



Wishing you a joyous and festive holiday season filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Yule, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or any other special occasion, may the spirit of togetherness and goodwill envelop you and your loved ones. May the warmth of friendship and the glow of family surround you, bringing happiness and peace to your hearts. May this season be a time of reflection, gratitude, and the creation of beautiful memories that will last a lifetime. Happy holidays to you and yours, and may the coming year be filled with prosperity, health, and countless reasons to smile.

All Because I Attended the Impact Conference

Friday

December 15, 2023

Topic: Networking



The Things You Will Learn The People You Will Meet

VALERY BRADY

The 2023 Impact Conference theme was *New Heights in Interdisciplinary Care*. Our goal of building alliances with strategic partners culminated in a collaboration between the Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association (AzDHA), the Western Society of Periodontology (WSP), and the Academy of Microscope Enhanced Dentistry (AMED). Dentists, dental hygienists, and other dental professionals from across the country arrived in Phoenix to attend AzDHA's annual fundraiser.

The educational content delivered was diverse and exciting! A self-proclaimed dental nerd, I found myself captivated by a photo of biofilm and enjoyed learning about the neonatal gastrointestinal tract and fecal transfers.



AzDHA is proud to make networking a core principle of the Impact Conference. Dental hygiene is a solitary job so it is nice to discuss challenges and wins with other hygienists who understand your point of view.



But of course, no matter my position as President of the Association, I will forever fangirl over AZ resident Katrina Sanders!

Saturday Night An Intriguing Meeting

Everyone wore their best western attire for Saturday evening's awards event. The food was delicious, the drinks were strong, and the dancing was a blast!

September 8, 2023 – (Left) The Impact Conference kicks off. (Right) AzDHA's table in the Exhibitor Area.

It was during this networking event that I connected with a dentist from Charlotte, North Carolina. Doctor William Linger, DDS, MAGD traveled to Phoenix for AMED's 22nd Annual Meeting. Dr. Linger is very involved in his professional association acting as 2023's AMED Secretary and stepping into the Treasurer role for 2024.

During our lengthy conversation, Dr. Linger shocked me when he told me his two hygienists are using microscopes during their therapies. I have been in the dental field for 20 years and have worked for dentists who use microscopes for RCT purposes; I had not heard of hygienists using microscopes. So, I started picking his brain about it.


In a random twist of fate, I knew I was set to travel to South Carolina for the Thanksgiving Holiday and I mentioned this to Dr. Linger. Low and behold, he invites me to drive up to North Carolina and check out his office. I took him up on his offer.



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When your doctor asks you: How can we raise the bar for patients and for ourselves?



You may have heard the saying *It starts at the top*. In Dr. Linger's case it is true. Health reasons caused him to start using a microscope 14 years ago, and 11 years ago he made the one-time investment for his hygienists.

I asked him point blank, "why do you invest in your hygienists?" His answer was simple: if hygienists are provided with the tools to do a great job, they can maintain high standards. Imagine that!

Dr. Linger encourages his hygienists to identify problems and alert the patients. This provides for a seamless transition when the dentist comes in for the exam. Moreover, that patient has seen their teeth up to 25 times magnified!

While most of us will not be able to take advantage of technology like this, it is exciting to know this could be in our future.

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And Now - A Word from Our Partners, the Arizona Oral Health Coalition



VotER's work is driven by a community of health care

professionals, organizers, clinical students, and technologists united by a common vision: healthy communities powered by inclusive democracy.

Vot-ER programs exist in over 500 hospitals and clinics and helped tens of thousands of Americans register and prepare to vote. Voting is just one tool to advocate for what we care about—but it's a powerful one.

Research shows that our communities are healthier when more voters can participate in the democratic process. States with more inclusive voting policies and higher civic participation rates have better health outcomes.

The broad reach of our healthcare system, combined with the trusted role many doctors, nurses, and social workers hold in their communities, make healthcare an ideal arena for civic engagement to engage voters.

Learn more and get involved! [Vote for Oral Health!](#)



Our oral health shouldn't depend on our wealth, where we live, our race, or our age. Adding dental coverage to Medicaid for all people who rely on the program will make oral health care accessible for millions of people. It's time for policymakers to pay attention and take action: our oral health matters. Add your voice by signing this petition.

Medicaid Should Cover our Whole Bodies: Mouths Included!



As we did this year, AzDHA will join forces with Arizona Oral Health Coalition (AZOHC) and the Children's Action Alliance (CAA) to host the 2024 in-person Capitol Day event on Monday, March 11. We are also considering a virtual meeting before the in-person event specifically for AzDHA members and students. Free registration will begin in January 2024.

As we did last year, we are utilizing the services of [Advocacy Associates](#) who will coordinate all appointments with legislators. Last year's participants found the app easy to use and it definitely improved the logistics for the day!



CLASS OF
2023

CONGRATULATIONS

Fellow RDH's

**YOUR ADHA MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL AS AN OFFICIAL RDH
IS DUE!**

SUNDAY
DECEMBER

31

2023
MIDNIGHT

We are so excited that hygiene school has come to pass, and working as clinical RDH's is reality- welcome to the dental hygiene community! On behalf of SADHA we would like to remind you that your student membership is due to expire 12/31/2023 and you will begin the New Year as an official RDH Status! Please renew your membership here:



[HTTPS://MYMEMBERSHIP.ADHA.ORG/MEMBERS/ONLINEJOIN/CREATE_ACCOUNT.ASPX](https://mymembership.adha.org/members/onlinejoin/create_account.aspx)



Welcome to our New, Transfer, & Returning Members

Isabella Carrillo
Lorie Fernandez

Angelica Hernandez



**Happy Birthday to All our
Members who have birthdays in
December**

[\(Click here if your birthday should have](#)

[been listed\)](#)

Elizabeth Bennett
Katie Bertolucci
Teresa Boykin
Kristen Felling
Diane Flanagan
Alison Fox
Dominique Gaddini

Cori Harper
Tamara Johnson
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AzDHA Members In Action



SADHA at Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy.



SADHA Board yearly planning meeting.

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Dental Friends !! Please help support Pima Dental hygiene class of 2024 in reaching their fundraising goal for pinning ceremony !!

And how cute are these, Christmas themed 🦷🎄 shirts!



PIMA Fundraiser

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SADHA MEMBER Appreciation
ALERT! FREE TO MEMBERS!

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JANUARY20TH2024

CPR-BLS Training
with
Theresa McCarter,
RDH

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1-4pm

Contact
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Do you have something to share with other AZDHA members, contact Michelle Schwantes at michelle@amgoldman.com

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