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Dental Hygienists' Association

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018 Edition



Hygienist of the Year (2017)- Nicole Fortune

Nicole is a full-time dental hygienist for Dr. Brian Huber at Champlain Periodontal. She has been part of Dr. Huber's team since graduating in 2004. Prior to working as a hygienist, Nicole was a dental assistant at Vermont Endodontics & Oral Surgery Associates. Nicole enjoys learning new technology while practicing hygiene, and is always looking for ways to improve the field of Dental Hygiene. When she is not in the operatory she enjoys spending time with her ten- year-old son.

Legislative Update December 2017

Since the passage of the dental therapist bill in May 2016, all remains quiet on the legislative front for the VDHA. Currently, the curriculum for the Dental Therapy Program is moving through the accreditation and program development process at Vermont Technical College. As proposed, the dental therapy program will culminate in a Master's degree for graduates. Dental hygienists with a baccalaureate degree could complete the dental therapy program in four consecutive semesters spanning 15 months. Dental hygienists without a baccalaureate degree will need to take additional courses prior to being accepted into the dental therapy program and will earn a baccalaureate degree in Oral Health Sciences while enrolled in the program, as well as a Master's degree in Dental Therapy. If you are interested in more information about the program, please contact Dr. Cheyanne Warren at Cheyanne.Warren@vtc.edu. The projected program start date is May 2019.

At this writing, VDHA does not have a professional lobbyist in place at the State House. A hiring search for a lobbyist is underway. Activity on the state level that involves rules and regulation changes for dental hygienists is being monitored monthly at Board of Dental Examiners meetings.

If you have questions about legislative matters please contact Sheila Bannister at sbannister@vtc.edu



VDHA CALCUTTA

The Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association is very excited to be hosting our first ever Calcutta on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Catamount Country Club in Williston. *The cost will be \$100 per ticket, which includes your Calcutta Ball and a buffet dinner for two served at 6:00pm and a chance to win \$1500.* A cash bar will be available from 5:30pm-6:00pm. Only 100 balls will be sold. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Vermont Technical College Dental Hygiene program to purchase supplies for the Molar Mobile. The Molar Mobile has portable equipment and goes to local schools and nursing homes where students provide dental hygiene care.

WHAT IS A CALCUTTA FUNDRAISER?

When you purchase a ticket, you receive a number between 1 and 98 (this number will coincide with a number on a ping pong ball). All the balls go into a bag. Starting around 6:30 PM we will start drawing balls out of the bag. If your ball is drawn you may win a door prize, but you may be out of the drawing for the \$1,500.00 prize - **maybe.****

****We will be selling raffle tickets for balls 98 & 100 during the evening, so you can still have a chance to win the \$1,500.00 even after your original ball has been drawn.****

When we get down to the last 5 balls left in the bag, those 5 people decide how to handle the \$1,500.00 - whether to split it or keep drawing numbers.

VDHA would love to see each of you purchase a ticket.

Please invite your friends to have them purchase a ticket for a fun evening while supporting your professional association.

To purchase a ticket to reserve your ball, please contact Heather Blair at hblairvdha@gmail.com

We would love to have this event sold out by October 1, 2018

Please help us reach this goal!

Join us for what will be a fun-filled event!

Spring CE Courses

**Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association
2018 Spring Continuing Education Series
Please Save The Dates!**

Thursday, April 12, 2018

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Stress Management

Presented by: Lauri Brown, M.Ed., BA

Location: Montpelier, VT

Vermont State Colleges

575 Stonecutters Way

Room 101

Friday May 4, 2018

8:30 pm – 11:30 am

Differential Diagnosis of Oral Lesions

Presented by: Olga Ibsen, RDH, MS

Location: Vermont Technical College Williston, VT

Room 401A

Friday May 4, 2018

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Going Viral: Oral Manifestations of Viral Disease

Presented by: Sherri Lukes, RDH, MS

Location: Vermont Technical College Williston, VT

Room 401 A

Friday May 18, 2018

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Motivational Interviewing: Achieving Sustainable Health Behavior Change

Presented by: Kim Bray, RDH, MS

Location: Vermont Technical College Williston, VT

Room 401

The 2018 Annual Meeting Planning Committee is excited to bring you some wonderful courses this year. The event is planned for August 23 and 24, 2018 at the Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vermont. On Thursday evening we will have a course on Implants presented by the designer and inventor of titanium implant instruments Susan Wingrove, RDH, BS. In addition, we will have a course on how to help your patients improve their overall nutrition presented by Kim Evans a registered dietician and co-owner of "Whole Health Nutrition" a nutrition consulting group. On Friday morning we have two outstanding courses. The first is Periodontal Disease: Classification and Non-Surgical Treatment for the Dental Professional presented by Sheree Duff, RDH, MS who is currently a dental hygiene faculty member at the University of Michigan. For the second course because of the rave reviews he received the last time he presented for us, Tom Viola, RPh will be presenting a course on Patient Self Medication. We will then be holding our Annual Business Meeting and luncheon followed by a second course presented by Tom Viola on the Medically Complex Dental Patient. If you have not attended a Tom Viola course previously you do not want to miss one of these courses. We look forward to seeing all dental hygienists at the meeting of their professional association.

Ellen B. Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, Ed.D
 VDHA Annual Meeting Planning Committee Member

**12th Annual Vermont Oral Health Conference
 Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Meeting
 Hampton Inn Colchester, Vermont**

Thursday, August 23, 2018 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm		Friday, August 24, 2018 8:30 am – 11:30 am	
Implant Maintenance & Homecare Challenges Revealed Susan Wingrove, RDH, BS	Nutrition for the Dental Patient Kimberly Evans, MS, RD, CD	Periodontal Disease: Classification and Non-Surgical Treatment for the Dental Professional Sheree Duff, RDH, MS	Patient Self-Medication Thomas Viola, RPh
<p>***Exhibit Hall Open Thursday at 4:30 pm and Friday until 12:00 pm. Be sure to bring your office orders with you to support our wonderful exhibitors!</p> <p>Raffle: Queen sized quilt raffle and other yet to be determined prizes (need not be present to win). Bring your checkbooks to win one of these outstanding prizes and to support your professional association! \$5/ticket or 5 for \$20.***</p>		Friday, August 24, 2018 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm	
		12:00 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch and VDHA Annual Business Meeting	
		Friday, August 24, 2018 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	
		Medically Complex Dental Patient Thomas Viola, RPh	

Student Members of the American Dental Hygienists' Association

SMADHA

Dental hygiene students at Vermont Technical College are all members of the American Dental Hygienists' Association. The student association at VTC has an executive board consisting of a president, president elect, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Students elect their association officers on an annual basis; the list of officers is posted on the VDHA website.

The purpose of the student professional organization is to provide community service, and to do fundraising for charitable donation through toothbrush and White Strip sales. Primary fundraising activities occur during the fall semester.

Some of the fundraising proceeds are used for student attendance at the ADHA District I Student Meeting at Yankee Dental Congress. Twenty-eight students will be attending their regional meeting in Boston in January, 2018. VTC students are planning to host the District I Student Meeting at Yankee in January 2019!

At the end of the 2017-2018 academic year, students will use the remaining fundraising proceeds to make a donation to a charitable organization of their choice.

Tina Marshall, RDH, M.Ed.
Advisor, VTC SMADHA

Public Relations

Over 200 ghouls, goblins and assorted creatures were chatted with, toothbrushes given and referrals made at University Mall on October 30, 2017. Fun time had by all! The VTC Dental Hygiene students were a hit with their costumes. Big THANKS to everyone who showed up.

We will be bowling after our Spring CE class on May 4th from 5-7pm at Champlain Lanes. Please email Tammy at tvaladakisdha@gmail.com if you can attend!

If anyone knows of any health events happening in your neighborhood please reach out to us. We would like to set up a dental hygiene table. Please let us know of events that have a minimal or no fee to have a table.

Wishing everyone a great year!!