

North Carolina Dental Assistants Association Spring 2010



GREETINGS!

This year is quickly going by! I've loved serving as your President and representing NCDAA. It certainly has been a memorable and exciting year for me. Please see my Annual Conference Report in this MIRROR to hear more about what's going on in the ADAA and about our trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, in October, 2009.

Please make plans now to join us for our Annual Session at Embassy Suites/Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC, May 20-22, 2010. Our business meetings are all on Friday, May 21, in Brighton Towers. You do not have to be an officer to attend. I would love to see all local societies represented. Please send your delegates! We need your support, input, and participation. This is your voice! This is your chance to speak. You must be registered through NCDS. Please also go by and register at the NCDAA table and pick up your ribbons for your badge. There will be a ticketed luncheon on Friday at 12:00 Noon honoring our Past Presidents. More information concerning this is also in this MIRROR. A reception will also be held in the President's Suite in Brighton Towers at 6:30pm honoring our outgoing and newly elected officers. All NCDAA members are invited. Our students will be honored at a breakfast social on Saturday morning in the President's Suite from 8:00-9:00am, followed by table clinics and displays at Somerset, Embassy Suites, 9:30-11:30am.

As we plan for Annual Session, I want to encourage you to acknowledge those special assistants for awards through NCDAA. Please look over the awards and submit your nominations to Joyce Baker, Awards Chairperson, for those deserving individuals within your local society. Student members may also apply for the two scholarship awards.

This is an exciting time for NCDAA. We are now having communication with NCDS concerning expanded functions for dental assistants in North Carolina. NCDAA has formed a special task force at the challenge of NCDS to represent us and are eager to have input in their decisions. We have also been very involved with the MOM's Projects this year and have represented our organization very well. Thank you! What a privilege to serve you. I want to especially thank all of our officers this year for a great job. I could not have done my job without each of you. Also, a very special thank you to our advisor, Dr. Bobby Elliott, for all his efforts to support our mission, be a spokesperson and advocate for NCDAA.

I look forward to seeing you in May!

Most Sincerely,

Dianne Gwaltney, CDA
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www.danb.org

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All State and Local components are required to file with the IRS as of the year beginning 1/1/07. For more information go to www.irs.gov/eo or see Sept/Oct Journal article pg. 18: IRS Electronic Notice Filing Requirement



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154th Annual Session

North Carolina Dental Society

May 20-23, 2010

Embassy Suites

Kingston Plantation Resort

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

EIGHT HANDS-ON PROGRAMS ARE SCHEDULED PLUS CPR

ALLIANCE OF THE NCDS

The Alliance of the NCDS will have a daily 'gathering' place of members and friends in the Harrow Room of The Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation. Plan to visit and find out the latest information on this important group.

***Please check the on-site program for events planned for the Alliance of the NCDS.**

NC DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION EVENTS



Dianne Gwaltney, NCDA A President

Thursday, May 20, 2010

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	NCDA A Registration – EMBASSY SUITES CAMBRIDGE HALL
9:00 AM - NOON	NCDS Continuing Education – EMBASSY SUITES
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	NCDS Continuing Education – EMBASSY SUITES
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	NCDA A Executive Committee Meeting – D. Gwaltney's Suite

Friday, May 21, 2010

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	NCDA A Registration – EMBASSY SUITES CAMBRIDGE HALL
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	NCDA A Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting – PALLADIUM C (BRIGHTON TOWERS)
10:30 AM – NOON	NCDA A Opening Session/General Assembly – PALLADIUM C (BRIGHTON TOWERS)
NOON – 1:30 PM	NCDA A Luncheon Honoring Past Presidents – BALLY MONEEN (BRIGHTON TOWERS)
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	General Assembly (continued) - PALLADIUM C (BRIGHTON TOWERS) Awards Installation of Officers Post Convention Executive Board Meeting
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Presidents' and Officers' Reception – D. Gwaltney Suite

Saturday, May 22, 2010

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast Social for the dental assisting students – D. Gwaltney's Suite
9:00 AM - NOON	NCDS Continuing Education – EMBASSY SUITES
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Dental Assistant Table Clinics – SOMERSET (EMBASSY SUITES) (All NCDS registered attendees invited to attend.)
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	NCDS Continuing Education – EMBASSY SUITES

Convention Committee News

It is time once again to be looking toward our 60th Annual Session May 20 – 23 at Kingston Plantation, Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Plans are being made by the Convention and Program Committees to make this a successful and memorable event. Those attending, please make plans early. Your registration for the meeting can be made through the North Carolina Dental Society by going online at www.ncdental.org or www.ncdentalassistant.org. This registration will allow you to attend the continuing education offered by the dental society and attend the business sessions of NCDAA. Once again, NCDAA has blocked condos at Brighton Tower, Kingston Plantation. These condos will sleep 6 to 8 persons. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by calling 1-800-876-0010. Please ask for the North Carolina Dental Assistants Association block of rooms and use code NDA.

Local Societies are being asked to contribute money or bring gifts to be used as door prizes at the NCDAA Luncheon, Honoring our Past Presidents. This luncheon will be held on Friday, May 21, at 12:00. If your local society did not receive the information sent and you would like to participate as a society or an individual, please let us know. Any money can be sent to our Treasurer, Kristy Eddleman at: 6715-A Fairview Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28210-3355.

Our price for the luncheon this year is \$25.00 for Members & Guests, \$15.00 for Students, and Past Presidents. We had to raise our costs slightly due to the increase in charges by Kingston. Everyone is invited. Please come and enjoy seeing friends, making new friends and great fellowship. Please fill out the form below and send to Kristy also.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are looking forward to seeing you at Annual Session!

Respectively Submitted,
Convention Committee
Kelly Curtin, CDA
Kristy Eddleman, CDA

I plan to attend the NCDAA Luncheon, Honoring Our Past Presidents.

___ Past President \$15.00

___ Member or Guest \$25.00

___ Student \$15.00

Name(s) Attending _____

Send Check to:
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To: NCDAA Local Societies

Once again it is time to prepare for the NCDAA Annual Session in Myrtle Beach, S.C. One of the special times during this session is the presentation of Awards. Please see the enclosed information to nominate members from your local society this year. Please consider this list of awards for a deserving individual with your local society.

To allow enough time for the nominations to be considered before Annual Session, please return your nominations to me at the information listed below by May 1, 2010. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email, work or home phone.

Please let the student members of your local society know about the scholarship awards they can apply for: The Edna Zedaker Scholarship Award, The Faye J. Watkins Scholarship Award. Kristy Eddleman and Charyl Allison will be sending information on these awards to the Dental Assisting Schools.

I look forward to hearing from you and also seeing you at Annual Session.
Respectively,

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NCDAAs Annual Sessions Awards

THE EDNA ZEDAKER LOYAL ASSISTANT AWARD, sponsored by the Past President's Council, will be presented to the member of NCDAAs, who submits the longest record of consecutive employment, with one employer, providing she has not previously received the award. The recipient must be registered at the NCDAAs Annual Session and be present at the awards ceremony to receive this award. (The term consecutive employment shall refer to an assistant actually employed by but not married to her employer.) A notarized statement giving date of original employment and stating that she has been a member of the NCDAAs for at least two years must be given to the NCDAAs Secretary by the designated date. This must be signed by her employer and the President and Secretary of her society. It must be two consecutive years just prior to application of the award, that he or she has been a member of NCDAAs.

THE DR. WILLIAM H. OLIVER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, sponsored by Linda W. Clark, CDA, will be presented to the member, who in the opinion of the Executive Board, has done the most outstanding work for the NCDAAs and for dental assistants.

THE ETHEL EARL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, sponsored by the family of Faye J. Watkins, CDA will be presented to a member of the NCDAAs, not on the Executive Committee, who in the opinion of the Executive Board, has done the most outstanding work for the Association and for dental assistants.

THE CHARLOTTE LABORATORY ATTENDANCE AWARD will be presented to the local society having the largest percentage of members registered at the Annual Session.

THE JOE BAKER COOPERATION AWARD will be presented to the local society that has given the best cooperation to the officers and committees. The Executive Committee will recommend a society to be approved by the Executive Board.

THE AILEEN CROOM MEMBERSHIP AWARD will be presented to the local society having the largest percentage of increase in active membership since the close of the last Annual Session of NCDAAs.

THE HARRY LEMMONS MEMBERSHIP AWARD will be presented to the local society having the second largest percentage of increase in active membership since the close of the last Annual Session.

NCDAAs LOCAL SOCIETY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AWARD will be presented to the local society submitting the best educational program for at least six regular meetings of the current year.

THE EDNA ZEDAKER SCHOLARSHIP of \$250.00 will be presented to a student enrolled in a Dental Assisting Program. The selection is made by the Scholarship Committee.

THE FAYE J. WATKINS, CDA SCHOLARSHIP OF MERIT sponsored by NCDAAs will be presented to a student member of NCDAAs who attends an accredited Dental Assisting School in the state of North Carolina. The student must exhibit professionalism, leadership qualities, a commitment to the profession of Dental Assisting and a commitment to community service.

NCDAAs VOLUNTEERISM AWARD sponsored by Carolyn C. Newman will be presented to a local society or ACTIVE membership status individual for recognition of volunteer service to underserved populations for clinical, educational, or monetary support. This work is performed in the local community, state or international levels of service.

NCDAА VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

NCDAА will be sponsoring a Volunteerism Award available for a regular ACTIVE member or a local society to be awarded at the Annual Session at North Myrtle Beach. This award is designed to encourage volunteer service and recognize individuals providing or supporting dental healthcare service to underserved populations. This award does not include students who hold temporary membership, but reserved for ACTIVE members.

- Local societies are encouraged to recognize students, who do volunteer work within the local society at the local meetings,
- This volunteer service will have provided clinical, educational, or monetary support at the local community, state, or international level.
- To apply: Categorize your project(s) name for underserved populations: special needs, sealant programs, programs for seniors, Head Start, Tobacco Intervention or Cessation Programs or Other community endeavors.

- 1) Provide typewritten 1-2 pages, double-spaced summary of 100 words or less.
- 2) Include the name of the project(s) or programs with date/place performed, target audience (and number of folks served), number and title of volunteers assisting with the project(s), number of man hours, and other statistical information if available.
- 3) Secure the signature of your local president, and mail the application to:

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This award is sponsored by Carolyn C. Newman, CDA, BS

NCDAА - Edna Zedaker Scholarship Award

The Edna Zedaker Scholarship Award is a monetary award based on need and academic achievement.

All Students in Dental Assisting Schools in North Carolina are eligible to apply.

The deadline for applications is May 10, 2010.

Edna was a Certified Dental Assistant in Charlotte, NC.

She worked with Dr. Burt Fox for her entire career.

She was a Past-President of the American Dental Assistants Association and a Past President of the North Carolina Dental Assistants Association.

She held Certification #1 from the Dental Assistant National Board.

Her career was spent caring for her patients and friends. She was a dear lady who did a lot for organized Dentistry during her career.

If you need information on the Edna Zedaker Scholarship. Contact: Kristy Eddleman at kristy@edata-charlotte.com





NCDAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, October 31, 2009

Kelley Curtin, Vice-President, Presiding

Vice-President Curtin called the Board Meeting to order at 2:05 pm and extended a warm welcome to all in attendance. Jenelle Christopher from Alamance and Anita Coe from State were new attendees. Kelley introduced the current NCDAA Officers and our Fourth District Trustee, Nanette Hill. Kelley introduced herself as NCDAA Vice-President and explained that she would be presiding over the Executive Board Meeting in the absence of President Diane Gwaltney, as she was attending her son's wedding in Florida.

Secretary, Lolly Pardue called the roll and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Vice-President Curtin shared correspondence from ADAA regarding Annual Conference and a thank you note from Kristy Eddleman for the baby gift.

Treasurer, Kristy Eddleman, presented the Treasurer's Report, which had been placed on the table at the back of the room and asked if there were any questions. Kristy reported balances of:

Checking - \$1,999.13 (Ending Balance)

Savings/ Money Market - \$2,404.80

Edna Zedaker Scholarship - \$826.51

Faye Watkins Scholarship - \$1,252.54

Expenses-\$ 11,892.41

Kristy announced that NCDAA now has a Bank of America debit card.

Linda Clark inquired about the monies NCDAA receives from NCDS Annual Session. NCDAA received less than was budgeted. Linda recommended that President Dianne Gwaltney and/or our advisor, Dr. Elliott speak to NCDS regarding the rate NCDAA receives per dental assistant registered at Annual Session. At the current time, the rate is \$35.00 per registered dental assistant.

The Treasurer's Report was placed on file for audit.

The notes from the August 8, 2009 meeting were read by Secretary Lolly Pardue. There was no business conducted due to the fact that there was not a quorum, therefore, no minutes could be approved.

ADAA Fourth District Trustee, Nanette Hill, had no report due to the proximity to ADAA Annual Conference.

The President's Report of Annual Session will be given by President Dianne Gwaltney at the next meeting. President Gwaltney reported that it was "a great meeting with many in attendance. The big thing, of course, was the passage of the e-membership."

COMMITTEE REPORTS were presented as follows:

Standing Committees

Judicial/Legislative-No Report

Bylaws/Manual of Procedure-No Report

Membership-Report on File-Membership increased from 505 to 515.

Budget & Finance- No Report

Education-14 in attendance for today's C.E., presented by Lynda Snider, CDA. Please remember to RSVP for upcoming C.E.!

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Program-Please get photos of current officers to Carol Sell.

Organizational-No Report

Awards- No Report

Convention-Report on File-Lynda Snider presented the final report for the 2009 NCDAA Annual Convention. The total expenses for the 2009 NCDAA Annual Convention were \$6241.83.

Student Involvement-No Report

Historical- No Report

Edna Zedaker Scholarship-No Report.

Faye Watkins Scholarship-No Report.

NC Dental Foundation- No Report.

NC Committee for Dental Health-Report on File-Nanette Hill reported that the NC MOM Project in Dare County, NC was a great success. 902 patients were seen by the 85 volunteer dentists. 7 NCDAA Members volunteered and a television crew on-site interviewed our own Joyce Baker and Debbie Ridgeway.

Mirror-Available on NCDAA Website. Deadline is March 1, 2010.

Website-Work in progress. The latest addition of The Mirror is now available.

Ways & Means-A special thanks was extended to Carol Sell for preparing jewelry to be sold at Annual Conference and all of her hard work and dedication manning the Ways & Means table. The Ways & Means table produced an income of \$452.00 from the sell of Carol's jewelry and an income of \$80.00 from the sell of NCDAA T-shirts. Both jewelry and NCDAA T-shirts are available for sale today. NCDAA T-shirts are \$15.00 for NCDAA Members and \$20.00 for Non- NCDAA Members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A reminder was made to make sure all Local Society Officers Lists are on file with President Gwaltney and Secretary Pardue.

Susan Wilson was congratulated for the great job she did on the latest edition of The Mirror. A reminder was made about getting information to Susan Wilson for The Mirror in a timely manner.

There were no additional changes at this time to the Manual of Procedures/Bylaws

The volunteer efforts with NC MOM Projects have been a success and all that have participated were congratulated on their hard work. A reminder was made about upcoming NC MOM Projects. Applications are available for pick up today. T-shirts are available today for purchase at a cost of \$15.00 for NCDAA members.

The NCDAA Task Force (Charyl Allison, Lynda Snider, and Dianne Gwaltney) formed at the Post-Convention Board Meeting to meet with NCDS concerning expanded functions of dental assistants. This task force will be responsible for developing a vision statement for NCDAA. President Dianne Gwaltney has been in communication with Prissy Allen about scheduling a meeting with NCDS in the near future. Please e-mail Dianne with any thoughts or input you might have regarding expanded functions.

NEW BUSINESS

The ADA and the Federal Services soldiers and airmen will be taking donations for the Wreaths Across America. This event will be held on December 12, 2009, when wreaths are placed at Arlington National Cemetery and other national cemeteries. This event is sponsored by Worcester Wreath Company from Maine. The cost is \$15.00 per wreath. This year, for every 2 wreaths purchased a third wreath will be donated. NCDAA participated in this event last year. The NCDAA Executive Committee recommended that 6 wreaths be purchased and 3 donated/free wreaths be received, all of which are to be placed in North Carolina at a cost of \$90.00. If any individuals or local societies would like to participate as well, the ADA's Sponsorship ID number is FLAADA01.

Due to the fact that a quorum was not present at the August 8, 2009, meeting the Nominating and Balloting Committee could not be voted upon. The Nominating and Balloting Committee consists of 2 members, one from the Executive Committee and one from membership. The recommendations from the August 8, 2009, meeting were Charyl Allison (Executive Committee) and Julie Helms (Membership). All members present voted in favor of this and Charyl Allison and Julie Helms will serve on this committee.

A motion was made by Kristy Eddleman to cut Executive Committee mileage. The motion was for the rate of \$0.505 a mile to be adopted with a maximum of \$75.00 in state and a maximum of \$100.00 for out of state travel. The motion did not require a second since it was made from the committee. All in attendance were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mirror Deadline is March 1, 2010. Please e-mail your information to Susan Wilson.

NCDAAs Stationary is available-see Dianne.

NC MOM Projects are November 6-7 and November 20-21.

NCDAAs Spring Board Meeting is March 6, 2010.

See Joyce Baker if you have NCDAAs storage needs.

The NCDAAs Executive Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.

ADAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT
(Trustee's Report to States)

NAME OF TRUSTEE __Nanette Hill 4th District_____

DATE Feb 5-7, 2010_____

Action taken by the Board of Trustees:

*A Resolution on Tooth Whitening will be presented to the HOD.

*Protocol for State Association/Local Society Websites is included.

*ADAA is going GREEN! The BOT Summer meeting handbook will be sent electronically with the possibility of the 2010 Delegates handbook.



Recommendations to State/Locals:

- ~ Each state needs to submit Award nominations under each category.
- ~Membership discounts are no longer available except at special or large meetings. Online sign up has a \$5 discount. DARW has a \$25 discount for full membership during the month.
- ~Articles are requested for the Journal.
- ~If ADAA does not have a current officer form, your rebates will be held at Central Office. Plus if the membership chair is not current your rebates will be held.

Additional Information: (use narrative form)

- ~Officers and Trustees shared addendums to their reports.
- ~Enclosed is a copy of the Financial Report given. Please read, it is very important to understand the finances of our Association.
- ~2010 Contingency Budget is enclosed. Note over \$80,000.00 was cut from the previous voted on Budget.
- ~CE courses have a three tier pricing; Full member, E-member, Non-member.
- ~All CE courses are available online now.
- ~SunStar Butler will be conducting a survey of CDA's who have been certified more than five years but fewer than 15 years and who are not members of ADAA. They will be asking why they are not and what could be done to change that. I will share results at a later date.
- ~The ADAA Central Office Staff responsibilities will be sent as soon as I receive it via Email.

Deadlines and Dates:

- ~Deadline for Nominations for ADAA Officer/Trustees, March 31, 2010
- ~Deadline for Applications to the JAS Scholarship, March 31, 2010
- ~Deadline for Award Nominations, June 30, 2010
- ~Summer BOT meeting, July 16-18, 2010, Chicago
- ~Annual Conference, Orlando, FL., October 7-10, 2010

ADAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT 2009

It was a tremendous honor and privilege for me to lead the NCDAA delegation to our Annual Conference in beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2009. Charyl Allison, Kelley Curtin, Carol Sell, Lolly Pardue, Rita Millikan, and I (your President, Dianne Gwaltney) were among 149 other credentialed voting members present at Annual Conference. Our trip began with a few challenges, like missing our connecting flight in San Francisco. We had to spend that first night in San Francisco but were able to get a flight out the next morning. We arrived in Honolulu early in the afternoon, but by the time we located luggage and reached our hotel, it was almost 4:00pm. We missed the first day of meetings but fortunately, Carol Sell had gone out earlier and was there to cover the first day for us. Charyl Allison had also taken a different flight and was also there to represent us that first day.

President Stephen Spadaro opened the First House of Delegates meeting with welcomes and greetings. Joy Hershimo of Hawaii (who I had the "joy" of meeting several years ago in Anaheim, CA) presented fresh leis to the Governing Board and the District Trustees. Greetings were presented from the US Air Force, the US Army, and Past President of the Canadian ADAA. It was also very exciting to have a Chinese Delegation present for the first time. Representatives from the delegation were introduced and each spoke. Highlights of the First House were the recognition of first time delegates, state and local presidents, the past presidents of ADAA, and life and retired members. Also, the new local societies were recognized. We were very proud of our new local, Sandhills DAS, in Rockingham, and to Rita Millakin for making this happen. President Spadaro was presented a flag of the United States of America that was flown over the capitol in Washington, DC, by Past President Kimberly Bland.

On Friday morning, we attended the Vision Presentation, which gave everyone an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed e-membership. ADAA feels like they have tried every option to increase membership over the past years. They stressed that the younger generation is connected to technology and for us to connect with them, we must get on the same page. Currently the ADAA website is getting at least 70,000 hits a month. This will give ADAA the opportunity to expand our horizons, get into the electronic age, and reach out to the other 97% of dental assistants in the U.S. who are not currently members of ADAA. Yes, there are 250,000 dental assistants in the U. S. and only 3% are ADAA members. Not only that, it will give us the capability of networking with dental assistants in other countries.

Reference Committees met following the Vision Presentation. Lolly covered the Reference Committee on Budget. Lolly reported that this was very beneficial to her since she is serving her second term as NCDAA Budget and Finance Chair. Two budgets were proposed for 2010 for the ADAA, one with the E-Membership and the other without. The budget containing the proposed E-Membership included the cost of new hardware and software to incorporate the program as well as additional part-time staff to administer the program which will be amortized over 2 years. It was estimated that the part-time staff would not be needed until the last 6 months of the 2010 if the initiative was approved by the ADAA House of Delegates. There was also some debate over the proposal to email the 2010 ADAA Delegate Handbook.

I covered the Bylaws Reference Committee. There was much discussion about the Proposed changes to the Bylaws, Article IV and V (the addition of a new membership category: E-Membership). After several members proposed amendments to the amendment, the straw vote of those attending was to recommend to the House of Delegates the addition of the E-Membership as proposed by the committee.

The Second House of Delegates convened on Saturday morning at 10:00am. Kelley reported on this meeting for us. President Spadaro announced the results of balloting on Friday evening. Natalie Kaweckyj, President-Elect, Claudia Pohl, Vice-President, and Susan Rexroat, Secretary. There was also election of trustees for several districts. Executive Director, Larry Sepin gave an update of the ADAA's financial status. The ADAA has had 11 years of profit and 15 consecutive years of profit from the Annual Conference. Bottom line is that the financial stability of the ADAA at this time is good. The Proposed Bylaw change concerning E-Membership was brought to a vote. It was a unanimous decision to adopt the amendment to the Bylaws Article IV and V. The proposed budget for 2010 with the E-Membership was also adopted.

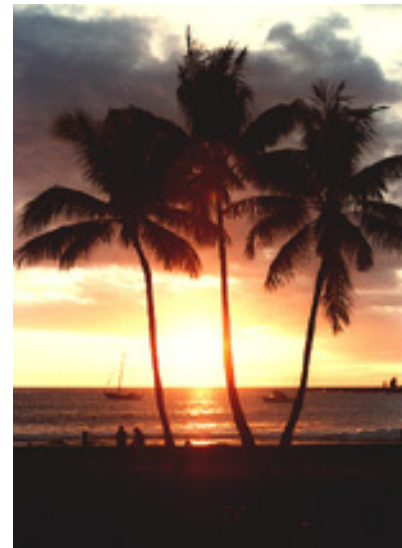
Executive Director Larry Sepin recognized the Officers and Trustees for the past year and presented gifts. He also said that “we made history today” referring to the adoption of the new membership category.

5th District brought greetings and invited everyone to Florida for 2010 Annual Conference in Orlando. This concluded the meeting.

The ADAA President’s Gala was held on Saturday evening. The installation ceremony was beautiful, as usual. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship with each other as well as with our South Carolina friends. As one of our delegates stated, “the gala was a lot more elaborate than anything I had expected. I guess I just never expected anything that nice for dental assistants. They really made us feel so appreciated for what we do. It was an experience I will always cherish and remember.” Another delegate stated, “although the conference was a marvelous experience, the wonderful fellowship with my fellow delegates surpassed anything I could put into words. I am fortunate to have gotten to better know these remarkable ladies that I serve with in NCDAA.”

I would also like to personally thank Carol Sell for manning our Ways and Means Table and for all the hours she spent preparing for the event by making her beautiful jewelry. A special thank you as well to Nanette Hill, our Fourth District Trustee. She does an outstanding job representing us and keeping us abreast of everything. Again, we would all like to express our appreciation to NCDAA for this opportunity to serve you. I was extremely proud of this delegation, their professionalism and their desire to represent you well.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Gwaltney, CDA
NCDAA President
First Delegate



A VISIT WITH SANDHILLS DENTAL ASSISTANT SOCIETY

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Sandhills Dental Assistant Society on Feb. 9, 2010, at Montgomery Community College. Sandhills is our newest local society, just formed about a year ago. I was warmly greeted by Rita Millikan and Lori McAllister and several of their members. We had such an enjoyable evening as I shared many of the changes I have experienced as a dental assistant over the past 38 years. I was able to hear their concerns about membership and had the opportunity to encourage them. Many of our locals are sharing the same concerns about decrease in membership and what can we do to draw in the dental assistants in our areas. Continue to stress the need for education, networking with other dental assistants, and just the sheer satisfaction of participating in your professional organization and having a voice in NCDAA. I think we have a great association, and want to see us thrive. Rita has worked very hard to get this group off the ground and I applaud her efforts. They are meeting monthly and there is much excitement and enthusiasm among this group.

Submitted by your NCDAA President
Dianne R. Gwaltney, CDA



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mark Your Calendar

North Carolina Missions of Mercy 2010 Schedule

Jan 22/23 – New Bern-Garber UMC, 4201 Country Club Road, New Bern, NC 28562

Feb 19/20 – Weldon-Halifax Community College, 100 College Drive, Weldon, NC 27890

Mar 12/13 – Durham-National Guard Armory, 801 Stadium Dr., Durham, NC 27701

Apr 16/17 – New London- Highland Baptist Church, 106 Highland Dr., New London, NC 28127

Apr 30/May 1 – Wilmington-Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1401 S. College Road,
Wilmington, NC 28403

Jun 4-5 – Sylva- Jackson Co. Health Dept.,538 Scott's Creek Rd, Sylva, NC 28779

Jun 25/26 – Sparta-Alleghany High School Gym, 404 Trojan Avenue, Sparta, NC 28675

Jul 16-17 – Washington-St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 101 N. Bonner Street, Washington, NC 27889

Aug 20/21 – Asheville-Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, 340 Victoria Rd,
Asheville, NC 28801

Sep 17/18 – Gastonia-Bethlehem Family Life Center, 575 Separk Circle, Gastonia, NC 28054

Oct 29/30 – Dare County-Dare County Youth Center, 602 S. Mustain St., Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Nov 5/6 – Greensboro-First Presbyterian Church, 617 North Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401
to confirm date and location click here



*Photos from New Bern Jan 22–23
click here to see all photos*



*Photos from Durham March 12–13
click here to see all photos*

AFRICAN MISSION TRIP

I was given the opportunity recently to join a team going to the country of Senegal, Africa for a mission trip. Our team included Dr. Ronald Key, his wife Janet from Newton, NC, Dr. Stephanie Ballentine from Charlotte, NC and myself.

After prayerful consideration and discussion with my family, I decided this was another way God was expanding my territory. I had volunteered in my community and with NCDS Missions of Mercy, and I plan to continue to volunteer in those areas. Africa was a totally different adventure for me.

We arrived in the village of Bougoutoub after a 10 hour taxi ride, passing through the country of Gambia, within the country of Senegal, to arrive in the southern part of Senegal. We stayed at the home of missionaries, Lee and Donelle Kauffman. Our trip began January 23 through February 6, which was also winter in Africa. Temperatures there was 90 degrees during the day, I'm just glad it was winter. We were up every morning to the rooster crowing at 5:15. The village people had made is a clinic out of palm leaves, which was very nice and gave us privacy to work on the patients. We went to the clinic at daybreak to work each morning during the coolest time of the day. We were in a Jola-fonyi village so Stephanie and I had to be given a Jola name. My Jola name is Ida Sane and that's how I would introduce myself to the village people.

We saw 243 people from 16 villages while we were there, many walking two to three hours to be treated. Everyone was so appreciative of everything we did. This was a very humbling experience. The African women wore beautiful clothes, with vibrant colors. I had the opportunity to visit one of the local markets, buy material, and a local tailor made me an African dress.

The trip was an experience I will always treasure. I encourage all dental assistants to volunteer their time in whatever way you can as you are given opportunities.

Joyce H. Baker, CDA
Tri-County Dental Assistants Society

SOCIETY NEWS

DURHAM-ORANGE DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

We have had a great time at our new Chapel Hill location at Jim's Famous Barbeque. Our attendance has averaged 12 students per meeting and about 8 members. Having our meetings in Chapel Hill has made it easier for students to participate. We will continue to invite staff when we have Lunch and Learns with Dr. Kathy Davies and referring dentist, meet volunteers at Durham Rescue Mission and Mission of Mercy and have our active members continue to invite coworkers.

Since our last Mirror report, we have had Ethel Campbell speak on Body Piercing. (That was a night to remember.) We all had a great time and Ethel received a balloon from Ted's Twisted Balloons. Ted Rabalais is always there on Tuesday nights to entertain the kids.

We started the New Year out with Chris Garrett speaking on Homelessness in NC: Causes and Solutions at our Jan. Meeting. I think Chris motivated us to get excited in volunteering for Durham Rescue Mission and Mission of Mercy. I know when I volunteer I always have a sense that I was blessed when I leave. Dr. Eakers and Dr. West, Dr. Sam Chang from Hillsborough are awesome in their dedication to the in house dental clinic. The facility is state of the art operatories, two computers per operatory, Dentrux software, Panorex, the patients are so appreciative that it just makes you want to come back. They have a hygienist that is familiar with clinic so those of us that can't come every month can have guidance to find what they need for each procedure. Nora Sienna has put together a binder that has a checklist on opening and closing. Chris Garrett certainly planted a seed in each of us to do what we can to make our community a caring community.

Dr. Charles Hecht spoke to us in Feb. about Ergonomics. He presented a power point as well as hands on exercises to help us learn to prevent injuries.

The Durham Orange Dentist have decided not to have a joint meeting this year. They have invited the students to their meeting for table clinics and the Durham Orange Executive Board. We will present a cash award to first place.

Instead of having a local meeting with a speaker we had a Children's Dental Health Clinic on March 13th with Dr. Bobby Elliot and Dr. Julie Molina. We invited Ted's Twisted Balloons to come out to entertain the kids. We had face painting, an oral hygiene station with goodie bags, educational brochures to give to parents, and healthy snacks. Several of us volunteered at the NCMOMs on Friday and Saturday – what a wild weekend filled with giving back!



We awarded The Faye Watkin's Scholarship to Kristin L. Fritzsche for \$500.00. Our Charitable donations were \$150.00 to Durham Rescue Mission for turkeys at Thanksgiving, \$150.00 to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina – Dental Assisting Fund. This fund is for the students to use when they have travel expenses for the Mission of Mercy Clinics in NC.



Look forward to seeing you at Annual Session.
Sincerely, Janine Healey

PIEDMONT DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

The Piedmont Dental Assistants Society has been inactive for the past year, but I am making an effort to re-organize our society. Please email me at ifsnider@gtcc.edu or call me at 336-470-6104 with your interest in being a part of this organization that represents our profession.

Sincerely, Lynda Snider, CDA

SANDHILLS DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

The Sandhills Dental Assistants Society has been holding regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. We have been averaging 10 people per meeting. We now have 21 members and everyone is trying to encourage staff members to join. We have had some very educational classes and very productive meetings afterwards.

We raffled off a \$100.00 gas card that was donated to the Society to help us raise money for a scholarship to be given to a student attending Montgomery Community College. The winning ticket was held by Carol Sell. Thanks to everyone who purchased one. The drawing was done at our Nov. meeting.

Also we are planning a community project where we will volunteer to work at one of the NC-MOM clinics. There is one being held in New London. It is being held on April 16-17 at Highland Baptist Church. Hopefully we will have several of our members attend and work with this mission. We are continuing to grow and hopefully we will be able to be an asset to the NCDAA for many years to come.

Our Society is working on a scholarship for students enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program at Montgomery Community College in the Fall.

Contact Rita for details at: sandhillsdentalassistantssociety@yahoo.com.

Respectfully Submitted, Rita Millikan, CDA
Sandhills Dental Assistants Society, President

TRI-COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

We have had some informative meetings this year. We are fortunate and blessed to have the wonderful support of the professionals in our area. We have four meetings throughout the year. In January we meet jointly with the area Dental Hygienists, where we alternate the speaker and refreshments. This year we were responsible for the speaker. We realize that attendance at our meetings are a challenge and we are always trying to come up with a different way to attract members, and also keeping the interest of the students. Tammy Glover, Western Piedmont Community College, Dental Assisting Coordinator, is very supportive by being an officer and encouraging her students to attend our meetings. We alternate our meetings between the Catawba Valley Medical Center AHEC and Western Piedmont Community College. Our members also volunteer their time by serving the community at the Cooperative Christian Ministry, the Baptist Men's Bus, Give Kids A Smile, and NCDS Missions of Mercy. It is so important to give back when we have so much. Earlier this year one of our members traveled with a mission group to the country of Senegal, Africa. The following is a list of our Continuing Education this year:

September 17, 2009 Understanding the H1N1 Influenza Pandemic
Speaker: Nancy Shoaf, MLT

November 19, 2009 Current Regulations & Radiation Safety in the Dental Office
Speaker: Dawn Burke, NCDENR, Health Physicist

January 11, 2010 Emergencies in the Dental Office: What to do Before Calling 911
Speaker: Dr. David Darab, Oral Surgeon

March 18, 2010 Enamel Therapy
Speaker: Charlie Meyer, Premier Dental Products
..... Ergonomics in Dentistry
Speaker: Dr. Brad Shook, Chiropractic Physician

We encourage all NCDAA members to attend and support their local societies.

Submitted by
Joyce H. Baker, CDA
Program Coordinator

Upcoming Events

*Be sure to mark your calendar on August 7, 2010
The Past Presidents Workshop will begin at 9 am.
Details to follow*