

## In Loving Memory



*Mary Cosaboom, RDH*

Last month, our association lost one of its most ardent supporters, Mary Cosaboom. Many colleagues in the Central Arizona Component were inspired by Mary's enthusiasm for AzDHA. She devoted hundreds of volunteer hours to association related activities over many years. As a leader, Mary contributed on multiple committees, task forces, and community service events. In 2011, she served generously as our State President. During her professional life, Mary modeled passion and perseverance in everything she undertook, whether it was direct patient care in private practice, completing her Master's degree or teaching dental hygiene students. Her beautiful smile and hearty laughter will be missed by many who considered her their friend and mentor. She is survived by her husband Jim Fitzsimmons who lives in the Phoenix area.

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## President's Message



Fall is nearly here, OR, so the calendar tells us! September 22 is the official day, however, Arizona won't feel like fall until early November. I, however, know fall is around the corner because it's the time we gather for our annual Members' General Assembly!

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## **ALL Members are invited to attend General Assembly**

October 21st 8:30-4 PM The time has arrived for the annual business meeting of the Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association. Network with your colleagues. Celebrate the achievements made in 2016-2017 and learn about legislative activities for 2018. Honor leaders who have volunteered generously to serve the association. Cast your vote for Board Members, ADHA Delegates, and proposed by-laws or policy changes. Shape the future of our profession through lively discussions. Together, we will explore employment issues, scope of practice, and barriers to expansion of care. Join your colleagues. Make new connections. Share your ideas. Shape the future.

For more information please read here: [AzDHA General Assembly](#)

### **2017 AzDHA Call for Nominations**

An important responsibility of the General Assembly is to elect association leaders. To that end, we are currently seeking nominations for the following positions.

If you or someone you know is interested in one of the following opportunities for leadership development and service to the profession, we welcome your nomination. Self-nominations are encouraged!

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## **Thank You, Janis!!!**

Janis McClelland leaves Fortis College Dental Hygiene Program for Wyoming. Regrettably, President Mary Busch accepted the resignation of Janis McClelland, Board Member at Large for AzDHA.



In order to be closer to their home state of Idaho, Janis and her husband relocated to Wyoming where she joined the teaching faculty at Sheridan College Dental Hygiene Program.

The two years remaining on her board term will be filled by nomination and election at our upcoming General Assembly on October 21, 2017. Please consider your desire to serve out this team, or invite and nominate a colleague.

Her students, co-workers, and colleagues on the AzDHA Board of Directors are sad to say goodbye, but understand her desire to be nearer to family.

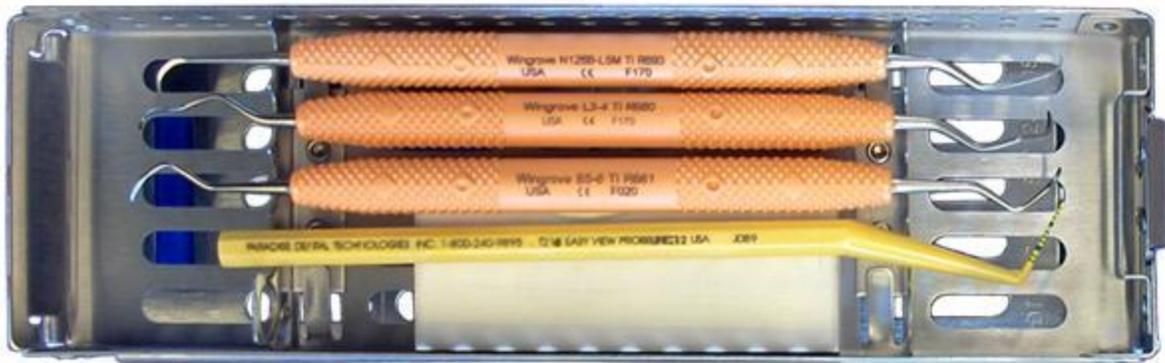


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"Membership to ADHA means being part of a community, staying up to date with what's going on in dental hygiene and helping my career move forward"



# AzDHA Impact . . . Where We Grow, Learn, & Unite



It was exciting to have ADHA Past President, Jill Rethman RDH, BA speak today on uniting, supporting and empowering the dental hygiene profession. She praised the AzDHA for all its efforts in advancing dental hygiene and improving access to care in our state. She encouraged those who are not members to join the association and to help further move our profession Upward! A recent national survey by the ADHA showed that an overwhelming majority of dental hygienists found continuing education, practice fulfillment, access to dental publications, and updates on state and federal regulations were the top benefits of joining the association. Jill also discussed ADHA's strategic plan that is based on 3 pillars: to support all dental hygienists throughout their careers, to strengthen ADHA's infrastructure, and to advocate for the profession. Advancing the role of the dental hygienist will improve access to care and the health of the public. As the scope of practice continues to evolve for dental hygiene, it's important to support your national and state associations so they can support YOU. There is strength in numbers and we need you - join us and have an impact!

Davena Drowns, RDH, MBA



the AzDHA Impact, 2017.



Tamara Baca tells us her thoughts on the AzDHA Impact.



AzDHA Impact was amazing!

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**Affiliated Practice Dental Hygienists**

**Read about Tamara Baca's journey to becoming an Affiliated Practice Dental Hygienists**

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My journey toward becoming an Affiliated Practice Dental Hygienist (APDH) was based on a desire to improve the oral health of a larger population than that in private practice. Coincidentally, I was new to the concept of what an APDH was, how it could improve my career, and how it was going to move me closer toward my goals of reaching a larger population. [Read More](#)

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## A Career Outside of Clinical Dental Hygiene

During our days in dental hygiene school, we learn about many things, such as educating, scaling, and caring for the needs of our patients; moreover, we learn how to use critical thinking skills, and that is just what Debi Dencek did—she saw a problem and found a solution. She used her critical thinking skills to help the dental community and make a place for herself in the business. Hear what Debi has to say about her product, CordEze, how she came up with the idea, the process to produce and manufacture the product, and how AzDHA helped her accomplish her goals.





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