You Are Cordially Invited...

to the

88th PDHA Annual Session

at the

Keystone Dental Health Conference

Please plan to attend this great conference November 9-13, 2011, in Lancaster, PA. There will be more than 20 continuing education credits available as well as many dental hygiene business meetings. We are pleased to announce our 2011 Keynote Speaker is Kathleen Schlotthauer, RDH, MEd

“Who is the PHDHP and What is the Population They Serve?”
Presented by Judy Gelinas, RDH, BS

“Killing the Parrot: Living What You Know”
Presented by: Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS, and Shirley Gutkowski, RDH, BSDH, FACE

Presented by Carol A. Jahn, RDH, MS

“Professionalism in Allied Health Students: Assessment, Collaboration, Reflection and Intervention”
Presented by Sherri Meyers, RDH, MS, and Tonya Turtzo, RDH, MS

“Saliva Testing”
Presented by Amy Petrillo, RDH

“The Changing Face of Dental Hygiene Practice: Expert Clinician, Skilled Motivator and Preventive Specialist” Presented by Lillian Caperila, RDH, MS

“@#$% Our Patients Say: A Team Approach to Motivating the Less Compliant”
Presented by Lory Laughter RDH, BS

“Radiology Facts: What You May Have Forgotten Over Time”
Presented by Kathleen Schlotthauer, RDH, MEd

Complete details on the conference can be found in the Journal Supplement.
A Message from the President...

Happy Summer! As I start to write this message, I think back on some of the things that I have done in the past few months. One thing that I can’t say enough about is the outstanding week at ADHA Annual Session in Nashville, TN. It was packed with learning, socializing, and great fun connecting with the people who make ADHA such a wonderful organization. It was just what I needed to give me that inspiration and the dental hygiene desire again. I think we need that jolt every so often. ADHA went that extra mile to make the experience fantastic!

We participated in CE courses and exhibits that will keep dental hygiene on the cutting edge and accomplished a lot of business during the meetings. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Megan Brightbill who did an outstanding job for her first year as District II Trustee. She was available with information and direction for us to stay connected and ready to do the business. Megan, you rock!!!!

It was great to meet students who have a fire and desire in them to learn all they can to take the dental hygiene profession to greater heights. I encourage each of you to reach out to the students, especially at this time when they are moving from the school hygiene clinic to the workplace. They need to know what the association can offer them and who better to show them than the committed members in PDHA. It will be a great opportunity to strengthen our association with “new” membership. “Strength in Numbers” can give PDHA more recognition. I also had the opportunity to attend some of the PDHA committee meetings and I am excited to say we are still very strong in our quest to achieve access to care.

Most recently I attended the SBOD (State Board of Dentistry) meeting and invited PDA President Dr. Dennis Charlton, Jaclyn Gleber, Michaela Kelly, and Morgan Plant to have lunch with me for a candid discussion. Our conversation was about what PDA and PDHA can do “together” to make access to care a priority in Pennsylvania. Dr. Charlton is an advocate of dental care for nursing home residents. We can take a look at our Nursing Home Initiative continuing to improve how we educate the nursing staff and demonstrate oral hygiene instruction so the residents will have the opportunity to receive better oral hygiene care.

There is still more to do and as a strong association with strong dental hygiene professionals, we will continue to improve access to care.

I am looking forward to an exciting meeting as we come together at the Marriott Penn Square in Lancaster, PA, at the Keystone Dental Conference and the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association’s Annual Session November 9 – 13, 2011.

Be the change you wish to see in this world…Ghandi

Yours,
Elaine Anderson-Kump, RDH
2011 President’s Banquet
honoring Elaine Anderson-Kump, the 2010-11 PDHA President
Friday, November 11, 2011, 7:00 PM-11:30 PM
What better theme for a celebration than “It’s a Party”? “It’s Just a Party!” And you know everyone loves a party. Come join “Shooter” (that’s President Anderson-Kump) for an evening of eating incredibly tasty food, partaking in some adult beverages and dancing to the beat of the “Love Haters,” a local band that will play songs you can’t stop dancing to, even in your seat or on your seat. This will be a fun, let your hair down kind of evening, so you can’t miss out! Hmm, what to wear? Wear whatever you’re comfortable in to dance ’cause we are going to party!

Message from the ADHA
Many Pennsylvania RDHs have worried about all the new schools opening with not enough jobs for our growing numbers.

If this is a concern to you, please visit the following website to hear what the ADHA is doing about this situation and what you can do to help...


2011: A Busy Year for Harrisburg Area Community College Students
Submitted by: Donna Traaen, Program Director
The dental hygiene students of HACC were very busy this academic year. Activities included:

- Columbia Outreach - a new, collaborative effort with HACC dental hygiene, York College of Nursing and Hope Within to establish a wellness center for underserved in the Columbia area. Students went to the location twice a month to provide dental education and assistance with finding emergency dental care. Through a Rite Aid foundation grant, a set of portable dental equipment was purchased so that we can provide preventive care starting in the fall. We are very excited to be moving forward with this initiative.

- Sealant Saturday events were held in February at two sites, Harrisburg and York.

- In April, the students participated in the Highspire/Steelton Health Fair completing dental screenings and dental health education. They also took part in a Free Day of Care through a partnership with HACC, United Concordia and Hamilton Health Center. Dental hygiene students provided education and tooth prints for children.

- In May, the students participated in the Our Lady of the Angels Health Fair, as well as serving as water captains in the "Sip for Sjogrens" annual fundraising event.

- In June, approximately half of the first and second year students attended ADHA Annual Session in Nashville. Six second year students presented table clinics. Two of our students, Rebecca Boyles and Maureen Trnka ("Dental Stem Cells: You Can Bank on Them") won first place.

Some of the Nashville attendees pictured with Esther Wilkins at ADHA Annual Session

Editor’s Note: The PDHA would like to congratulate the Harrisburg Area Community College Class of 2011 for being recognized in the July issue of Access. The ADHA compiles a list of Graduate Conversions each year and the HACC Class of 2011 was awarded an Honorable Mention for a conversion rate of 80%.
The Clark J. Hollister Award is presented by the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association to a student in each of the dental hygiene schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a memorial to Dr. Clark J. Hollister. The award is given to a graduating student who has shown outstanding ability and achievement in Dental Health Education.

Dr. Hollister was responsible for the creation of the Dental Division within the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The present dental hygiene program in the public schools systems of Pennsylvania is a direct result of Dr. Hollister’s endeavors and foresight during the early years of dental hygiene in Pennsylvania.

We are pleased to announce the 2011 winners of the Clark J. Hollister Award:

- **Alisa Benson**, Community College of Philadelphia
- **Valerie Fulton**, Fortis Institute (formerly Tri-State Business Institute)
- **Danae Krout**, Harcum College
- **Pamela Wilson**, Harrisburg Area Community College
- **Jamie Fletcher**, Luzerne County Community College
- **Bonnie Kolich**, Manor College
- **Hina Patel**, Montgomery County Community College
- **Jordan Cook**, Northampton Community College
- **Jamie Saylor**, Pennsylvania College of Technology
- **Brianne Constable**, University of Pittsburgh
- **Heather Cunningham**, Westmoreland County Community College

Laura DeHennis (left) proudly presents the Clark J. Hollister Award to Alisa Benson (right) from the Community College of Philadelphia.
Dental Hygiene Education News

Submitted by: Patricia Inks, Dental Hygiene Program Director, Fortis Institute—Erie, PA

We would like to formally notify the PDHA that Tri-State Business Institute in Erie is in the process of officially changing its name to Fortis Institute and will become publically acknowledged as such in July 2011.

Due to the growth of our corporate organization, Education Affiliates, Inc., (EA) a decision has been made to increase the efficiencies of operations. All schools under the EA umbrella will adopt the Fortis name. The change of name will not affect the current structure of this institution.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is aware of this upcoming change of name and has provided us with approval permitting the utilization of the new name. The Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) has also been notified of our intent to adopt the Fortis name.

Thank you for your continued support of our dental hygiene program.

PENN HY-PAC NEEDS YOU!!!

At the PDHA Annual Session, we will have our **silent auction fundraiser** and once again, we hope to have a great event. The Pennsylvania Hygiene Political Action Committee works tirelessly each year to further dental hygiene interests on the legislative level.

Please bring any donations for our state raffle basket or for the silent auction to the next PDHA Board meeting in September. Donations will also be accepted at the Annual Session registration desk in November.

THANK YOU for your support!!!

Any questions, please contact
Laura DeHennis at lauradeh@yahoo.com

PDHA Award Nominations Wanted:

The PDHA Board of Trustees is seeking nominations for awards that will be presented to deserving members at the PDHA Annual Session in Lancaster November 9th-13th, 2011. If you know of any deserving individuals, please fill out the award application (download from the PDHA website)

Questions? Monica Konig, RDH—mokonig@aol.com

Deadline for nominations is September 15th, 2011

**Academic Effort Award**

*(presented annually)*

**An active PDHA member**

**Academic effort through:**

a. developing an educational program

b. conducting research and publishing results

c. publication of original material which contributes to:

1. the knowledge of the dental hygiene profession

2. the dental health knowledge of the public and/or PDHA

**Certificate of Recognition Award**

*(presented annually)*

**A member of the general public (not a member of the dental hygiene profession)**

**Contribution to further the interest of the dental hygiene profession**

**Community Dental Health Award**

*(presented annually)*

**An active member of PDHA**

**Community dental health involvement demonstrated by:**

a. volunteer or public health employee demonstrating exceptional involvement in public health

b. a member who has initiated, developed, and established the most innovative community dental health project.
Howdy! Welcome to the Music City USA!

*A Report from our ADHA Delegation*

**Yee Haw!** It was an action-packed week and the Pennsylvania Delegation to **ADHA’s 88th Annual Session** (Sherri Meyers, Lorraine Lockawich, Alberta Landis and Elaine Anderson-Kump) pulled on their cowboy boots and hats and went boot scooting every inch of the Renaissance Marriott Hotel and Nashville Convention Center, the home of CLL and the 88th Annual Session in Nashville, TN. I think there were moments when the only time we saw each other was shuffling by in the halls trying to get to the next CE course or a meeting.

ADHA’s Annual **Community Service Day** started the week off with The Remington College of Dental Hygiene along with local volunteers and our very own Sherri Meyers giving back to the community by providing school age children in the local area summer camps with Safety ID Kits. Children made Safety ID Kits and were given oral healthcare information and treat bags, all made possible through the generous funding of the Institute for Oral Health and the Wrigley Foundation.

The **Plenary Sessions** were very entertaining. Thursday’s presentation by Collete Carlson had the East Ballroom laughing hysterically as she tried to help us de-stress our lives. Saturday we were entertained by season 5 American Idol winner Taylor Hicks. He has spent many days in the dental office because his father is a dentist. Not that I am an expert, but he is a better singer than a public speaker and I must say, a very genuine guy and very handsome in person!

**The Center for Life Long Learning** (CLL) was three days of hands-on-learning and mentoring designed around you! It truly was difficult to make a choice what CE courses to attend because they all had state-of-the-art information that can be used in the dental hygiene scope of practice and beyond. Our days started off very early and continued late into the evening. We were very busy collecting as much of the new and innovative information for the dental hygiene profession that our memories would allow. ADHA started something new this year; **Open Viewing of Student Table Clinics/Poster Sessions.** You could view the RDH presentations given by the students all in the same location, and earn two CE credits for your participation. I am so excited to announce the first place winner in the table clinic presentations “Dental Stem Cells: You Can Bank on Them” went to Rebecca Boyles and Maureen Trnka with the help of Jessica Taylor. These dental hygiene students are graduates of Harrisburg Area Community College in Harrisburg, PA. Congratulations and a job well done! Congratulations also to the Student Delegates from District II, **Student Delegate Joanna Kozlowska** from New York University and **Alternate Student Delegate Amanda Dews** from The University of Bridgeport-Fones School of Dental Hygiene. It was so exciting to see these two young women participate in discussion and parliamentary procedures. They both jumped right in with both feet (with cowboy boots) making decisions that will impact their future profession. A BIG THANK YOU to Sherri Meyers (pictured) who served as our District II Student Liaison. Sherri has a wonderful way of making the students feel welcome and to overcome any doubts about the microphone game and public speaking. The students had the opportunity to participate in a Mega Issues Forum. They also had an opportunity to test their dental hygiene knowledge at a game-show style event, “Are you Smarter than Esther Wilkins?” There was also a very informative course for the students and seasoned dental hygienists, “Your Future within Your Reach: Your Guide to Alternative Career Opportunities.” Sponsored by Sunstar, this course was to help the student and practicing dental hygienist discover new adventures and find out what alternative career choices are available for our profession.

This year the **Mega Issues Forum** asked the question, “How can ADHA leadership and membership affect change and better capitalize on the opportunities it presents?” The room was divided into three groups; Local Component, State Constituent and National with ten tables in each group and roughly ten hygienists to each table. We started our discussion asking ourselves what change happened in the past 5 years that affected us the most personally and what change happened in the past 5 years that affected us professionally. It is interesting to find out that what happens to us personally affects what we do professionally. I believe that we become stronger and “move to improve” ourselves when we overcome a personal crisis.

The ribbon cutting ceremony at the **Exhibits** was like the opening night of a new Twilight movie. They cut and everybody swarmed the hall anxious to see and try state-of-the-art products that make the job as hygienists more effective and safer for the consumer. Thanks to the corporate partners and sponsors for your support of dental hygiene. J&J even had restroom amenities, Listerine rinse. New this year, the ADHA/Henry Schein Dream Center featured six different product stations for a hands-on experience. You had an opportunity to experience the product from each company and have educational interaction with a representative.

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Networking and social events like the P&G/Crest Oral-B breakfast was well attended and entertaining. Speaking of entertaining, The Institute Benefit/President’s Reception – ADHA’s Honky Tonk was a foot-stomping, toe-tapping good time. I do want to mention that PA donated a Ruby Drop Necklace & Earring Set (retail value $449.00), ADHA winning bid $400.00. While you were eating and placing your bids in the Silent Auction, you could take time to learn some line dancing and visit the Dental Hygiene Depot for photographs. I never saw so many cowboy hats and boots on a dance floor as I did that night, Yee Haw! And then there was the night life on Broadway, the main street in Nashville. If you weren’t dancing on the floor at the Wild Horse Saloon, you were dancing on the bar at Coyote Ugly. And if you wanted boots, there was a store downtown that advertised “buy one, get three pairs of boots.” And they did just that, everyone was in on the deal. And we can’t forget the Grand Old Opry with the live radio show and all the talented performers. There is so much history in this music city.

Last year Sherri Meyers reported in her Head Delegates Report that District II won the Hy-PAC Challenge two years in a row and she had the question, will there be a THREE-PEAT in 2011? Well I am proud to say, District II did it again, raising the most money for ADHA Hy-PAC three years in a row. We used the money from last year to have dinner in a restaurant that all agreed on and I am sure they will do the same next year in Phoenix AZ. Way to Go!!!!

I still have so much to tell about this action-packed week in Nashville. We had the fortunate opportunity to meet and hear from Dr. Irene Woodall’s daughters. After Dr. Woodall had her stroke, it was as though she had disappeared; no one knew where she was and what was happening with her rehabilitation. Thanks to Google, she was found, and now there is a fund established to provide assistance for her medical and dental needs. Look on the ADHA website to read her story and give to this fund.

Another new item for 2011, Association Update. In lieu of the usual Legislative Chair Workshop that takes place during Annual Session, this new workshop was expanded to include not only third-party presentation but also an update about what ADHA is doing to move the profession forward and a preview of an exciting new program that will debut. It was an interactive workshop with time for questions and answers throughout the three different parts.

Part I: The Kellogg Foundation Five Star Dental Therapist Initiative and What It Means to Your Profession
Part II: Executive Committee/Staff Panel
Part III: Special Announcements from 2011-2012 President Pam Quinones

My report out of the ADHA House of Delegates regarding the proposed resolutions and the bylaws from the 88th Annual Session is following this report (see page 22). The changes will be updated in ADHA’s policy Manual and Bylaws. They can be accessed online at www.adha.org.

We really hope you will consider running for a delegate position to next year’s annual session. Nominations and elections will occur at PDHA’s Annual Session in November 2011 at the Marriott Penn Square in Lancaster, PA. If you want more information on how to run for this position, please feel free to contact any one of the delegates from this past year.

ADHA - support, empower, and develop YOU!

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Anderson-Kump, RDH
2011 ADHA House of Delegates Newly Adopted Resolutions and Bylaws

PR #1: ADHA recommend adopt the following definition: Dental Public Health Setting: Any setting where population-based, community-focused oral health interventions can be used and elevated as a means to prevent or control disease. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

PR #2: At-Risk Population: A Community or group of people whose social or physical determinants, environmental factors, or personal behaviors increase their probability of developing disease. FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTED

PR #4: The American Dental Hygienists’ Association supports the initiation of new dental hygiene educational programs if:
   - The proposed program has conducted a comprehensive evidenced-based needs assessment to support the development and sustainability of the program. It is further documented that an existing institution of higher education cannot meet these needs.
   - There is a documented evidence-based, ongoing manpower need that cannot be met by currently licensed dental hygienists in the region.
   - There is a demonstrated qualified applicant. (student pool)
   - There is a potential patient pool.
   - The program offers an integrated curriculum that culminates in baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene.
   - The program has financial resources to initiate and maintain dental hygiene educational standards.
   - The program is endorsed by the component and constituent dental hygiene associations, community partners and potential employers.
   - The program meets or exceeds accreditation requirements prior to the acceptance of students.
   FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTION WITH AMENDMENT

PR #3: Needs Assessment: A systematic process to acquire an accurate, thorough analysis of a system’s strengths and weaknesses in order to improve this process to meet existing and future challenges. FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTED

PR #5: Prevention and Wellness/Addiction 6-07/9-87: “The American Dental Hygienists’ Association advocates collaboration with organizations to identify, promote and utilize available substance abuse and addiction resources and programs. FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTION OF THE ORIGINAL AS WRITTEN HERE

PR #6: The American Dental Hygienists’ Association endorses increasing public access to dental hygiene care provided by dental hygienists who are graduates of an accredited dental hygiene program by:
   - Maximizing the utilization of services that dental hygienists are educated to provide by increasing the practice settings where dental hygienists can provide services;
   - Removing supervision constraints;
   - Removing restrictions on the number of dental hygienists allowed within practice settings; and
   - Advocating licensure by credential
   FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTION WITH #3 BACK TO THE COUNCIL ON REGULATION AND PRACTICE

PR #7: Direct Payment: the dental hygienist is the direct recipient of payment for services rendered. FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTED

PR #8: Third Party Payment: Payment by a financial agent rather than direct payment by the patient, for services rendered. FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

PR #9: Collaborative practice: An agreement that authorizes the dental hygienist to establish a cooperative working relationship with other health care providers in the provision of patient care. Collaborative practice includes the discussion of patient diagnosis and cooperation in the management and delivery of oral health care. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

PR #10: That the American Dental Hygienists’ Association recommends implementation of oral health diagnostic codes as part of the federally mandated and standardized code sets in oral health care to improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment of oral health diseases and conditions. FINAL ACTION BY THE HOD: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

PR #11: Practice & Technology 13C-00/46-80 be amended to read: the American Dental Hygienists’ Association supports licensed dental hygienists who own and operate dental hygiene practices, enter into provider agreements and receiving direct and third party payments for services rendered, so long as such activities are undertaken in accordance with applicable state law. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTION

PR #12: That the American Dental Hygienists’ Association adopt the following definition: Diversity: Varied characteristics, ideas and world views in a community. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

PR #13: That the American Dental Hygienists’ Association is an inclusive organization. We value the differences within our membership and we recognize that diversity adds value to our organization, our mission and the quality of our programs and services. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

PR #14: That, Ethics 13B-00/46-80 be amended to read: The American Dental Hygienists’ Association upholds that dental hygienists are directly responsible and accountable for the quality of the services they provide.

PR #15: Patient Care Service 13B-00/46/80. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

PR #16: Members with Disabilities. Active members who are unable to work due to a verified disability may apply for Disabled status. All applications must be verified by the American Dental Hygienists’ Association and must be accompanied by proof of eligibility each year. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTED

PR #17: That Article IX, COMMITTEE/COUNCILS/TASK FORCES, Finance Committee be amended to read: a. Composition. The Finance Committee shall be comprised of the President, President-Elect, Treasurer and four additional voting members to be nominated on a regional basis and elected by the House of Delegates (“At-Large Members”). The At-Large Members may not be members of the Board of Trustees. In order to create a staggered term, two At-Large Members shall be elected each year. The President shall serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. FINAL ACTION BY HOD: ADOPTED
Western PA Dental Hygienists’ Association Announces Fall Community Service Projects
Submitted by: Amanda Kundrod, RDH, MA

The WPDHA is pleased to announce the expansion of their community health fair project this year. In 2010, our dental hygiene volunteers donated their time and services to the Pittsburgh area at the CityReach Health and Community Fair. This year, the event has grown to more sites and the local members of WPDHA are happy to volunteer their services at four of these locations. This city-wide event, now called “Hope 4 the Burgh,” will take place on Saturday, August 13. We are looking for any hygienists interested in helping out with oral health education and hygiene screenings. Please contact Amanda Kundrod at shafferrdh80@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

We will also be hosting a “Drive Out Oral Cancer Golf Outing” on October 8, 2011, at the Glengarry Golf Links in Latrobe, PA. Proceeds from the event will go to both local and national oral cancer organizations. If you would like to volunteer for, golf, or sponsor this event, please check out the Western PA component page on the PDHA website for complete details.

HELP WANTED…
PDHA Leadership Positions Available…
The Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association wishes to announce the following positions open:
President-Elect and Vice President
Also available are positions for Delegate to ADHA. This position is available to any member who wishes to represent PDHA on the national level.

Your responsibilities would include attendance at the District II meeting, ADHA Annual Session and PDHA Board of Trustees meetings.

Those interested should contact: Christine Bennett, Nominating Committee Chair, at academydhstudies@verizon.net

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT… To show your support for the PDHA President, a PDHA Officer, Hosting Component or other individuals, take advantage of this opportunity to advertise in the Annual Session program booklet. You can place an advertisement from your component or as an individual. (Ads will be put in a bordered box)

If interested, include your advertisement and send to: Carol Martin at cmartin859@windstream.net

Deadline is September 19th.

There are three categories available:
#1 Per word advertisement $5.00 - up to 40 letters
#2 Per word advertisement $7.00 - 41- 55 letters
#3 1/2 - page advertisement $20.00

The PDHA is currently looking for an Annual Session Continuing Education Chairperson. This position would be a three-year term beginning in 2012. Please contact JoAnn Pennington at jjcjpenn@comcast.net if you are interested.

NURSING HOME PROJECT
COME ONE, COME ALL!
Please consider giving an In-Service Training for caregivers at a nursing home near you. You can be a double winner. You can receive three FREE continuing education credits and your recipients will receive a wealth of great facts.

WE NEED YOU!
For more information, contact:
Laura DeHennis
215-442-1515 or Lauradeh@yahoo.com

PDHA Member Referral Program
Have you told your colleagues about PDHA membership? Let us know who you have referred and if their name appears on the next roster, you could win $50 cash!

More information is available on the PDHA home page.

Our 2011 April-June winner is Brooke Osborne, from the Northwestern Component.
Component Continuing Education Courses
(More information can be found on the PDHA website)

Chester-Delaware -
**Thursday, September 22, 2011**, 2 CEUs, 6:30PM - 9:00PM, “3D Imaging & Suresmile Concepts in Orthodontics” By: Dr. Joseph McCormick, Location: Community Volunteers in Medicine, West Chester. Contact Karen Minnis at (610) 789-1617 or KM187000@aol.com

**Saturday, December 3, 2011**, 8:30AM - 3:00PM, Greater Delaware Valley Dental Hygiene Conference, “Focus on Oral Medicine,” By: Thomas P. Sollecito, DMD, Dolce Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA. Contact JoAnn Fleming at (610)543-1163.

Lancaster/Lebanon/York -
**Thursday, September 15, 2011**, 2 CEUs, 6:30PM - 9:00PM, “Challenges and Change,” Location: St. Joseph Health Ministry building at 1929 Lincoln Highway East, Suite 150, Lancaster, PA 17602. This course is being held in conjunction with a business meeting for LLYADHA.

**Friday, April 20, 2012**, 6 CEUs, 8:30AM - 4:00PM, “Boomers & Seniors: Living Longer & Healthier: Is Your Practice Ready?” and “Taking Periodontal Care From Good to Great.” By: Carol Jahn, RDH, MS Location: Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster, PA. Course fees: Postmarked by 3/3/12: PDHA Academy $99, ADHA/PDHA Member $110, Non-member $135. Postmarked by 4/2/12: PDHA Academy $110, ADHA/PDHA Member $120, Non-member $145. Registration deadline: April 2, 2012. NO SITE REGISTRATION. For more information, contact Carol Martin, RDH, at camartin59@yahoo.com

Lehigh Valley - (see next page for state CE being held in the Lehigh Valley component)

**Friday, September 23, 2011**, 6 CEUs, 8:00AM - 3:00PM, Registration and Continental Breakfast 7:15AM - 7:45AM, lunch included, Joint Course with LVDHA and The Lehigh Valley Dental Society, “The Cell Revolution. Dental Stem Cells: Sources, Therapies and the Dental Professional” and “Understanding Medications Used for Neuropsychiatric Conditions” By: Ann Eshenaur Spolarich, RDH, PhD, Limited Seating, Register Early, Fees: ADHA/ADA Member: $89.00, Nonmember: $119.00, Course Registration Deadline: 9/12/11 Location: Northampton Community College, Alumni Hall, Bethlehem, PA. Download CE Registration Form on PDHA website. If more information is needed, contact Cindy Workman at 610-861-4770

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**, 4 CEUs, 8:00AM - 12:00PM, Registration and full Breakfast 7:15 - 7:45 AM, “A Life After Oprah: Update on Women’s Health for 2011” By: Thomas Viola, R.PH Location: Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem, PA. Fees: Academy Member: $40.00, ADHA/ADA Member: $50.00, Nonmember: $65.00. Registration deadline: 10/28/11, Late fee of $10.00 if registration received after that date. Download CE registration form. Call Cindy Workman if more information is needed at 610-861-4770.

Montgomery-Bucks -
**Friday, October 21, 2011**, 8:30AM - 3:30PM, Topics will include “Patients with Disabilities,” “Fluoride Update” and “Child Abuse,” Location: Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**, 8:30AM - 3:30PM, Topics will include HIV as well as one topic to be announced, Location: Crowne Plaza in Trevose, PA

**Saturday, December 3, 2011**, 8:30AM - 3:00PM, Greater Delaware Valley Dental Hygiene Conference, “Focus on Oral Medicine,” By: Thomas P. Sollecito, DMD, Dolce Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA. Contact JoAnn Fleming at (610)543-1163.

Philadelphia -
**Saturday, December 3, 2011**, 8:30AM - 3:00PM, Greater Delaware Valley Dental Hygiene Conference, “Focus on Oral Medicine,” By: Thomas P. Sollecito, DMD, Dolce Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA. Contact JoAnn Fleming at (610)543-1163.

Western PA -
**Saturday, November 5, 2011**, 3 CEUs, 8:30AM - 11:30AM, 8:00AM Registration, “Hormone Balancing and How It Affects the Dental Professional” By Susan Merenstein, Location: Four Points Cranberry Township (Mars, PA)

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**, 3 CEUs, 12:30PM - 3:30PM, “What Your Tongue is Really Saying About You: An Introduction to Tongue Analysis” By: Alyse Shockey, RDH, ND Location: Four Points Cranberry Township (Mars, PA)

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**, 4:00 PM - 7:00PM, Dinner and Holiday Party with 1 CEU, “Autism: Facts to Chew On” Location: Franco’s Trattoria in Dormont

**Registration form for courses listed above can be downloaded from the PDHA website.**
**PDHA Continuing Education Courses**

**Friday, October 28, 2011**, 6 CEUs, 8:30AM - 3:30PM, 7:30AM Registration, 11:30AM Lunch (included with fee), “RDH AKA Health Care Provider” and “It’s Not Just About Perio Anymore” By: Lory Laughter, RDH, BS. See her articles in *RDH Magazine*. Location: Green Pond Country Club, 3604 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020, 610-253-2505. Course Fee: Postmarked by September 7, 2011: PDHA Academy* $55, ADHA/PDHA Member $65, Dentist/Non-Member/Staff $85. Postmarked by October 19, 2011: PDHA Academy* $65, ADHA/PDHA Member $75, Dentist/Non-Member/Staff $95. If space is available after Registration Deadline: Pay non-PDHA member fee + $10.00 late processing fee, no exceptions. Limited Seating. No registration day of course. Payment must be received with registration. Full refund less $30.00 processing fee with written notice postmarked NO LATER THAN October 19, 2011. No refunds will be given after this date. Contact: Christine Bennett, RDH, BS, 610-273-7223, academydhstudies@verizon.net.

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**, 6 CEUs, 8:30AM - 3:30PM, 7:30AM Registration, 11:30AM Lunch (included with fee), “White Spot Remineralization: Healing and Esthetics Minus a Drill” and “Technology: Old, New, Tried & True” By: Lory Laughter, RDH, BS, See her articles in *RDH Magazine*. Location: Quality Inn, 880 Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, 570-824-8901. Course Fee: Postmarked by September 7, 2011: PDHA Academy* $55, ADHA/PDHA Member $65, Dentist/Non-Member/Staff $85. Postmarked by October 19, 2011: PDHA Academy* $65, ADHA/PDHA Member $75, Dentist/Non-Member/Staff $95. If space is available after Registration Deadline: Pay non-PDHA member fee + $10.00 late processing fee, no exceptions. Limited Seating. No registration day of course. Payment must be received with registration. Full refund less $30.00 processing fee with written notice postmarked NO LATER THAN September 24, 2011. No refunds will be given after this date. Contact: Christine Bennett, RDH, BS, 610-273-7223, academydhstudies@verizon.net.

*Please Note:* *Academy Members must be on our current Academy roster. ADHA/PDHA members please bring your ADHA membership card and be entered to win a door prize.

**Fee for each course: Attend Both Days & SAVE $25.00!**

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If you know of a component or college continuing education course that should be added to the PDHA Journal or the PDHA website, please contact Helen Hawkey at hbowleyrdh@yahoo.com

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**PA Colleges Continuing Education Courses** (Details on each course can be found on the PDHA website)

**Fortis Institute—Erie**

30 hour Local Anesthesia course—**September 10-11** and **October 1-2**. Cost is $950 which includes course packet, breakfast and lunch for all 4 days. Call 814-838-4317 to register for the course, or e-mail Patty Inks at pinks@tsbi.edu for more information.

**Harcum College**

“Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists” Dates for 2011 - **October 1, 2, 8, 9**

**October 22, 2011**—Radiology Review (DEP course) Contact Theresa Groody at tgroody@harcum.edu

**December 10, 2011**—Local Anesthesia Review

**Harrisburg Area Community College**

“Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists” – **September 10,11, 24, 25, 2011** or **March 18, 31, April 1, 2012**. Call Non-Credit Health Care Education office at 717-221-1351 for information, or download brochure from PDHA website.

**November 30, 2011**, 2 CEUs, 6:00PM - 8:00PM, "**Putting an End to Dental Caries: Wishful Thinking or Potential Reality?**" Pizza and soft drinks will be available, Sponsored by Sigma Phi Alpha, Chi Zeta Chapter and Carol Jent of Ultradent.

**Montgomery County Community College**

Local Anesthesia for the Dental Hygienist—A hybrid course beginning the week of August 19, 2011. Complete course brochure can be found on the PDHA website.
BUREAU OF RADIATION PROTECTION ENFORCES RECENT REGULATION
Submitted by: Kathleen Schlotthauer, RDH, MEd

In February 2009, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Bureau of Radiation Protection (BRP) issued technical guidelines to explain 25 Pa. Code, Section 221.11 (b) that delineates continuing education requirements for x-ray operators. The information is available on the BRP website; http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-78279/291-4200-001.pdf

Also located on the web-site is a non-inclusive list of agencies approved by the Bureau as continuing education providers. It is expected that the list will continue to evolve as other agencies gain approval. The Pennsylvania Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies is now an approved provider.

Back in the early part of last summer it was brought to the Bureau’s attention that there was much confusion regarding this guidance for training. People could not locate the documents nor did they understand the purpose of these guidelines.

For the dental community, the professionals are accustomed to finding practice information on the State Board of Dentistry’s website, but not looking elsewhere for information related to their practice. Even the State Board of Dentistry was unaware of the changes. So when the Bureau of Radiation Protection realized this, a letter was sent to all dentist members of the dental community, clinics, and schools by way of their x-ray registrations. The letter was sent out July 30, 2010, in the hopes of increasing the awareness of these guidelines. Unfortunately, many of the dentists did not realize this letter was directed to them and recycled the paper. The effective date was September 1, 2009.

“The purpose of this guidance is to ensure that skin burns, tissue damage, and other radiation injuries do not occur from a lack of attention to the potential direct biological impact of the exposure parameters utilized in an x-ray procedure. In addition, the potential for adverse long-term effects to patients and operators from x-ray procedures will be minimized.”

Dentistry includes low-risk procedures. The portion of the technical guidance as it relates to dentistry is as follows. The registrant (the dentist) shall require the following of each operator:

- The operator is authorized by the Department of State (State Board of Dentistry is part of the DOS)/Bureau of Radiation Protection to administer x-rays in conjunction with their profession or occupation;
- Is certified by a professional organization accepted by the DOS that includes topics in basic properties of radiation, units of measurement, sources of exposure, methods of radiation protection, biological effects, x-ray equipment, imaging, recording and processing, patient exposure and positioning, procedures, quality assurance program and regulations;
- Has demonstrated a minimum of 4 contact hours or training

Prior to this, there was no requirement of hours associated with training, only the examination. **Now the operator must demonstrate a minimum of 4 contact hours covering the previously mentioned topic areas from #2.**

In addition, **all operators, which include the dentist, hygienist, EFDA, and assistant** must demonstrate two contact hours or four units of continuing education every four years in topics previously listed. This can come from the following sources:

- Continuing certification/registration by a professional organization accepted by the DEP
- Continuing education units in an approved seminar
- In-service training in required/related topics
- Passing an exam covering these related topics
- Passing competencies that can be verified.

These guidelines are directed from the Bureau of Radiation Protection and may also be used for renewal of licensure, but the specific CE is not required by the State Board of Dentistry. Copies of the documentation for the approved course/continuing education should be kept in a file in the dental office. The inspectors from the BRP that visit the office on a regular cycle can ask for the documentation. They are giving the dental offices until their next inspection to come into compliance. Courses are being offered in your component areas and at the Keystone Dental Health Conference in Lan-
The Pennsylvania Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies was formed in 1979 to encourage members to participate in continuing education courses and maintain their professional competence. The Academy provides a formal structure in which continuing education course completion can be recognized. Academy guidelines help ensure quality continuing education.

Your participation not only benefits you, but it states to your patients and to your colleagues that you value education itself and care enough to continue staying current within your chosen profession. With mandatory continuing education needed for license renewal, you will be one step ahead since all collected information is computerized and kept on permanent record.

The courses attended must have been approved by the Pennsylvania Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies in order to apply toward membership. Forms are available for Self-Study and Independent Study courses (courses taken with other sponsor approval) and may be submitted to the Academy for individual consideration.

**BENEFITS:**

- Your continuing education will be tracked with the Academy's computerized recordkeeping
- At no cost, you will receive a personalized printout of your Academy courses each year
- Reduced fees for all continuing education courses sponsored by the PDHA and the Academy
- Certificate of Membership and Academy Pin
- Letter of recommendation upon request
- New members are received and inducted at the Academy meeting held during PDHA Annual Session

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Candidates are required to complete the application form on the bottom of the page and include the following information as appropriate for membership.

1. Applicants are required to list, on a separate sheet, a minimum of 30 PDHA CEUs in continuing education course work within the past three years. The listing must include the course name, date, PDHA number and the amount of CEUs awarded.
2. Proof of attendance at these courses must be submitted through photocopies of your Certificates of Attendance.
3. A letter of recommendation from a component, state or national officer or another Academy member. Candidates should obtain the letter sealed in an envelope and enclose with the application.
4. Please include a $25.00 filing fee -- make check payable to PDHA.
5. Application deadline is May 31 of the year of application. Academy membership applications will be reviewed only in the summer of the current year.

**ACADEMY OF DENTAL HYGIENE STUDIES**

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM—DUE MAY 31**

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As an association member you receive continuing education courses at a reduced rate. If you have colleagues/friends that want the same reduced prices for continuing education, call Central Office at 717-766-0334 to have an application mailed.

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