



President's Message

Pat Powers, RDH

I certainly hope everyone has had a great summer. I think that we have another great year of activities for the Toledo Dental Hygiene Association. I have consented to be the President again this year, and I am happy to announce that we have a full compliment of officers for our TDHA Board. Thank you to our President-elect, DeAnna Miller, our Vice President, Janice Darah for stepping into these positions. I would also like to thank our Treasurer, Deb Manore, our Secretary, Miranda Samson, our Immediate Past President, Miriam Armstrong, and our Trustees, Gisell Smith and Alex Rouleau for continuing in their present positions.

We are looking forward to moving TDHA forward this next year. Besides holding our Board meetings virtually, we are planning some fun activities throughout the year. I hope that you will get a chance to participate in these activities. We did hold some activities through the summer which our Vice President will be reporting on. Starting in September, we will have our Yoga in the Park again at Three Meadows Park in Perrysburg. Stay tuned for more information about that activity. We will be helping with Miles with Smiles 5K in October. We will also be planning some CE courses throughout the year. My goal is to hold some 2 hr CE's in different areas of our Component. We will keep the membership informed of these CE's. ODHA Annual session will be held on November 4-6, 2022 at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio. I am pleased to announce that we have 6 Delegates that will be attending. If anyone is interested in being an Alternate Delegate, please let me know. We will be having our Holiday Social on November 16 and I hope everyone gets a chance to attend.

In January, we will hold our budget and planning meeting. Any member is invited to this meeting. It will probably be held on Zoom. One of my goals as President is to have some fun activities and CE courses and to try and encourage members to attend at least one of our activities. Another goal I have is to contact the recent graduates and encourage them to convert to full membership in ADHA and to encourage former members to join. In this newsletter, you will be reading about the recognition the Owens Student chapter of ADHA had at ADHA Annual Session this year. We are very proud of them.

I encourage members to look at the TDHA calendar that is included in this Newsletter and decide what activities you would like to attend this year. I am looking forward to a great year and I hope that you will join us on our journey this year. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at pvpowers@hotmail.com.

Pat Powers

President

Toledo Dental Hygiene Association

Calendar of Events

2022-2023

SEPTEMBER

- 10** Yoga in the Park-
(10am at Three Meadows Park, Perrysburg Ohio)
- 13** TDHA Honoring the Owens Community College Students from
11:30-12:30
(The amazing 1st place winners of the ADHA outstanding
student chapter award)
- 17** ODHA BOT meeting in Columbus 10 am

OCTOBER

- 2** Miles for Smiles– 9am at Swan Creek Metropark
- Date TBA** TDHA meeting to review PR's and PBY's for Annual Session
- Date TBA** 2 hour evening CE –topic and location TBA

NOVEMBER

- 4-6** Annual Session
Cherry Valley Lodge Newark, OH
- 9** TDHA Holiday Social -5:30 at Byblos Restaurant

DECEMBER

Happy Holidays– We will be coordinating a donation or
supplies and/or monetary for the Dental Center

JANUARY

- Date TBA** Yearly Budget and Planning Virtual Meeting
(Everyone is Welcome)

Calendar of Events Continued...

February

11 Fellowship Matters/ Downtown Picnic
9:15 Community Service Project and lunch to follow

The Nominating committee will be planning a slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year.

March

Date TBA Virtual Opioid Course (License renewal requirement)

April

Date TBA Brewery/ Winery Tour

May

3 Spring Banquet with Installation of Officers
Recognition of the Dental Hygiene Students
(Location TBA)

And always stayed tuned through out the year for fun events, news, continuing education and job opportunities on the TDHA Facebook page and website. We also encouraged you to follow the ODHA and ADHA facebook pages as well.

Congratulations!

Owens American Dental Hygienist Association named Outstanding Student Chapter, wins \$2,000 grant

The Owens Community College American Dental Hygienist Association (ADHA) Student Chapter has been awarded first place in the ADHA Outstanding Student Chapter Awards. The Owens ADHA Student Chapter received \$2,000 grant by winning the award, which will help fund three student members to attend the ADHA Annual Session in Kentucky in June and help eight students attend the Ohio Dental Hygienist Association Annual Session in November.

The ADHA Student Chapter is comprised of 46 active student members, with 26 students being in their first year at Owens. "I think this achievement alone will boost confidence in our student members and really appreciate everything we do and have done," said Brittany Moore, co-advisor. Students participate in a variety of community events every year. In the past year, students collected various oral health products and necessities to distribute as well as provided more than 175 oral hygiene presentations during the 2021-2022 school year. The presentations were at local preschools, elementary schools, nursing homes, advisory boards and professional meetings. Students also volunteered at a number of events including the Toledo Holiday Parade, Give Kids a Smile events and Tent City.

During a student's time in ADHA, they learn the importance of membership and how to transition from a student member to a professional member. One impactful opportunity for students is a professional interview with an ADHA member from anywhere in the United States. Each graduating student must complete one. During this time, the ADHA members discuss benefits of memberships, their accomplishments and future of dental hygiene.

This year, two Owens ADHA members were recognized by the Board of Trustees for their accomplishments and involvements. Melody Prohel was recognized for her extraordinary community engagement and volunteerism. In Spring 2022, she completed more than 25 community presentations on oral health. Olivia Wesley, chapter President, was recognized for her exceptional student leadership and student life involvement. Wesley also received the Janell Lang Outstanding Service Award in Health Professions before Commencement. "The leadership and community efforts that the Owens ADHA Student Chapter has achieved is remarkable and I am so glad their efforts have been rewarded," said Beth Tronolone, Dental Hygiene Department Chair.



Owens CC 2nd Year Students experience at ADHA

Thank you TDHA for helping send us to ADHA in Louisville, KY. It was an honor to represent the Toledo component and Owens Community College. During our time in the Owens dental hygiene program the three of us have begun to understand the importance of supporting our future profession through involvement in our student chapter, ODHA, and ADHA. We all plan on staying involved upon graduation.

At ADHA we were able to network with other students, educators, clinical hygienists, and ADHA board members. We attended CEs on leadership, the OSCE exam, Life After Hygiene School, and the importance of a positive workplace culture. We learned how to be better students, leaders, and future clinicians. While walking through the exhibit hall, we were able to sample and learn about many products that are available to use as students, as well as when we become working dental hygienists. This was truly a great experience and we hope to be able to attend ADHA for years to come.

Thank you TDHA,
Morgan Spettle, Naomi Volkman, and Sarah Suter



Vice President

Vice President : Janice Darah

Since I was 11 years old, I wanted to be a dental hygienist. I was thrilled to be accepted at Owens Community College in 1976---I still have my acceptance letter. I graduated in 1978 and I am still in contact with my classmates, some of whom are my besties of friends <3. After working private practice for 11 years, Trudy Palmateer, my first-year instructor, gave me the opportunity to teach at Owens, and I humbly accepted. During these years, I continued some private practice on the side. I felt it was a great responsibility to teach students what I had learned over the years to promote health and prevent disease. Now that I am your Vice President of TDHA, I have a great responsibility to impart the necessity and importance of being in a professional organization.

It is my goal to accommodate you with TDHA social, educational and service oriented events, to reacquaint you with former classmates and introduce you to new friends of your profession, and to work together to find our common goals for our profession, for now and in the future.

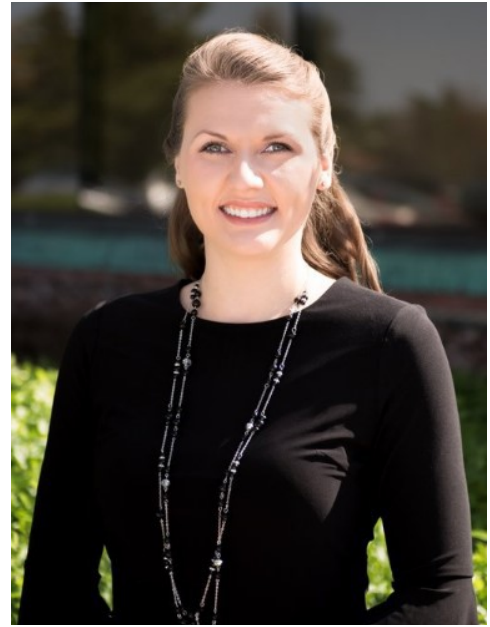
When I began practice as a dental hygienist back in 1978, we were not allowed to practice without the dentist, we could not place sealants, and we could not administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide. In 1977 my class had an opportunity to take a restorative class (now known as EFDA), even though hygienists were not respected in this field by dentists. So even if we passed the EFDA boards, no dentists would hire the hygienists to place restorations. All of these services came to fruition through the determined efforts of the Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association having to educate the politicians and have house bills passed.

Please remember! We are the "keepers" of our profession!! We are the ones that "drive the bus". Nobody else is going to protect our profession or fight for us... no one else is going to guarantee our profession into the future. We still need progress to be made and we have a lot to change with increasing poverty and limited access to the disabled, senior citizens and nursing homes. Come and join your profession to help see further progress and new opportunities for dental hygienists as the world unfolds with more problems! Please join me in nurturing your profession as it has done for all of us since our graduation!

I hope to see all of you at The Miles for Smiles Race on Sunday, October 2, 2022, at Swan Creek Metropark, and the TDHA Holiday Social, Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Byblos. Please call me for any ideas or concerns that you may have regarding TDHA. (419-944-8904) Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you!



President Elect



President Elect : DeAnna Miller

DeAnna has been Dental Hygiene since 2011. Her first role as an RDH was unique and allowed her to explore many facets of dentistry. That role accelerated her love for all levels of the dentistry, but most of all her passion to build a healthy foundation for patients and the impact that dental hygienists can make on a patient's overall health.

In 2015 DeAnna returned to school to pursue her bachelor's in business. At that time, she had 2 small children and was working three, 12hr days at a Perio centric office in Ann Arbor. In 2017 her hard work and dedication paid off and she Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ohio University and was given the opportunity expand her leadership opportunities as an Office Manager for private practice and then later as an Operations Leader with a DSO.

Currently DeAnna enjoys time with her husband and two children, she loves camping, hiking and motorcycle rides! She is looking forward to serving as President Elect of TDHA as well as Chair of the Membership Committee at ODHA. She wishes to help engage new membership and the elevation of our roles as providers!

Her love for training, education and leadership is perfectly paired in her current role as Territory Manager of Hygiene Support at Aspen Dental. Here she has the privilege to mentor, train and develop over 50 registered hygienists and help them pursue their professional and personal goals all while providing exemplary standards of care for their patients.

DeAnna is always willing to lend a hand with a smile and can-do attitude. She is truly humbled by the opportunity to make an impact for our profession through advocacy and hopes you'll join her in this adventure.

Fellowship Matters / Downtown Picnic

On June 18th, twelve people from TDHA and Owens SADHA, served approximately 150 low income and homeless citizens, in downtown Toledo. This event is held every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. by Fellowship Matters to provide a hot meal and fellowship to our less fortunate citizens. It was a beautiful day and the event was well appreciated by both those who attended and those who served. After the event, members and students had a DELICIOUS meal at Souk Restaurant on Huron Street. If you would be interested in participating in this worthwhile cause in the future, please contact Janice Darah at 419-944-8904. It is a great way to give back to your community and have a good time with fellow colleagues!





Spring Banquet

Spring Banquet took place at Byblos restaurant on May 11. This year TDHA recognized all of the dental hygiene students at Owens Community College. We also celebrated induction of our new officers for the 2022-2023 year.

This was a great evening with great friends.





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A BIG thank you to [Pat Powers](#) and [Jayne Klett](#) for helping cleaning out the ODHA storage unit today! A special thank you to Pat for the use of her truck!

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Annual Bike Reunion

*Another great year for our TDHA Bike-a-thon.
A fun time with family and friends.*



TDHA 1st Bar Crawl

We had a wonderful evening in downtown Toledo at our 1st and definitely not last Bar Crawl. We hope to have our next Annual Bar Crawl/ Winery or Brewery Tour next April.

