



VDHA Newsletter

Summer 2019 Edition

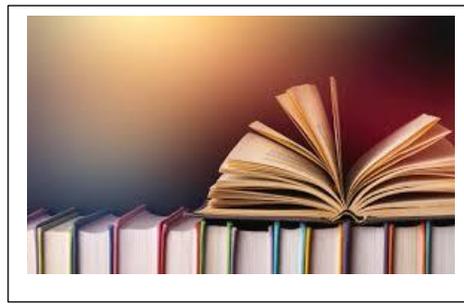
Greetings! I hope our newsletter finds you all well and enjoying your summer so far. I personally cannot believe that the summer is already half over! The VDHA has had a quiet but busy year. We have maintained our continued focus on improving our organization through leadership training and mentoring. We hosted a sledding event over the winter at Sugarbush, which was a ton of fun! Additionally, we hosted a CE on May 11th in Westminster, VT in an effort to reach more hygienists throughout the state. We are currently gearing up for our annual meeting in August and we hope to see you all there! For more information and to register please visit vdha.org.

This year we sent two delegates (Carmen Negrón-Dupee and Tammy Valadakis) to Louisville, Kentucky to participate in the 95th ADHA Annual Conference. Additionally, Ashley Wheeler a soon to be third year dental hygiene student at Vermont Technical College was chosen to represent District 1 as a student delegate at the ADHA annual conference. This is the second student in three years that has been chosen from Vermont Tech. to represent District one (VT, NH, RI, Maine and MA). Way to go guys!

At this conference they represented the voice of Vermont in the national stage. At this conference they got to meet state and leaders from all across the country and participate in the shaping of our profession on the national level. If you are a current ADHA/VDHA member THANK YOU! If not, consider this, if not you, who? We are taught at a young age, every person matters, and every vote counts. In our State and National organization every person matters, every vote counts and your voices have been heard.

If you are wanting to be involved with the VDHA, but do not want the commitment of being an officer, all of our committees could use some supporting members – Continuing Education, Annual Meeting, Newsletter, Facebook – management (open), SMADHA mentors (not tutors) (working with the students-open), Legislation, Historian (open), Public Relations (health fairs, social event, - support), Membership, Liaison to the Board of Dental Examiners (attending the meeting and providing a report). Please let me know if you are interested in the open positions or joining a committee. We are all in this together in our dental hygiene family – let's support one another! It has been my privilege to be your president this past year, thank you so much! I am looking forward to the rest of the summer and I hope to see you all at the VDHA Annual Meeting in August!

Brittney Gendreau, RDH, BSDH, MBA
VDHA President



13th Vermont Oral Health Conference sponsored by the Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association

The Annual Meeting of the Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association will be held on August 22nd and 23rd, 2019 at the Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT. The following courses will be presented:

Thursday Evening- August 22nd:

{C1}: The Human Papilloma Virus and Its Effect on the Oral Cavity (3 CEUs) – presented by Daniel Fram, MD Director of Radiation Oncology Central Vermont Medical Center

{C2}: Perio Flow Chart and Coding Fraud (3 CEUs) presented by Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS

Friday Morning- August 23rd:

{C3}: Medical Emergencies for the Dental Professional (3 CEUs) Presented by Paul Danielson, DMD

{C4}: Teledentistry: Pathway to Prosperity (3 CEUs) Presented by Cindy Purdy, RDH, BS & Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS

Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting of the Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association

Friday Afternoon:

{C5}: Healthy Strategies to Avoid Workplace Tragedy (3 CEUs) Presented by Cindy Purdy, RDH, BSDH, CEAS

There will be many exhibitors and our raffle table with lots of great prizes! Some included are:
A Handmade Queen Size Quilt * Beautiful Original Watercolor Painting * Kindle Fire * \$250 Designs for Vision Gift Certificate * Norwex and Beauty Counter Products * Crown Saddle Stool *1 year of Lexicomp * Mouthwatch Intraoral Camera * Dental Codeology 1 year membership!

Many other raffle items will be offered! Tickets are available at the meeting and are \$5.00 per ticket or five tickets for \$20.00. You do not need to be present to win.

Register Online at www.vdha.org

To Register By Mail: Mail the completed form with a check or money order payable to VDHA

to: Michelle McKay 40 Whipple Road South Hero, VT 05486

We Encourage Online Registration if Possible!



Public Relations

This has been a great year of opportunities. Not only has our Association has been able to help us network with like minded people but a variety of volunteer opportunities were and are available. Activities we participated in include:

UMall Trick or Treat
Calcutta
Green Mountain Convention
Sledding Party
Spring CE classes
June 8th Special Smiles Olympics
ADHA *National Convention in Kentucky*
July 20th Mexican Consulate for Migrant Farmworkers
VDHA Annual Meeting

If anyone knows of any volunteer opportunities or would like to participate in future events, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Tammy Valadakis
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The Vermont Board of Dental Examiners is in the process of reviewing the Rules pertaining to all Vermont dental professionals. The new rules will most likely take effect in 2020. Some of the highlights pertaining to dental hygiene are:

1. the requirement for dental hygienists, dental therapists and dentists to have both a hands on CPR course and Medical Emergencies course for licensure renewal
and
2. the ability for dental hygienists to administer (not just monitor as was previously allowed) nitrous oxide administration following a course provided by a CODA approved institution and successful completion of the CDCA examination.

There will be open hearings on the proposed rules in the near future if you would like to provide input.

In addition to the new rules, in 2019 the cost for dental hygiene licensure renewal will increase to \$215.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen B. Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, Ed.D

We hope everyone has an amazing summer!

See you at the Annual meeting!

