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Hello Fellow Hygienists,

It is with great pleasure that we are announcing our 2024 Impact Conference at the beautiful Loews Ventana Resort.

We are looking forward to connecting and learning along side all of you!

We fully believe that caring for ourselves helps us care for others, and will help our profession thrive.



We are so excited to set aside some time for us all to get together and collaborate while taking in some great continuing education content.

AzDHA is here to support all of our colleagues and we look forward to meeting you all in August!

Thank You,

Davy Evans

Vice President, AzDHA



Unleash Your Potential: Join Us at the Arizona Dental Hygienist's Association 2024 Impact Conference!

Elevate your career and expand your network amidst the breathtaking backdrop of Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ, from August 23-25.

Prepare for a transformative experience tailored exclusively for dental hygiene professionals like yourself. Immerse yourself in insights from industry luminaries, as they reveal cutting-edge strategies to propel your career forward. With over 300 passionate dental hygienists in attendance, seize the opportunity to forge invaluable connections.

Don't miss out on this chance to redefine your future in dental hygiene. Secure your spot today and be part of the revolution!

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Registration fees Include all general session lectures, light breakfast, lunch, and two breaks each day.

**NOTE: Due to the recent launch of our new membership page on the AzDHA website, you will need to create a new password. This will gain you exclusive access to the Members Only page. This step is essential in ensuring your eligibility for member pricing at the Impact Conference. Read further down the newsletter for the How To.**



A big Thank You to everyone who visited us at WRDE!





# ADVOCACY UPDATE

## **A Status Update on AzDHA Legislative Priorities**

It has been a rough session for us this year: One win (SB1021), one dependent upon budget negotiations (SB1037), and two losses (SB1269 & SB1154). With most of the work on legislation completed, we now enter a quiet period at the legislature while FY 2024-2025 budget negotiations are underway behind closed doors.

### **SB 1021: scope of practice; process; repeal – Shope**

A WIN! On April 2nd, Governor Hobbs signed this bill into law. Dental hygienists were among the many who supported this bill. We also commend the splendid work done by the four sponsors: TJ Shope, Eva Burch, Steve Montenegro, and Alma Hernandez to usher this bill through. This repeals the requirement that state-regulated health professions, like dental hygiene, go through the sunrise review process for proposed scope of practice expansions. We are now on an even playing field with all other legislation, including those that affect public health.

### **SB 1037: AHCCCS; comprehensive dental care – Shope**

A BUDGET QUESTION! This bill that allows adult Medicaid members to use their \$1,000 annual dental benefit for more than just emergency procedures has stalled but the funds could still be appropriated in the FY 2014-2015 budget. Even though that is unlikely this year, we continue our advocacy efforts with our partners, the AZ Oral Health

Coalition, building support for the future when the budget picture is more favorable.

**SB 1154: dental board; dental hygienists** - Shamp

DISAPPOINTING LOSS! This bill sought to add a third dental hygienist to the Board of Dental Examiners. Although it passed through the Senate, it failed on a 2-5 vote during the House Regulatory Affairs Committee hearing on March 20th. It was always going to be close but after last minute lobbying by the opposition, our "maybe yes" votes flipped to "no" votes. This failure will not substantially damage our chances with a future bill, so we live to fight another day.

**SB 1269: dental hygienists; botox; continuing education** - Shope

ICYMI: This bill looked to clarify and further define the administration of high-quality injectable botulinum toxin type A (Botox) and dermal fillers for therapeutic & cosmetic purposes by dental hygienists. SB1269 passed through the Senate but unfortunately has come to a halt in the House. The chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee declined to hear the bill upon learning that it did not have enough support from committee members. Legislators cited various reasons for opposing the bill including patient safety concerns raised by the Arizona Medical Association, a belief that only doctors should be administering these agents due to the risks, and they saw no public health need or reason to extend this authority other than patient convenience which they did not find compelling. While we did not get the clarity we hoped for, we are no worse off than we were before relevant to the AG's opinion.

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**Is This YOUR Time to Serve?**

**One Dental Hygiene Board Position Open in 2025!**

We hoped that SB1154 would give us a 2nd position open in 2025 but that is not to be. However, there will be one position available because one of the current dental hygiene board member's term expires on 01/01/2025. All members of BODEX, like all regulatory boards, are appointed by the Governor. To have the Governor consider you for such an appointment, you must complete an online application. AzDHA can help you get started. Please let us know if you are interested by sending an email to [president.azdha@gmail.com](mailto:president.azdha@gmail.com) or [dkappes.azdha@gmail.com](mailto:dkappes.azdha@gmail.com). AzDHA supports member candidates with letters of recommendation!



# 2024

## MEMBERSHIP



Calling all AzDHA superheroes!

Your voice matters!

In case you missed it, we recently dispatched an email packed with goodies, including a Survey Monkey link just for you. But hey, if it's MIA in your inbox, give that sneaky spam folder a quick peek!

We're all ears! Share with us the magic that makes you an AzDHA member and what really gets your pulse racing in the dental world.

Your insights are the spark that fuels our mission. Let's make magic together!

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**Susan Cotten**

BSDH, RDH, OMT



**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 2024**

*Presentations*

<p>ORAL CANCER SCREENING "It's more than grasping the tongue"</p> <p>PART ONE (pillars 1-3) Etiologies/HPV, Risk Factors, Signs and Symptoms</p>	<p>ORAL CANCER SCREENING "It's more than grasping the tongue"</p> <p>PART TWO (pillar 4) Best practices of the intraoral and extroral evaluation</p>	<p>ORAL CANCER SCREENING "It's more than grasping the tongue"</p> <p>WORKSHOP hands-on training</p>
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**TIMES**

LECTURE  
(3CE)  
9AM-12PM

WORKSHOP  
(3CE)  
1PM-4PM

**COST**

**ADHA MEMBERS**  
LECTURE ONLY: \$30  
LECTURE + WORKSHOP: \$45  
**NON MEMBERS**  
LECTURE ONLY: \$50  
LECTURE + WORKSHOP: \$70

**READY TO REGISTER?**

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**This will be a fabulous 2-part C.E.U. with lunch break in between workshops!**

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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Join us on a transformative virtual certification course generously sponsored by Heartland Dental. This isn't just a course; it's a journey towards mental wellness and professional resilience!

Dive deep into insightful discussions, engage in powerful activities, and gain practical knowledge to combat burnout in dentistry. Together, let's strengthen our mental health and build a supportive community that thrives!

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- \* Insights to Foster a Healthier Community
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Save your spot for this immersive experience! Registration is open now. Let's prioritize mental wellness and flourish in our dental hygiene careers!

Details here: <https://www.adha.org/events/mental-health-dental-hygienist/>

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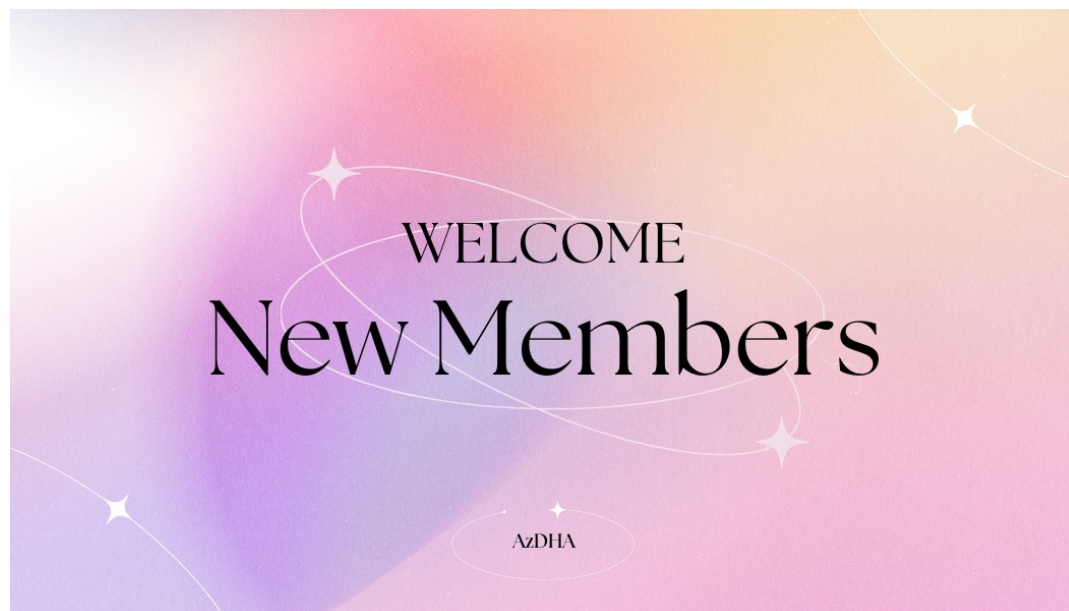
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Olivia Aranda

Tara Gerardo



## Happy Birthday to All our Members with Birthdays in April

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

Ann Anderson  
Lynn Brooks  
Laura Corbin  
Jahonda DeStephens  
Joy Dunn  
Mary Emert  
Julie Greeson  
Michelle Gross-  
Panico  
Tina Grove  
Jan Grutzius

Alexandria Iannella  
Lisa Kelecy  
Kathleen LaVoy  
Dawn Mace  
Karina Marquez  
Elena Mershon  
Christine Miner  
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Katherine Obert  
Sara Oleson

Kelly Sanchez  
Sunshine Sawyer  
Chris Serda  
Aisha Thompson  
Cydney Vargo  
Teresa Ventrella  
Aysia Weese  
Diane Wenger  
Jenny Witthoft  
Melody Wright

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Do you have something to share with other AZDHA members,  
contact Michelle Schwantes at [michelle@amgoldman.com](mailto:michelle@amgoldman.com)

Talk to us Today

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