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Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association	CLICK HERE - REGISTER NOW! 2017 Scientific Conference COME EXPERIENCE AZDHA IMPACT... WHERE WE LEARN, GROW, & UNITE August 18-20, 2017 The Ritz Carlton® Dove Mountain	
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August 18-20, 2017

[Registration is now open](#)

AzDHA Membership



Because membership matters, be on the lookout for an invitation to tell us what AzDHA membership means to You for a chance to win a R99 Wingrove™ Titanium Implant 'Go-To' Set!

Thank you sincerely for being a part of our professional organization,
because **together we are stronger!**

Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, you can find out more by visiting our website at [Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association](#).

AzDHA Capitol Day 2017 is a Success!

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Top: Over 100 hygienists and hygiene students gather for a group photo in front of the AZ Capitol Building, in Phoenix Arizona on February 28th for the 2017 AzDHA Capitol Day.

Center Left: Emma Violante, Karen Christen, Deb Kappes (L to R Front) and Jan Midkiff (Back) take a break during AzDHA Capitol Day in the Historic Supreme Court Chambers.

Center Right: L to R: AzDHA Vice President Deb Kappes, President Mary Busch, and Secretary Jan Midkiff in the AZ Capitol Building Rotunda, in front of the State Seal.

Bottom: Mohave dental hygiene students on the House floor with the Honorable Don Shooter (left).



Senate Bill 1362 – Dental Omnibus bill jointly supported by AzDHA and AzDA has PASSED!

- Renewal fees will be waived for dentists, dental hygienists, and denturists, one-time only,

when renewing in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

- The Dental Board reduced license renewal fees by 15% for all licensees; for dental hygienists, the fee drops from \$300 to \$255 beginning in 2017!!
- Defines “Affiliated Practice Dental Hygienist” as able to initiate treatment (limited by scope of practice) based on assessment and conditions pursuant to a written agreement with a dentist.

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Did you know?

If you are renewing your license this year, you should be aware of a nice change in the online renewal process. No more annoying convenience fee to pay! The process is quick and easy and there's no need to find someone to notarize your CE affidavit! American Express, MasterCard, and Visa cards are accepted for payment. [Click here](#) for more information.

Paving the Way for Dental Therapist: The fight to provide access to care

A groundbreaking new study on dental therapy by the Goldwater Institute was the feature presentation of a recent event presented by the Dental Care for Arizona Coalition. On April 11th, Deb Kappes, VP of AzDHA, joined a diverse group of advocates, stakeholders, and policy makers to learn about this provocative study and to dig a little deeper into the access to care challenges experienced in rural and tribal communities. [Continuing Reading](#)

Advocacy 2017 Legislative Update

AHCCCS Adult Dental Benefit – in Governor’s Ducey’s proposed budget. Serious budget negotiations are in early stages. So far so good – no significant resistance from members at this time – this benefit is still in the budget. This would cover “emergency services” only, limited to \$1,000 annually. Likely to be consistent with AHCCCS policy in the past which was limited to endo therapy on anterior teeth and extractions. Would become effective on October 1, 2017.

AHCCCS Adult Dental Benefit for Pregnant Women – legislation unanimously passed the House Health Committee but did not receive consideration by the Appropriations Committee. We will try again next year!

Sunrise Application for Dental Therapy – Committee of Reference (a joint committee of 5 senators and 5 representatives from their respective Health Committees) heard the application on Dec. 16. It was defeated on a vote of 1 in favor and 8 opposed. Another application is expected next year. Dental Care for Arizona coalition

is still actively “working” this issue.

For more information on how you can make a difference, visit our website and watch the [videos](#).



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Advocacy Seminar Series Part 1: Advocacy 101

- Part 1: Advocacy 101
 - What is advocacy, and why is it important?
 - AZ legislative overview
 - How a bill becomes a law
- Part 2: Get involved!
 - Find your legislator
 - Engaging elected officials
 - Tips for successful lobbying
 - Bill tracking and request to speak
 - AzDHA Capitol Day
- Part 3: Issues of Importance to DH
 - AzDHA legislation & talking points
 - AzDHA/ADHA advocacy resources and bill tracking
 - Ideas for future legislation



Governor Signs Bill to Add Fluoride Varnish to Pharmacists' Scope of Practice

On 3/29/17, Governor Ducey signed into law [SB1269](#) making several modifications to the pharmacists' scope of practice. Of interest to us is that pharmacists can now prescribe and apply fluoride varnish according to specific requirements set forth in the law. The Arizona Pharmacy Association met with representatives from both the Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association and the Arizona Dental Association to hammer out the details of these provisions.

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF)

Awhile back, Deb Kappes responded to a survey from an Iowa dental hygienist, Mary Kelly, RDH, MS, on behalf of AZ regarding silver diamine fluoride (SDF) application by dental hygienists. Others in AZ may also have done so. Mary Kelly is a member of Iowa state board and chair of their DH Committee. The survey went out through an ADHA listserv, and the results of that survey are as follows:

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MOLAR

[Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders, Advocates, and Resources](#)

MOLAR recently sent out an "Action Alert" stating that, "congress is currently debating important healthcare changes that will have a catastrophic effect on our mission of improving access to oral healthcare to patients across Arizona." To read more about the "proposed actions," click [HERE](#).

Maybe you can make a difference.

molarcoalition.org



To learn more about the Dental Care for Arizona coalition and their efforts regarding dental therapy, click [here](#).

AzDHA Components

Central Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association

Just a reminder, CADHA normally holds their monthly Social/Study Clubs the first Tuesday of each month. If you're interested in attending one of our Social/Study Clubs, let us know! If you don't receive our email bulletins, please send an email to CentralAZDentalHygienists@gmail.com to be included in our email distribution list, or you can find more information on our [Facebook page](#).



Recently, CADHA Board Members got together for a luncheon to discuss upcoming CE classes and our upcoming annual meeting. As of now, our annual meeting will be on June 17, 2017, and Dr. Rishi Popat will be speaking about "Open Bite and Mouth Breathers" along with "Orthodontic Diagnosis and Classification." More information will be up and coming, so watch for the update.

On another note, our President, Debby Kurtz-Weidinger, has resigned. Fortunately, she will continue as a Board Member managing our social

media and email blast, being an advisor and mentor, and will continue to host the Board's quarterly meetings. Thank you, Debby, for all your hard work.

East Valley Dental Hygienists' Association

On March 16, the East Valley Component hosted a Members Business Meeting and unique CE Program. ADHA Delegate Trinity Cleveland, State officers Mary Busch and Deb Kappes were on hand to answer questions related to Charter Agreements.

Ms. Vanessa Kristensen, a 3rd Year Dental Student and Service Dog trainer, enlightened us with her program "Service Animals in Dentistry". The content was eye opening, and "Pepper" gave us a wonderful demonstration of service dog training.

Some interesting take aways:

1. Laws governing service animals are part of the American's with Disabilities Act (the other ADA) and administered through the US Department of Justice.
2. Service animals are legally protected to go anywhere with the individual they serve. That includes your dental office and treatment rooms.
3. Staff cannot:
 - ask about the person's disability.
 - require medical documentation or training documentation for the dog.
 - OR ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.
4. Only two questions can be asked:
 - Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability
 - What work or task has the dog been trained to perform.

To learn more: https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.pdf

Southern Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association



We in Southern Arizona are starting our "slower season". As the Southern component, we were happy to host the open State board meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from noon - 3pm in Marana, AZ. It was a wonderful meeting sharing ideas and talking about the upcoming Impact (formally known as Scientific conference) meeting, which will be held at the Ritz Carlton at Dove Mountain in Marana, AZ. We had our last CE for the Spring on Saturday, April 8th with our board meeting immediately following with the current officers. The Southern Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA) fiscal year goes from June 1st until May 31st.

Pima Community College Dental Hygiene Education program will be having their Pinning ceremony at the Pima West Campus on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 6 pm. At the Pinning ceremony, SADHA will be awarding two graduates this year with our SADHA memorial scholarship award, which will pay for their first full year membership dues to the ADHA.

Our next SADHA planning meeting for the board will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017 with the new officers in place.



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