

# GREATER DETROIT DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION



## President's Message

Dawn Baker, RDH, BSDH

Happy Holiday Season!

I would like to begin this message by thanking my friend, Shirley Stroupe, RDH, for her dedicated service to the Greater Detroit Dental Hygienists' Association. Your passion, dedication, and 'fire in your belly' will continue to inspire us! We were lucky to have Shirley with us to encourage dental hygienists to become members of ADHA, retain membership, and find value within our association. I am so pleased to have worked alongside you this year.

Michigan was once again well-represented at the ADHA Annual Session in Louisville, Kentucky. Sponsors, vendors and dental professionals flooded the city of Louisville. The International Oral Health (IOH) 5K Run/Walk brought stormy weather, dark clouds, and a last minute cancellation once again! The afterglow party for the 5K Run/Walk provided a high-energy dance scene and an award ceremony which, unfortunately, did not highlight any 5K winners, but did have costume prizes!

The Greater Detroit Component formed a team for the Oral Cancer Foundation 5K in Birmingham. This is an annual event, so if you were unable to attend this year, mark your calendar for next year! Starbucks provided coffee and tea prior to the walk/run. Vendors, health companies, and other specialty offices shared their swag and prizes.

House of Delegates was held October 18-21 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We were able to celebrate with outgoing MDHA President, Becky Domagalski and welcome incoming President, Daniella Rauch! We also were able to re-energize for the winter months. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming continuing education opportunities!



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Lastly, I was also able to attend the Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Association wine-tasting event! I met immediate past president for Michigan, Barbara Thompson. We enjoyed each other's company and discussed a future of merging CE's and sharing events with one another to strengthen our hygiene tribe in Michigan! We are looking forward to more events together!

Please continue to check our website, and Facebook page for updates. Stay tuned for upcoming news!

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Baker, RDH, BSDH



## A Banner Year for GDDHA Trustee, Sandy Sutton

As GDDHA Vice President, I would like to recognize and celebrate the successes of our members. Our GDDHA Trustee, Sandy Sutton had a banner year and has made outstanding achievements which significantly furthered the dental hygiene profession. Honoring our members and recognizing the power of membership is a fundamental principle of our professional association.

Being published was always an item on Sandy's "bucket list", but after being in public health for 5 years, she wasn't sure it was going to happen. This year with requests for assistance, it happened 4 times; twice through the American Water Works Association- Michigan Section's Trade Journal, *Michigan Water Works News*, and twice in *Dimensions of Dental Hygiene*.

"Being asked by respected colleagues to co-author the two articles that were featured in Dimensions centering on fluoridation was humbling" she stated, "but being asked to submit fluoridation articles for the water operators trade journal was unexpected."

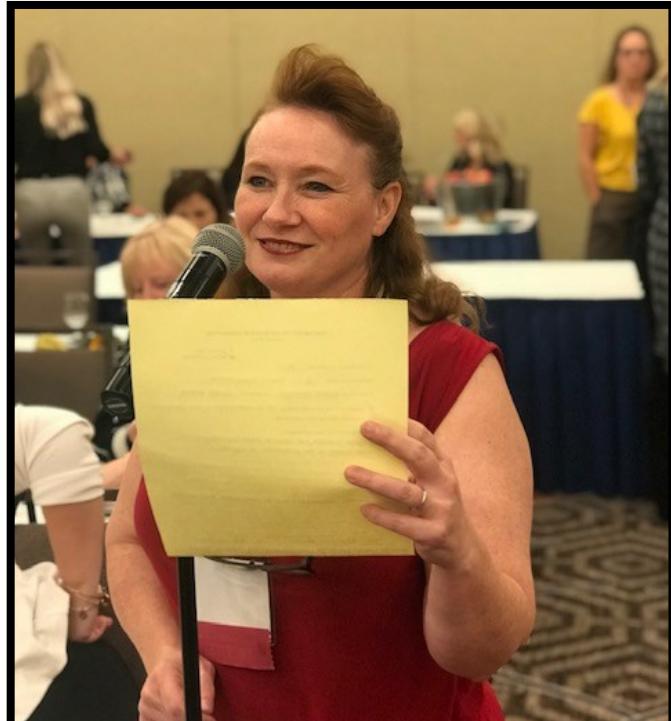
Sandy works in public health administration as the Community Water Fluoridation Coordinator at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Oral Health Unit in Lansing, under the State Dental Director (RDH and former MDHA President), Christine Farrell.

"Being in public health, I feel like I've found where I belong. Educating students, elected officials, and water operators while bringing oral health and water professionals together through public health makes me look forward to my workdays."

A graduate of Baker College Auburn Hills and bachelor completion through the University of Detroit Mercy, Sandy has been an active part of the component . She began as a student delegate, sitting on various councils and committees and has continued through today, being an elected delegate for our national conference in June 2020. She is looking forward to serving another term as trustee and continuing in leadership roles in our state. GDDHA could not be more proud of Sandy's contributions to our organization and are looking forward to another great year in 2020.

Angela Rouhib, MSDH

GDDHA VP



## Trustee's Report

Sandy Sutton, GDDHA Trustee, Executive Council Trustee

So many exciting things happened at this year's HOD that it's hard to pick just one thing that stood out! What I can say is the Greater Detroit rocked the house! Our students were outstanding, our delegates and alternates made intelligent motions on the floor and displayed professionalism that makes our profession proud. We lead the way in the Executive board, councils, and elected delegates!

First and foremost, thank you to our delegates, alternates who gave their weekend, plus a little more in planning time!

Rachel Scrimger, Kathi Shephard, Janiece Flores-Davies, Ann Costello, Dawn Baker, Angela Rouhib, Andrea Stoltenberg, Stephanie DeMoss, Marge Buehner and Renee Fox.

And our students- Angelina Ivezaj, Alyssa Bucciarelli, Ashe Vincent, Taylor Wilson, Gabrielle Patros, and Nicole Lamoureux! These young ladies representing Oakland Community College and Wayne County Community College District did a fantastic job!

### Our new Executive Board for the MDHA 2019-2020:

President	Danielle Rauch
President Elect	*Michelle Spencer
Vice President	Elizabeth Pitts
Treasurer	Samantha Mishler
Executive Trustee	*Sandy Sutton

ADHA Delegates for 2020 in New Orleans: \*Dawn Baker and \*Sandy Sutton

### Council Chairs:

Communications	*Stephanie DeMoss
Education	Iwanka Eagle
Finance	*Michelle Spencer
Legislative	*Jan Miller and Becky Domagalski
Membership	Samantha Mishler
Public Health	Elizabeth Pitts
Executive	*Michelle Spencer
Sergent at Arms	Nancy Balaj

All the \*'s= a GDDHA Member!!!



If you would like to join a committee, it is highly encouraged. They generally meet every other month by conference call. If you aren't sure how to contact them, I'll be happy to make the introduction!

This year the 6 PR's that were discussed (1 was removed by the maker on the house floor) ranged from defining prophylaxis, defining sugar sweetened beverages (a return from prior year HOD), and the level of education that we support. Once the final version of the PR's that were voted on are available, they will be shared with the component.

One item that was discovered through the combining of our components was the fact that our P&P manual will need to be reviewed again. The by-law that states that a Reference Committee member cannot be one of the candidates running for office or ADHA Delegate was in question. With the smaller size of the association's annual session, this was in conflict as the chair of Reference Committee B, Dawn Baker, was a nominee for ADHA Delegate. Thank you to GDDHA's Kathi Shephard for stepping in to chair the committee and save the day. This is one of the policies that will be visited by the appointed taskforce through the Executive board.

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In order to make our organization This year was also the first year that the new Pledge was recited by the full House of Delegates. In order to make our organization more inclusive, the executive task force of Michelle Spencer, Heather Beavers, and Sandy Sutton, with requested guidance from Linda Plunkett, re-wrote the Collect. The Collect has been moved to the historical archives. The new Pledge reads:

*Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association Pledge*

*I pledge to uphold the core values of dental hygienists as I continue with today's proceedings:*

*To treat all others with respect, do no harm, and avoid any violation of confidence.*

*To act with truthfulness in both my words and actions while maintaining professionalism.*

*To educate and advocate for the wellbeing of all individuals and for this profession as a whole.*

*May I bring honor to the profession, and may harmony prevail during our gathering.*

Looking further out, the MDHA HOD will be in our back yard next year! The Somerset Inn located in Troy is the October 16-18 2020 HOD site! Planning has already started to make it a banner year for Greater Detroit and our planning partners, East Shores. I have spoken with their president and trustee; both are very excited! As things develop, I'll be happy to fill everyone in. So far, I have reached out to Representative Haley Stevens to be our distinguished guest. Representative Haley serves the 11<sup>th</sup> district and sits on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology as well as the House Committee on Education and Labor. I am also checking with a local Girl Scouts' chapter for the flag ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sutton, RDH, BS

GDDHA Trustee, Executive Council Trustee



## DENTAL HYGIENIST OF THE YEAR

2019: Michelle Spencer, RDH, BSDH



Immediate Past President, Shirley H. Stroupe, RDH alongside her husband, Harold, showcasing their gifts for their dedication and commitment for the GDDHA!! Harold received a mug which states: "#1 GDDHA Husband" and a certificate of appreciation!

# 2019 HOD!





## HOD Student Perspective

Ashe Vincent, OCC Dental Hygiene Student

As the professional association that advocates and protects the profession and scope of dental hygiene practice in Michigan, the MDHA has taken on a great responsibility. Attending the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association's (MDHA) House of Delegates 2019 as a student delegate was a privilege on many levels.

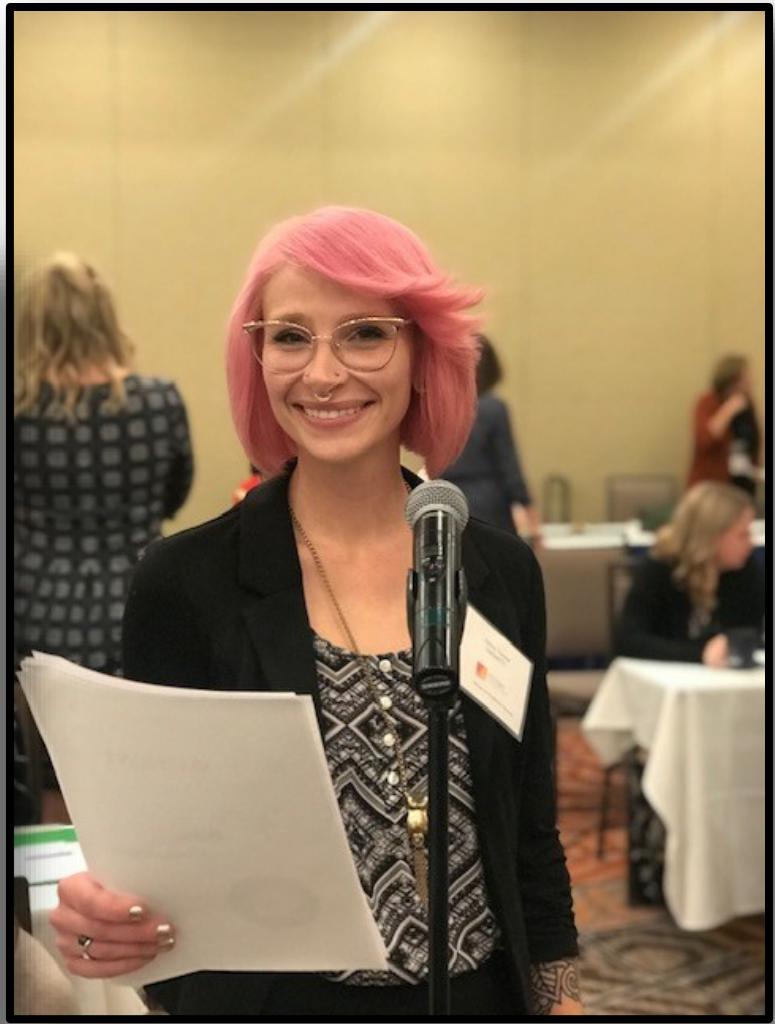
The Association is comprised of wonderful dedicated people who take time out of their personal and professional lives to oversee the policies put forth for the profession of Michigan dental hygienists. The reality of the task is time consuming and meticulous, for these delegates do not attend to simply get the job done; in contrast, they consider the context and wording of each idea put forth. Representation of our professional practice and future goals are ever-present and encompassed by the products of these members.

The participating hygienists were from all walks of life, ranging in age, degrees earned, and professional application of their education; however, all members worked together to accomplish a common goal. Bonds were created and maintained through the love of our profession. It is encouraging to know that I too, will have the support of such an association. I truly encourage all student and licensed dental hygienists to become members and add momentum to our purpose.

MDHA leadership is enthusiastic and steadfast in their dedication to advance the scope of dental hygiene both in Michigan and nation-wide. It was very educational to watch MDHA delegates and leadership work so hard and participating in the process was immensely rewarding. I am appreciative for the opportunity and hope to attend in future years as a delegate to represent and promote our profession.

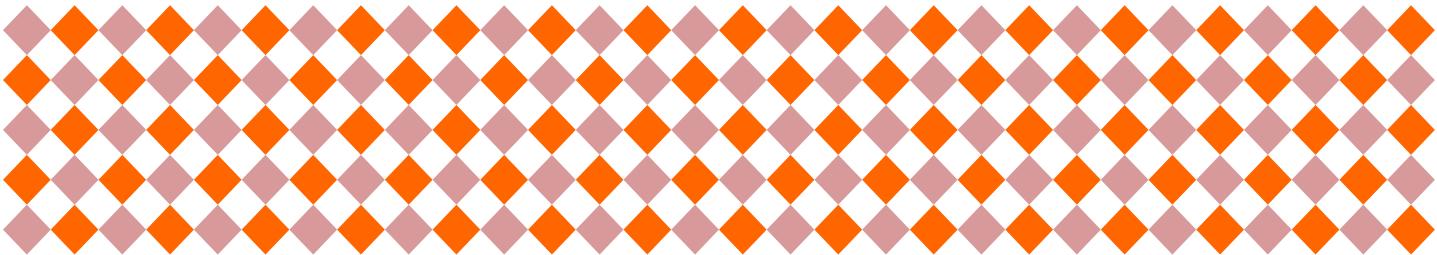
Sincerely,

Ashe Vincent, OCC DHY Student



# Oral Cancer 5K 2019!!





## **HYGIENIST WANTED**

A paid position is available for a Registered Dental Hygienist at the HUDA Free Community Health Clinic on Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am-2:30 pm. \$30/hr. The clinic provides free medical, dental, and vision care as well as medication assistance to the underserved and uninsured. The clinic is located at 13240 Woodrow Wilson (at the Davison an Lodge Freeways) Detroit, MI 48238.

For further information contact Eman Al-Tairi, Executive Director, at [ealtairi@hudaclinic.org](mailto:ealtairi@hudaclinic.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Dental Hygienists will be needed at the Wayne County Oral Health Coalition's health fair providing medical, dental, hearing and vision care at Marygrove College on August 14 & 15, 2020. Marygrove College is located at 8454 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI. They hope to have 100 dental chairs at the fair. In addition, the Wayne County Oral Health Coalition is interested in having a dental hygienist on their board. If you are interested, please contact Velisa Perry, program manager, at 313-444-3385 or email her at [wcohc.mi@gmail.com](mailto:wcohc.mi@gmail.com)

Mission of Mercy will be held on May 28-31, 2020 in Flint, MI at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center. Registration will open in early 2020. Please visit <https://www.michigandental.org/foundation/Mission-of-Mercy> for more information and to sign up!

## **VIDEO MESSAGE TO MICHIGAN FROM ADHA**

There is a video message from Ann Lynch, Director of Governmental Affairs at ADHA, on the MDHA Website. You don't have to be a member to view it.

The message talks about the passage of the dental therapist bill and mentions GDDHA's Jan Miller several times. Be sure to view it. Click on the play button below to watch!!



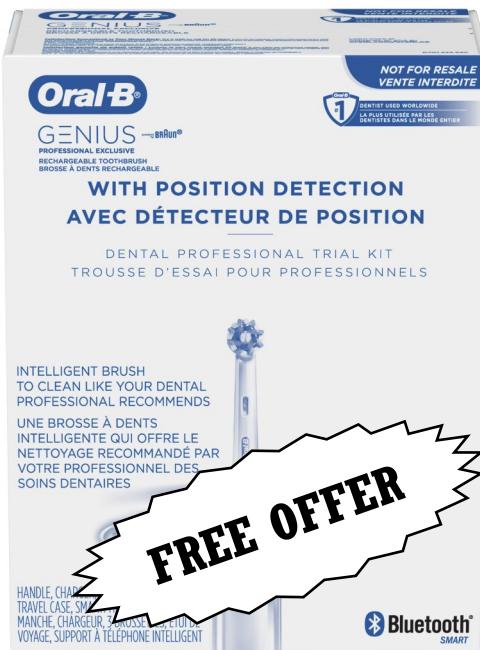
## Upcoming CE's

\*January 29, 2020 (Wednesday)– The Chamber of Secrets—Dr. Thomas Viola

March 26, 2020 (Thursday) - The Latest Trends in Orthodontics— Dr. Andrew DeHaan

April 22, 2020 (Wednesday) - State of Michigan Dental Therapist: The Educational and Licensure Process

REGISTER ONLINE at: <https://gddha.com/registration-forms>



### \*FREE BRAUN TOOTHBRUSH FOR ALL ATTENDING 3-26-20 CE IN LAKE ORION

Kelly Mosesso, P & G representative, will give all who attend this seminar a **free Oral B Braun Genius** toothbrush. We will have the opportunity to use the brush that evening and then take it home!

Be sure to attend and go home with a Braun Genius toothbrush!!

## **GDDHA Business Meetings 2020**

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

### **Wednesday January 22, 2020**

Business Mtg

7 pm—10 pm

Detroit Mercy Dental School  
2700 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48208



### **Wednesday March 18, 2020**

Business Mtg

7 pm—10 pm

Detroit Mercy Dental School  
2700 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48208

### **Wednesday May 6, 2020**

Business Mtg

7 pm—10 pm

Detroit Mercy Dental School  
2700 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48208



**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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