

# The **AADH** Times

## President's Message

**Aloha Everyone!**



It's all about the experience... whether it's a moment with a loved one; a day at the spa; weeks of treatment with a client; years of participating in your professional organizations; or a lifetime of family ties. Sometimes we have control over those experiences and sometimes we don't. Regardless, on any journey, it is the shared experiences that always seem to carry the most meaning through the relationships that develop.

As members of the American Academy of Dental Hygiene, we have a shared vision... to Advance Individual Professional Growth through Leadership,

Mentorship, and Fellowship. Within that shared vision, we have come together, in the circle of the Academy, and find ourselves sharing unique experiences.

First, through Leadership... Whether we volunteer without solicitation or are asked to step forward, as we become more involved we learn and grow until we find ourselves doing what we never imagined we would or even COULD! As we stand in amazement at what is accomplished in leadership, the realization remains that it could never be done alone. That leadership takes support and teamwork, and believing and trust, not only in our selves, but in each other. Leadership in itself is an experience that must be shared. Within the leadership of the Academy, we are privileged to work with co-professionals of the highest caliber, all volunteers. Because of our stated vision, we carry the responsibility of co-creating positive leadership experiences for each other. On the journey, we go beyond leadership, and we experience... relationship based on support.

### Welcome to the *American Academy of Dental Hygiene*

Our vision is professional growth through leadership, mentorship and fellowship.

Our mission is to:

- Foster the continuing pursuit of education and research in the art and science of dental hygiene;
- Provide formal recognition of excellence in the practice of dental hygiene;
- Recognize distinguished community service in the effort to foster improved oral health.

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**President's Message** *(continued)*

Leaders are not always leaders. Sometimes they are followers. They may know the way in their own neighborhood, but go a few miles in a different direction, and the unfamiliar territory may require following someone else's lead; and there lies the opportunity for Mentorship, a well paved two-way street. We seek mentors to teach us, and within the Academy, we find an opportunity to learn from willing mentors recognized for their wealth of knowledge and expertise. At the same time, in teaching, our mentors also learn. Because of our stated vision, we carry the responsibility to remain humble as mentors, yet confident enough to empower those around us in their pursuit of knowledge. On the journey, we go beyond mentorship, and we experience... relationship based on mutual respect.

Then comes the day we earn our Fellowship in the Academy... We stand knowing that we have gone above and beyond in our field of interest or expertise within our profession. We are recognized by our peers and honored to add the FAADH credential. Because of our stated vision, we carry the responsibility to grasp advancement opportunities.

Whether we are receiving the honor of Fellowship, or we are cheering new Fellows on, we look at each other... all members of the Academy... and we see dedication to the profession; we see support; and we see respect. We see that on the journey, we have gone beyond a credential of fellowship, and we experience... relationship based on true fellowship, a remarkable shared experience. Tell your colleagues... It's all about the experience!

Sincerely,

*Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH*

**PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE:  
AADH Approved Providers and  
Beyond!**

As we finish out this year, let's acknowledge our AADH CE providers! They have committed to lifelong learning for our profession by agreeing to uphold the only standards related to dental hygiene. Please see the list on the following page. To become an AADH recognized provider, visit [www.aadh.org](http://www.aadh.org) – click on the continuing education link.



In the coming months we will be expanding our efforts to have individual state boards recognize the AADH program and include the AADH as an automatic provider of continuing education credit for relicensure. Currently the following states list AADH in their statutes: Maryland; New York; Texas; Hawaii; New Jersey; Wisconsin; and Kansas.

Finally, as the AADH President-Elect, I am looking for AADH members interested in becoming involved on an AADH committee beginning August 2012. Please contact me at [kmenageb@aol.com](mailto:kmenageb@aol.com) for information and to discuss your areas of interest!

*Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT,  
President-Elect and Chair, Course Approval  
Committee*

**Become a Fellow in the American Academy of  
Dental Hygiene!**

*An award of Fellowship in AADH is a recognition of achievement  
in a specific concentration. All criteria for Fellowship is available on the AADH website.*

**AADH Approved Providers of Continuing Education –**  
**Look for the Logo!**



*American Academy of Dental Hygiene*

*Approved Provider through December 31, 2011*

**Academic Institution Providers**

Farmingdale State University  
New York City College of Technology  
New York University  
Orange County Community College

**Corporate Providers**

AlDent Learning Center  
Dental Hygiene Seminars  
HealthPro Staffing Resources  
MidWest Dental  
Neo Health Services  
PennWell  
Philips Sonicare  
Suburban Myofunctional Therapy Clinic  
Xlear, Inc.

**National Association Providers**

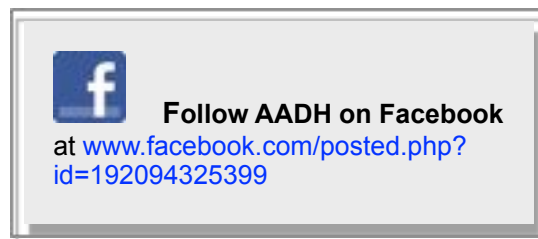
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
European Association of Dental Hygiene

**Individual/Member Providers**

Ann-Marie DePalma, CDA, RDH, MEd,  
FAADH  
Maria Goldie, RDH, MS  
Carol Lee, RDH, BS  
Pat Pine, RDH  
Professional Learning Services

**State/Component Association Providers**

New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association  
Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association  
Westchester Dental Hygienists' Association  
West Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association



**Newsletter Timeline**

The *AADH Times* is interested in publishing news about your professional projects, publications, CE presentations, and other accomplishments. The deadline for the 2012 Spring Issue is **April 1, 2012**. Please submit all material in MS Word. If you are submitting photos, please include a caption with the names of people included as the title of the photo. Editors, *Margaret and Debbye*

## FALL 2011 PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

What fabulous times traveling this past summer! First, to Nashville, Tennessee, for the American Dental Hygienists' Association Center for Lifelong Learning and Annual Business meeting, where we were honored to present outgoing President Caryn Solie, RDH, with one year complimentary membership in the Academy. Then it was on to Chicago to attend our annual business meeting at the **Under One Roof Conference**. I'd like to say thank you to all of you who were able to attend, and especially to Immediate Past-President, Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS, FAADH, for her support that morning.

Another HUGE thank you goes out to all who attended our Educational Presentation. It was wonderful to stand at the front of the room to see a standing room only crowd for "Oral Pathology for the Dental Professional" presented by Olga Ibsen, RDH, MS, FAADH (congratulations on your fellowship to AADH!). Olga provided an exceptional presentation and the feedback was tremendous. Thank you, Olga! We are all so proud!

Between continuing education courses, many potential members came by our booth at the meetings. Suzy Burzynski, RDH, BS, FAADH, coordinated the scheduling for both meetings, so that there were several of us there to share with potential members.

My gratitude goes out to those who took time to represent AADH at the meetings including Janette Delinger, RDH, BSDH, MS; Donna Brogan, RDH, BS; Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA; and Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH; to the Public Relations Committee, particularly Sue Humphrey, RDH, MSED, FAADH, Chair and Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT, for preparing the new brochures for printing; and to Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH, Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA, Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS, Sue Humphrey, RDH, MSED., FAADH, and Mary Calka, RDH, for overseeing transport, shipping and receiving of the booth, brochures, and ribbons.

With the Annual Meeting behind us, I would like to welcome new officers to the Executive Committee and Governing Council members. I am very happy to announce that Donna Brogan, RDH, BS, is now your Secretary. In addition, newly elected Governing Council Members include Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH, Lois Dreyer, RDH, MSDH, and Sherri Lukes, RDH, MS. Finally, I am elated to announce that Debbye Krueger, RDH, BS, has agreed to be Co-Editor with Margaret Fehrenbach, RDH, MS, for the *AADH Times*. Thank you so much!

### AADH 2012 Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, August 1, 2012**

Rio All-Suites Hotel  
3700 W. Flamingo Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89103  
1(866) 746-7671

#### Annual Business Meeting

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

**CE Course:** *What Are We Really Looking For? Oral Pathology Cases and Concepts*

Speaker: **Sherri Lukes, RDH, MS**

**AT RDH Under One Roof 2012**

**August 1-3, 2012**

[www.rdhunderoneroof.com](http://www.rdhunderoneroof.com)

Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for stepping forward and taking on this responsibility alongside returning officers, Governing Council Members, Committee members, and our Administrative Assistant. We really have a fabulous team full of dedication and passion. Please continue to contact me to share your thoughts, ideas, and vision for the future of the Academy at [d.bt@live.com](mailto:d.bt@live.com). I do value your input.

During our winter holidays and with each day of the new year, I wish you and your precious circle of friends and family good health and countless memorable moments of joy and laughter. *D.B.T.*



President Diane installs new Governing Council Members Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH, and Sherri Lukes, RDH, MS (not pictured: Lois Dreyer, RDH, MSDH)

**2011-2012 AADH  
OFFICERS/COMMITTEES****Officers**

President: Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS,  
FAADH Term 2010-2012  
President-Elect: Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT  
Term 2010-2012  
Treasurer: Lynn Southerland, RDH, BSDH, FAADH  
Term 2010-2012  
Secretary: Donna Brogan, RDH, BS Term 2011-2013  
Immediate Past President: Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS,  
FAADH Term 2010-2012  
Administrative Assistant: Mary Calka, RDH

**Governing Council**

Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH - Chair  
Term 2011-2013  
Debbie Krueger, RDH, BS Term 2010-2012  
Sue Humphrey, RDH, MEd, FAADH  
Term 2010-2012  
Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA Term 2010-2012  
Lois Dreyer, RDH, MSDH Term 2011-2013  
Sherri Lukes, RDH, MS Term 2011-2013

**Membership Committee**

Lois Dreyer, RDH, MSDH - Chair  
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Donna Grzegorek, RDH  
Anita Roth, RDH, BSDH  
Dawn Kasper, RDH, BS  
Cindy Kleiman, RDH, BS  
Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS, FAADH

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**Minutes Review Committee**

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Marcia H. Lorentzen, RDH, MEd, EdD  
Janette Delinger, RDH, MSDH  
Pat Pine, RDH  
Tricia Osuna, RDH, BS, FAADH

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Nancy Barnes, RDH, RDH, BA  
Peter Gangi, RDH, BS

**Procedures Sub-Committee**

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Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA  
Peter Gangi, RDH, BS

**Fellowship Approval Committee**

Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH - Chair  
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Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA  
Catherine Seifert, RDH, BSDH, FAADH

**Nominating Committee**

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Lynn Southerland, RDH, BSDH, FAADH  
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**Editor/Chair Newsletter**

Margaret Fehrenbach, RDH, MS - Co-Chair  
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Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH - Consultant

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Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, RYT

**Awards Committee**

Winnie Furnari, RDH, BS, MS, FAADH - Chair

### SCENES FROM 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

*President Diane presents a Certificate of Appreciation from AADH for serving to...*

#### Committee Involvement



**Donna Brogan**



**Marcia Lorentzen**



**Sue Burzynski**



**Marilyn Cortell**



**Sue Humphrey**



**Linda Bohacek**



**Winnie Furnari**



**Tricia Osuna**

#### Treasurer



**Lynn Southerland**

#### Governing Council



**Donna Grzegorek**



**Sue Humphrey**

***Congratulations New Fellows!*****Heidi Emmerling Muñoz, RDH, PhD, FAADH***Area of Expertise: Education*

AADH Fellow Heidi Emmerling Muñoz, RDH, PhD, is a professor at Sacramento City College, Sacramento, CA and a CODA site consultant, as well as the owner of [Writing Cures](#), a writing and editing service. Dr. Emmerling Muñoz

is co-author of *The Purple Guide: Paper Persona* and creator of the [Career Development Center for Friends of Hu-Friedy](#).

A recipient of many professional awards and distinguished recognition, she is a former columnist and consulting editor for *RDH Magazine*, co-founder of website *The Radical Hygienist*, and has written articles and columns for a variety of publications.

**Catherine S. Seifert, RDH, BSDH, FAADH***Area of Expertise: Periodontics*

AADH Fellow Catherine S. Seifert, RDH, BSDH, has served as adjunct clinical faculty member at [Old Dominion University's School of Dental Hygiene](#), Norfolk, VA, for the past ten years, with private practice experience in a periodontal office in Virginia

Beach for more than 40 years. She also volunteers her time at the Western Tidewater Free Clinic in Suffolk, VA.

Catherine graduated from Old Dominion University and is the president of the Tidewater Dental Hygiene Association. She traveled to Keil, Germany, with her student dental hygienists this past year.

**Susan Pennella Burzynski, RDH, MEd, FAADH***Area of Expertise: Leadership*

AADH Fellow Susan P. Burzynski, RDH, MEd, received her associate degree in dental hygiene from Erie Community College. Her Bachelor of Science, and Masters of General Education, was conferred from Canisius College,

Buffalo, NY. Currently a member the Buffalo Dental Hygienists' Association, she has served her local component in various positions from president to director.

Susan is serving on the Public Relations Committee for AADH. Additionally, she is a clinical hygienist in Tonawanda, New York, as well as writing numerous articles for *RDH Magazine*, *RDH e-Village Newsletter*, and *Dental Product Reports*.

**Olga A.C. Ibsen, RDH, MS, FAADH***Area of Expertise: Pathology*

AADH Fellow Olga A. C. Ibsen RDH, MS, is a Charter Member in AADH and served in leadership positions including president. She is presently an Adjunct Professor at New York University College of Dentistry, in the Department of Oral and

Maxillofacial Pathology, Radiology and Medicine and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT.

Olga has made significant contributions to the dental hygiene profession as an educator, clinician, author and editor. She has co-authored the text *Oral Pathology for the Dental Hygienist* published by WB Saunders, soon entering its 6th edition. She is a Consultant Member of the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners and a member of The Dental Hygiene Subcommittee on Examinations.

**Welcome New AADH Members!**

**Kris Potts, RDH, AS**



New member **Kris Potts, RDH, AS**, has been a practicing clinical dental hygienist for over thirty years, the last fifteen with the same office in Bedford, TX. She has also been a temporary replacement hygienist in over a hundred offices over the years; experiencing a variety of practice settings, conditions, personalities, schedules, and patients!

She is currently employed by Wasatch Sales Force, who represents the Xlear/Spry Xylitol Product Line. She loves traveling the South Central U.S. presenting xylitol education courses to dental offices, hygiene components, state meetings, study clubs and exhibits at some of the major dental events in her territory.

**MEMBER Credential - MAADH**

1. Current licensure and/or current state dental hygiene registration
2. *New Member:* Minimum of seventy-five hours of Academy approved, or agency recognized continuing education courses (given or taken) within five years prior to application  
*Renewing Member:* Thirty hours of Academy approved, or agency recognized continuing education courses (given or taken) each two year renewal period.
3. Seven hundred fifty hours of clinical or professional or related experience per year for five of the last eight years \*
4. Complete and submit application forms and fees for review by the Membership Committee and final approval from the Governing Council

\* Dental hygienists in alternative employment settings such as lecturer, author, educator, researcher, corporate, etc.

**FELLOW MEMBER Credential - FAADH**

1. Be an active member in AADH for three consecutive years
2. Provide documentation of achievement of a Baccalaureate degree or higher
3. Fulfill 3 of 4 additional criteria
  - ❖ Document advanced education of at least 100 hours in the specialty or field.
  - ❖ Document active participation in the specialty or field via practice, published research or poster/clinic presentations at national or international hygiene meetings, or having served elected leadership positions in hygiene associations.
  - ❖ Present a continuing education course which meets AADH guidelines for course approval.
  - ❖ Advanced the cause of the specialty/field in some community related significant manner.



New membership pins are always available.  
  
Wear your AADH



Your profession is not what brings home your paycheck.

Your profession is what you were put on earth to do with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling.

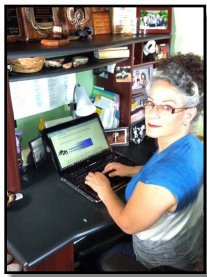
~ Vincent van Gogh

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**



Member **Margaret J. Fehrenbach, RDH, MS**, dental science writer and educational consultant, has published as primary author a 4th edition of *Illustrated Anatomy of the Head and Neck* that has an Evolve online site. Next on the docket is a 2nd edition of *Dental Anatomy Coloring Book*. She also

contributed to chapters in *Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists* (Logothetis, WB Saunders, 2012). Margaret recently wrote an article on the incisive nerve block for the *Journal of the California Dental Hygienists' Association* (Summer 2011).



President **Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH**, wrote the guest editorial for recent *Dimensions of Dental Hygiene* (November 2011), [Raising the Bar](#), about how AADH strives to advance the profession of dental hygiene through a commitment to lifelong learning and quality continuing education. She is an AADH fellow

in periodontics.



Member **Janette Delinger, RDH, MSDH**, recently completed her Masters of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene from [UMKC School of Dentistry](#), Kansas City, MO. She has been recognized by Philips Sonicare for her achievements and received the [Educator of the Year Award](#).



Member **Marcia H. Lorentzen, RDH, MSED, Ed.D**, recently completed her doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT. She is faculty at the University of Bridgeport and [Director of Clinical Affairs](#), Fones School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Bridgeport.

**25 YEARS:  
Professional Learning Services**

It has been 25 years since member Joyce Turcotte, RDH, BSDHed, Med, Owner and Founder of Professional Learning Services, started her business out of her home in CT. An innovator, Turcotte was driven by her goal to be the first to offer dental hygienists an alternative way to stay on top the latest trends in their field while allowing them to fulfill their state licensing requirements.

To celebrate 25 years of achievement, Turcotte is making 2012 something all dental professionals can smile about. She has packed the schedule with special speakers and guests. For more information please call PLS at 203.261.2857 or visit [www.pls.org](http://www.pls.org).

**Next Governing  
Council Meeting Call  
Dates**

**January 25, 2012  
April 11, 2012  
July 11, 2012**

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