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President AADH

Hello members, I hope that you all are well. So far it has been a pleasure to serve you. We wanted to share our current information with you. Please continue to share AADH with your colleagues. We have a very exciting year ahead of us! Together we all make a difference!

RDH UOR 2021: (from left to right)

Winnie Furnari MS, RDH, FAADH, FAFS, Immediate Past President AADH 2018-2020

Julie Martin RDH, MSDH, MPH, President Elect AADH 2020-2022

Carolynn Zeitz RDH, RDA, MA, Current President AADH 2020-2022



We are pleased to share that we had so many people interested in becoming a member at RDH UOR this year. We are expecting to see our membership enrollment increase. Hope to see you there next year for our annual meeting!

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Governing Council Members!



Nancy Ryan Barnes RDH, BA is a member of the ADHA, IFDH, NYSFD, AADB, CDCA, and founding member of the AADH. She is currently the chair of the AADH Awards Committee and Chair of the Course Approval Committee that is charged with the review of the applications for approval of courses by national associations, corporate entities, state/component associations, academic institutions, AADH members and non-members. She has held several leadership positions for New York State Dental Hygienists' Association and was instrumental in securing legislation in New York for mandatory continuing education requirements and additional hygiene licensure related law changes. She has written articles for AADH Times, ADHA Access, Contemporary Dental Hygiene and two International dental hygiene

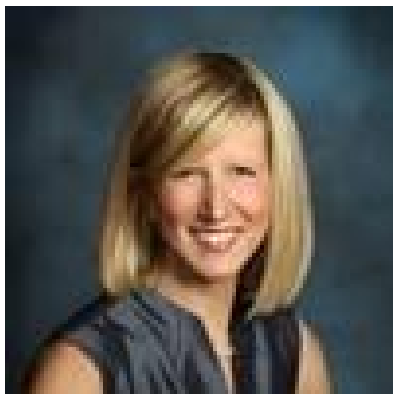
organizations in Germany and Israel. She has presented continuing education courses nationally and internationally and during the Symposium of International Federation of Dental Hygiene. Currently she is a member/examiner for the CDCA, formerly NERB, involved in the testing for licensing Dental Hygiene Candidates. Nancy retired from the position of AADH Executive Director in 2008 after over 12 years. The success of the American Academy of Dental Hygiene is a passion in her life.



Kyle Isaacs RDHEP, BHS is an expanded practice dental hygienist (EPDH) having worked in a variety of patient care settings in Oregon. She started a mobile dental hygiene business in 2014 taking care of low-income patients in a local church, long-term care facilities, schools, adult foster care homes, and private residences for patients who are not ambulatory. In 2017, she co-wrote a proposal for a pilot project to educate the staff at long-term care facilities and to provide preventive dental hygiene services and make referrals. She also worked in an integrative medical practice where she screened patients, applied fluoride varnish, oral health education and made referrals, as well as conferring with the medical providers there.

Kyle currently works for Benton County in Oregon where she writes a monthly oral health column for all county employees, and provides dental hygiene services for low-income patients as well as, at the pediatric clinic for low-income children and pregnant women. She teaches the oral health unit for people enrolled in certification as a community health worker.

She is a speaker and a published author in RDH Magazine. Kyle is a member of the AADH, ADHA, NNHH, DHHAPA, and ADHP. In 2018 she was a delegate to ADHA in Ohio. She's been a board member for the National Network of Healthcare Hygienists and in 2014 for the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA). Kyle was trustee for ODHA representing the state for Lane County and also as Southwest Director from 2015-2019. From 2016- 2019 she was on the conference committee. In 2017 she was the recipient of the Sunstar Award of Distinction and in 2018 she received the HuFriedy/ADHA Master Clinician Award. As an experienced dental hygienist, Kyle truly supports the mission of AADH.



Lisa Mallonee BSDH, MPH, RD, LD received a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene and a Master of Public Health with a coordinated degree in nutrition from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Lisa is a tenured Professor, Graduate Program Director and Registered Dietitian in the Caruth School of Dental Hygiene at Texas A&M College of Dentistry, where she currently teaches courses in public/community health and provides nutrition lectures in the dental hygiene and predoctoral dental curriculum. Additionally, she oversees practicum placement and thesis research as a co-director for postgraduate dental hygienists enrolled in the Master of Science in Education for Healthcare Professionals program housed in the Texas

A&M College of Medicine. Furthermore, she serves as a preceptor for the Baylor University Medical Center Dietetic internship program. As a health care professional and educator, she is committed to two

interconnected goals: sharing her knowledge, expertise, and passion while promoting the value of interprofessional collaboration among dental professionals within the wider healthcare community. Lisa serves as a reviewer and expert content advisor on numerous publications that include: The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Journal of the American Dental Association, the Journal of Dental Hygiene and organizations such as the National Diabetes Education Program, National Maternal & Child Oral Health Resource Center and the American Dental Educators Association (ADEA). Lisa is a published author in dental textbooks and peer reviewed journals on multiple topics pertaining to diet, nutrition and oral health and the practical application to whole body health for dietetic and dental professionals. She co-authored the Nutrition Curriculum for the revised 2015 edition of the ADEA Curriculum Guidelines for Allied Dental Education Programs. Additionally, she served as primary author for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Practice Paper on Oral Health and Nutrition. She is co-author on the editorial team that is continuing the legacy of Dr. Esther Wilkins' cornerstone textbook; the 13th edition of Wilkins' Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist which was recently published in January 2020. Additionally, she will serve as co-author for the 6th edition of The Dental Hygienists' Guide to Nutritional Care scheduled for publication in 2023. She is the recipient of the 2014 Excellence in Nutrition Education of Health Professionals award; the 2016 Texas Dental Hygiene Directors' Association/Procter & Gamble Teaching Excellence Award and most recently she received the 2020 Texas A&M University Teaching Award for Interprofessional Excellence as well as ADEA Allied Dental Faculty Leadership Development Program Scholarship to advance academically in the area of leadership. Lisa presents educational lectures both nationally and internationally.

Our Administrative Assistant Mary Calka RDH Has Retired!



Mary is a native of Stamford, Ct. and began her 40 year career in dentistry as a Certified Dental Assistant at a group practice in Darien, Connecticut. She graduated from Fones School of Dental Hygiene and practiced as a Registered Dental Hygienist in the following: General, Pediatrics, Periodontology and Public Health. Her professional affiliation began with serving as President of the Student American Dental Hygienist's Association. Dental Hygiene would be a lifelong passion for Mary while serving in many leadership positions in both the American Academy of Dental Hygiene (AADH) and the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA). Some of which included President of AADH, Chair of Annual Session, Policies & Bylaws and Membership Committees for ADHA, President of Connecticut Dental Hygienists' Association (CDHA) and Delegate for CDHA to ADHA.

For the past 13 years Mary has served as Administrator for the AADH. She contributes to her community by currently serving on the Board of Directors as President at Sabal Palms and has been a member of the

BOD for the past 5 years. Mary moved from CT. to Bradenton, Fla. 6 years ago and now enjoys outdoor cycling daily, walking her beloved dog Ubu and living the Florida lifestyle with her husband Tony of 30 years.

Thank you Mary for serving AADH, we wish you well in the next chapter of your life!

Our Newly Appointed Administrative Assistant is Danni Gomes BSDH, RDH, FAADH



Danni is a clinician, educator, speaker, oral health evaluator, American Heart Association Training Center Faculty and entrepreneur. She graduated from Fones School of Dental Hygiene with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree in 1994. Danni has been practicing as a registered dental hygienist for 27 years. She has been teaching as an Adjunct Clinical Instructor and Oral Anatomy Lab Instructor at New York University College of Dentistry's (NYUCD) Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Department for 20 years. Danni is the Course Director for Radiology at NYUCD for the Dental Assisting Program. She's an Instructor for

the Continuing Education Department at New York City College of Technology's Dental Assisting Program for the past 16 years. Courses she directs are Oral Anatomy, Infection Control, Radiology, Communication, Medical Emergencies and CPR. She became an American Heart Association Basic Life Support Instructor in 2012 and a Training Center Faculty in 2020. Danni is currently the Oral Health Evaluator for a funded study titled "Care Partner Assisted Intervention to Improve Oral Health for Individuals with Mild Dementia", for New York University, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She co-authored "Toward Implementing Primary Care at Chairside: Developing a Clinical Decision Support System for Dental Hygienists" published in the Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice in 2015. In 2016 she co-authored "Views of Dental Providers on Primary Care Coordination at Chairside: A Pilot Study, in the Journal of Dental Hygiene. Danni is currently a mentor for the editor of the AADH Times Newsletter. She is on the Minutes Review Committee and she is Chair of the Public Relations and Financial Review Committees as well as our webmaster. She achieved a fellowship in 2020 for advancing the field of dental hygiene in Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy. Danni is a member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, American Dental Education Association, International Association of Orofacial Myology and the International Association of Healthcare Professionals. She is the proud Founder/Director of Creative Dental Connections LLC and she is ready to take on this vital role as Administrative Assistant as she truly supports our mission.

Shout Outs:



Dorothy Ferreira MSDH, RDH

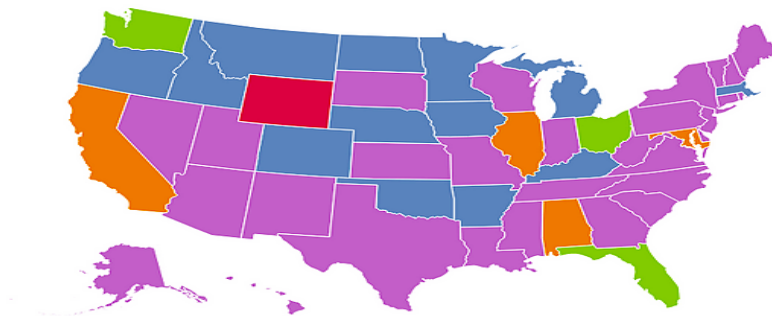
Congratulations to AADH Member and President Elect of New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association for completing the Cornell University Certificate Program in Diversity and Inclusion.



Dr. Kim Attanasi PhD, MS, RDH

Congratulations to AADH Member and current President of the New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association. She will receive the Carol King Award for advancing the profession of dental hygiene. It will be conferred at the annual meeting next month.

ACCEPTANCE *of* AADH Course Approvals by State



Updated as of Aug. 12th, 2021

This can be found on our website [CE Page!](#)

<p>32 States and DC Exists in rules or written confirmation</p> <p>AK, AL, AZ, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IN, KS, LA, ME, MI, MS, MO, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WV, WI</p>
<p>12 States Verbiage similar to DH is responsible for attending courses directly related to skills, knowledge or competence & professional organizations</p> <p>AR, CO, ID, IA, KY, MA, MN, MT, NE, ND, OK, OR</p>
<p>1 State Only BLS course is mandate</p> <p>Wyoming</p>
<p>3 States State boards approve sponsors with fees involved or accepts if sponsored by the association</p> <p>CA, MD, IL</p>
<p>States pending rules review</p> <p>WA, OH</p>
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Remembering Jane Weiner:



The field of dental hygiene and AADH have lost a valuable member. Jane Wiener passed away at the end of 2020 and left a void that cannot be filled. She was an author, editor, teacher, speaker, and leader in the field. Her board review classes were famous and helped untold prospective colleagues. She was a friend and mentor to more dental hygienists than anyone can name and was recognized for this with the 2005 Philips Oral Health Care/RDH Magazine Mentor of the Year Award. This was only one of her many awards, but the one she was most proud of was the 2003 Dr. Esther M. Wilkins Distinguished Alumni Award.

Jane and Esther were long time friends and Jane wrote a moving tribute after Esther's passing. As accomplished as she was, Jane was the first to encourage, support, and congratulate others on their achievements. We were fortunate to have Jane as a colleague and a member of the American Academy of Dental Hygiene and she is dearly missed. May she rest in peace.

Are You Ready to Apply for Fellowship?

Here's the Criteria:

- Be an active member in AADH for three consecutive years.
- Provide documentation of achievement of a Baccalaureate degree or higher.
- 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.

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- Advanced the cause of the specialty/field in some community related significant manner.

Great News:

Michigan State Board has included AADH, in the state rules and will accept our approved courses for their mandatory continuing education.

Members Only Page:

We now have our members only page on our website, where you can find various documents such as the reports, bylaws, and policies, etc..

Get the password to visit the page by emailing admin@aadh.org

RDH UOR:

Save The Date: Annual Meeting at RDH UOR 2022

July 21 - 23, 2022 Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center

Orlando, Florida

Volunteer Opportunities:

1- Member to join the Finance Committee

1- Member to Chair the Members Committee

1- Member to Chair the Finance Review Committee

If interested please email Danni Gomes: admin@aadh.org

Important Reminder:

Renew your membership **TODAY** by visiting our website [HERE](#) and send required documents to Danni Gomes at: admin@aadh.org

Don't forget to use the credentials **MAADH** or **FAADH** whichever applies, you earned it!

Tip on adding your signature in gmail:

Just scan this barcode and watch the brief video. You can do that by simply aiming the camera from your smartphone, hold steady and then click on the icon that downloaded.



Newsletter:

Do you have news to share for our next newsletter? Or are you working on a project that you would like to share? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please forward information to **Danni Gomes**. Send images if applicable, along with your name and credentials. Send to: admin@aadh.org

Please note the new business address: 311 14th St. #2 Union City, N.J. 07087

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