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President's Message

Welcome to the first edition of "Mega-Bites" quarterly E-Newsletter of the Tennessee Dental Assistants' Association. Our organization 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 our tri-part organization. We have our national organization, the American Dental Assistants' Association (ADAA); our state organization (the TDAA); and each district in the state can have its own local society. We are actively pursuing new members and revitalizing former members. Join now and save \$20 on the regular membership fees during our membership drive, March - May, then plan to attend our Annual Session in Gatlinburg May 19-22.

Our new website has all the details! Visit us at www.tndaa.org! See you in the Smokies!

A fellow dental assistant,
Lynda M. Gooden, CDA, RDA

2005 TDAA Officers

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Chattanooga Area



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TDA/TDAA Annual Session

May 19-22, 2005, Gatlinburg, TN

Pre-registration deadline is May 1
Five (5) general attendance credit hours will be granted
to dental assistants who attend the
TDA's 138th Annual Session

All scheduled TDAA events are at the
Glenstone Lodge
Reservations: 1-800-362-9201

Schedule of Events

Student Reception

Friday, May 20, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Friday May 20, 4:00- p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

TDAA General Assembly

Election of officers

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

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.

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Additional CE's on site

Most expenses associated with continuing education are
tax deductible - see your tax /financial advisor

**Visit the TDAA booth at the exhibit hall for
door prizes and more!**

For more information click on the logo below

www.tndaa.org

**Board approved
Dental Assistants Educational Courses
(Approval expires: 12/31/05)**

Coronal Polishing

- Chattanooga State Tech. Community College, (423) 697-4481
- Tennessee Technology Center Knoxville, (865) 546-5567
- Concorde Career College, (901) 761-9494

Sealant Application

- Chattanooga State Tech. Community College (423) 697-4481
- Tennessee Technology Center Knoxville, (865) 546-5567

Monitoring Nitrous Oxide

- Chattanooga State Tech. Community College (423) 697-4481
- Tennessee Technology Center Knoxville, (865) 546-5567
- Second District Dental Assistant Society (865) 546-5567, ext. 131
- Northeast State Technical Community College (423) 547-4910
- Volunteer State Community College, (615) 452-8600
- University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, (901) 448-5386
- Professional Development Association, Hermitage (615) 424-6080 or (615) 424-6010



**Dental Assistants Recognition Week,
March 6-13, 2005**

The Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Dental Assistants Association celebrated Dental Assistants Recognition Week March 5 at a reception in Lebanon Tennessee. Activities included finalizing plans for the TDA/TDAA annual Session in Gatlinburg in May, a legislative update from our lobbyist, and presentation of a certificate of recognition from the ADAA's Legislative Assistance Program. Some of the TDAA Board Members are pictured here. Left to right, front row, Mary Ellen Vaughn, Secretary; Lynda Gooden, President; Karen Castleberry, Chattanooga Area; Back Row, Alice Myer and Ruth Ottinger, 1st District; Marcia Sivley, Treasurer; and Janice Harper, Memphis.

**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."

NOTE: The CE requirements for DANB's CDA renewal differ slightly. Visit www.DANB.org for details

Join the ADAA

www.dentalassistant.org



The ADAA'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."

Spotlight on..... Betty Gail Fox

Dental Assistant member to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry

Betty Gail Fox is an oral surgery assistant at University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. She works with Jack E. Gotcher, Jr., D.M.D., Ph.D. and J. Michael McCoy, D.D.S.

Betty Gail has been a CDA and RDA for 26 years since graduating from the ADA accredited dental assisting program in Knoxville in 1978. Governor Don Sundquist first appointed her to the Board of Dentistry in 2000 and her current term expires March 31, 2006.

Betty Gail has held several offices in the TDAA and has been a member of the ADAA for 26 years. She and her family reside in Seymour, Tennessee. The TDAA thanks Betty Gail fox for her years of service to the dental assistants of Tennessee.

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Legislation affecting YOU!

SB1717 Person, Curtis **HB2251** McMillan, Kim
-Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 5. By inserting immediately after the first sentence the following new language:

“In order to be registered by the board of dentistry, a dental assistant shall be required only to show current certification by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. or evidence of completion of a dental assisting training program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association along with payment of appropriate fees.”

(This bill would eliminate state exam for RDA credential) Contact your senator or representative to express your concerns <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>

To contact the Tennessee Board of Dentistry

regarding Registration, license verifications, license renewal, CE requirements, proposed rules, to file a complaint, etc.

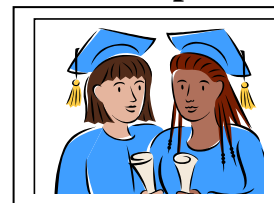
Call (615) 532-3202 local or 1-800-778-4123
<http://www2.state.tn.us/health/Boards/Dentistry/index.htm>

**To contact the
Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.**
regarding Certification, CDA renewal requirements, etc.
Call 1-800-FOR-DANB or go to www.danb.org

Congratulations!

To all dental assisting students
who will be graduating this Spring!
Good luck on your RDA/CDA exams
and in your new career.

Welcome to the profession!



“Continuing Education”, continued from page 1,

Dr. Murray Marks presents
 “Forensic Anthropology and All that Remains”
 Saturday, May 21, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 at the TDAA Annual Session

This course will inform the dental professional of the importance of good record keeping in the dental office and how this will assist in the positive age, race, and sex identification of bodies when needed.

Dr. Murray Marks received a degree in Anthropology from the University of Tennessee in 1993. He is currently Associate Professor of Pathology and is on the faculty as a pre-dental advisor at the University of Tennessee. He is also a special consultant for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Marks to the TDAA Annual session. For printable registration forms go to the TDA’s website at www.tenn dental.org and click on annual session. Registration forms are in the pre-registration brochure, page 19.

Student Coupon

Students (or recent grads) ONLY: Clip this coupon. Present the completed coupon at the TDAA booth in the Exhibit Hall at the Annual Session for a free tee-shirt

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School Name

Signature of instructor



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Karen Castleberry, CDA, RDA
 Managing Editor, Mega-Bites Newsletter

Notice of Rule making hearing

There will be a hearing before the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, April 28, 2005, to consider amendments to rules affecting the registration application process for Registered Dental Assistants.

Rule 0460-4-.02, Registration process is amended by adding the following language as a new paragraph (7) and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

(7) An applicant shall cause to be submitted to the Board’s administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board’s registration application materials, the result of a criminal background check.

Send comments to Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager, Division of Health Related Boards, 425 Fifth Avenue North, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, TN 37247-1010, (615)532-4397