

TDHA TIMES

SEPTEMBER 2023

A message from your President

Wow! Quiet the warm weather we have been having, hopefully cooler weather is going to arrive soon. I am a true Texas and usually do not mind the heat, but I'm ready for a change soon..

Determination and passion of a dental hygienists never ceases to amaze me. As you have all heard by now, the Infiltration Local Anesthesia bill has passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate and has been signed by the Governor. As I have mentioned before, it has taken many people over a time span of 30+ years. This year our Legislative Director Melissa and her GAC co-chair Sandy along with our lobby consultants and TDHA board have been working behind the scenes to make this happen. Thank you to ALL that helped this process thru the many years.

We are now waiting for the Rules and Regulations (R&R) to be released, discussed, and voted on by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE).

There were TSBDE committee meetings and the TSBDE Board meeting the 10th and 11th of August that was well attended by TDHA representatives. TSBDE presented a draft for R&R and held discussion line by line with the board for LA. They seem to be moving fast on this, so keep an eye out for more information to come from your TDHA Legislative Director. The law will pass on September 1, 2023 but without the Rules and Regulations, it is strongly advised **NO RDH** administer local anesthesia until you apply for and have received a permit/certification from TSBDE, even if you hold a certification in another state. There will be rules and regulations for out of state certificate holders to hold a Texas certificate for LA as well as current practicing hygienists.



The open and positive communication we now have between TDHA and TDA has been successful. Some of you have heard TDA rescinded their policy that does not support hygienists administering local anesthesia, during their Annual Conference HOD in May 2023. They do have a different policy that follows the agreement letter between TDHA and TDA. The expressions of gratitude and appreciation for the open communication between TDHA and TDA was brought up during the TSBDE board meeting.



Continued message from President Nobles...

We are hoping to continue to bridge the gap and keep up with the positive communications between the two professional associations.

As for the Interstate Compact bill, TDHA was able to testify in the Public Health Committee in the House of Representatives, the bill passed thru the committee and on the House Floor with a vote to send the bill to the senate. Unfortunately, we did not get a hearing in the Senate committee on Health and Human Services, therefore, it did not go to the Senate Floor for a vote.

The Directors of TDHA have been busy planning and presenting events such as:

***Student Affairs Director Mandy and Student Delegate Darcy** have been making BIG plans for the students that attend Annual Conference in February. I think each student will be glad they attended the conference.

***Membership Director Layla** has been hosting many FUN Membership Happy Hours, if you have not attended one yet, I hope you check it out. Layla is also working with the El Paso area to reinstate their component, YaY!! Layla.

***Professional Development Director Christina** presented the Leadership Summit in August at the TSTC Campus in Waco. We had two dynamic speakers, networking and fun, thanks for a great event.

***Communications Director Mercedes** has worked hard on the social media platform to keep everyone informed of what is going on with TDHA.

***Mentorship co-chairs Nancy and Olivia** have been helping get all the trustees and new board members acquainted with TDHA bylaws and policies. They will be hosting a “What a trustee does before, during and after Annual Conference” hour on September 19th, I urge all that want to attend (whether you are seasoned or new) to contact TDHA or Nancy to let her know. This will be a very informative hour.

***Legislative Director Melissa** as you have read above has been super busy keeping up with legislative procedures and rules and regulations planning with TSBDE.

***Immediate Past President Annette** has been working on updating and adding more information to our webpage that can be found at Texasdha.org. You can also purchase the newly designed ADHA/Texas t-shirt there.

Left to right: Professional Development Director Christina Horton, Speaker Yoram Solomon, President Cathy Nobles.



***Annual Conference co-chairs Connie and Lynda** are busy working on the logistics and lining up speakers for the Annual Conference in February, stay informed with social media posts on upcoming information for the conference.

Please remember to support HyPac and IOH! Your donations are very important.

Our next in person board meeting will be held on **November 4-5** at the Holiday Inn Temple-Belton, 5247 S. General Bruce Drive, Temple TX 76502 if you are interested in joining us. All members are welcome to attend, please let us know you will be attending, that gives us e opportunity to plan lunch and activities accordingly.

- **Cathy**

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Legislative Recap

It has been an eventful spring season as the regular 88th Legislative Session ended on May 29th. After almost a year of collaboration between TDHA and TDA, legislation passed May 24th through the Texas Senate that would allow Texas dental hygienists to administer local infiltration anesthesia. The last step is for Governor Abbott to sign or veto the bill by June 18th. If he doesn't sign or veto the bill by June 18th it would still become law without a signature.

After the legislation is officially law, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners will be tasked to write specific rules and educational requirements that will align with the intent of the legislation. This is a lengthy process can take up to a year. The rules will then need final approval from the Governor's Office. Please note - this legislation allows dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia under the direct supervision of a dentist via infiltration only to patients who are over the age of 18.

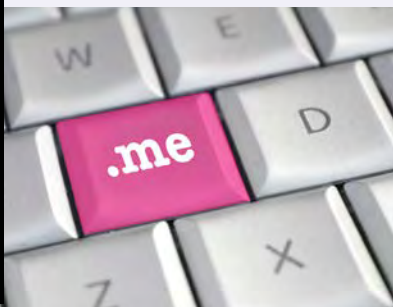
TDHA would like to thank HB 3824 sponsors Chairwoman Stephanie Klick, Senator Bryan Hughes and Senator Cesar Blanco for support of the legislation that will allow dental hygienists to provide compassionate care to Texans. We would like to thank the TDHA legislative team, Denise Rose, Kate Goodrich, LaRessa Quintana, who have worked tirelessly and persevered through the process. TDHA leadership for the past year and a half, Annette Smith-Past President, Cathy Nobles-President, Shawna Greer-President-elect, Melissa Terry-Legislative Director, Sandy Tesch-Governmental Affairs Council Co-chair and the entire TDHA Board for their commitment of time and effort. Without all these people working behind the scenes, this historical legislation would not have happened.

HB 3039 regarding the interstate licensure compact which would allow dentists and dental hygienists to obtain authorization to practice in states they are not licensed stalled in the Senate after passing the House of Representatives. We hope to see this proposed legislation return in the 89th Legislative Session in 2025.

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners had their quarterly in-person full board meeting on May 5th. Their next committee meetings are on August 10 and the full board meeting is on August 11th. You can watch live or past committee and full board meetings on their YouTube channel- <https://www.youtube.com/@texasstateboardofdental824/streams>.

The TSBDE will be having its annual licensing expo on June 12th for dental hygiene graduates. The TSBDE has stated they enjoy helping new graduates expedite the licensing process and hope to continue this event in the future. TDHA President Cathy Nobles and Immediate Past President Annette Smith represented TDHA at the TDA Annual Conference in San Antonio on May 4-5th. Annette Smith spoke to the TDA House of Delegates Reference Committee on May 4th regarding changing their policy so they would support dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia. Cathy Nobles was invited to extend a welcome to the TDA House of Delegates the next day and later that day the policy change was voted on and approved. We look forward to continuing to build bridges with TDA and its leadership. Stay tuned as we will update when HB 3824 becomes official law, and we celebrate this forward momentum for the dental hygiene profession! The TSBDE will be having an open forum to listen to all public comments on September 13th.

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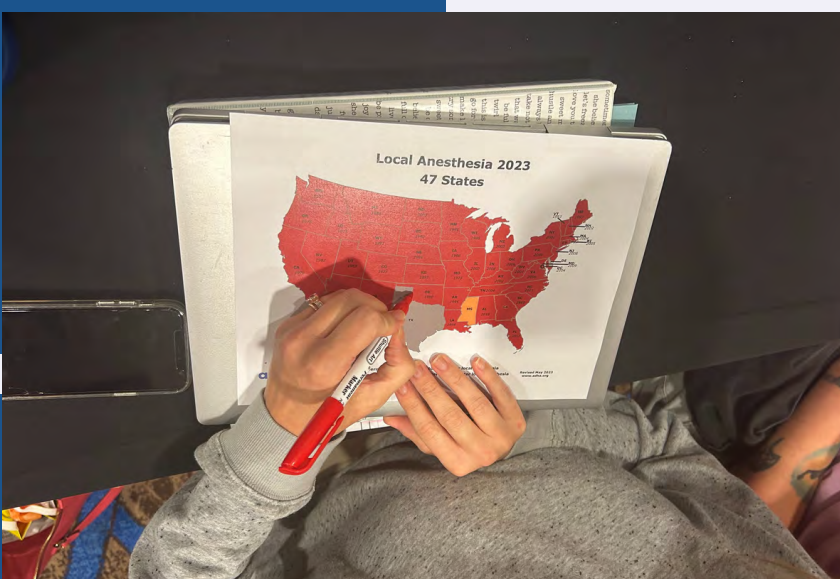
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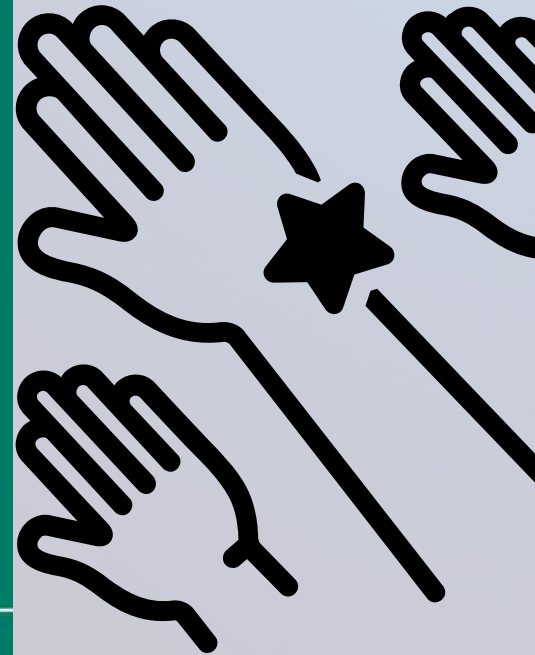
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December 5, 2023
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Thu, Sept 21st: 1.5 CE - Understanding Deaf or Hard of Hearing Barriers in Dentistry with Amanda Zubricki, RDH, BS - Zoom

Sat, Sept 23rd: DDHA Community Outreach: Healthy Athletes; Special Smiles, [Register Here](#)

Oct: Fluoride Varnish Day, Mark Twain Elementary, volunteers needed, TBA

Thu, Oct 12th: 1.5 CE Laser Dentistry with Kristin Hunter - Zoom

Sat, Oct 14th: Oral Cancer Walk

Sat, Oct 28th: Kidney Foundation Walk

Thu, Nov 9th: 1.5 CE with Leah Spittle, BSDH MS - Zoom (Date subject to change)

Thu, Nov 16th: Student Connections - Texas A&M College of Dentistry Visit

Sat, Dec 2nd : 3 CE Can Stress Really Hurt You? with Lisa Mayo, BSDH MS - Location TBD

Thu, Jan 18th : Hygiene Engaged with Andrea Kowalczyk, RDH BS - Zoom (Date subject to change)

Feb: Fluoride Varnish Day, Mark Twain Elementary, volunteers needed, TBA

Mar: DDHA Officer Nominations; CE TBD

Apr: Vote for DDHA Officers for 2024-2025

Sat, April 13th: Ergonomics and Practical Yoga Course with Mary Vu - Location TBD

May: Installation of New DDHA Officers

UPCOMING 2023-2024 CE & EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER

12th- Student night. No meeting or CE. More information to come.

Food pantry collection continues- bring a non-perishable food item.

14th- UT Health Oral Cancer Walk, join team "Lace Up!"

20th- Smiles of Hope Hygiene Day with The San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic.

NOVEMBER

9th- SADHA Meeting & CE: 6:30-8:30pm Virginia Carrillo (topic TBD) @ 7-7 Dental. Thank you Dental Partners for your sponsorship.

Last opportunity to donate a non-perishable food item for the pantry collection. All items will be delivered this month.

Nov. 18th- GSAHDA Community Clinic

DECEMBER

2nd- SADHA 4 hour CE Event! More info. to come.

14th- Virtual SADHA Meeting & CE, 6:30-8:30pm- Amanda Zubricki, RDH, BS "Hear the World," Developing an Awareness for Hearing Loss and Mental Health.

JANUARY

11th- Virtual SADHA Meeting & CE, 6:30-8:30pm, Shawna Greer, "More Than Just Mental Health."

Thank you Dental Partners for your sponsorship.

FEBRUARY

8th- SADHA Meeting & CE, 6:30-8:30pm, Andrea Wiseman, "Prevention First" @ 7-7 Dental.

MARCH

14th- SADHA Social, No meeting & CE, More info. to come.

APRIL

11th- SADHA Meeting & CE, 6:30-8:30pm, Staci Janous, RDH, MS, Sherlock Hygiene: Mysteries of the Diabetic Patient @ 7-7 Dental. Thank you Dental Partners & 3M Dental Supplies for your sponsorship.

MAY

9th- SADHA Meeting & Officer Installation, 6:30-8:30pm @ 7-7 Dental.

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Winner - Melissa Terry



Winner - Kathy Trilli

At our summer board meeting, we spun a wheel for participants that donated to IOH. We collected \$313! Pictured are the winners!

Summer Board Fun

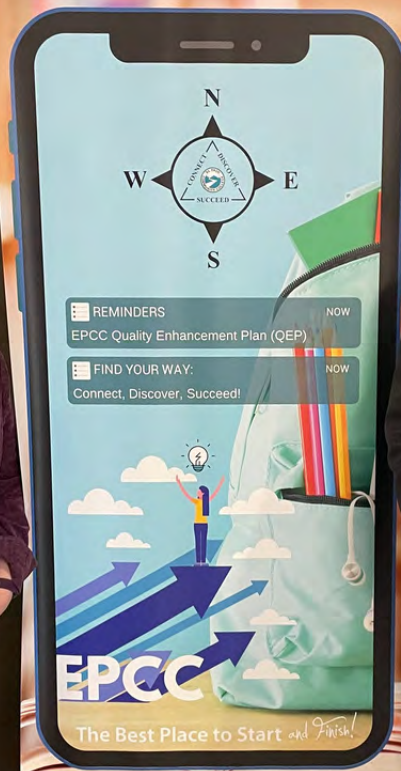
Our board meetings are filled with planning, team building, & a little bit of fun.



WELCOME

2023 CE ROADSHOW

Our professional development team has been busy with a few events - OSHA/HIPAA. and other CE opportunities. They have been to Waco & El Paso. Stay tuned for more info on new opportunities for growth.



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