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Annual Session, 2006

President's Message

Welcome to Chattanooga and to the TDA/TNDAA Annual Session. The TNDAA is the professional organization for all types of dental assistants. We represent chairside assistants, administrative assistants, hygiene assistants, laboratory assistants, RDAs, CDAs, PDAs, specialty assistants, assistants who have become sales reps, dental assistant insurance claims agents, educators and student dental assistants. No matter what kind of dental assistant you are, this is where you belong!

Visit our booth, #126, in the Convention Center Friday and Saturday to find out more about our tri-part organization. Join on-site and get a free T-shirt! Discover the benefits of membership including many FREE or discounted continuing education opportunities!

We invite you to attend our CE course Friday, where how to better protect our patients, our dentist/employers and ourselves by preventing medical errors. Join us, too at the General Assembly Saturday. Become actively involved in issues that affect our profession..

Be sure to visit our website at www.tndaa.org to stay informed of issues and events. And be sure to subscribe to Mega-bites, the free quarterly e-newsletter of the TNDAA.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Join us so your voice can be heard about the things that matter.

Karen Castleberry, CDA, RDA
TNDAA President

TNDAA ANNUAL SESSION PROGRAM

Friday, May 19, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Board of Trustees Breakfast Meeting	Terrace Restaurant, Chattanooga Marriott
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	TDA Exhibit Hall Visit our booth #126	Chattanooga Convention Center
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Continuing Education, "Preventing Medical Errors in the Dental Setting: A Guide for Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice", Linda Harvey, RDH, MS, LHRM, Horizon Consulting Group, Inc., Sponsored by Care Credit, Dentedonline and Shred-It - Four hours CE credit, \$55	Plaza C Ballroom, Chattanooga Marriott

Saturday, May 20, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	TDA Exhibit Hall Visit our booth #126	Chattanooga Convention Center
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	General Assembly 8:30 Credentialling 9:00 Presentation of Awards and Scholarships	Meeting Room 2, Chattanooga Convention Center
	All members welcome; all members vote; no registration required	
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Educators' Conference All educators welcome; no registration required	Lookout Mountain Room, Chattanooga Marriott
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Student Reception Students and recent grads welcome; no registration required; light snacks served	East West Room, Chattanooga Marriott

TNDAA Officers:2005-2006

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2006 TNDAA Student Member Scholarship Winners Announced

Billie Hieatt, Baxter, TN, enrolled at VSCC, instructor Desiree Sutphen; Billie also was awarded the Juliette A. Southard/Oral B Laboratories Scholarship

Erin B. O'Malley, Knoxville, TN, enrolled at TTCK, instructors Mary Ellen Vaughn and Judith Walker

Cassie Calbaugh, Hixson, TN, Graduated May 8 from CSTCC, instructors Michelle Ehmling and Karen Castleberry, employed as a PDA by Dr. Michael Johnson, has applied for TN Registration.

Congratulations, and welcome to the profession!

General Assembly Agenda Items

All members of the TNDAA vote and participate in the decision making process of the TNDAA. During this Annual Session we will

- Present Awards and Scholarships
- Hear from 3 very special guests
- Elect officers – nominees at time of printing
 - VP-Janice Harper
 - Treasurer-Marcia Sivley
 - Secretary-
- Delegates to ADA Annual Session in Denver, CO

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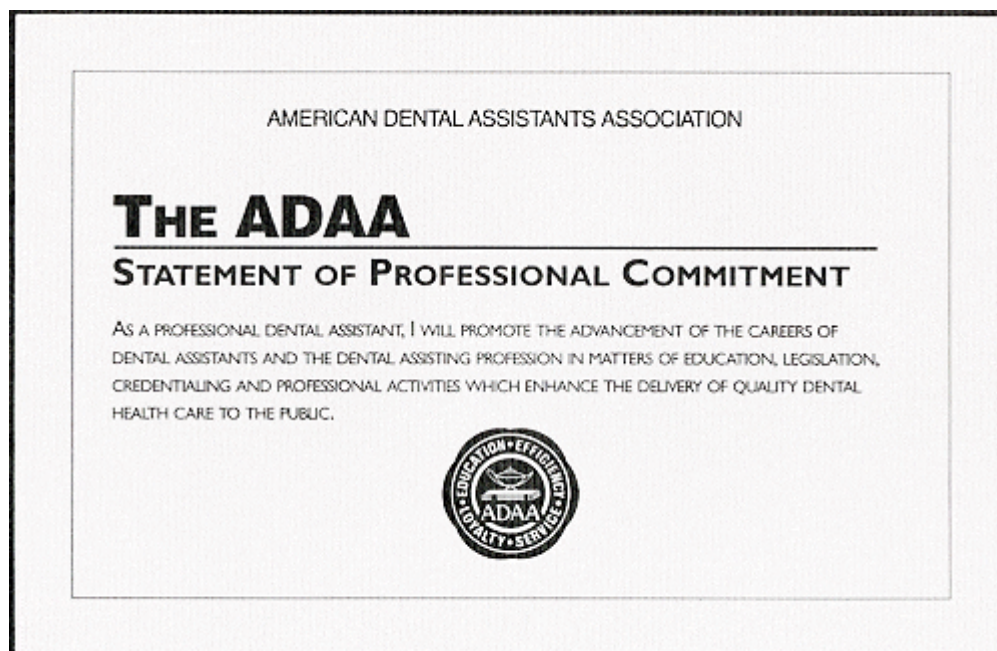
Horizon Consulting Group <http://www.lindaharvey.net>

On-line Chemical Dependency Course

Free to ADA members - \$15 for non members. Go to <http://www.tndaa.org/> and click on Chemical Dependency. TNDAA is approved by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry as a CE provider for Dentists, dental assistants and dental hygienists. Article by Dr. Chris Prater of Focus Healthcare.

New Patient Education Web-Site

Orasphere is a potential sponsor of our TNDAA website. The owner will be monitoring the traffic as we visit and refer others to their website. Please visit <https://www.orasphere.com/> and log in using the Code: cas18br and the Name of Practice: Karen Castleberry.



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