President’s Message—Jill Nault, RDA

Hello everyone,

I am happy to report that spring has finally arrived and I am in the midst of training for the half marathon taking place in the Queen City Marathon in September. I am also studiously reviewing the material for the accreditation team visit to the Dental Assistant Program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

I am pleased to report that our Annual Meeting had a record attendance. We were located at the Conexus Art Centre in Regina and found the facility to be excellent. We appreciated the great questions and suggestions from our membership.

As a regulator, we often find members want SDAA to focus on member needs. In reality, the SDAA has dedicated all of our efforts to protection of the public and will continue with this focus. However, in instances where there is no conflict, we will balance member needs and public protection.

We are pleased to offer professional learning opportunities to all of the other oral health professions and our April course was a perfect example. We had several hygienists, therapists and a few dentists in our midst and we are happy to welcome them. In this light, the SDAA has and will be partnering with the SDHA on four courses during 2017 with plans underway for 2018.

The SDAA learned this week that Axiom Career Corporation has proposed to offer a Dental Office Administration course in Saskatchewan. The SDAA applauds this initiative and suspects this will slightly alleviate the ongoing crisis in dental manpower in our province.

SDAA has also written a letter of support for a Dental Assistant Program considering locating in Saskatoon. There is no indication as to whether this discussion will bear fruit. We will keep you posted.

Representatives of the SDAA have been collaborating with representatives of SDHA, SDTA and CDSS to review the Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Infection Prevention and Control Standards. SDAA received notification this week that the CDSS is withdrawing from the committee and will work unilaterally on the standards. At this point the SDHA, SDTA and SDAA will need to determine how we wish to proceed. Initially we wish the CDSS well but observe that there is no 'I' in team.

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Professional Associations

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Submission of Articles

“Accent on Assisting” welcomes submissions from dental assistants. Please forward a personal article or one that you have read and found interesting (be sure to append all of the publishing information so that copyright permission can be obtained), and indicate that you are submitting an article for the newsletter. The staff reserves the right to edit all articles for content or length but they will make every effort to discuss revisions with you prior to finalization.

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Schedule of Professional Events: Save the Date!

September 29-30, 2017 – SDAA/SDHA Seminar — The Willows, Saskatoon
October 14, 2017 – SDHA/SDAA Seminar, Travelodge, Regina (SDHA AGM)
November 4, 2017 – SDAA Council Meeting, Sandman Inn, Saskatoon
February 2 & 3, 2018 – Council Meeting, Sandman Inn, Saskatoon
April 13 & 14, 2018 – SDHA/SDAA Seminar, Regina
April 28, 2018 – SDAA/SDHA Seminar, Saskatoon (SDAA AGM)
April 28, 2018 – SDAA Council Meeting, Saskatoon

September 2018 – SDAA/SDHA Seminar, TBA, Regina
October 19, 2018 – SDHA/SDAA Seminar, Saskatoon (SDHA AGM)
November 2-3, 2018 – SDAA Council Meeting, Sandman Inn, Regina
The SDAA Association Management System has changed my work day. I spend a lot less time on the phone (I do miss you all), which creates a great deal more time to dedicate to the issues and initiatives that will eventually grow and change our profession. Your council has lots of new and interesting ideas, and as plans evolve, we will be keeping the membership well informed.

If you are having a problem with your login, please call and we will do our best to help you. The intouch system works best with Google Chrome and Firefox.

The intention is that members will upload their courses, review their credits, change their address, print their competency list, print their receipts and practice permits and complete their annual renewal online by simply logging in. We are a long way from that goal but we will get there eventually.

I had two great opportunities to observe the Saskatchewan Oral Health team at work recently. Observing the volunteers that took time to donate their Saturday to helping folks that truly needed their care and attention was heart warming and impressive.

Yes, SDAA only offers two professional development credits for the actual ‘Dental Day’. The purpose of PD is to maintain currency of practice and competency; given that as yet, we have not be apprised of any new learning component relative to dental day; our policy of two credits in recognition of your volunteerism stands. The event organizers were made well aware of this policy and any misinformation in this regard is on them.

On another note, I am extremely pleased with our transition to a April/May annual general meeting. Combining the meeting with a professional development day has yielded outstanding results. Not only is our meeting better attended, we are now able to inform more members about the direction of their regulatory authority.

Summer will soon be upon us and I wish each of you an awesome prairie summer, filled by all the things that you love.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Anholt, (RDA) BA
Professional Development & Expanded Function Courses

SDAA 2017 Fall PD Conference
September 29 & 30, 2017
Willows Golf & Country Club
Saskatoon, SK

FRIDAY
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Registration
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Work Life Balance

SATURDAY
8am - 9am - SDAA / SDHA Breakfast and Speakers
9am - 12pm - Mental Health in the Workplace
9am - 12pm - Ergonomics
12pm - 1pm - Lunch
1pm - 4pm - Inclusive Dentistry
1pm - 4pm - Infection Control Review & Forum

TUITION
- Full Event - $100 / Friday only - $25 / Saturday only - $80
- FREE PARKING
- CREDITS: 9 CR BASED ON SIGN IN/OUT
- DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Registration for SDAA courses can be completed online through the SDAA website or by mail.
Payment can be made through your personal online banking site or by cheques payable to:
SDAA
PO Box 294
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Gingival Retraction Cord Workshop (DNTL-1602)

Course Information:
The appropriate selection and placement of gingival retraction cord allows an accurate impression of a tooth preparation below the gingival margin. In this course you will discuss the selection of retraction cord and practice its placement and removal on mannequins in the clinic.

Entrance Requirements:
Registrants must an RDA with a full practice licence

DATE: Saturday, October 21, 2017
9:00 am – Noon

LOCATION: Sask Polytechnic Regina Campus
4500 Wascana Parkway
Regina, SK S4P 3A3

TUITION: $125.00 (includes manual)

COURSE ID: TBA

DEADLINE: October 11, 2017

To Register
Registration Services
Saskatchewan Polytechnic—Regina
4500 Wascana Parkway
PO Box 556
Regina SK S4P 3A3
Phone in Regina call (306) 775-7301
Or Toll free in Saskatchewan: 1-866-467-4278
Fax: (306) 798-1377
Or register on-line at Saskpolytech.ca

Information: Sandy Peach (306) 775-7474

CHECK THE LIST OF DENTAL ASSISTING COURSES AVAILABLE:
http://saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses
Orthodontic Assistant Course

This course is designed to provide allied oral health personnel with the knowledge and skills required to function successfully in an orthodontic practice.

Self-study manuals will be sent to you in advance to allow approximately 10 weeks for review of material. There will be 3 weekends of labs in Regina (one weekend each in September, October and November). To complete the course, you will be required to complete in-office practical assignments under supervision of a licensed practitioner by May 11, 2018.

Registration will be available from June 1, 2017 to July 14, 2017
Applications will be accepted on a first come basis upon receipt of payment.

No early registrations will be accepted.
Course Registration Number - TBA

A copy of your SDAA, SDTA or SDHA license must accompany your registration

Entrance Requirements:

Applicants must hold a current licence as a “Full Practice Dental Assistant”, Dental Therapist, or Dental Hygienist. Applicants must have access to an orthodontic office in order to complete the practical assignments.

Weekend Lab Dates:

September 23 & 24, 2017 Time: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
October 14 & 15, 2016
November 4, 2016

Location: Saskatchewan Polytechnic Regina Campus
4500 Wascana Parkway
Regina SK S4P 3A3

Tuition: $1,595 (includes manual) Minimum enrollment 14, maximum 20.
Students are required to supply uniform, lab coat, clinic shoes, safety glasses and specified orthodontic instruments and supplies. Learning materials will be mailed out on July 14, 2017.

To register, please contact:

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Kerrie Krieg, RDA—2017 Recipient of Susan Anholt Mentorship Award

The Susan Anholt Mentorship Award recognizes a member who has served to promote the practice of dental assisting, has outstanding leadership and exceptional mentorship abilities. This member has proven their abilities within the association or within their own place of employment and within their community.

When referring to a definition of mentor, one will find a mentor to be defined as a wise and trusted counsellor or teacher or an influential senior sponsor or supporter.

It is with great admiration that Council has accepted the nomination of Kerrie Krieg, RDA for this award as she has pioneered the role of the dental assistant in Long Term Care. Since October 2015, Kerrie Krieg has been employed as the Long-Term Care Oral Health Coordinator in the Saskatoon Health Region.

Kerrie’s role is to contact and introduce the “Better Oral Health in Long Term Care” to long term care homes in the Saskatoon Health Region. In this capacity, her job is multifaceted; she educates and trains the staff using the oral health education training modules and hands on demonstrations. She communicates and interacts with families to ensure oral health care is occurring from examinations through to payments. She also coordinates with the dental practices that provide dental treatment to Saskatoon Health Region’s Long Term Care homes. Kerrie’s chairside skills are used to assist the visiting dentists or assist staff to provide oral care to residents. Her exemplary skills are evidenced by the respect that she has garnered within the care homes and among other oral health professionals.

As we hear Kerrie speak to her patients or speak about her patients and their care, her passion is evident and we are honored to call her a colleague. She loves what she does. She has the caring and gentle ways needed to work with residents living in Long Term Care.

Kerrie is opening new doors as the best example of what an Oral Health Coordinator can be. She is often asked to speak about her role to groups of professionals seeking innovative solutions for long term care patients. She speaks with experience and with heart.

Kerrie has an extensive history of exemplary service in public health. She has been the recipient of several Health Region ‘Bravo awards’ for going above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations Kerrie and thank you for your dedication to our profession.

Jill Nault, RDA
President, SDAA
To all 150 volunteers from Dental Day YXE, thank you for volunteering for the first ever Dental Day YXE. Without your help this event would not be possible. We are sure that the 200 patients you helped are grateful as well. You truly made a difference in many lives.

We think the event was a huge success! There was great media coverage from Global, CTV, StarPhoenix, and CKOM. Hopefully you had a chance to look for your face on the news.

Over the past few days we have calculated the amount of treatment provided using the SK fee guide. Our grand total is $68,286.00 worth of treatment!

Editor’s Note: Thank you to Dr. Alyssa Hayes and Dr. Danielle Briere for arranging this event.

Radiation Quality Assurance for Dental Offices (DENT 1618)

Course Description:
In this course you will study the principles of quality assurance in dental radiography, learn about the risks associated with radiation and how to protect yourself and others from unnecessary exposures. You will learn about image characteristics and the influencing factors that affect quality assurance. Both film based and digital imaging systems are discussed as well as the quality assurance tests that are recommended in the Saskatchewan Quality Assurance Manual.

Learning Outcomes covered in this course include:
- Radiation Exposure Risks and Radiation Protection
- Dental X-Ray Image Characteristics and the Influencing Factors
- Dental X-ray Film Processing Care and Maintenance
- Equipment Used in Digital Radiography
- Radiographic Quality Assurance in the Dental Office

Tuition: $165 (includes course manual)
Dates: September 11 – November 3/17
- October 23 – December 15/17
- January 8 to March 2/18
- February 26 – April 20/18
- April 23 – June 15/18

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Dental Day——Regina

The 6th Annual Dental Day and 2nd Annual Dental Hygiene were co-hosted on May 6, 2017 at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Regina, Saskatchewan. Numerous volunteers from Regina and surrounding rural communities attended. Our volunteer base included 15 dentists, 3 dental therapists, 1 denturist and technician, 18 dental assistants, and 13 dental hygienists, along with various Saskatchewan Polytechnic staff and students. This year’s student organizers from the dental hygiene program were Cassie Seguin, Alanah Mueller, Kristin Jerkovits, and Ashley Laturnus.

Along with our amazing volunteer base, the day could not be complete without the help of sponsors. This year’s sponsors included: Henry Schein which provided dental supplies and technicians on site all day; and DENTSPLY and DENTSPLY Endodontics which provided dental supplies, use of equipment and a rep was on site to assist on product use throughout the day. Financial contributions were received from SDHA, SDAA, Surgitel, GTO Diesel Repair, Fries Trucking and Souris Valley Industries. Gift cards were provided by Superstore, Safeway, Sherwood Co-Op, and Costco to purchase food and snack items including coffee donated by Starbucks.

This amazing collaborative effort resulted in 100 clients receiving dental treatment or hygiene care with an overall total of $39,531.50 worth of dentistry completed for members of the Regina Food Bank and the Regina Open Door Society who encounter many barriers in accessing care.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who volunteered and hopes that everyone enjoyed the event and will be back again next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin McKay Ganshorn, Cert. (Bus.), RDA, FCP, BBA, MAED
Program Head/Instructor Dental Assisting
Saskatchewan Polytechnic Regina Campus

Thank you to the amazing Registered Dental Assistants that spent their Saturday volunteering for Dental Day 2017 at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.
Sugar Campaign

As a public health initiative, the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants’ Association have decided to raise awareness about the health risks associated with sugar intake. To this end, on April 8th SDAA set up a booth at Dental Day YXE where we had the opportunity to chat with patients and raise awareness with parents and youth about the amount of sugar contained in drinks.

Susan Anholt (left) and Holly Hanson (right) had a great day alongside the SDHA representatives connecting with the many patients who received treatment at Dental Day YXE.

Susan Anholt again set up an information station at Dental Day Regina on May 6th. The conversations that took place with patients and support staff were interesting, particularly getting the initial reactions of individuals who observed the amount of sugar that is contained in their favourite bottle of pop, fruit juice or vitamin water.

The SDAA sugar display is available for members to use when afforded the opportunity to connect with the public regarding oral health concerns. Please contact the SDAA office to inquire.

The new SDAA Benefit Plan has been designed to provide members and their families access to an affordable group insurance plan. Additionally, this plan can enroll the entire staff of a dental office and provide access to enhanced coverage through the SDAA Flex Benefits Plan.

The SDAA Benefit Plan is a competitive high quality program providing services and coverage of Extended Medical, Dental and long term disability plans not available from other benefit programs.
Twenty-Five Year Service Awards

(L-R) Elizabeth Thiel, Cathy Heggestad, Jo-Ann Chatterson

Jane Ann Chatterson (26 Years)
Donna Ake-Farden (25 years)
Cheryl Anderson (25 years)
Kelli Ducharme (25 years)
Lisa Faubert (25 years)
Cathy Heggestad (25 years)

Sherry Hettrick (25 years)
Kerry Kropelnicky (25 years)
Rhonda Neufeld (25 years)
Heather Reine (25 years)
Charlene Schettler (25 years)

Erin Scott (25 years)
Elizabeth Thiele (25 years)
Dana Topliess (25 years)
Sonia Wall (25 years)
Kirsten Wilkinson (25 years)

30 Years of Service

(L-R) Lori Coghill & Anna Rogers

Leah Abrook
Sonia Bergen
Amber Black
Judy Cannon
Lorie Coghill
Brenda Cottrell
Celeste Ferner
Denise Hagen
Laureen Jaeb
Denise Jones
Anna Rogers
Joan Kalin
Shannon Kehler

Cheryl Korte
Sheryle Loepky
Kathleen Lutz
Susan Mamer
Jill McDonald
Doneane Papandreos
Laura Phillips
Darryl Remus
Christine Roflik
Linda Scorah
Ramona Skinner
Denyse Tarnowski
Karen Wingerak
35 Years of Service

(L to R) Elizabeth Case, Bonnie Wallis

40 Years of Service

Linda Beaulieu
Elizabeth Case
Melanie Custer
Laurie Ducherer
Diane Edwards
Valerie Fillmore
Debbie Grey
Margaret Guist
Rosanne Heimark
Grace Hyde
Sherry Klemmer
Sherrie Koshman
Gloria Luedtke
Janice Mallard
Debra Markwart
Glenda Paquin
Colleen Schell
Sheila Timoroski
Debra Trofmuk
Bonnie Wallis
Dianne Whelan

45 Years of Service

Heidi Baier
Brenda Bitschy
Leona Fleck
Elaine Hildebrand
Jo-Anne Inglis
Dianne Lacoursiere
Katherine Lamontagne
Renee Muench
Janice Price
Helen Solie
Toni Waddington

Wendy Wright
ORAL CARE DEMONSTRATIONS

Do school or day care staff request you do mouth care presentations? If so help is available! Mouth care demonstration kits are available on loan to members for the purpose of presentations in classrooms, day-cares or the local brownie or scouting troop. We include brochures and a few fun items for the children, as well as activity sheets you can photocopy. Please let us know the class size so that we can include some items for each child. Please notify your local health district if you will be making an in-school presentation. This will avoid duplication of services. Remember to have the facility or organization provide you with signed verification of the date and time of the presentation.

We now have a kit also available for long term care homes!

Contact the S.D.A.A. office.
Please allow ample time for shipping.

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