb County Community College. They will be having their first class of Registered Dental Assistants beginning this fall, 2021 and accepting their first class of Dental Hygienists in the fall of 2022. This 2-year program will be located at the Main Campus.



### **GDDHA's CONTINUING EDUCATION 2021—2022**

- ⇒ *Thursday September 30, 2021 TBD (2CE)*
- ⇒ *Friday December 3, 2021 Location TBD (4CE)*
- ⇒ *Wednesday January 26, 2022 TBD (2CE)*
- ⇒ *Thursday March 10, 2022 TBD (2CE)*
- ⇒ *Thursday May 12, 2022 TBD (2CE)*



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# SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to GDDHA. We are so excited to have you!

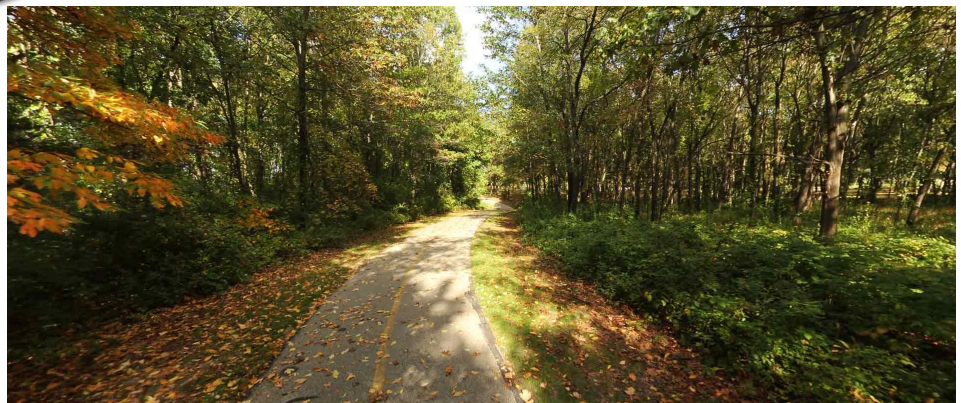
List represents members as of 01/01/2021

- \* Erin Cholak
- \* Lauren Gdula
- \* Susan Hancock
- \* Kelly Mueller
- \* Chelsea Phillips
- \* Massada Thabath
- \* Ashley Vincent
- \* Mary Young



## SAVE THE DATE

Oral Cancer 5k will be held at Kensington Metropark in Milford, MI this year on Saturday September 25! Details to come.



# Continuing Education Update

There have been some major changes in the Michigan General Dentistry Rules in the last few months! Effective April 26, 2021 many new sponsor organizations added to the Approved List.

The new approval organizations include:

The American Association of Dental Hygiene (the organization that approves the ADHA CE) .  
The American Dental Hygienists ' Association

- The American Dental Assistants' Association
- The Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association
- The Michigan Dental Assistants' Association
- Another state board of dentistry

If you have a CE dated prior to April 26, 2021, the former approval list still applies, and it would need to have a Michigan Board of Dentistry, AGD/PACE or ADA CERP approval. The Michigan Board of Dentistry (BOD) has four separate approval lists (see below) . Each year they compile a list of the programs they have granted CE approvals to. These generally last for 3-4 years. Do yourself a favor and make sure your CEs are approved- In all things, be safe!

⇒ [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry\\_2017\\_Master\\_List\\_552628\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry_2017_Master_List_552628_7.pdf)

⇒ [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry\\_2018\\_Master\\_List\\_620805\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry_2018_Master_List_620805_7.pdf)

⇒ [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry\\_2019\\_Approved\\_CE\\_Sponsors\\_646530\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry_2019_Approved_CE_Sponsors_646530_7.pdf)

⇒ [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry\\_2020\\_Master\\_List\\_681592\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry_2020_Master_List_681592_7.pdf)

⇒ [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry\\_2021\\_Master\\_List\\_722272\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry_2021_Master_List_722272_7.pdf)

The Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association is in the process of putting together the necessary information to begin taking approval applications.



## 2nd Virtual MDHA House of Delegates

This year's House of Delegates will take place virtually on October 16-17, 2021! As we begin to plan for this event, our component will be looking for qualified members to participate as delegates and alternate delegates. If you or anyone you know are interested in this honor, be on the lookout for information regarding how to run for delegate/alternate. An election process will take place during the summer.

A list of qualifications/duties is included below.

### Qualifications

- GDDHA Member
- Serve as a Board member for minimum of one year OR held an office or leadership position in a dental hygiene program
- Familiarity of the business aspect of GDDHA, including protocol, ethics, responsibilities, and importance of HOD
- Taken an active role by attending meetings, participating in projects/community work, assistance with planned events

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Read all documents provided in HOD manual (emailing handled by Trustee) and attend the pre-HOD meeting prepared to discuss and provide input
- Attend Pre-HOD meeting scheduled by Trustee to discuss PRs/PBYs, review HOD weekend schedule and any last minute details; if unable to attend, delegate is required to follow-up with Trustee to review the material prior to HOD and may be reassigned to alternate delegate
- Delegates are required to have previously attended HOD as an alternate delegate or student delegate
- Be willing and able to commit time necessary to perform duties and responsibilities
- Dress code is business attire (no jeans of any color or sweats)





## **OUTSTANDING DENTAL HYGIENIST OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Do you know a dental hygienist that goes above and beyond for their profession and local component? Nominate them for recognition!

Click on the link for more information: <https://www.mdhatoday.org/awards/>

[Nomination form](#)

## **MICHIGAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION FRANCES SHOOK AWARD Established in 1993**

Frances Shook was an icon in the history and development of dental hygiene in Michigan. After graduating in the first class of Dental Hygiene at the University of Michigan in 1922, she was instrumental in organizing the first MDHA and ADHA. She served as president of both MDHA and ADHA, along with developing the MDHA Bulletin and served as its editor for many years. In 1936, Miss Shook helped to initiate a statewide employment service, in conjunction with the Michigan Dental Society and in 1938 drafted a plan for Junior Membership that eventually became our current ADHA Student Membership Organization. In 1962 she was appointed as one of the first Dental Hygienists to serve on the National Board of Dental Examiners. She retired in 1979 after 57 years of full-time practice in private practice/clinical dental hygiene.

Her numerous awards included the U of M Alumni Association's "Emeritus Award" in 1975, and in 1980 the Nu chapter of the Sigma Phi Alpha at the U of M inducted her into Honorary Membership for her achievements in the field of Dental Hygiene. The U of M's Dental Hygienists' Alumnae Association presented Frances with their "Outstanding Alumnae Award" and in 1984 the ADHA presented her with the "Alfred C. Fones Award". Frances Shook passed away in October 1991. In 1993, the Frances Shook Award was established in her memory. This prestigious award is granted to dental hygiene professionals that follow in the footsteps of Frances Shook with their dedication and efforts toward the advancement of the profession of dental hygiene.

### **CRITERIA**

This award is presented to a professional who emulates the qualities and attributes of Frances Shook and has contributed significantly to the dental hygiene profession. Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

Nominee must be a current MDHA member in good standing

Nominee must have worked a minimum of 5 years in clinical/education/public health or any combination of the above.

The award nominee can be a self-nomination or the nomination can be submitted by another person.

Page 4 of the application is only necessary if you are nominating another person. It is NOT required for self-nomination.

Nominator Only: Page 4 of the application must include a 200 – 500 word essay, written and submitted by the nominator outlining the reasons for qualification by answering the question:

***"How did the nominee contribute to the profession of dental hygiene and help advance the profession?"***

[Nomination Form](#)



### **Taking Action—Together!**

#### **What is the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Political Action Committee (MDH-PAC)?**

The Michigan Dental Hygienists' Political Action Committee (MDH-PAC) is the only state PAC representing the interests of Michigan Registered Dental Hygienists. MDH-PAC amplifies YOUR voice and enables registered dental hygienists to collectively support representatives who collaborate with us to protect our scope of practice and assist us as we advance our profession.

One way a dental hygienist can “make a difference” is to contribute to the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Political Action Committee, the MDH-PAC. Our PAC has a sound reputation, attends functions where we have access to legislative leadership and where we are recognized for those good legislative deeds we have accomplished. Money is contributed to the campaigns of select Michigan Senators and Representatives, both Republicans and Democrats. Giving money opens doors for us. It will allow us to educate legislators about dental hygienists. Legislation has been passed authorizing us to administer local anesthetic and nitrous oxide analgesia, PA161, and our education into law not rule. Please donate to the PAC so we can continue protecting and moving our profession forward.

**For more information and to donate to the PAC please visit their website: <https://www.mdhatoday.org/resources/mdh-pac/>**



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**Our component needs your involvement! Elections are coming up soon so why not run for a position on the board. Nominations will close on June 4, 2021 and voting will take place June 5-11, 2021!**

**Open positions listed below:**

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|-------------------------|---|
| ◇ President-            | Sandy Sutton (running)                          |
| ◇ Vice-President-       | OPEN  |
| ◇ Treasurer-            | Deb Hurst (running)                             |
| ◇ Trustee-              | Dawn Baker (currently completing two year term) |
| ◇ Communications Chair- | OPEN  |
| ◇ Membership Chair-     | Mona Riaz/Autum Drew (running)                  |
| ◇ Fundraising Chair-    | OPEN  |
| ◇ Educations Chair-     | OPEN  |
| ◇ Editor-               | Autum Drew (running)                            |

**If you are interested in nominating someone or yourself for a position, please contact Sandy ([sandyksutton@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyksutton@yahoo.com)) or Dawn ([dawnbakerrdh@gmail.com](mailto:dawnbakerrdh@gmail.com))**



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**Congratulations to the class of 2021 – Oakland County Community College and the Wayne County Community College District! The Greater Detroit Dental Hygienists are here to support you as you move into your profession!**

**WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS!!**