17.5 credits available to meet your dental hygiene continuing education requirements. Come network with colleagues from around the state.

Speaker’s at this year’s conference are:

- **Lillian Caperila, RDH, MEd**
  “Enamel Therapies: The Next Generation of Care”

- **Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS**
  “It is All Connected: Oral Health and Whole Body Wellness”
  and
  “WNL: Optimizing the Oral Cancer Evaluation”

- **Diane Peterson, RDH, MEd**
  “Green and Growing—Meeting the Oral Care Needs of Health-Conscious Consumers”

- **Tammi O. Byrd, RDH**
  “Education in Action: Role of RDH in a Balanced Dental Care Delivery System”

- **Timothy Donley, DDS, MSD**
  “Preferred Techniques in Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy: What to Use and When to Use It”
  and
  “Risk-based Periodontics: Finally a Recall/Maintenance Program that Makes Sense”
President’s Message…

Dearest Friends and Colleagues in Dental Hygiene,

This year is no exception; again I was amazed and refreshed by the talented women and men we met at our ADHA Annual Session in Albuquerque. In late June your PDHA delegation: Judy Ernst, Megan Brightbill, Patty Inks and I cleared our schedules for 7 days and traveled to New Mexico for a richly rewarding, physically active and professionally stimulating meeting. We participated in every networking and resource session available! We are very proud of our two new delegates, Megan Brightbill and Patty Inks, as they both prepared & presented testimony at the House of Delegates. Judy Ernst, our Immediate Past President and Delegation Chair, shares highlights and key issues of the meeting in this Journal; please review and seriously consider joining us next June 17th- 23rd in Washington, DC, for the 2009 Annual Session!

Next June is a perfect opportunity to participate in your national professional meeting, obtain CE hours, connect with corporations and share our collective wisdom. We look forward to Pennsylvania having the largest number of representatives there! This year we had 16 Pennsylvanians, four from your PDHA delegation team; four HACC 2008 graduates (on the right) who presented table clinics mentored by Kathy Schlotthauer; our alternate student delegate, Lexi Komichak (front left), and another University of Pittsburgh classmate standing tall in center back; missing from photo is our District 2 Trustee, Sherri Meyers from Lehigh Valley; Lil Caperila from Premier; Marie George from Dentsply, Terry Barr from Chester-Delaware and Bob Miller from Montgomery-Bucks DHAs.

Each year we elect new ADHA leaders; this year several excellent candidates for President -Elect and Vice-President stirred interest, broadened issues and demonstrated leadership abilities. Active involvement in your PDHA organization provides a similar forum for brainstorming, creative networking and leadership opportunities to grow your personal skills and careers. Please consider what active participation in PDHA can offer you in terms of team-building, community relationships and networking resources. Activities in your local component and state association are comfortable starting points to share our numerous and unique talents.

Did you know you have over 800 friends and colleagues in PDHA who care about our profession just like you? We want you to join us at local component meetings, continuing education events and ‘Sealant Saturday’ free clinics in the spring. Please see our web site www.PDHAonline.org for contact information and activities in your local component.

In closing, I will share this National challenge: our DH student delegate, Lexi Komichak, (Pitt) helped write a plea from the entire student body to every ADHA member: “Challenging Each Member to Contact One Student Member this month and mentor them during school and/or into their components following graduation.”

Our 200+ new Pennsylvania graduates need a gracious colleague to share concerns about 1st jobs, time management, clinical techniques and office staff wisdom. Please follow up with a quick email to Margie at PDHA@verizon.net to find the email of a recent grad who needs a few minutes of your professional insight & experience, thank you.

Improving the public’s total health and ensuring access to quality oral healthcare is our organizational goal; our DH students, graduates and non-active colleagues may need to be asked one more time to join you at a local meeting. They will be pleased to see how friendly and interested our PDHA members really are!

Yours in Dental Hygiene,
Jaclyn Gleber, RDH, EdD

P.S. Please check our website: www.PDHAonline.org Carol Martin, our Web Manager and Journal Editor, has been doing a fabulous job keeping it current and interesting, thank you very much Carol.
The Chester County Health Department partnered with two non-profit dental providers, Community Volunteers in Medicine in West Chester and Chester County Community Dental Center in Coatesville to develop and expand school-based dental sealant programs in Chester County. One charter school and 3 public schools having 50% or more of the students enrolled in the free and reduced cost school meal program were chosen to participate in this program. Jaclyn Gleber, President of PDHA, and Alberta Landis, PDHA Public Health Council Co-Chair as well as Luz Garzon, Dental Health Coordinator for the health department, made this program a success. The Chester County Health Department oversaw this program through its dental health outreach coordinator who partnered with staff at the clinical sites. Two complete sets of portable dental equipment were recently purchased through awarded grant monies. 1,295 sealants were placed by dental hygienists with approximate value worth over $50,000.

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/Alternate 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: Judy Ernst, Nominating Committee Chair, at ernst4pdha@verizon.net.

We would like to celebrate all dental hygiene volunteers.
Please submit all of your volunteer hours to: bethzimmerman@comcast.net

WE’RE ON THE WEB!
www.PDHAonline.org

If you would like to submit information for the website, sent it to: pdhaweb@dejazzd.com
I was honored to be chosen as the student alternate delegate for District II. This position enabled me to learn more about the ADHA, as well as allowing me the opportunity to meet many kind, intelligent women, along with a few men. After listening to all the exciting speakers, meeting many talented hygienists, seeing breathtaking views of New Mexico, and enjoying a few precious moments of the warm sunny days, one moment stands out from all the rest. President Jean Connor addressed the delegates during the Second House of Delegates and spoke of all the accomplishments the ADHA has enabled over the past year. In three words she defined every member sitting in that room, “ADHA is you.” That simple statement defines all of us as members of the ADHA because this organization is as much or as little as you make of it. I plan on making the most of my professional association by staying an active and interested member.

The ADHA has a very bright future. With the passing of the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner and the development of the first curriculum for the ADHP program in Minnesota, they are in a very exciting developmental stage of our profession. With the ADHP, they, as hygienists, will be able to reach underserved populations on their own. However, the development of the ADHP was not the only exciting news we learned during our Annual Session. A few days prior to the start of the CLL in Albuquerque, California permitted the Dental Hygiene Committee to control licensure, regulatory information, and education of dental hygienists within their state. These wonderful opportunities enable them to cover more ground in the dental field and have more control over their scope of practice.

Not only have our peers accomplished ground-breaking tasks but our current students and future members are beyond anything I could have expected. Being from Pennsylvania and used to our conservative ways, it was a wonderful feeling to know that the student delegate from California and I saw eye-to-eye on many issues that we as future members of the ADHA will have to face. Many of the student delegates and alternates were very passionate and excited about the proposed resolutions and proposed bylaw amendments that were discussed at Annual Session. Many good ideas were exchanged, and we have all kept in touch on Facebook and joined the ADHA’s page on Facebook to keep communication open between ourselves, and other current and former dental hygiene students. I am excited to have these girls as my future colleagues in the profession. Already, many of us are already planning on attending Annual Session in Washington, DC, next year!

My overall experience was indescribable. I was passionate about every issue, every topic, and encouraged by all the wonderful people I met on my trip. I am very excited to continue my participation in this organization. I also pledge to talk about the ADHA and what members can gain by being active in our organization to students and other hygienists who are not yet full members. None of this would have been as amazing for me had I not had such great mentors. I would especially like to thank Sherri Myers, Jaclyn Gleber, Patty Inks, Judy Ernst, & Carol Martin from Pennsylvania, as well as the other delegates from District II. You have all helped me prepare and encouraged me during the Annual Session while also encouraging me for my future endeavors with the ADHA and our dental hygiene profession. Thank you so much for everything that you ladies have done for me, and I am so excited to be part of our bright future as dental hygienists.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The **Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic** (formerly Free Clinic of Doylestown) is seeking volunteer hygienists and x-ray certified assistants to help out in our onsite clinic one half-day, once or twice a month. Hygienists can determine their preferred days and times. An assistant is needed on Friday mornings, once or twice a month. The dental program serves low-income, uninsured adults in Central Bucks County. If interested, please contact Jacqueline Fox, Dental Program Coordinator, at 215-345-2410.

The **Water Street Dental Clinic** in Lancaster is seeking volunteer dental hygienists and x-ray certified dental assistants or EFDAs to help in our 4 operatory clinic one-half day a month. The clinic serves the homeless population in Lancaster County as well as the uninsured. If interested, please contact Robynn Rixse, Clinic Coordinator at: 717-358-2011.

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**PDHA MISSION STATEMENT**

Mission: To improve the public's total health, the mission of the PDHA is to advance the art and science of dental hygiene by ensuring access to quality oral health care, increasing awareness of the cost-effective benefits of prevention, promoting the highest standards of dental hygiene education, licensure, practice and research and representing and promoting the interests of dental hygienists.
ADHA Annual Session Update

We’re BBBAAAAAAAAK! The 2008 PA Delegation comprised of Megan Brightbill, RDH, BS, Jaclyn Gleber, RDH, EdD, Patty Inks, RDH, BS and I traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for ADHA Annual Session on your behalf. We returned changed and energized to continue to work for the improvement of this Association and profession.

It was early in June at the District II Workshop that I was enlightened by our District II Trustee, Sherri Meyers, RDH, MS, of the mind-set for any delegate going to ADHA Annual Session. That is, any delegate or alternate delegate is to bring their own state’s questions and concerns plus unique perspective to Annual Session. After listening and learning new insights on a position, vote what would be the best for the profession across this country. With that in mind, we shared our state’s concerns and voted as a stronger delegation.

You would have been amazed if you had the chance to experience this year’s Annual Session - the energy from being among so many dynamic hygienists was almost palpable. It was wonderful to get a chance to network with new and old friends; plus, interact with ADHA staff who we now can put a face to a name. I was delighted to see other Pennsylvanian’s who were taking advantage of the opportunities at ADHA Annual Session: Kathy Schlotthauer, Lil Caperila, Lynn Pencek, Terry Barr & Bob Miller..

For those of you that remember Lisa J. Rowley, CDA, RDH, MS, she sends greetings and well wishes to all her friends in PA. Lisa is the current Program Director of the School of Dental Health Science at Pacific University, Oregon. (She formerly resided and worked in northeastern Pennsylvania.)

In the students we saw fresh new energy that made me comfortable to believe that our profession will never die. The delegation was extremely proud to have the chance to get to meet the PA students from the University of Pittsburgh and Harrisburg Area Community College, especially Lexy Komichak (Pitt) who served as ADHA District II Alternate Delegate. I am looking forward in seeing all of them in the future.

Congratulations to Joann Gurenlian, RDH, PhD, for receiving the 2008 Alfred C. Fones Award; Sherri Meyers, RDH, MS, for completing her term as ADHA District II Trustee and being selected for the 2008-2009 ADHA Council on Policy & Bylaws; Jaclyn Gleber, RDH, EdD, for serving as Head Teller for balloting this year; Anita Lantzy Jackson, RDH, for her position on the 2007-2008 ADHA Council on Public Relations and Jane Balavage, RDH, BS, for being selected for the 2008-2009 Tobacco Intervention Initiative Advisory Committee. Also note, District II (consisting of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut) had 100% delegate participation in Hy-PAC contributions.

ADHA tried new ideas this year to improve on the experience for those attending. I believe you will see them again next year since this year’s event had the greatest turnout with more than 1,300 registrants! If you were not able to attend, go to www.youtube.com/ADHA.org for recap videos of Annual Session and log-in at www.ADHA.org to check out information regarding the “Brand” in member’s resources. You will be glad that you did!

Actions taken by the ADHA House of Delegates (condensed: for more information check out ADHA website.)

- Proposed Resolution 1- Updated ADHA Policies – Adopted
- Proposed Resolution 2- Journal publication, implement a subscription program that would cover costs of print version – Adopted
- Proposed Resolution 3- ADHA to conduct ongoing review of best practices regarding the operation/policy making activities of the association – Adopted
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment 1- Student representation at the ADHA HOD – Postponed Indefinitely
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment 2- Repealing Article IX: Finance Committee - Rejected
- Proposed Bylaws Amendment 3- To amend Article VII: House of Delegates - Rejected
- Proposed Resolution 4- Xylitol - The issue was referred for further research to the 2009 ADHA HOD.

It was an honor and privilege to serve as Head Delegate. My hope is to see others serving our state association as future delegates, alternate delegates and/or line officers, council chairs and trustees. For all of us, life’s constraints can and will be challenging, but the experience serving your professional association will help enrich your life in so many other ways. Consider stepping up to the adventure and don’t wait to be asked, “Make a Difference.”

Sincerely,
Judy L. Ernst, RDH
PDHA Immediate Past President

Your ADHA Delegation Team: (L-R) Judy Ernst, RDH; Jaclyn Gleber, RDH, EdD; Megan Brightbill, RDH, BS; and Patty Inks, RDH, BS.
Centre Volunteers in Medicine
Submitted by: Kristen Houser, MPA
Executive Director

Centre Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) is a non-profit organization, founded in 2003, that provides free basic and preventative medical and dental services to residents of Centre County who have no insurance and who make 200% or less of the federal poverty level. Most medical and dental services at CVIM are provided by professionals who volunteer their time and services.

The Need For Dental Care
Before opening the doors to patients, clinics around the country advised us to plan on offering dental care to the community. The CVIM planning committee was more focused on the local need for medical care, and did not initially plan to address dental needs. On February 10, 2003, the first patient walked through the doors of CVIM into our medical clinic with an abscessed tooth. We quickly learned how untreated dental problems develop into medical problems and have been committed to providing dental care ever since.

CVIM began providing dental services with a mobile dental unit operated through a collaborative effort with CenClear Child Services. The tremendous need for dental care became evident immediately through the visits on the mobile dental unit as well as through doctors identifying dental emergencies in our medical clinic. An in-house dental clinic was opened in April 2005 to provide more comprehensive care to more individuals. Last year the CVIM dental clinic provided 1459 patient visits to 595 patients.

Current Dental Services
CVIM currently has three dental operatories and over 1200 people waiting to receive dental care. On average CVIM needs to provide six to seven dental visits to restore our patients to good dental health. CVIM estimates it will take years to completely care for those on our waiting list as an additional 50 patients apply for services every month!

- Five local dentists volunteer their services in our facility
- Seventeen see our patients at no cost in their own offices.
- Three local endodontists provide one free root canal per month.
- All local oral surgeons provide care at a reduced fee schedule and one periodontist provides consults at no charge.
- Centre County is considered to be a dental Health Professional Shortage Area therefore having a shortage of dental health professionals to meet the demand of the population.

CVIM coordinates a “Give Kids a Smile Event” that provides comprehensive dental care, eye exams and glasses, and hearing screenings for up to 100 uninsured children. The event is hosted by our local pediatric dental practice (Pediatric Dental Care) and a local optometrist office (Nittany Eye Associates). Volunteer dentists, hygienists and assistants staff the event.

Join Our Team
We are looking for caring, compassionate dental professionals to volunteer to join our team in providing excellent quality care to uninsured residents of Centre County. If you are a dental professional and would like to tour our clinic or volunteer, please contact Dr. Heather Raymond, DMD, at (814) 231-4043, by email at hraymond@cvim.net, or by mail at CVIM, P.O. Box 10365, State College, PA 16805.
# 85th Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association

## Annual Session and Keystone Dental Health Conference

*(Times, events and speakers subject to change)*

### Wednesday, November 5, 2008
- **2:00pm**—**5:00pm** Pre-Board of Trustees Meeting
- **6:30pm**—**9:30pm** CE#1 “Enamel Therapies: The Next Generation of Care”
  - By: Lillian Caperila, RDH, MEd
  - ~Sponsored by an educational grant from Premier~

### Thursday, November 6, 2008
- **9:00am**—**12:30pm** Opening Session/First House of Delegates
- **10:00am**—**1:00pm** CE#2 “It’s All Connected: Oral Health and Whole Body Wellness”
  - By: Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS
  - ~Sponsored by Procter & Gamble Oral Health~
- **1:00pm**—**3:00pm** Academy Lunch
- **3:00pm**—**6:00pm** CE#3 “WNL: Optimizing the Oral Cancer Evaluation”
  - By: Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS
  - ~Co-sponsored by: Oral CDx, GC America, Sunstar, Laclede and Kavo~
- **3:30pm**—**5:00pm** Reference Committee Hearings and Candidates Forum
- **6:15pm**—**7:30pm** Professional Issues Forum
- **7:30pm**—**9:45pm** Sightseeing Tour of Pittsburgh
- **8:00pm**—**10:00pm** Welcome Reception

### Friday, November 7, 2008
- **8:45am** Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Corporate Exhibits and Marketplace
- **9:00am**—**12:00noon** Corporate Exhibits and Marketplace
- **8:30am**—**12:00noon** Student Table Clinics (1 FREE continuing education credit available, see Special Events page)
- **11:30am**—**2:30pm** PDHA Past Presidents’ Luncheon
- **12noon**—**5:00pm** SADHA Lunch & Meeting
- **12noon**—**3:30pm** Educators’ Course (Speaker and topic to be announced later. Watch for further information on the PDHA website)
- **12:30pm**—**3:30pm** CE#4 (Penn Hy-PAC Course) “Green and Growing—Meeting the Oral Care Needs of Health-Conscious Consumers”
  - By: Diane Peterson, RDH, MEd
  - ~Sponsored by: Tom’s of Maine~
- **3:30pm**—**5:30pm** CE#5 “The Role of Dental Hygiene in a Balanced Dental Care Delivery System” By: Tammi O. Byrd, RDH

### Saturday, November 8, 2008
- **9:00am**—**12noon** CE#6 “Preferred Techniques in Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy: What to Use and When to Use It.”
  - By: Timothy Donley, DDS, MSD
  - ~Sponsored by an educational grant from Dentsply Professional~
- **1:00pm**—**1:30pm** Keynote Address: “Access to Prevention” by: Tammi O. Byrd, RDH.
  - (1 FREE CE credit) (See page 14 for information about speaker)
- **1:45pm**—**4:30pm** Second House of Delegates/Installation
- **1:45pm**—**4:45pm** CE#7 “Risk-based Periodontics: Finally a Recall/Maintenance Program that Makes Sense” By: Timothy Donley, DDS, MSD
  - ~Partially sponsored by Dentsply Professional~
- **4:30pm**—**5:30pm** Installation Reception
- **6:00pm**—**midnight** “Visit the Waterfront” Tour

### Sunday, November 9, 2008
- **8:30am**—**1:00pm** Post-Board of Trustees Meeting
2008 KEYSTONE DENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
Events Information

Thursday, November 6, 2008
◊ 1:00pm – 3:00pm: PDHA Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies Luncheon
The Academy Board of Directors would like to invite all Academy members to join us for this year’s Academy lunch. Do you wonder which component had the most new members join this year? Who had the most CE credits this year? And how many CE's they had? We have many new members so please join us for a renewing of our Academy pride and to support the new members. The lunch served will be Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast with a Pineapple Salsa served with fresh garden greens. A fee will be charged for the luncheon.

◊ 6:15pm – 7:30pm: Professional Issues Forum
Come and learn what is happening in the world of dental hygiene that can affect you as a practicing dental hygienist.

◊ 7:45pm – 9:15pm: Sightseeing Tour of Pittsburgh
Relax and enjoy a narrated night tour of Pittsburgh, highlighting the city’s magnificent array of museums, rivers and historic landmarks. The Pittsburgh city tour contains historical information, interesting facts about famous Pittsburgh products, companies and people. Also, ride on the Duquesne Incline and enjoy the magnificent view of the city. (Minimum registrants required)

◊ 8:00pm – 10:00pm: Welcome Reception
The Western Component is very excited and proud to host the 85th PDHA Annual Session. The Annual Session Committee extends an invitation to join them for a drop-in reception.

Friday, November 7, 2008
◊ 8:45am Corporate Recognition Ceremony
A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place to open the Corporate Exhibits & Marketplace. Come and help recognize the corporate representatives whose continued support of dental hygiene goes above and beyond expectations.

◊ 9:00am – 12noon: Corporate Exhibits
An exposition floor filled with the products, services and solutions covering the entire dental hygiene profession awaits you at Corporate Exhibits. Whether it is impulse buying or you have come prepared to “shop the show,” these companies are ready to present their latest innovations for your needs and to provide you with well fitted solutions – Get inspired. Get educated! Please patronize these fine exhibitors and let them know we appreciate their continued support of dental hygiene.

◊ 9:00am – 12noon: Marketplace
Have cash burning in your pocket? Do we have the place for you!! Come shop ‘til you drop at PDHA’s Marketplace. Individuals, components and students will be selling many items for you to purchase.

If you are interested in selling items at Marketplace and did not receive information, please contact Margie at PDHA’s Central Office 717-766-0334.

◊ 8:30am – 10:00am and 10:30am – 12:00noon Student Table Clinics
Students from PA dental hygiene schools will be presenting valuable information. Many hours of research and planning have gone into the presentations. The students will be judged and awards will be given. Please come, listen and learn what they have to share. Attend three Table Clinics and receive 1 free continuing education credit. CE cards for Table Clinics will be available at the door. Presenters will stamp the card at the completion of each presentation. Cards must be turned in as you exit to receive your certification.

◊ 6:30pm – 11:30pm: President’s Cocktail Reception & Dinner
As always, our President’s banquet is the social highlight of the conference. This year will be no exception. 2008 is a great year to celebrate your ADHA/PDHA membership with bold colors and our bold ADHA logo. Plan on joining your PDHA team in celebrating dental hygiene’s “Passion for Prevention” by wearing passionate RED colors to honor our 2008 President Jaclyn Gleber with an evening of feasting, fun, and dancing to DJ Larry Hornyak. So plan to relax, enjoy a dinner buffet and have fun together on Friday night in the hotel--no travel required!

◊ Silent Auction: during the Cocktail Reception
Get ready for another exciting Penn Hy-PAC silent auction. Many items have once again been donated to the auction. This is a great way to support Penn Hy-PAC.

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Type or print clearly)

Last Name: ____________________________________  First Name: ____________________________________

PA License Number: __________________________   Email: _______________________________________

(Dental Hygiene or Dental #—must provide # to register)

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

City: _________________________________________   State: _____________   Zip: _____________________

Home Phone: (         )_________________________   Office Phone: (         )_________________________

Please check one:
□ PDHA Member       □ Non-Member       □ Current Student       □ ADA Member       □ ADAA Member

REGISTRATION FEE: All attendees must pay a registration fee. This fee includes admittance to: Corporate Exhibits, Marketplace, Table Clinics, House of Delegates meetings, Reference Committees, Welcome Reception and Installation.

☐ $10.00 Pre-Registration Fee - postmarked by October 6, 2008
☐ $20.00 Registration Fee – postmarked by October 20, 2008
☐ $30.00 On-Site Registration Fee

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE FEES

*Please check appropriate fee if attending*

**NOTE:** If you register for 3 or more continuing education courses, you will receive a $25.00 discount.

**Continuing Education Total: $__________**

Less discount of $25.00 (If attending 3 or more courses) $__________

**TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FEE DUE: $__________**

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Registration Form Continued

SPECIAL EVENT FEES  Food events will NOT be available for on-site registration
*Please check if attending*

Thursday, November 6, 2008
- PDHA Academy Lunch  1:00pm – 3:00pm   $23.00
- Sightseeing Tour of Pittsburgh  $32.00
- Welcome Reception  8:00pm – 10:00pm   No Charge (ticket required)

Friday, November 7, 2008
- President's Dinner  6:30pm – 11:30pm   $45.00 ea x _____ (# attending)
- SADHA Lunch/Meeting  12noon   $23.00

Saturday, November 8, 2008
- “Access to Prevention” presented by Tammi O. Byrd, RDH  1 FREE Continuing Education Credit (No Charge)
- Installation Reception  4:30pm – 5:30pm   No Charge (ticket required)
- “Visit the Waterfront” Tour  $10.00

TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS: $___________

TOTAL FEES
- Registration Total  $___________
- Continuing Education Total  $___________  *Distinguished Academy Members: Course # _______
- Special Events Total  $___________

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $___________ Check payable to: PDHA

PENN HY-PAC  Course #4  Friday, November 7, 2008  12:30pm – 3:30pm
A separate personal check made out to Penn Hy-PAC must accompany this registration form.
(No business checks accepted)
This CE course benefits Penn Hy-PAC

Please check fee if attending:  □ Grad $15  □ Academy $50  □ Member $60  □ Non-Member $90

□ I am unable to attend the CE but would like to make a donation to Penn Hy-PAC in the amount of  $_______

* Penn Hy-PAC is the Political Action Committee of the PDHA. Through Penn Hy-PAC, PDHA is able to financially contribute to legislators that support dental hygiene issues.

Registration Form must be postmarked by OCTOBER 6, 2008, to receive the Pre-Registration Fee.
Registration Form must be postmarked by October 20, 2008, or you must register On-Site

Mail Registration Form & Check(s) to: PDHA Central Office
PO Box 606
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Any questions, please call Margie at PDHA’s Central Office 717-766-0334 or email pdha@verizon.net
Saturday, November 8, 2008
◊ 1:00pm – 1:30pm  Keynote Address  “Access to Prevention”  Dental hygiene is in a unique position to seize new opportunities and utilize our full potential providing ‘access to prevention’ while patients seek to maintain and improve their quality of healthcare. There is a paradigm shift occurring in the delivery of oral healthcare that will serve to keep pricing and accessibility reasonable. Prevention is Key. Are dental hygienists ready for the challenge? Tammi O. Byrd, RDH, will deliver an inspiring message to all. (See page 14 for information on speaker.) By attending this presentation, you will receive 1 free continuing education credit. Pre-registration is recommended.

◊ 6:00pm – 12:00pm: Visit the Waterfront
The Waterfront is the perfect blend of life & style. Sitting on the banks of the Monongahela River, The Waterfront is Pittsburgh’s premier shopping and entertainment destination! Home to over 70 shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues, its unique open-air shopping environment and beautiful landscaping provides an upscale shopping experience like no other. There will be several pick-up and drop off times during the evening. Check out the Waterfront at: www.waterfrontpgh.com.

PDHA Annual Session Networking Sessions
The following networking events are open to all registrants, please plan on attending.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008
◊ 2:00pm – 5:00pm: Pre-Board of Trustees Meeting
The Board of Trustees is the governing body of PDHA. The BOT will review the proposed resolutions and bylaw changes to be presented to the House of Delegates.

Thursday, November 6, 2008
◊ 9:00am – 12:30pm: Opening Session/First House of Delegates
Jaclyn Gleber, RDH, EdD, will officially call the 85th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association to order at the Opening Session. President Gleber will welcome all attendees and will oversee an awards presentation to fellow colleagues. These inspirational proceedings should be attended by all registered dental hygienists at least once in their career.

◊ 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Reference Committee Hearings & PDHA Candidates Forum
These hearings focus on the specific business submitted for consideration to the House of Delegates (HOD) in the areas of association policy, bylaws, and directives. Delegates and members alike may submit testimony, written or verbal, regarding their positions on the various proposals, including suggested amendments. Reference committee members, appointed by the President, listen and record testimony, then develop final recommendations which are then forwarded to the HOD.

Candidates for President-Elect, Vice President, and Delegate/Alternate Delegate to ADHA will address their peers on the current issues in dental hygiene especially as they relate to Pennsylvania. This forum is an opportunity for all to ask the future leaders of PDHA about their visions for our profession.

Saturday, November 8, 2008
◊ 1:45pm – 4:30pm: Second House of Delegates
This session of the House of Delegates includes final voting on all submitted business and recommendations from the reference committees. Delegates have the opportunity to debate resolutions as well as amend proposals. Discussion, debate, and voting are restricted to voting delegates only; however, members are invited to attend this session as guests and observers.

◊ 4:30pm – 5:30pm: Installation of Officers and Installation Reception
The elected officers of PDHA and appointed council chairs will be formally installed.

Sunday, November 9, 2008
◊ 8:30am – 1:00pm: Post-Board of Trustees Meeting
The PDHA Board of Trustees will review the actions of the House of Delegates.

Looking Ahead to 2009!
Mark your calendars now for the 2009 PDHA Keystone Dental Health Conference, October 21-25 at Split Rock in the Poconos.
A changing paradigm in caries management has broadened our decision model with the inception of risk assessment tools and new product therapies. With terms such as “minimally invasive” and “remineralization technologies,” we are faced with innovations in diagnosing and treating the caries disease process. This program will review the historic and current trends in caries control and introduce the exciting new choices for treating desensitization and demineralization within our hygiene treatment plan. Products to be discussed include: desensitization agents, topical fluorides, prophy pastes and varnish therapies.

**About the speaker:** Lil Caperila, RDH, MEd, is approaching 35 years of experience in the dental field. Beginning as a certified dental assistant and actively practicing as a dental hygienist in the specialty of periodontics has given Lil extensive experience in preventive therapy. A graduate of Montgomery County Community College, Lil completed her A.S. degree and certification in dental hygiene in 1980. During her clinical years, she has achieved a B.S. in dental education and a M.Ed. degree from Penn State University in Instructional Design and Training. She is employed with Premier Dental Products and actively engages in sales management and professional education. Recently, Lil completed a three week tour of China and Japan where she presented workshops to engage her professional colleagues in instrumentation techniques and prevention therapy. Lil held leadership positions within the PDHA as President in 1999-2000 and Governmental Relations Chair for several years.

**This course is sponsored by an educational grant from Premier**

Oral care practice has changed significantly over the past decades, and oral health professionals’ roles in patients’ overall health maintenance continue to grow in importance. The understanding of oral-systemic health links is also growing, as evidenced by scores of articles in professional journals and the public media.

Dental professionals have long been aware of some of the links between oral health and systemic health, but with the exponential growth of interest and information in this area, it can be extremely difficult to keep up with the latest literature, let alone to separate well-supported clinical evidence from unsupported hypotheses. This presentation seeks to highlight the latest information on the links between oral health and systemic health conditions. It will be used to educate general dentists, hygienists and dental assistants on these advances, as well as providing more practical information about how these emerging evidence-based connections may affect their practices.

**About the speaker:** Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS, is a speaker, author and still practicing dental hygiene clinician. Patti is a certified presenter through Academy of General Dentistry National Speaker’s Bureau for Periodontal Disease, a member of GC America Key Opinion Leaders, Zila Pharmaceuticals National Speaker’s Bureau, Hu-Friedy Thought Leaders Program and the Proctor & Gamble Whole Health Lecture Board. She is also a member of the Linda Miles Speaking & Consulting Network, on the Advisory Board for the National Museum of Dentistry and Director for Career Fusion. Patti’s articles appear regularly in RDH Magazine, Modern Hygienist, and other professional journals. Pati is currently co-writing a book on minimal intervention philosophy and a novel.

**This course is sponsored by an educational grant from P & G Professional Oral Health**
Thursday, November 6, 2008

Course #3  3 CEU  3:00pm—6:00pm

WNL: Optimizing the Oral Cancer Evaluation
Presented by: Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS

WNL means within normal limits - but are we sure? Oral cancer is one of the most treatable of the major cancers when discovered and treated early. Yet oral cancer (6th most common cancer in the US) is the only major cancer whose incidence is rising when all other cancers tracked by the American Cancer Society are declining. Dental professionals are uniquely positioned to screen patients and detect oral cancer in its early, treatable stage. This course provides a review of the topic and practical recommendations for screening patients in the general practice setting.

About the speaker: Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS, is a speaker, author and still practicing dental hygiene clinician. Patti is a certified presenter through Academy of General Dentistry National Speaker’s Bureau for Periodontal Disease, a member of GC America Key Opinion Leaders, Zila Pharmaceuticals National Speaker’s Bureau, Hu-Friedy Thought Leaders Program and the Proctor & Gamble Whole Health Lecture Board. She is also a member of the Linda Miles Speaking & Consulting Network, on the Advisory Board for the National Museum of Dentistry and Director for Career Fusion. Patti’s articles appear regularly in RDH Magazine, Modern Hygienist, and other professional journals. Patti is currently co-writing a book on minimal intervention philosophy and a novel.

**This course is co-sponsored by: Oral CDx, GC America, Sunstar, Laclede and Kavo**

Friday, November 7, 2008

Course #4  3 CEU  12:30pm–3:30pm
(Penn Hy-PAC course)

Green and Growing—Meeting the Oral Care Needs of Health Conscious Consumers
Presented by: Diane Peterson, RDH, MEd

This course focuses on understanding the clinical relevance of recognizing, relating to and partnering with your health and environmentally conscious patients.

Global trends indicate growing consumer interest in natural products and environmentally sensitive lifestyles. Dental professionals need to understand the clinical relevance of recognizing, relating to and treating health-conscious patients. Application of evidenced-based criteria can help address the profusion of product claims and available health-related information.

About the speaker: Diane Peterson, RDH, MEd, is a Professional Advocate at Tom’s of Maine. She is responsible for expanding the East Coast Professional Advocacy territory as well as maintaining the professional relationships currently established between the dental community and Tom’s of Maine on the East Coast. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont with degrees in dental hygiene, human development, and educational leadership. Diane is a past president of the Vermont Dental Hygienists’ Association and has chaired many other committees for the organization over the last two decades. Her other professional memberships include the American Dental Hygienists’ Association, the American Dental Education Association, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners and the National Dental Hygiene Honor Society.

**This course is sponsored by an educational grant from Tom’s of Maine**
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2008

COURSE #5  2 CEU  3:30PM–5:30PM

The Role of Dental Hygiene in a
Balanced Dental Care Delivery System
Presented by: Tammi O. Byrd, RDH

The course will highlight a school-based dental hygiene prevention program including the legislative and legal arenas and how they affect change in creating increased access to dental hygiene services. We will also look at the skills needed to initiate a prevention program and outcomes that have been demonstrated through a particular program. The course will also look to the future by reviewing current health policy and statistics from the perspective of how the dental hygiene profession can and will evolve to be an integral part of the future health care delivery system.

About the speaker: Tammi O. Byrd, RDH, is the CEO/Clinical Director of a statewide school-based dental hygiene prevention program in South Carolina. Tammi’s interest in public health started when she served as Community Dental Health Chair of her local dental hygiene component in 1981. Since that time she has moved up through the ranks of the professional dental hygiene association and served as the ADHA president in 2003-2004. Upon installation as the ADHA President, she charged the Council on Education to develop a curriculum for an advanced dental hygiene practitioner. Her state legislative involvement was successful in getting the laws in South Carolina changed to allow direct access to dental hygiene services in particular settings in 2000. When state agencies declared they would not administer public health dental hygiene programs, Byrd took it upon herself to see the legislation come to fruition. She started Health Promotion Specialists and has been serving children across the state of South Carolina since the 2000-2001 school year.

**Tammi will also bring the Keynote Address, “Access to Prevention” on Saturday at 1:00pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008

COURSE #6  3 CEU  9:00AM–12noon

Preferred Techniques in Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy:
What to use and when to use it!
Presented by: Timothy Donley, DDS, MSD

It is time to get rid of the cleaning lady image! Come learn how to use the very latest perio materials to immediately help your practice and your patients. Dr. Donley presents a complete, evidence-based protocol for the management of periodontal disease in a way that finally makes sense. In today’s perio world the dental hygienist is key! You will develop a sensible strategy as to what to use and when to use it. Attendees leave with the information and materials necessary to plug this success-oriented program into their practices the minute they return to their offices.

About the speaker: Timothy Donley DDS, MSD, is currently in the private practice of Periodontics and Implantology in Bowling Green, KY. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Georgetown University School of Dentistry, and completing a general practice residency, he practiced general dentistry. He then returned to Indiana University where he received his Masters degree in Periodontics. Dr. Donley currently serves as editor of the Journal of the Kentucky Dental Association and is an adjunct professor of Periodontics at Western Kentucky University. His course is part of the ADA Seminar Series. Dentistry Today recently listed him among the Leaders in Continuing Education. He lectures and publishes frequently on topics of interest to clinical dentists and hygienists.

**This course is sponsored by an educational grant from Dentsply Professional**
Saturday, November 8, 2008

Course #7  3 CEU  1:45pm–4:45pm

Risk-based Periodontics: Finally a Recall/Maintenance Program that Makes Sense
Presented by: Timothy Donley, DDS, MSD

Using a risk-based approach can help you determine which patients to treat and how to treat them. Risk information also provides opportunities to motivate patients to follow through with the treatment that you know they need. Come and learn how to develop a maintenance program based on risk assessment that will make your recall life much easier. You will leave with the information and materials necessary to make positive changes the minute you get back to the office.

About the speaker: Timothy Donley, DDS, MSD, is currently in the private practice of Periodontics and Implantology in Bowling Green, KY. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Georgetown University School of Dentistry, and completing a general practice residency, he practiced general dentistry. He then returned to Indiana University where he received his Masters degree in Periodontics. Dr. Donley currently serves as editor of the Journal of the Kentucky Dental Association and is an adjunct professor of Periodontics at Western Kentucky University. His course is part of the ADA Seminar Series. Dentistry Today recently listed him among the Leaders in Continuing Education. He lectures and publishes frequently on topics of interest to clinical dentists and hygienists.

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Penn Hy-PAC Silent Auction!

As part of the annual fund raising for the Political Action Committee of the PDHA (Penn Hy-PAC), donated items will be up for bid at a silent auction to be held during the PDHA Annual Session in Pittsburgh in November. Announcement of the winners will be made at the beginning of the President’s Banquet, but you need not be present to win.

So if you are interested in some good healthy competition, visit the silent auction. Show your support for our Political Action Committee.

Component and personal donations of items will gladly be accepted. Please contact Betty Zumpano at: eazone@ptd.net with information about your donation. Donations to Hy-PAC are not tax deductible.

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, send check for appropriate amount made payable to: PDHA. Include your advertisement and send to: Carol Martin, RDH  PDHA Journal Editor 22 Laurie Lane Lititz, PA  17543.

Deadline is September 12th.

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
INFORMATION

Registrants should indicate on the registration form which educational sessions and social events they plan to attend. Appropriate fees must be remitted with the registration form to the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association, Central Office, PO Box 606, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Any questions, please call Margie at PDHA’s Central Office 717-766-0334 or email pdha@verizon.net.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Attendees are urged to take advantage of the registration fee discount by registering by October 6, 2008. Registration forms must be postmarked by October 6 in order to receive the discounted rate. (Registration fee is $10.00 before Oct. 6)

REGISTRATION

Registration for PDHA’s Annual Session must be postmarked by October 20, 2008. If you miss the deadline, you must register at the On-Site location.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration allows for course space as available on a first-come, first-served basis. Special Events will NOT be available for on-site registration. A $30.00 registration fee will be charged for on-site registration. On-site registration will be available at the hotel beginning Wednesday at 1:00pm at the PDHA registration desk.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

There will be limited attendance in some CE courses due to room size.

- **Academy Members and ADHA members** must be on the current roster.
- **ADA or ADAA members** – use member fee.
- **Graduate Fee** – current student (must send copy of student ID) or 2008 graduate.
- **Distinguished Academy Members** (Must be on the current roster) may choose Course #1, 2, 3, 5, 6, or 7 at no charge. **If using course 6 or 7 as your free course, and you are planning on taking both courses, you will need to pay the Academy fee for the second course.**
- **Continuing Education Credits** - All courses have been approved for continuing education credits through the Academy of General Dentistry, the Pennsylvania Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies, and the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB.)

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Registrants may cancel from the conference without penalty if written cancellation is received by October 22, 2008. Written cancellations received after October 22 and before October 31, will be subject to a $30.00 processing charge. Cancellations after October 31 will receive no refund. Telephone cancellations will not be honored. Cancellations are to be sent to: PDHA Central Office, P.O. Box 606, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or email to: pdha@verizon.net

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

You must make your hotel reservations directly with the Radisson Pittsburgh Green Tree, 101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, by calling 1-412-922-8400. Please mention the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association (PDHA) when calling. For hotel directions, visit the Radisson website at: www.radisson.com/pittsburghpa_greentree

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE

October 10, 2008. After this date, any reservations made with the hotel will not guarantee the PDHA room rate. Cancellations must be made directly with the hotel.

DIRECTIONS from the East: PA Turnpike Route 76 West. Follow 76 West to route 376 West. Get off Pittsburgh exit 376 West. Take 376 West through Fort Pitt tunnel. (Will cross the Fort Pitt bridge first then through the tunnel.) *Route 376 W changes to 279 S. at the bridge. After tunnel — get in right lane — follow signs for Green Tree/Crafton to exit 4A. Exit at 4A immediately get in far left lane (towards Crafton.) At stop sign, turn left onto Mansfield Road. Go through 2 stop lights—AFTER second light, turn right onto Radisson Drive. Hotel is on top of hill.

ROOM RATE $89.00 single/double/triple/quad per night plus 14% tax. Suites are available by contacting the hotel. Be sure to inquire about specific room set-ups.

ABOUT THE HOTEL

* The Radisson offers an exceptional selection of recreational options which will enhance your stay. The hotel features a heated indoor/outdoor pool, hydro-therapy pool, sauna, a basketball court, volleyball court and guest privileges for the courts at the Green Tree/Crafton to exit 4A. Exit at 4A immediately get in far left lane (towards Crafton.) At stop sign, turn left onto Mansfield Road. Go through 2 stop lights—AFTER second light, turn right onto Radisson Drive. Hotel is on top of hill.

GUESTS

There is no registration fee for guests but they are to sign the registration book and will receive a badge. Registrants may have non-RDHs as their guests who may attend social functions for the appropriate fee. Guests are welcome to join us for Corporate Exhibits, Table Clinics, Marketplace and the business sessions of PDHA.

ATTIRE

Business attire is appropriate for any time during Annual Session and the Keystone Dental Health Conference.
Berks-Schuylkill
Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 6:00PM-8:30PM  2 CEUs with light refreshments. “Operation Smile” By: JodyLynn Mill, RN, MSN, CRNP. Location: Viva Restaurant, Wyomissing, PA. Course fees: PDHA Academy $30, PDHA Member $35, Non-member $40. Contact: Maureen Sychterz, RDH. maureensyc@aol.com or 610-670-0627.

Friday, October 24, 2008, 8:30AM-3:30PM (registration 8:00)  6 CEUs with Continental Breakfast and Lunch included. “The Additive Effects of Additives: Understanding the Impact of Dietary and Product Enhancers on Oral and Systemic Well Being” By: Betsy Reynolds, RDH, MS. Location: Toscani Restaurant, Wyomissing, PA. Course fees: PDHA Academy $50, Member $70, Non-member $90. Contact: Maureen Sychterz, RDH. maureensyc@aol.com or 610-670-0627.

Thursday, November 20, 2008, 6:00PM-8:30PM  2 CEUs with light refreshments. “What if Dr. Phil Was a Dentist? ‘Get Real’ and Overcome the Challenges That Hinder Success.” By: Linda Blackiston, RDH, BS. Location: Viva Restaurant, Wyomissing, PA. Course fees: PDHA Academy $30, PDHA Member $35, Non-member $40. Contact: Maureen Sychterz, RDH. maureensyc@aol.com or 610-670-0627.

Lehigh Valley
Saturday, October 4, 2008, 8:00AM–12NOON  4 CEUs, Breakfast and registration at 7:30AM, “Pharmacology and Herbal Medicines” By: Dr. Thomas Viola. Location: Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem, PA. Course fees: PDHA Academy $40, PDHA/PDA Member $50, Non-member $65. Contact: Terry Warrick at 610-599-0219.


Montgomery-Bucks
Friday, October 17, 2008, 8:30AM - 3:30PM Registration 7:30AM 6 CEUs “Minimal Intervention: Stepping Into a New Dimension” and “Planting Our Feet Firmly in Mid-Air: Challenging Ourselves Beyond the Routine” By: Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS Location: Holiday Inn Select, Trevose, PA Course Fee: Postmarked by August 15, 2008: PDHA Academy $75, ADHA/PDHA Member $85, Dentist/Non-member hygienist/Staff $115. Postmarked by September 15, 2008: PDHA Academy $85, ADHA/PDHA Member $95, Dentist/Non-member hygienist/Staff $125. Postmarked by October 10, 2008: PDHA Academy $95, ADHA/PDHA Member $105, Dentist/Non-member hygienist/Staff $135. Luncheon included in fee. Contact: Angela McDougal, RDH, at 215-368-8980 or gymmomanc@comcast.net

Saturday, October 18, 2008, 8:30AM - 3:30PM Registration 7:30AM 6 CEUs “The Saving of Enamel” and “Boomers and Beyond ~ Ultimate Prevention Plan” By: Shirley Gutkowski, RDH, BSDH, FACE Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel Valley Forge (Near movie theatre & Bally’s) King of Pussia, PA Course Fee: Postmarked by August 15, 2008: PDHA Academy $75, ADHA/PDHA Member $85, Dentist/Non-member hygienist/Staff $115. Postmarked by September 15, 2008: PDHA Academy $85, ADHA/PDHA Member $95, Dentist/Non-member hygienist/Staff $125. Postmarked by October 10, 2008: PDHA Academy $95, ADHA/PDHA Member $105, Dentist/Non-member hygienist/Staff $135. Luncheon included in fee. Contact: Angela McDougal, RDH, at 215-368-8980 or gymmomanc@comcast.net

Attend both days & save $25.00 (deduct from total)
PA COLLEGES CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Harcum College
Saturday, March 7, 2009, 8:30AM -- 4:30PM  6 CEUs  Save the Date! 3rd Annual Dental Expo for the entire dental team. 6 courses on the latest preventive and restorative dentistry topics; details to follow. Location: Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, PA. Contact: Theresa Grady at 610-526-1860.

Harrisburg Area Community College
October 18, 2008, 8:30am--3:30pm  6 CEUs  "A Realistic Approach to Oral Care in Long Term Care Facilities and Treating and Counseling the Oncology Patient" By: Sandra Lee Boody, CDA, RDH  Location: Wildwood Conference Center at HACC, Harrisburg, PA (Harrisburg Area Community College's Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society) Course fee: $80.00 for HACC alumni/ADHA members and $90.00 for all others. Contact: Joan Ellison at: 717-780-2681 or jgelliso@hacc.edu for further information.

Temple University
Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 9:00AM – 4:00PM  6 CEUs  “Case Studies in Geriatric Dental Care” By Gretchen Gibson, DDS, MPH. Location: Renaissance Hotel (near Philadelphia Airport), Philadelphia, PA. Course fee: Dentist $295, Hygienist, EFDA, Dental Assistant $125. Contact: Nicole Carreño at: 215-707-7541 or ncarreno@temple.edu.

Friday, February 27, 2009, 9:00AM – 4:30PM  6 CEUs  “Periodontal Treatment for Your Patients: What’s the Future and What’s the Risk?” By Rebecca Wilder, RDH, MS. Location: Renaissance Hotel (near Philadelphia Airport), Philadelphia, PA. Course fee: Dentist $225, Hygienist, EFDA, Dental Assistant $150. Contact: Nicole Carreño at: 215-707-7541 or ncarreno@temple.edu.

Friday, October 23, 2009, 9:00AM – 4:00PM  6 CEUs  “Hitting the Mark: Anatomy of Maxillary/Mandibular Local Anesthesia” By Patricia L. Blanton, DDS, PhD. Location: Renaissance Hotel (near Philadelphia Airport), Philadelphia, PA. Course fee: Dentist $295, Hygienist $195. Contact: Nicole Carreño at: 215-707-7541 or ncarreno@temple.edu.

GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY DENTAL HYGIENE CONFERENCE
Saturday, December 6, 2008, 8:30AM- 3:30PM  6 CEUs  Topic and Presenter TBA. Location: Dolce Inn at Valley Forge (Formerly—Hilton Valley Forge) Contact: JoAnn Fleming at: 610-543-1163.

REMEMBER to complete your mandatory continuing education requirements before the next license renewal cycle ends. The current cycle runs from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009. You need to complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education every two years in approved subject areas. For more information on continuing education in PA, go to the PA State Board of Dentistry website at: www.dos.state.pa.us/dent. Click on Rules and Regulations, then click on Continuing Dental Education. DO NOT assume that a course is an approved subject area simply because it is being offered by an approved program sponsor. Because of this, it is suggested you get above the 20 hours recommended. The State Board of Dentistry conducts random audits to verify your credits.

“Academy Approval” indicates that a continuing education course appears to meet selected criteria. It is the responsibility of each participant to determine if a particular course is acceptable for license renewal. However, applicants should be aware that not all courses offered and approved by the Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies are approved for Continuing Education credits by the State Board of Dentistry. The Academy does not endorse or recommend any individual continuing education course and is not accountable for the quality of any course content. Certificates of Attendance should be retained by licensees in their own personal professional file.
PDHA AWARDS

The PDHA Board of Trustees is seeking nominations for awards that will be presented to deserving members at the PDHA Annual Session. The awards to be presented are:

**Academic Effort Award**  (presented annually)
1. An active PDHA member
2. 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

**Community Dental Health Award**  (presented annually)
1. An active member of PDHA
2. 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.

**The Louise Coira Memorial Outstanding Member Award**  (presented every two years)
1. An active PDHA member who has been a member for at least ten (10) consecutive years.
2. Contribution during that time to include active, productive, and meritorious service to a component and/or PDHA

**Community Dental Health Award**  (presented annually)
1. An active member of PDHA
2. 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.

A certificate will be awarded to the award recipients at the PDHA Annual Session in Pittsburgh, PA, November 5-10, 2008.

If you know of any deserving individuals, please fill out the award application and mail it to Christine Sabatini.
(see below)

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**PDHA AWARD APPLICATION**

Name of Candidate ____________________________________  PDHA Component___________________________
Address _____________________________________________  Email______________________________________
City _______________________________ State____________ Zip_____________________

Nominating for: (Circle one award)

Academic Effort Award  Louise Coira Memorial Outstanding Member Award
Certificate of Recognition Award  Community Dental Health Award

Please submit this application form with a letter of recommendation that includes information on what the candidate has done to be considered for the award. Include any pertinent information, i.e. offices held, activities, other awards/recognition. Also, please include a curriculum vita, resume or a brief biography (school attended, year of graduation, employment history, etc.)

Endorsed by:__________________________________________  (Name)  (Component)
Phone number: _______________________  Email address:__________________________________________

Mail to: Christine M. Sabatini, RDH, BS
105 15th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15229
Phone: 412-369-7142
E-mail: cmsrdh@comcast.net

Deadline for nominations is October 1, 2008.
CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS REMINDER

If your name and/or address changes, send the corrections to the following addresses within 10 days.

- State Board of Dentistry
  P.O. Box 2649
  Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

- PDHA Central Office
  P.O. Box 606
  Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

- ADHA
  444 N. Michigan Avenue
  Suite 3400
  Chicago, IL 60611

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