

President's Message

Miriam Armstrong, RDH, BA, MOL



Hello 2021!

Happy New TDHA Family! As stated by K. Guru Gowrappan, CEO of Verizon Media, “There is a single word that serves as a fitting representation of 2020: **resilience**. It goes without saying that 2020 was a year like no other. From a global health pandemic, racial injustice and a divisive U.S. election, the impact of 2020 will be felt for decades to come.” Resilience may be what defined 2020, but more importantly, it will be what takes us forward as we begin 2021. And moving forward in 2021 is just what the doctor ordered.

Resilience in our profession to bounce back from our mandated closing looked like this. Some of us returned to work in May and never looked back. We wore our PPE reluctantly but knew it was necessary as our patients looked to us for leadership in providing a safe environment to receive much needed dental care. The dental community has experienced this before in the era of HIV/AIDS, SARS, Swine flu, the Zika virus, and now with COVID. We took on the challenge and have met it head on.

Resilience is getting vaccinated. With the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, some of our peers have already received the vaccine. I personally have not been vaccinated but will have the opportunity soon at the prison and plan on taking advantage of it. I trust the science behind the vaccine. As COVID cases continue to surge in our area and across the U.S. the vaccine creates a sense of optimism. As more and more of our peers, patients, and the community receive the vaccine, we are hopeful, that eventually we can return to some degree of normalcy.

Resilience in TDHA made us ask, “What will our new NORMAL look like?” For now, we will continue to provide virtual CE’s for our members and non-members in our dental community. Be sure to sign up for TDHA’s CE’s on Human Trafficking and Loupes coming soon. Ready to get out and socialize? Register for ADHA’s Annual Session in Phoenix, Arizona from June 18-20, 2021 for some great CE’s. Maybe this Spring or by Fall we will return to pre-COVID times in our organization and can have in-person CE’s and social gatherings. Only time will tell. Until then, keep things in perspective and maintain a hopeful outlook.

We were faced with COVID, unemployment, the uncertainty of the future of dentistry and our profession, online CE’s, virtual and drive by birthday parties, isolated weddings and celebrations of births and unfortunate deaths, and a crazy presidential election. While we could not avoid this reality, we continued to remain open, flexible, and willing to adapt to change. I applaud all of you for your resilience and may it carry you and us through 2021. Your membership in our organization does matter. Please help us recruit new members in 2021. I look forward to seeing all of you in person very soon. According to Steve Maraboli, a military veteran and writer, “Life doesn’t get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient.” Here is to being resilient in 2021 and beyond!

Always,
Miriam



President Elect

Pat Powers, RDH

Well, it certainly has been an interesting year. We have had to adjust to a lot of different changes in our personal lives and in our dental hygiene community. March started out with shutting everything down for months and then getting protocols in place to open everything back up. I am essentially retired and had not planned on going back into the office but there were circumstances beyond my control and the office needed me. It is nice to be needed but not in a pandemic!!!! I did feel comfortable because they already had the protocols in place.

Because of the pandemic, TDHA Board decided to continue with the same officers instead of trying to elect new ones. We had a learning curve to hold our meetings and our CE courses. It was just easier to maintain the current officers in this time of uncertainty.

I am currently looking for candidates for TDHA offices. If you would like to serve on the TDHA Board or know someone who you think would be interested, please contact me at pvpowers@hotmail.com. At this point, the open positions are President-Elect, Vice President and Trustee.

We are looking forward to a good year in 2021. I hope that you will come along for the ride.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Powers

President-Elect

Toledo Dental Hygienists Association

Secretary

Amanda Edgell, RDH



TDHA Calendar of Events

January 1, 2021

Amanda Edgell – TDHA Secretary

January 9th	TDHA Open Board Budget Meeting Zoom Call
January 30th	Human Trafficking CE: 1 CEU Host: Jayne Klett Zoom Call - 10am - 11am
January 23 - February 5	Online Medical Emergencies CE: 4 CEU Register Course: Work & Play Course Offerings
February 20 - March 5	Online Medical Emergencies CE: 4 CEU Register Course: Work & Play Course Offerings
February 24th	Loupes Symposium CE: FREE 1 CEU Hosts: Q-Optics, Orasoptic, and Enova Zoom Call - 7pm
March 13 - March 20	Online Medical Emergencies CE: 4 CEU Register Course: Work & Play Course Offerings
April 3 - April 16	Online Medical Emergencies CE: 4 CEU Register Course: Work & Play Course Offerings

Be sure to watch FaceBook and emails for more information



Treasurer

Debbie Manore, RDH, EFDA, BAS

Happy New Year!

Thank goodness we are done with 2020 and now on to 2021! What did you do and learn from 2020? I attended many webinars and meetings on ZOOM. I learned how to enjoy the simple things in life because I was laid off for ten weeks. I became well informed about Covid 19 and aerosols! And I spent more quality time with my family.

What are your resolutions for 2021? I really do not have resolutions because I usually do not follow them. For 2021 I want to be positive and optimistic, I want to be grateful with what I have, and I want to stay healthy and stretch more often-my body needs it!

What is happening with TDHA this winter? We will offer free CE's for members and will have a reduced fee for nonmembers. January 30th TDHA will host a webinar on Human Trafficking, and February 24th there will be a webinar symposium on Loupes, with three companies presenting information about Loupes. For those who are interested in the Local Anesthetic and Nitrous Oxide Sedation courses, or are required to take the Medical Emergency course to work without the dentist or for OHASP, they will be offered online through OwensWorks.com. We welcome any suggestions for continuing education courses and we welcome new members!

I am TDHA's treasurer for two more years, and hopefully by the end of my term I will master EXCEL spreadsheets. I am very intimidated with EXCEL at this time, lol. We finalized our budget for this year and the books are balanced. If any TDHA member would like more information on the budget please email me at deb27smiles@gmail.com.

Warm regards,

Debbie Manore

Trustees

Samantha Merritt, RDH, EFDA

Kelley Bennett, RDH, BAHS



Cheers to a new year fellow hygienists! Hopefully, this year goes a little more smoothly, and maybe a little less eventful, than last year. We all were introduced to a lot of new changes and challenges associated with our profession. As a whole, we adapted and overcame those challenges and rose to the occasion to continuing serving our patients to the best of our abilities. The changes happened not only within our operatories. We had to shift gears and do a lot of things we look forward to doing in person, virtually. ODHA Annual Session went as smooth as we could have hoped for. Shannon Sweeney, our ODHA President and Gretchen Matty, the ODHA Speaker of the House worked tirelessly and somehow pulled off a great weekend! Moving forward this year, we can hopefully get back to some socially distanced in person meetings that I know we all missed so much last year. Some dates to look forward to for 2021 include Total Development Weekend April 23-24 in Cleveland, ADHA Annual Session June 18-22 in Phoenix, AZ, ODHA Leadership Retreat July 24, and ODHA Annual Session November 12-14. Please encourage your fellow hygienists to join our Toledo chapter if not already members and be sure to let them know about the convenient quarterly payment option! Please feel free to reach out to your friendly Toledo leadership team with any questions!

Toledo Trustees,

Kelley Bennett, RDH, BAHS

Samantha Merritt, RDH, EFDA

Legislative News January 2021

The new 134th General Assembly began on January 3, 2021. The Assembly will run for two years, January, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The House of Representatives has 22 new chamber members. Representative Cupp, Lima, was elected as the Speaker of the House and Rep Paula Hicks-Hudson, Toledo, as Minority Whip. Matt Huffman, Lima, was elected President of the Senate and Sen Rob McColley, Napoleon, as Majority Whip.

Any Bills not passed in the 133rd Ohio General Assembly which ended on December 31, 2020 have died and no longer exist. It is expected some of these Bills will be reintroduced in the new General Assembly.

Actions of the 133rd General Assembly in 2020:

Sessions and Hearings were cancelled at times due to legislators with COVID or in quarantine.

The following Bills passed and have been signed by Governor DeWine:

SB 263 – which allows providers to receive discounts on certain outpatient drugs and corrects a situation with federal 340B drug programs where Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) were claiming the savings for themselves through contracts.

HB 7 – protects the state's waterways.

HB 231 – addresses the availability of EpiPens in schools.

SB 252 – to prohibit “fail first” coverage of drugs used to treat stage four advanced metastatic cancer.

HB 606 – provides broad civil immunity by preventing lawsuits during the public health crises (COVID-19 transmission). The law's end date is September 30, 2021.

ODHA Lobbyist worked to get dental hygienists added to the list of covered health care providers.

HB 11 – Tobacco Cessation-Prenatal Care: RDHs can be reimbursed for providing oral health education to expectant mothers.

HB 203 – Mobile Dental Facilities combined into another Bill, specifies requirements for operation of MDF. Ohio Dept of Health School-Based Sealant Programs are exempt from the registration requirement, since each school would have to register.

SB 7 – Temporary State Occupational Licenses-Military: Grants a temporary license for members of the military and their spouses.

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Bills that died and did not get through the process by December 3, 2020:

Sub HB 679 – Telehealth Bill with a added Smile Direct Club amendment that would eliminate Teledentistry along with Silver Diamine Fluoride application by RDHs and EFDAs. The Bill would also create a digital scan technician (DST) who could take digital impressions at Salons, Kiosks in Malls, or any location for Smile Direct Club. The DST would not be required to have any education training. Plus the Bill did not require a patient consent form, radiographs, or be a patient of record.

The American Association of Ohio Orthodontists, ODA, and ODHA were opposed to the SDC amendment. ODHA had several concerns with the Bill. ODHA expects to see this Bill to be reintroduced in the new General Assembly.

During discussions with the Ohio Dental Association it was agreed upon that ODHA & ODA would work together on language for a new Bill putting in place safeguards for Ohio orthodontic patients.

HB 360 – Public Schools – Water Stations that require water bottle filling stations. ODHA provided testimony in support of the Bill.

HB 432/SB246 – Occupational Licensing: To require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certificate to an applicant who holds a license, government certificate, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances.

ODHA is interested party with concerns.

SB 88 - Cultural Competency-Health Care Professionals. ODHA supports.

SB 166 – Unlawful Sexual Contact - Health Professionals: prohibits unlawful sexual contact between health care professionals and patients and revokes professional licenses for criminal misconduct.

Advocacy Opportunities: Due to COVID-19, there will not be an ODHA Advocacy Day at the Statehouse at this time. ODHA is recommending contact with legislators through e-mail, ZOOM Component meeting or individual groups of RDHs and students, telephone calls, and letters. There are over 22 new legislators between the two chambers and it is important for dental hygienists including students to start developing relationships with their legislators.

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COVID-19 Vaccines:

ODHA is monitoring the coming workplace dilemmas with possible mandatory COVID vaccines. We are working with ADHA since this is a national issue. ODHA lobbied to have dental personal included in the “1a” category.

ODHA has had several conversations with the ODA about dentists and RDHs being able to provide vaccine shots. At this time, the ODA is opposed to dentists and dental personnel providing the shots.

Ohio Medicaid – ODHA continues to have conversations with Medicaid and benefits oral health care for adults. HB 11 provides for a second prophylaxis while a Medicaid recipient is pregnant. ODHA worked to get this included in the Bill.

Infant, Maternal Mortality, and Racial Disparities Expected to be a State of Ohio Budget Focus - Governor DeWine announced the creation of a task force, which is expected to start work in January, that will hold listening sessions in 11 counties with high numbers of black births and infant deaths.

ODHA Lobbyist will monitor for the scheduling of the actual events. This could be an excellent opportunity to continue to highlight the oral health connection in the infant mortality. Coalition building and integrated medical/dental care. Increase areas to expand DH practice settings. RDHs need to be able to provide care at their highest educational level.

Members with Benefits

- Free or discounted ADHA CE's for members
 - Reduced or free TDHA CE's for members
 - Professional Liability Insurance coverage-partnership with Mercer Consumer
 - Annual Session – save on registration & CE cost.
 - Access to great resources to aid in making evidence-based treatment decisions with Access & JDH.
 - Take a Stand for Oral Health – support HYPAC (Hygienist Association Political Action Committee)
 - Connect to Career Opportunities – sample resumes, resume templates or post your resume, obtain state licensing information and information for relocation to another state.
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Human Trafficking:

The Dental Team's Role in Recognizing and Reporting Suspicions

Jayne D. Klett, B.A., R.D.H., E.F.D.A

**TDHA CE
January 30, 2021
10-11 am
Virtual
Zoom Meeting
Category C
1CE**

Jayne Klett has a dental hygiene career spanning 39 years. Her employment history includes clinician, dental health consultant for the Ohio Department of Health and faculty at Owens Community College, Dept. of Dental Hygiene. Jayne retired from the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio in Toledo as the Director of Community Development and Outreach. She was responsible for care management, community education and training for non-dental professionals in oral health prevention and promotion. Jayne stays active in her local component in Toledo. She represents ODHA on the Board of Directors of Oral Health Ohio – a coalition of interdisciplinary agencies working toward improved oral health for all Ohio citizens.

Course Description

Ohio has the onerous distinction of being a major hub of human trafficking in the United States. This course has been designed to provide a broad review of the data in order to raise awareness for healthcare professionals working in dental offices. The course will include evidence-based data as well as antidotal experiences of the speaker gathered during her work at a regional public health dental office.

Registration Form for Saturday January 30, 2021(Please RSVP by Thursday January 28, 2021)
An email will be sent a few days before the course with a link to attend.

Name: _____ (circle) Free for Members and students (10\$ for nonmembers)

Email Address: _____ (This is the only way to attend the meeting)

Phone # () _____ home/cell/work

Contact for registration: Brittany Nagel 7340 Woodsman Circle Holland OH 43528
419-344-0846 Text or Call, email: tdhasmiles@gmail.com / Britwd@aol.com



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Loupes Symposium

TDHA event
February 24, 2021
7:15-9:00pm
Virtual
Zoom Meeting
Category A
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Are You interested in Loupes? JOIN US!

We will have 4 zoom meetings scheduled on February 24th from 7:15-9:00 for information on all products the company can offer and any questions you may have. Fittings will be scheduled on level of interest with the companies

Q-optics — John Matthews

Orascope — Billy Hilliard

Medi-Loupes — James Farleo 7:45

Goenova — Connor Namuth 8:00

Each meeting will be open for about 1 hour depending on attendance.

Watch your email for more detailed information on this event.

Registration Form for Wednesday February 24, 2021(Please RSVP by Monday February 22, 2021)

An email will be sent a few days before the course with a link to attend.

Name: _____ Free

Email Address: _____ (This is the only way to attend the meeting)

Phone # () _____ home/cell/work

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