

President's Message

Laura Abbott, RDH



Happy New Year!

I hope your holiday season was joyful and warm! I have a 2 year old grandson this year and we had so much fun. These are the blessings we work so hard to enjoy.

As we look toward the new year and pause to reflect on the previous one it is important to reflect on our core values and mission in TDHA. In the Bylaws it states that our mission, "is to improve the public's total health by increasing the awareness of and access to quality oral health care and to position the dental hygienists as the preventive oral health professional.

I was impressed in 2017 with the membership committee and their commitment to improve awareness in our profession through the mentorship program. I am excited to see how this program progresses in 2018. Our voice is louder as the oral health professional when more of us actively participate as a united group.

Thanks to Brittany and others who organized and provided interesting and informative continuing education for TDHA in 2017. The snacks were great! In the coming year, it will be even more exciting with the ADHA meeting in Columbus in June. Mark your calendars for this magnificent opportunity close to home!

One of the primary goals that TDHA board members suggested last meeting was more community outreach efforts in 2018. Please join us at an open meeting on January 17, at 6:00pm at Charlie's in Maumee to plan upcoming events. Don't forget to look for updates on our website and stay connected with legislative events through ODHA.

Thank you,

Laura

MEMBERS

Our email Address is
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TDHASmiles.org

If you know of a fellow member who hasn't shared his or her email address, please encourage them to drop us an email, so that they can continue to receive our newsletter and other important professional information

Vice Presidents Message

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Happy New Year to all TDHA members. We have some fun activities planned for the upcoming months. The first is a get together (to help avoid cabin fever) at The Copper Moon Studios on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 10:00-11:30 am. I have reserved their private room for 12+ members or non-members (please invite a friend) to test your skills at creating a unique piece of glass art. I have attached the Lil' Chips Menu which will be at our disposal. If you want to see more, please feel free to check out their website at: coppermoonstudio.com

If interested in attending the Copper Moon Studio, please email me by January 20.

Secondly, I'm working on a glass blowing activity which I plan on having more information in the very near future either at our January 17th business meeting or at the Copper Moon Studios activity.

Finally, our Spring Banquet and Mentoring Kickoff will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at **Le Petit Gourmet**, 6546 Weatherfield Court, Maumee, OH 43537 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. It is located off of Briarfield Blvd. between Salisbury Road and 20-A (Maumee-Western Road) in the Hometown Center. The menu is as follows but is subject to change: tossed salad w/ chicken, fresh veggies, mini tortilla wraps with smoked turkey or marinated chicken, chicken wings, stuffed mushroom caps with crab, herb or sausage stuffing, meatballs, mini chicken kabobs, lasagna, and cake. There will be an open beverage bar with a Cash Bar for beer and wine.

Cost is: Members and non-members \$25.00 and students \$11.00. This price includes tax





Trustee Report

Stephanie Hack, RDH, BS, EFDA

Happy new year! Thanks for reading the TDHA Newsletter for January 2018! The beginning of a new year can be monumental if we choose! It is a new year to make a difference in many ways. For the focus of this newsletter I wanted to help find a way to motivate change for our profession. If you choose to, this year can be different for the future of Dental Hygiene and ultimately the future of your hygiene profession and autonomy.

Let me first say, ADHA Annual Convention is coming to Columbus! June 20-25th the convention is loaded with amazing key note speakers, entertainment, an incredible exhibit hall with fun free stuff, fulfilling continuing education, a 5K race for oral health, and so much more. Last year I attended the Jacksonville ADHA convention as an alternate delegate. It was an incredible first time experience! ADHA certainly goes all out and makes you feel like a celebrity! If you haven't gone to an ADHA event I highly recommend experiencing it, especially in our own home state this summer! Even if you can only come for a couple days, it's so worth it! I am certainly going! I am so excited to have been elected as a delegate to represent ODHA at this convention.

Recently, I heard a well-respected man in an organization I am apart of said that we must lead ourselves in order to be a guide to others. Making a difference should begin with an improved self. One change that has helped make a difference for me was attending local TDHA and ODHA events for several years. I said yes to my ADHA membership and transitioned my membership as a student and have maintained my membership ever since. I know it is my personal responsibility to the profession I have worked so hard for. I value the quarterly payment program that helps to split up the membership cost. I encourage you to maintain membership and attend a local event. In order to lead a change in our profession we must start with leading ourselves. One simple change of saying yes to my association has led me to feel empowered as a hygienist.

Our state association is filled with development. It shapes the future of dental hygiene and our personal career. Every summer in July ODHA has a leadership retreat designed to encourage and inspire. On July 28 in Columbus the retreat will be interactive and inspiring. It is such a value to have this event where our state association pours into our development and growth.

Toledo component is lucky to have the members we have. Without you things could change drastically. Please consider inviting your friends to the club! New members are always welcome and our profession needs the camaraderie and leadership. This year is new at this time but we know how fast it goes. Plan for some self development in different aspects besides diets and exercise! Consider your profession as a way to develop yourself this year too!



TDHA Calendar of Events

2018

Gayle Perry, RDH, BS - Secretary

January 17, 2018

Open Board Meeting – All Members Invited

Charlie's Restaurant, 1631 Toll Gate Dr., Maumee, OH 43537
6:00 pm Food for purchase

March 2018

Continuing Education Event

Date & Place to be announced, watch email for updates

April 18, 2018

Toledo Dental Society – Spring Clinic

May 2, 2018

**Installation of New Officers' and New Graduates'
Recognition Dinner- All Members Welcomed**

LePetit Gourmet
6546 Weatherfield Ct., Maumee, OH 43537
6:00 to 8:00 pm

June 20-23, 2018

ADHA Convention

Columbus, Ohio

June 23-25, 2018

ADHA Business Meetings

Columbus, Ohio

Watch your email for further dates and times as event dates get closer!



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JUNE 20-23, 2018 CONFERENCE

JUNE 23-25, 2018 BUSINESS MEETINGS

COLUMBUS, OH

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