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DELEGATES MEET FOR ADAA 2021 ANNUAL SESSION

The 96th Annual Session of the American Dental Assistants Association was once again successfully held virtually October 23-24, 2021. Representing Oregon was Bonnie Marshall, Tenth District Trustee; Linda Kihs, Mary Harrison, and Jill Lomax as delegates. As a first-time delegate and attendee of the ADAA annual session, Jill stated that “she was so impressed at the commitment, passion, and dedication of the attendees.”

President Fox presided over the meetings and the Reference and Finance presentations were presented by well prepared informative leaders. Changes were made to two original policies and can be found on the ADAA website.

Our delegate, Mary Harrison, served on the Elections Committee. Most of the officer positions for the coming year were elected by affirmation due to only one name.

However, the exception was for the position of Secretary of which both Cathy Roberts and Tija Hunter were nominated. You may add Cathy Roberts to the newly elected officer’s list.

CEO, Jay Kasper, presented the goals of the association and how the changing of the management leadership company to SEVEN 12 Management hopes to bring additional expertise and resources to ADAA.

At the closing of the session, outgoing President Betty Fox, concluded with a heart

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Jill Lomax, EFDA-RF, CDA, EdM
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warming speech that touched the hearts of many. Oregon forwarded our thanks to her for her year of service and dedication to ADAA and all dental assistants at large.

This years annual session hosted the first virtual convocation for Fellowship and Mastership awardees. Fellowship and Mastership is a coveted level of professional recognition. Oregon's Recognition:

Fellowship Recipients:

2002 - 78th Annual Session in Honolulu, HI
Bonnie Marshall, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, MADAA, RDA
Linda Kihs, CDA, EFDA, OMSA, MADAA

2007 - 83rd Annual Session in San Francisco, CA
Lynn Murray, CDA, EFDA-RF, CPFDA, MADAA
Mary Harrison, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, FADAA

2020 - 96th Annual Session
Jessie Campbell, EFDA, FADAA
Jillian Lomax, CDE, COA, EFDA-RF, FADAA

Mastership Recipients:

2005 - 81st Annual Session in Washington, DC
Linda Kihs, CDA, EFDA, OMSA, MADAA

2006 - 82nd Annual Session in Denver, CO
Bonnie Marshall, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, MADAA, RDA

2019 - 95th Annual Session
Lynn Murray, CDA, EFDA, EFDA-RF, CPFDA, MADAA

A complete list of all Fellows and Masters can be found on the ADAA website.

If you are interested in researching the required hours and courses of continuing education along with an Enrollment Form, they can be found on the ADAA Website.

It was a pleasure serving Oregon's dental assistants.

Linda Kihs, CDA, EFDA, OMSA, MADAA
Mary Harrison, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, ADAA
Jill Lomax, CDE, COA, EFDA-RF, FADAA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to promote the Association to the general public and all communities. The plan for 2021-2022 is:

- Giving of gifts in December
- An email game in March
- Toothbrush/toothpaste donations for Catholic Charities in the Spring

Jillian Lomax

FORMER DANB BOARD DIRECTOR AND OFFICER MARY HARRISON RETIRES FROM DENTAL ASSISTING AFTER 50-PLUS YEARS

For Mary Harrison, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, FADAA, of Portland, Oregon, retiring last year after spending over five decades in the dental assisting profession is bittersweet.

Story from: Certified Press Fall/Winter 2021

In hindsight, Harrison is content to have enjoyed a life-changing career in dental assisting, enhanced by educational experiences and credentials, meaningful patient relationships, and dental assisting volunteerism and leadership roles — including as a former member and officer of the DANB Board of Directors, from 2010-2016.

“Being able to serve on the DANB Board for sure has been the pinnacle of my career,” says Harrison, who served as a DANB Board Director from August 2010 to August 2011, DANB Board Secretary from August 2011 to August 2015, and DANB Board Vice Chair from August 2015 to August 2016. “The people at DANB have become like my family.”

Harrison elaborates that she’s grateful to have built such a large, cherished professional network, including not just DANB staff, but volunteers and members from other dental assisting groups. Through the profession, she’s also established memorable connections with longtime colleagues.

“All this has been so important to me,” Harrison recalls with nostalgia. “It’s amazing, the dear friends I’ve made in my dental assisting career. We always say, ‘You could go anywhere across the country, and if you need something, there’s always a dental assistant you can call’ — that means a lot.”

But it’s when thinking of those relationships she’s built with patients that Harrison feels most emotional about retiring from dental assisting.

Since her retirement coincided with the “stay-at-home” times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Harrison regrets not having the opportunity to say goodbye to many of her patients. “I’ve already been receiving emails from patients who are telling me they’re sorry I retired,” Harrison says, adding that all the positive memories make closing this professional chapter a bit easier.

“I was always so lucky to look forward to going into work every day,” she reflects. “I loved being



Harrison gestures toward her longtime dentist employer, Steve Scheffel, D.M.D. “We had good times at work,” shares Harrison.

in the dental office and helping patients, one of my greatest rewards.”

Reflecting on the importance of education

When she was young, Harrison always had a hunch that education would serve as her passport to success — and looking back, she now knows this to be true.

“For me, it’s always been important to learn as much as I could — to learn something new every day and understand that if you do this, pretty much anything can happen,” Harrison believes.

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In fact, this was the mantra of Harrison’s family growing up. “My parents always said, ‘You have to do the best you can for yourself; you have to work hard,’” Harrison says. “I had that type of support and encouragement from them. At the beginning of my professional journey, I was motivated to become a dental assistant and become DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certified. That decision changed my life.”

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Mary Harrison retires...

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Harrison proudly graduated from the first coed class of students at Salem Technical Vocational College, where she studied dental assisting, in 1964. Afterward, she continued studying dental assisting so that she could become eligible to take DANB exams, earning certification in 1967.

“It was important to me to educate myself and become DANB CDA certified – that was the thing for dental assistants to do,” Harrison reflects. “Throughout my career, being able to write ‘CDA’ as part of my signature has always made a big difference for me.”

As a DANB CDA certificant, Harrison has worked as a clinical chairside dental assistant for more than 20 years with the office of Steve Scheffel, D.M.D. She also is an Oregon Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) and Oregon Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant (EFODA).

Reflecting on the rewards of involvement

Early in her career, Harrison quickly learned the importance of not only investing in her education, but also getting involved in dental organizations.

“When I first started out, I knew this was important – to show that I cared, that I wanted to do better, and that I was motivated to learn and do more in my career,” Harrison elaborates.

Specifically, she has been an active member in the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) for more than 50 years, making contributions at national, state and local levels. She has held numerous officer positions within the Oregon Dental Assistants Association (ODAA),



Harrison works to provide patient care alongside Dr. Scheffel.

including president and vice president, and served on various ODAA committees. And she has taken on leadership positions within local dental assisting societies and served on all society committees.

Harrison also won the ADAA Achievement Award in 2006, and she earned Fellowship in the ADAA approximately 15 years ago – an emotional milestone achievement.

Harrison remembers: “During that year’s ADAA annual session Fellowship induction ceremony, my husband, daughter, son-in-law and then-3-month-old grandson surprised me by traveling to the event. I had no idea they were going to be there. This meant the world to

me.”

Plus, it was Harrison’s ADAA involvement that led her to DANB – she was an ADAA nominee elected to DANB’s Board of Directors in 2010.

Beyond her extensive ADAA and DANB involvements, Harrison has been a representative to both the Oregon Dental Association and the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD); testified before the OBD and the Oregon State Legislature, representing ODAA and all dental assistants in the state; and served as a consultant to the OBD for the assisted chairside, EFDA, and EFODA exams, as well as the assisted chairside exam for the Western Regional Dental Board.

Additionally, Harrison notes that she partnered with Ginny Jorgensen, CDA, EFDA, EFO-DA, AAS, in a business called Dental Career Advancements in the mid-to-late 1980s and early '90s, traveling around the state of Oregon providing education for assistants working toward their EFDA and EFO-DA credentials and taking state exams. "We employed a dentist, dental hygienist and dental assistants helping with some of the courses," explains Harrison.

Overall, "being involved in dental organizations is a very, very important part of building your dental assisting career and professional network," Harrison reiterates.

Looking forward

Almost a year into retirement, Harrison plans to spend more time with her family. She will continue volunteering, including with her local church. In the past, Harrison has served with Give Kids a Smile Week Committee and the Portland Public School Fluoride King Program, among other community work. "I've always wanted to volunteer anywhere I could help," she says.

Harrison also anticipates meeting up for lunches and museum trips with friends from both her dental and non-dental worlds. And Harrison hopes to travel more soon; in fact, she and 30- some dental colleagues are planning a cruise for 2023. She looks forward to her first cruise experience, viewing it as a special chance to add more memories to those accrued over almost a lifetime.

"I miss gathering with my peers and talking about dentistry," concludes Harrison. "To me, dental assisting has always been what I do and will always be who I am."

ODAA: HOLIDAY WISHES PROJECT

ODAA donated \$500 worth of toys and wrapping materials. Heidi was overjoyed!



Chemeketa dental assistant students assisted ODAA Community Involvement Chair, Jill Lomax shopping for the Holiday Wishes Project.

(Left to right is Kayla, Megan, Sydney, Emily, and Emily's son Jack).

And some pictures when Heidi came to pick up the toys. In those pictures are Heidi (of course, Barbara Sigurdson (Chemeketa faculty and ODAA member), and Jill.



OREGON DENTAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATES

Did you know that Oregon is a state where you have more dental assistant certificate options than any other state?

So...you are a long-time dental assistant who resides and works in Oregon or maybe a newly arrived resident looking for a new challenge. You love being a dental assistant and don't necessarily want to change careers but are interested in opportunities that will expand your knowledge and increase your employment options. You happen to live in a state that has more certificate options to explore than any other. Oregon is a state that has many dental assistant certificate opportunities that can help to change your career path. The following is a list of Oregon Dental Assistant certificates and directions to follow the path for acquiring each.

I would first like to mention that it is no secret that most dental assistants in our state have been trained on-the-job. The good news is there are many educational opportunities that can partner with you and your dentist to make sure you gain the proper education and training to perform all the duties you are assigned. The first duty dental assistants are usually assigned in a dental practice is that of cleaning operatories and sterilizing instruments. This used to be considered a job compared to being a housekeeper. As you know, it is far from it and requires education and training specific to infection prevention and control. The Oregon Dental Practice Act, Division 42, 018-042-0030 lists the following educational requirement: "The supervising dentist shall be responsible for assuring that dental assistants are trained in infection control, bloodborne pathogens and universal precautions, exposure control, personal protective equipment, infectious waste disposal, Hepatitis B and C and post exposure follow-up." Obviously this means there is more to training than showing a new hire how to clean and disinfect an operatory and run a sterilizer. I am hopeful that dentists know this is a requirement, is their legal responsibility and that they provide education or find a reputable resource to do so.

Further into the Oregon Dental Practice Act, Division 42, 818-042-0040 you will find a list of 25 Prohibited Duties. It is important every dental assistant is aware of these and that you do not perform duties outside of your abilities or what your certificates allow you to perform. There are many duties that dental assistants can perform while assisting a dentist during dental procedures that do not require a certificate. There is not however a list of "allowable duties" so it is imperative you are knowledgeable of the Prohibited Duties list. Most of these are procedures performed directly (without a dentist in the operatory; indirect

supervision) on the patient and several are duties that an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) can perform.

It is required in Oregon that dental assistants who expose patients to dental radiographs, must complete a course and follow the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) pathway to obtaining the Radiation Health & Safety Certificate. The list of requirements and approved courses can be found in the Oregon Dental Practice Act, Division 42 and on the DANB website. (danb.org)

The Oregon EFDA Certificate allows a dental assistant to perform several duties as an operator providing direct patient care. Those included are coronal polishing, remove temporary crowns and clean teeth for final cementation of a crown, preliminarily fit crowns to check contacts or adjust occlusion outside the mouth, place temporary restorative material in teeth, place and remove matrix retainers and bands, polish amalgam or composite restorations with a slowspeed handpiece, remove excess supragingival cement from crowns, bridges, bands or brackets with hand instruments, fabricate temporary crowns and bridges and temporarily cement them and under general supervision (supervision requiring that a dentist authorizes a procedure but does not require that the dentist is present) an EFDA may recement a temporary crown or recement a permanent crown with temporary cement when a patient is in discomfort as long as a follow-up appointment is scheduled with the dentist.

To obtain this certificate, there are requirements that can be found in Division 42, 818-042-0080. The application can be accessed on the DANB website. (danb.org)

After acquiring the EFDA Certificate, more options open up to further a dental assistant skill level and increase the number of duties that can be performed. The following require completing a course approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

1. Apply pit and fissure sealants
2. Apply temporary denture soft relines
3. Place retraction material subgingivally

To further advance an EFDA's skills and abilities a Restorative Functions Certificate (RFC) is available. This requires successfully completing an approved course and passing the Western Regional Examining Board's Restorative Examination. The required course includes many hours of didactic and clinical training which prepares you to successfully pass the exam. Division 42, 818-042-0095 lists the requirements for this certificate.

To perform orthodontic procedures, Oregon requires a dental assistant to obtain the Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant (EFODA) certificate. The requirements for an EFODA certificate include either having graduated from a dental assisting program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or pass a list of DANB exams that can be found in Division 42, 818-042-0110 or on the DANB website (danb.org)

The following certificates have individual requirements that must be completed for each and can be found in the Oregon Dental Practice Act, Division 42.

1. Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistants (EFPDA)
2. Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant
3. Initiation of IV Line

As you can see the state of Oregon offers many opportunities to enhance and recharge your dental assisting career. If you are looking to expand your skills to provide more support to your dental practice or are wanting to explore and find new experiences in dentistry, Oregon is the place to fulfill your dental assisting career desires.

The Oregon Board of Dentistry, Division 42 has all the information and details for above certificate requirements on their website; <https://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/Pages/dental-assistants.aspx>

Ginny Jorgensen, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, AAS



Save the Date for the 2022 Oregon Dental Conference

In Person Program: April 7 - 9 Virtual Program: April 7 - May 15

You asked and we listened!

The Oregon Dental Association will be hosting the 2022 Oregon Dental Conference (ODC) as a hybrid offering!

What does this mean?

The majority of CE courses and the Solutions Marketplace will take place at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland on April 7-9, 2022.

Full conference in-person attendees will also have access to 10 virtual, on-demand courses from April 7 - May 15, 2022. These virtual courses will also be offered as a stand-alone way to participate in the ODC for attendees who cannot make the in-person event.

Full registration details will be shared in January!

What courses will be offered virtually?

The virtual courses are geared towards satisfying licensure renewal requirements. Course topics will include infection control, medical emergencies, risk management, cultural competency, nitrous oxide, suicide prevention, and others! Please note, CPR will only be available on-site at the Oregon Convention Center due to its hands-on nature.

COVID-19 Safety Measures:

The ODC will comply with all federal, state, and venue requirements. For all future events at the Oregon Convention Center masks are currently required. In addition, participants must provide proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR or Rapid test result within 72 hours of the first day of the conference. We will provide additional information on how the ODC will manage this requirement in our Preview Program that will be shared in January.

Speaker Preview



Opening General Session

Breath: A New Science of a Lost Art
featuring Keynote Speaker, James Nestor

A Sampling of Other Conference Speakers:

- Diana Batoon, DMD: Sleep Disordered Breathing
- Nadia Ghane, DMD: Oral Pathology
- Mel Hawkins, DDS: Pharmacology
- Sonia Leziy, DDS: Oral Surgery
- John Molinari, PhD: Infection Control
- Brian Nový, DDS: Restorative Dentistry
- Uche Odiatu, DMD: Health & Wellness
- Ray Padilla, DDS: Sports Dentistry
- Katrina Sanders, RDH: Hygiene
- Larry Sangrik, DDS: Nitrous Oxide
- Tom Viola, RPh, CCP: Pharmacology
- Juan Yepes, DDS: Pediatric Dentistry

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Definitions

(1) “Dental Assistant” means a person who, under the supervision of a dentist, renders assistance to a dentist, dental hygienist, dental technician or another dental assistant or renders assistance under the supervision of a dental hygienist providing dental hygiene services.

(2) “Expanded Function Dental Assistant” means a dental assistant certified by the Board to perform expanded function duties.

(3) “Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant” means a dental assistant certified by the Board to perform expanded orthodontic function duties.

(4) “Direct Supervision” means supervision requiring that a dentist diagnose the condition to be treated, that a dentist authorize the procedure to be performed, and that a dentist remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.

(5) “Indirect Supervision” means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures and that a dentist be on the premises while the procedures are performed.

(6) “General Supervision” means supervision requiring that a dentist authorize the procedures, but not requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized procedures are performed. The authorized procedures may also be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.

DENTAL ASSISTANTS RECOGNITION WEEK 2022



**Week-Long Celebration
of Dental Assistants
Set for March 6-12, 2022**

The American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) is pleased to announce the dates for 2022’s Dental Assistants Recognition Week: March 6-12. The theme for 2022 — **“Passionate About Our Patients, Dedicated to Our Profession”** — speaks to the commitment and dedication of dental assistants throughout the year.

Dental Assistants Recognition Week (DARW) is a time for dental assistants to receive greater recognition for their contributions to the dental profession and the dental health care of the public. Dental assisting continues to diversify and expand, and dental assistants are vital to the success of the dental practice: working chairside with the dentist, taking x-rays, managing the business office, teaching, working in insurance, and working in sales.



ADAA has created a toolkit to help celebrate DARW 2022. Available on the ADAA website, this toolkit includes promotional materials, sample press releases and proclamations, social media tips, and a catalog of DARW-branded merchandise.

The toolkit also includes suggestions for honoring assistants and participating in this year’s event. Dental assistants are invited to submit descriptions of their celebratory activities to ADAA to share in The Dental Assistant journal and other association publications.

For more information about DARW and how to celebrate the work of dental assistants, contact ADAA Membership Director **Jennifer Porter**.

FLYING SAMARITANS MOTHER LODE CHAPTER

For the past seven years I have been volunteering with Flying Samaritans Mother Lode Chapter. We fly in small planes on the second Friday of each month to San Quintin, Baja, Mexico from Northern California for medical, dental and optical clinics. (Our last full clinic was in February, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and we have only started back with our optical clinic at this time.)

I am a registered nurse and I served as the Medical Clinic Coordinator. We have MD's, Family Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants, Chiropractors, Physical Therapists, RN's, LVN's and other medical volunteers who go with us.

San Quintin is a small agricultural town about 180 miles South of Mexicali (about an hour flight time from Mexicali) on the Pacific Coast of Baja. In fact, the hotel that we stay in is about 1000 yards from the Pacific Ocean. The temperature is usually about 70 to 80 degrees. The main industry is the Los Pinos Ranch, who raise tomatoes and cucumbers in large greenhouses. They employ about 3,000 people from the town. They have a large packing plant that produces vegetables that are packed and mostly trucked to Southern California. Driscoll Strawberries has a large operation there also, you may see "Driscoll Strawberries" in your local grocery store. If they say 'product of Mexico' they probably came from San Quintin.

We fly down on Friday, have an all-day clinic on Saturday, and fly home on Sunday each month. Our medical clinic sees about 70 to 90 patients (depending on how many medical providers we have at any particular clinic). The dental clinic sees 50 to 60 patients in our 4 chair clinic. Our space is limited so all of the autoclaving is done just outside the building. Our optical clinic sees between 80 and 100 patients for exams and glasses. We have about 7000 pair of glasses that have been neutralized and we can deliver prescription glasses same-day to the patients.

The dental clinic does restorative care, cleaning, and extractions. The need for dental care is great and we usually have many patients waiting in line. We see lots of children. Soda is a big deal and many times a young child has a full mouth of baby teeth that are all filled with cavities and must be extracted. Optical and dental care are usually the most needed services because of the expense. The medical clinic sees any number of maladies, from the common cold to chronic problems, like diabetes, hypertension, mental illness, pregnancy and women's health problems. We are



more or less an Urgent Care facility on that Saturday.

Patients who have need of a medication refill come on a regular basis. We have an EKG machine and an Ultrasound machine, as well as a fairly well stocked Pharmacy. We are able to refer patients also to the local hospital for surgical problems that we diagnose. Another Flying Samaritan chapter (Gold Coast) goes to San Quintin the third weekend of each month and performs specialty surgical services, a different specialty each month.

From a personal perspective, I began to fly with the Samaritans after I retired full time from nursing here in the US. I got into nursing as a

second career later in life and just couldn't give up nursing after retiring in 2015. It has been one of the most rewarding things I have done. The need is so great and to just be able to help someone else makes a huge difference in one's own life. We had a 5 year old girl come in to the clinic a couple of years ago with a very disfiguring cleft lip and palate. (She also had chicken pox the first time we saw her). We were able to have the reconstructive physician from southern California see her, and he has performed two surgeries so far, and wants yet a third sometime this year to finish her facial reconstruction. The life changing difference for her is miraculous and heartwarming.

We also had a three month old baby brought to the clinic by his grandmother. He had vomiting and diarrhea with each feeding. He was born at 7 months weighed 5.2 pounds and when we saw him he was only 8 pounds, (a real failure to thrive). He was allergic to cow's milk! He had not been breastfed which probably would have made a difference but his mother did not want him. We were at a loss at that first encounter and suggested that the grandma try goat's milk. It was the best we could do on a Saturday afternoon without a pediatrician's advice. It didn't work, but through some research we found a product made by Similac, that is a soy milk replacement, and it worked. Today, he is a thriving 6 year old. To see the difference and a change that can be made in lives is probably the best kind of success.

If you ever have a chance to join a volunteer group either at home or overseas, jump in, it will make your life better. It certainly made a difference in mine.

Dianne VanOrder, RN
Flying Samaritans Mother Lode Chapter 10/10/2021



IN MEMORY

Mary Ellen Garnes (Jenkins) passed away on August 28, 2021, after a short illness. Mary was the Past President of the Oregon Dental Assistants Association in 1969 and again in 1992-1993 and the American Dental Assistants Association in 1982.

In 1954, Mary began her career as a dental assistant in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. She and her husband moved to Eugene, Oregon where she worked as a dental assistant for 5 years, followed by a 40 year career as a dental assistant and office manager for two separate dentists in Milwaukie, Oregon.

During that time, she, and her ODAA colleagues lobbied for recognition of enhanced professional skills for dental assistants developed through training and continuing education. Mary sat on and chaired numerous committees with the ODAA, culminating with her election as President. She followed a similar path with the ADAA.

Mary continued her advocacy at the state and national level, including her work with the Oregon Legislature, ADA, Academy of General Dentistry and with the US Department of Health and Human Services.

She was known for her diligence, humor, and the trunk full of costumes and other goodies that she would take to conferences.

Her professional family misses her greatly, alongside her 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

THOUGHTS OF MARY:

I would like to share with you about my friend Mary J D.G. Mary was a huge supporter of Dental assistants and ODAA. When Mary had a project that she was interested in she worked hard, had ideas, followed through and had fun with each activity.

Mary served as President of ODAA and held other offices, served on all committees and Mary also became president of American Dental Assistant Association serving on committees there. I smile when I think of the years that ODAA marched as the Drill Team in the Portland Starlight Parade. We met at Mary's home many nights as we made our lighted toothpaste tubes to wear. We did also carry slow speed handpieces! What else would a Drill Team do? That's an example of some fun with Mary.

She encouraged ODAA to do the best Education available and we did and were known for the quality of education. Years ago ODAA did all the dental assistant courses for the Dental Convention, speakers, arrangements, registration, PR and all necessary to run a great conference. We had many activities for all to attend, plays, dinners were great times together. Because of these yearly activities we did have a savings account which was building each year. Mary recommended that we invest our funds and so we did.

The idea being, if there was ever a time that we could not go on, we would have at least one year to continue with our savings/investments. That has happened, money to continue for a year, and it is because of Mary's forward thinking.

Mary also encouraged recognition and opportunities for the dental assistant. So, we now have Radiological Proficiency, EFDA, EFODA, Restorative and many other recognized certificates for dental assistants because of hours of hard work, testimony writing, meetings and varied activities, lead in the past by Mary, who always cared.

We lost Mary this past year but for many we lost a dear friend.

We have the investments started by Mary and at the last ODAA Planning meeting a new 4 handed dentistry video was approved to be made and I'm sure we can find recognition on the video in Mary's name.

Mary is mentioned, often, as we hold board meetings, thinking what she might do. We appreciate what she did for ODAA and how she cared about dental assistants. Mary was a very good friend, respected and when she spoke about dental assistants people listened. God Bless Her

Mary Harrison

EDUCATION CLASSES

The ODA has the task of providing Education to it's Oregon members.

Look for information regarding a class on the latest vaccination requirements and updates for all dental employees coming in February and March 2022..

Please contact Bonnie Marshall, ODA Education Chairmen, with your ideas for classes you would like ODA to present throughout the year.

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PCC DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAMS OPEN IN THE NEW VANPORT BUILDING

Not many would disagree the past two years have been unprecedented, challenging, frustrating and exhausting. It is a pleasure to write about a positive event that is affecting dental hygiene and dental assisting students, their instructors and the Portland area dental patients they serve.

Last year the 7-story 4th and Montgomery Building was erected in busy downtown Portland. The building is a collaboration of PCC, the City of Portland, Oregon Health & Science University, and Portland State University which houses classrooms for PSU's College of Education; the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health; and Portland Community College's Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs. It also includes offices for the city's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. The 175,000 square feet building houses a dental clinic, low-cost mental health services for the public, as well as ground-floor retail and restaurants.

This project is considered vital to Oregon higher education and is the first collaboration between the city and Portland's three public higher education institutions. It provides more professional development for students, adds to the local

economic growth and is an incentive for more public/private partnerships.

The original name, *4th and Montgomery*, served as an introduction to a beautiful new downtown building that rises 7 floors from the ground and provides a smooth transition from historic to modern architecture in the area. In 2019 a committee of the building owners was formed to determine a name that would reflect the history of the community and the people whom the building will serve. The final name selected, Vanport, was chosen to honor the City of Vanport that was the original site of the Vanport Extension Center (VEC), the first publicly supported higher learning institution in Portland that later became Portland State University.

In 1942 the city of Vanport was constructed to support shipyard workers and the second largest Oregon city next to Portland. It was a the most diverse city in Oregon at a time when most Black Oregonians were unable to find housing except in the North Portland Albina neighborhood. Men and women who worked in the shipyards and many WWII Veterans found integrated social and community services that had not been offered before in Oregon.

On May 30, 1948, the 18,500 Vanport residents had only 35 minutes to escape a major Columbia River flood that displaced over a thousand Black families who were forced to crowd in North Portland due to racially restrictive housing laws.

Although the city of Vanport, located between Vancouver and Portland, was lost in the flood of 1948, its history demonstrates the ability to overcome bigotry and adversity by creating an equitable community together. The Vanport Building is a symbol to remind and encourage us to stand together against racism, even at a time when it is still present.

PCC's Dental programs and clinic moved from the Sylvania Campus to the third floor of the Vanport Building. By relocating dental hygiene and dental assisting, students, which are both "high-demand" careers. PCC is capable of educating more than 100 students annually and providing low-cost oral healthcare services to about 2,000 patients a year.

To read more about the actual dental programs move from the PCC Sylvania Campus to the new VanPort Building, go to this website: <https://www.pcc.edu/news/2021/04/dentals-big-move/>

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OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY COMMITTEE DRAFTS NEW DENTAL THERAPY RULES

Oregon House Bill 2528 is historic legislation signed by Governor Kate Brown on July 19, 2021. The bill directs the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) to adopt rules necessary to administer certain provisions of the new legislation.

At the OBD's August 2021 board meeting, a new standing committee named the "Dental Therapy Rules Oversight Committee" was established. The members of this committee include three current board members, one Oregon Health Authority (OHA), one representative from the Oregon Dental Association (ODA), one member from the Oregon Dental Hygiene Association (ODHA),

one member from the Oregon Dental Assistants Association (ODAA) and 3 Dental Therapy Representatives.

The members are charged with drafting new dental therapy rules "in a deliberate, fair and equitable manner as well as considering the cost of compliance and racial justice issues" for the OBD to consider.

All of the committee meetings are being held virtually until future conditions allow for safe in-person meetings. The first two meetings were conducted by Chair, Yadira Martinez, RDH, OBD representative on October 7th and November 10th from 5pm to 7pm.

The rules will go through the OBD's public rulemaking process and are available for the public, dental therapy communities and all interested parties to review.

Information regarding the Bill 2528, Dental Therapy history and current meeting documents can be found on the OBD and OHA websites.

<https://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/Pages/meetings.aspx>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/PreventionWellness/oralhealth/dentalpilotprojects/Pages/index.aspx>

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TENTH DISTRICT TRUSTEE REPORT: NOV. 2021

ADAA, established more than 90 years ago, is the oldest and largest group representing professional dental assistants. Its membership includes clinical personnel, those working chairside with the dentist, as well as those working in administrative capacities. The organization exists to foster education and certification for dental assisting professionals while providing a network of personal services for its members.

2021 brought many changes for the American Dental Assistants Association.

John Kasper retired in March from the ADAA Executive position at ADAA. ADAA was pleased to announce that Jay Kasper, formally the Associate Executive Director, assumed the role of Executive Director for the ADAA.

With the retirement of John Kasper came the changing of the management leadership company to SEVEN12 Management. SEVEN12 Management is a full-service company which will be bringing additional expertise and resources to ADAA.

With this change comes new people which are tasked with working towards helping ADAA to get back on an updated and new track.

Look for new details to come soon as new developments are announced. For more information on the American Dental Assistants Association, visit www.adaausa.org. For more information on SEVEN12 Management, please visit www.seven12management.com

The ADAA Annual Session

took place in October with the election of new Officers and Trustees. Betty Fox did a wonderful job as President serving 2020-2021. Please look forward to new and exciting things and Sue Camizzi takes on the reins as the new ADAA President 2021-2022.

As Tenth District Trustee I, Bonnie Marshall, am charged with the task of working with all dental assistants throughout Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington. With the new rules concerning Asepsis Control and COVID-19 we all need to work together to stay safe in the dental world.

Please know that I am here to help you.

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FELLOWSHIP AND MASTERSHIP IN THE ADAA

FELLOWSHIP:

Have you given any thought to increasing your dental education?

Fellowship in one of America's healthcare organizations has been a coveted level of professional recognition, a recognized, accepted accomplishment among one's peers.

The American Dental Assistants Association offers the Fellowship category within its membership. And, there are two paths to this goal: clinical and business.

Thousands of dental assisting professionals have proven their skill and dedication through earning the Certified Dental Assistant credential. The ADAA offers a challenging path to:

- Increased value to your patients and practice
- Enhanced confidence in your dental assisting capabilities
- Public recognition of professional achievement
- Increased professional status
- Satisfaction of increased education
- Enhancement of self esteem

Those of you who have already achieved the status of Certified Dental Assistant are halfway to achieving Fellowship and will automatically receive 150 hours of credit towards the required 300 credits upon enrolling.

MASTERSHIP:

.....the next move in professional achievement for ADAA fellows is that of Mastership. This will include the expansion of topics studied for the Fellowship program with an emphasis on the new technology in dentistry.

Benefits for you are:

- Advanced knowledge leading to increased value to your patients and practice
- Enhanced confidence in your dental assisting capabilities
- Public recognition of professional achievement
- Increased self esteem

400 hours of continuing education credits must be earned to qualify for the Mastership award and specified credits must be earned in specific categories, such as: Infection Control/Medical Emergencies, CPR, Home study, Volunteer Dental Community Service, Participation Courses, Lecture Courses, College Courses, Publications and etc.

FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS AND A PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM CONTACT THE American Dental Assistants Association, 140 N. Bloomingdale Rd. Bloomingdale, IL 60108. Toll free number is 877-874-3785 or www.adaausa.org.

OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY REPORT

Did you know your ODAA attends the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) meetings?

Did you know that ODAA has a member on each of the OBD's committees?

Did you know ODAA is your voice and YOU can ask questions or state concerns to the board? If you have a question about confidentially, you are safe and protected.

The reason for my questions are to assure you that the OBD respects dental assistants. We are included in all areas where input is important to them and they welcome questions and are most helpful. The Oregon Board of Dentistry is your

friend. I encourage you to contact the Board office if you have a concern or question. 971-673-3200. Call and ask to be put on their mailing list to receive notifications from them.

Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2528, the Dental Therapist into law and has a Dental Therapy Rules Oversight committee writing the rules for this and ODAA has a representative serving on this committee.

I am pleased to serve as ODAA's representative and all dental assistants here in Oregon.

Mary Harrison



The Oregon Board of Dentistry Should Become Your new Best Friend

In this new world of working in a dental office, the information that the Oregon Board of Dentistry has and shares is the latest and most important for any dental office working with patients. Along with OBD, OSHA, ADA, OSAP, and CDC are all vital sources to be found.

Be safe: wear a mask, wash your hands, and do a good check-in for every patient. Do what you are doing and do it right!

Mary Harrison



News & Upcoming Events

January 11, 2022

ODAA Executive Board Meeting

February 15, 2022

ODAA Executive Board Meeting

March 6-12, 2022

Dental Assistants Recognition Week

March 15, 2022

ODAA Executive Board Meeting

April 7-9, 2022

Oregon Dental Conference

May 17, 2022

ODAA Executive Board Meeting

MISSION STATEMENT

“To advance the careers of dental assistants and to advocate for the dental assisting profession in matters of education, professional activities, credentialing and legislation. To promote the ideals and growth of the Association which aid in the accessibility and delivery of quality oral health care to the public.”

DENTAL ASSISTANTS OATH

“In my practice as a dental assistant, I affirm my commitment to improve the oral health of the public, and to promote high standards of quality dental care. I shall faithfully respect the Principles of Professional Ethics by the profession.

I pledge to continually improve my professional knowledge and skills, and to uphold the highest standards of professional competence and personal conduct in the interests of the dental assisting profession and the public I serve.”