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## President's Message

Welcome to Gatlinburg and to the TDA/TDAA Annual Session. The TDAA represents the dental assistants of the state of Tennessee. There are over 4500 registered dental assistants in our state. We are actively involved in legislation that regulates our profession. We promote education and we take every opportunity to elevate the dental assisting profession. Dental Assistants are a vital part of the dental team.

United – we are the voice of dental assisting in Tennessee. We need more of you to be involved with us. We invite you to join us at our General Assembly and the CE course Saturday. Visit our booth in the Exhibit Hall Friday or Saturday to find out more about our tri-part organization. Join on-site and save \$20 on the regular membership fees and get a free T-shirt! Be sure to visit our website at [www.tndaa.org](http://www.tndaa.org)!

A fellow dental assistant,  
Lynda M. Gooden, CDA, RDA  
TDAA President 2004-2005

## Join the Today!

\$20 Discount on membership fees through May 31.

Visit [www.adaa.org](http://www.adaa.org) or join on-site  
at the TDAA Booth in the Park Vista Exhibit Hall

### The ADA's statement of professional commitment:

"As a professional dental assistant, I will promote the advancement of the careers of dental assistants and the dental assisting profession in matters of education, legislation, credentialing and professional activities which enhance the delivery of quality dental health care to the public."

## TDAA Annual Session May 19-22, 2005, Gatlinburg, TN

All scheduled TDAA events are at the  
Glenstone Lodge

### Schedule of Events

#### **Student Reception**

Friday, May 20, 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Visit our booth for the location of the reception;  
Students get a free T-shirt with coupon from instructor

#### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Friday May 20, 6:00- p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Azalea room

#### **TDAA General Assembly**

##### **Election of officers**

Saturday, May 21, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Ballroom

#### **TDAA CE course – 4 hours CE credit**

"Forensic Anthropology and All that Remains"

Dr. Murray Marks

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Ballroom

### TENNESSEE DENTAL ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Tennessee Dental Assistants' Association's objectives shall be:

- to share in the responsibility for quality dental health care delivery to all;
- to advance the practice of dental assisting toward the highest standards of performance obtainable by supporting and encouraging formal education and in providing quality continuing education;
- to support educationally-based national and/or state credentialing for the dental assisting profession; and
- to communicate effectively with all members of the health-related professions.

**Board approved  
Dental Assistants Educational Courses  
Sponsored by the  
Tennessee Dental Assistants Association**

***TDAA members receive a discount!***

Coronal Polish \$195, \$165 if member

July 15, 16  
August 12, 13  
December 2,3

Monitoring Nitrous Oxide \$125, \$100 if member

June 10  
November 11

Sealants \$125, \$100 if member

June 11  
July 22  
July 23  
November 12

Additional dates will be established  
to meet demand.

For more information regarding location and times, and  
to register on-line go to [www.dentedonline.com](http://www.dentedonline.com)

NOTE: If you already have certification in these  
courses, you may repeat the course for CE Credit!

**Continuing Education requirements  
For Registered Dental Assistants**

The Board of Dentistry reports that “all registered dental assistants are required to fulfill 24 hours of continuing education, in subject matters pertaining to the delegable or assignable registered dental assistant duties or additional certifications (coronal polishing, etc.), during the two calendar year cycle (January 1 of an odd year – December 31 of an even year) and keep a current C.P.R. card at all times. A minimum of 2 of the required 24 biennial hours must be obtained in the area of chemical dependency education.”

Join the ADAA for fantastic opportunities for free or discounted CE courses.

**NOTE:** The CE requirements for DANB’s CDA renewal differ slightly. Visit [www.DANB.org](http://www.DANB.org) for details.

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**Spotlight on.....**

Dental Assisting students and recent graduates.  
Good luck on your RDA/CDA exams  
and in your new career!

**Welcome to the profession!**