President’s Message . . .

Recently I was helping my 8th grade son write a short synopsis on the attributes of man’s best friend. He extolled the virtues of the canine species. He described them as intelligent with the ability to read human emotions and to react to them. Dogs communicate in various ways to get their point across. They come in a variety of breeds, but they are all the same species. They are loyal! I thought to myself, that’s a great description of a hygienist.

I enjoyed hosting a pizza party for the new MSU-GF hygiene graduates. This litter of new puppies were all wagging their tails but were a little uncertain about exploring their new world. Naturally, they are excited to complete the program but are apprehensive about locating a board patient. This is the first year the anesthesia written test is taken via computer before they can take clinical anesthesia in June. We are definitely in the computer age.

Spring CE in Great Falls provided the insightful subject "Motivational Interviewing"; 108 Labradors in training (participants) enjoyed the wonderful facility at MSU COT Great Falls. Moreover, the participants met the challenge to donate toward Institute for Oral Health and for Hygiene Political Action Committee. $315 and $230, respectively, were raised for two great causes. Thanks for all who donated!

"Watch Dogs” are ever diligent keeping watch over their local dental issues. Bozeman constituents joined forces to educate the City Commissioners on the benefits of fluoridated water. In the end the Bozeman City Commissioners agreed the scientifically accepted, peer-reviewed evidence is clear. In 1989, a peer-reviewed analysis of 113 studies in 23 countries found fluoridation resulted in a 40- to 49-percent reduction in tooth decay in the primary teeth of children and a 50- to 59-percent reduction in adult teeth. They voted to keep fluoride in the public water system.

On the national level, MDHA has written to Dennis Rehberg and asked him to support funding for the Alternative Dental Health Care Providers Demonstration Grants, Section 340G-1 of the Public Health Service Act. I believe we will continue to see hygiene advance through alternative settings practice. We need to be ever aware of opportunities and actions we can take to be a part of the changing face of dental hygiene.

I had the honor of attending the 2012 MSU-GF COT pinning ceremony. There are no "Shaggy Dogs" in this bunch. Our MDHA $1,000 scholarship went to a single mother from Ronan, Deserie’ Krell. (Pictured below)

Amy Silvan (on R in photo below) was selected by her peers to receive the MDHA Membership Scholarship. And Jena Bullock (on L in photo) was recognized for her services as Student Member ADHA President.

At the end of the day we may feel dog tired, but we all are "Lucky Dogs" to be working in this every changing and challenging profession of Dental Hygiene. We’ll see you in September in Bozeman for an action packed fun Annual Session. My ears are always open to hear from you. Boards make better decision when they have input from members.

Kim Duclay, RDH, BS, LAP
MDHA President
. . . and Greetings from the desk of the President - Elect

Coming out of Spring CE I am looking forward to the year ahead. The MDHA Board of Trustees worked with me to create a Strategic and Communication Plan for the coming year. I want to ensure that each member and potential member understands their role in MDHA and the important aspects of advocacy that MDHA provides.

The profession of dental hygiene will be turning 100 years old in 2013. A look back to see how far the professional roles of a Dental Hygienist has changed and evolved is an important reminder of what ADHA/MDHA does for the profession through advocacy. If you go to the newly designed MDHA website, Deb Porter, MDHA executive assistant, has done an amazing job of compiling a history of MDHA activity since MDHA was establishment in 1963. Milestones include:

• Inclusion of an RDH on the Board of Dentistry (1979)
• The ability to administer Local Anesthesia (1985)
• Limited Access Permit legislation (2003)

We have come a long way from the dental nurse role that was initiated in the early 20th century.

Tonette Hollingsworth, RDH, BSDH
MDHA President Elect

The Montana Board of Dentistry announces Board elections and appointments

At its March 23, 2012 meeting, the Montana Board of Dentistry re-elected the following members as Board officers: Dale Chamberlain, DDS; President Aimee Ameline, DDS; Vice President Luella Vogel, Public Member; Secretary

On April 30, 2012, the Montana Governors office appointed the following to the Board of Dentistry for five year terms.

Lorraine Merrick, RDH, MSRDH; NEW APPOINTMENT Appointment date: 4/30/2012; Term ends: March 29, 2017 Qualification: dental hygienist Replaces: Carol Price

James Madison Appointment date: 4/30/2012; Term ends: March 29, 2017 Qualification: public representative over 55 years of age Replaces/Reappointed: REAPPOINTED

Clifford Christenot Appointment date: 4/30/2012; Term ends: March 29, 2017 Qualification: denturist Replaces/Reappointed: REAPPOINTED

David W. Johnson, DDS Appointment date: 4/30/2012; Term ends: March 29, 2017 Qualification: dentist Replaces/Reappointed: REAPPOINTED

Thank you Carol Price, RDH for all the years of service on the BOD representing the profession of dental hygiene.

Congratulations to new BOD appointee Lorrie Merrick, RDH!
2012 MDA Outstanding Dental Hygienist Awarded

Janet Leiberg, RDH of Helena, was honored by the Montana Dental Association at their Annual Meeting as the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Dental Hygienist Award. Janet is pictured above receiving the award from Dr Rob Neill, outgoing MDA President and her employer, Dr Ingrid Mclellan.

Janet has practiced for 35 years and is a Carroll College graduate. MDHA has benefited from her active membership and 16 years of service on the Board of Trustees in numerous positions, currently co-chairing as Helena Trustee. Her other volunteer activities include Head Start, Health Fairs, Church groups and PTA. Thank you Janet for all you do!

Sue Fisk, RDH of Kalispell, was also honored to be nominated for the award. Sue is also very active in MDHA serving currently as a Delegate for our ADHA Annual Session in Phoenix next month.

Congratulations MSU-GF Class of 2012

Become part of the ADHA/MDHA network!

Visit http://www.adha.org/news/student_transition.htm to convert your membership from Student to Active!

Japanese Dental Hygiene Visit

Several weeks ago I had an opportunity to welcome 9 Japanese dental hygienists to Missoula, while working as a consultant for American Eagle Instruments. This was their first trip to America and they spoke very little English so our interpreter was extremely helpful. That night we went to Lolo Creek Steak House where all of them enjoyed large Montana steaks. They were very interested in the mounted wildlife found on the walls of the restaurant.

The next morning American Eagle Instruments gave the dental hygienists a tour of their factory. They loved learning how the instruments were manufactured. They were amazed at how much effort goes into creating one dental hygiene instrument. The remainder of the day was spent sharing and learning about each other’s dental experiences. American Eagle Instruments shared their new XP Technology and some of their newer designed instruments. I talked about my work as a dental hygienist in America and they shared their experiences working in clinics in Japan. Though it was a short visit; I felt honored to be a part of it.

I wanted to share a few things that I learned from them. The Japan Dental Hygienists’ Association is fairly new and was established in 2006. The education system is similar in Japan as in the United States. Dental hygiene schools have 2, 3 and 4 year programs. Their Association is trying to make the standard of education 4 years. Dental hygiene schools provide students with instruments, therefore students do not have the financial burden of purchasing them. One major problem that the schools have is that the instructors don’t have time to keep the shared instruments sharp for their students. As you can imagine this can be frustrating for both instructors and students. Once a person has her dental hygiene education, they can attend a private dental hygiene school to advance their clinical skills. This group of dental hygienists was from the Jokan Dental Hygiene School. Ms Jokan was the leader of this tour and is the professor and owner of the school. Professor Jokan’s goal is to improve the social status of dental hygienists in Japan through higher education and clinical training. Her goal is to develop a love of the profession in each of her students.

In Japan dental hygienists work 40 hours a week, either 4 or 5 days. They work under a dentist and have 30 - 60 minutes for each patient. They wear lab coats and the offices buy their instruments for them. They predominately use gracey deep pocket and access instruments vs. universal and they keep their instruments very sharp! The Japanese dental hygienists wanted to see how I sharpen my instruments and what type of stone I used. They are frustrated that in Japan they currently are unable to purchase items like quick - tips and resin handles.

The Japanese dental hygienists were very professional, respectful and eager to learn.

Heidi Halverson RDH, BS Missoula MDHA Member

L to R: Ms Jokan, Heidi Halverson, and a student
**In Rachelle’s Memory**

Rachelle Racine, RDH, died of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash April 29, near Dupuyer, along with her husband Nathin Cobell. Rachelle began her schooling to become a dental hygienist in the fall of 2007. After completing her first year, Rachelle gave birth to her son, Jhett Cobell. School was put on hold for a year while Rachelle raised her new son, and at the same time cared for her terminally ill grandfather. Rachelle was again accepted into the dental hygiene program in 2009, graduating from MSU-Great Falls in May, 2011. She was the recipient of the MDHA Membership scholarship chosen by her peers. This January, Rachelle was awarded the Indian Health Service contract in Browning, fulfilling her goal of providing dental hygiene care in her hometown.

Survivors (of Browning) include her son, Jhett James Aloysious Cobell; and daughter Dale Ann Cobell; parents Lisa and Jay Wells; sister Jayla Marie Wells; brother Cole Jay Wells; grandparents Leona “Deeds” Racine and Emogene and George Wells.

Rachelle touched many lives in her short time as a hygienist. Rachelle will be remembered for her gentle spirit, unwavering kindness and beautiful smile. Submitted by Dierdre Durocher, RDH

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**MDHA 2012 Calendar**

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**FREE Recruitment Services for Oral Health Professionals**

Recently, the South Central Montana Area Health Education Center (SC MT AHEC) was sub-awarded a portion of a grant aimed at increasing access to quality oral health care across the state of Montana. The funding allows SC MT AHEC program to be even more valuable in their healthcare workforce efforts, as it will be able to now expand its reach from primary care and allied health disciplines, to the oral health industry.

SC MT AHEC will accomplish this task by expanding its current recruitment and retention programs to include oral health students and professionals. The grant funds will allow the program to more actively recruit new grads and already practicing dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants from across the United States to fill the escalating gaps in Montana's oral health workforce. Through these expanded recruitment services, SC MT AHEC will be able to promote any Montana oral health position opening and encourage oral health professionals to look for employment in Montana. Because these efforts are grant funded, all the services above are offered **free of charge** to any oral health facility or professional in the state.

If you are in need of free recruitment services or would like to know more about SC MT AHEC's efforts to brighten smiles across Montana, please contact Shay Van Worth at (406) 683-2790 or shay@mtha.org.

**Montana Delegates off to Phoenix soon!**

We are getting geared up to represent all the Montana Members at ADHA’s Annual Session in Phoenix, Arizona. District X, which includes: Montana, Utah, Colorado, and Idaho, held a workshop via remote tela-conference in March. There was some sharing of information from our District X Trustee Tonnette. Connie Vergine submitted a PBY that would clarify Active Senior Status. All four of your Delegates will be full of new information to share upon our return in June. We will report at the September Annual Session.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

On January 20th the Economic Affairs Interim Committee completed its review of the Board of Dentistry. MDHA presented testimony to support a self-regulating Dental Hygiene Committee within the Board of Dentistry. We documented models of self-regulation that are working well in many other states, the precedent of self-regulation for professions in Montana and the similarity between the nursing and dental hygiene professions.

Within Montana’s healthcare licensing boards and programs, 21 professions have their own boards and 7 have equal representation on a board. Dental hygienists are in fact, the only professionals in Montana regulated by their primary employers. Nursing and dental hygiene have similar educational requirements, supervision and responsibility, yet nurses are not regulated by doctors. They have their own board comprised entirely of public members and nurses who regulate their own profession and ensure public safety. There is no argument that nurses are not the most knowledgeable resource about their profession, nor that public safety is compromised because they self-regulate their profession.

Following testimony by the Board of Dentistry, MDHA, MDA and the Denturists’ Association, Senator Balyeat moved to create a regulatory dental hygiene committee within the BOD. The motion failed and the EAIC then passed a motion to maintain the Board as it is. We appreciate Senator Balyeat’s concerns for our profession and the comments of Representative Hunter who also expressed his opinion that there is further work to do to improve the BOD.

Prior to the EAIC hearing the Board of Dentistry passed a motion to create a standing Dental Hygiene Committee by Administrative Rule. We look forward to the establishment of the committee and designation of its duties.

Thank you to the many hygienists who submitted letters of support for self-regulation and to those who responded to the survey conducted by the Board of Dentistry. Unfortunately only about 30% of hygienists answered the BOD survey compared to over 75% of dentists. Passing legislation requires a united, mobilized grassroots effort and a favorable political climate. MDHA’s Board of Trustees does not intend to propose legislation unless these factors are present.

Montana’s Primary Election will be held on June 5th. MDHA encourages you to register to vote and become informed about the candidates and issues. Between the primary and general elections is a great time for your component to host a “meet and greet” to visit with candidates about oral health care issues and our profession. Dental hygienists have an important role in providing preventive and therapeutic oral health care and education to the public. Nationally our profession is recognized for its importance in improving access to oral health care for all.

Colleen Grass, RDH
MDHA Legislative Chairman
**great falls**

Hello Fellow dental hygienists from all of us in Great Falls! This being my first time as the Great Falls Board of Trustee, I was very impressed with the number in attendance at our monthly component meetings. In January, Diedri Durocher RDH gave an eye opening presentation on “What Every Hygienist Should Know about Eating Disorders”. February brought us a talented Physical Therapist named Dawn Clutter. She gave an informative lecture on “The Nerve to Think about the Neck”, neck pain and the association with ergonomics as well as exercises to reverse tension. And finally, our last component meeting in March brought Dr. David Olson DDS, MSD speak on “New Trends in Orthodontics.” A special thanks goes to BreAnn Mecham, RDH who has been a big help with lining up speakers and for letting us into the building for our meetings.

In May we had a Spring Social at Mackenzie River Pizza. Billings hygienists participated in oral screenings at the Special Olympics also. We will start meeting again in September, look for emails on upcoming events. If you are not receiving emails please contact Shasta at hastabe_shasta@yahoo.com and I will put you on the list. Shasta Jiracek, RDH Billings Trustee

**helena**

The Helena Component continues to be very active in 2012. At our January meeting Orthodontist Dr. Jeff Foster gave an exceptional power point presentation on various treatments and referral recommendations.

In February Dr. Gary Mihelish and two Naimi members spoke on Mental Illness. They all gave personal testimony that was quite powerful and moving.

We were fortunate to be invited to the beautiful office of Endodontist, Dr. Quinn Lybbert. He sponsored a social and gave a great power point on crack tooth syndrome and perio care for endo teeth.

In April the husband and wife team of Chiropractor Jesse and Christin Schannweber spoke on the topic of “Living to 100”.

We will close out our year in May with a dinner and social at “A Taste of the City” restaurant in East Helena. It has been a fun year thus far getting to know may new Hygienists and getting re acquainted with old friends. Our speakers have been extremely informative and educational!

Janet Lieberg, RDH, and Connie Vergine, RDH, Helena Co-Chair Trustees

**bozeman**

Hello everyone! I hope this finds you all gearing up for yet another beautiful summer in Bozeman! Here is your update since the fall newsletter. We had a great turnout for our Adopt-a-Family through the Salvation Army in December - a warm thank you to all who participated, as we were able to provide our family with wonderful gifts for the holiday! In January, over 50 homeless and low-income individuals received free dental care at Project Homeless Connect. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of local dentists and dental hygienists, dental exams, x-rays, hygiene services and extractions were provided to a community in need. In February, the annual School Oral Health Screening Program was held, in which several hygienists volunteered their time - thank you to all who participated and made this years program a success.

During the last couple of months, a debate has been occurring in Bozeman about the fluoridation of our city’s water. Many members in our community are opposing our current city water fluoridation regulations. Dr. Jane Gillette headed up a task force comprised of many of Bozeman’s health practitioners, and together successfully provided the Bozeman City Commissioners with accurate information supporting the fluoridation of Bozeman’s water during the meeting (cont on pg 6 Bozeman)

**flathead**

The folks in the north have been playing hard this winter and early spring. No meetings were organized but there are a lot of ideas brewing for the fall of 2012. Watch your email for information about the fall-winter sessions. If any of the members from this area are interested in getting involved with the board, the position of Trustee is available. This is a wonderful way to participate but not be overwhelmed.

Sue Fisk, RDH Kalispell Trustee

**missoula**

The Missoula component got off to a snowy start. Our first component meeting was postponed due to extreme weather!

In February, Dr. Jill Frazier, DDS, FAGD, provided a 1-hour CE on Botox and Dermal Filler Administration plus its application in dentistry. Dr. Frazier operates a dental practice 3-4 days a week in Missoula plus provides Botox and Dermal Filler procedures two Thursdays each month in Hamilton, Montana.

We followed that by introducing Dr. John M. Remien, DDS, MS to the Missoula area hygienists in March. Dr. Remien gave a presentation on procedures available in his periodontal practice and what to consider when we refer. Dr. Remien has taken over the periodontal practice from his Father, Dr. John C. Remien II, DDS, MS, FACD. “Jack” as we know him, ran a periodontal practice for 40 years in the Missoula-area and has quietly retired this March, 2012. He provided many a CE and study club opportunity for Montana dental professionals over the years. He will be missed by our local dental environment.

We look forward to wrapping up the season this spring with one more study club get-together. Our goal is to review professional products and equipment accessible to dental hygienists. The meeting is planned for the end of May. Please watch your email for the date and location. Tracy Hull, RDH Missoula Trustee
Hello fellow members! I want to take this time to thank all of you for your membership and support of MDHA. I also want to welcome any new members. I look forward to seeing our membership numbers grow. Once again, I will share that I am very passionate about my profession in Dental Hygiene. We have an abundant role in health care and education to our community. Being a part of our association gives us the opportunity to strive for bigger things and reach higher goals within our profession. Nothing supports our profession more than ADHA. So, please continue to encourage, educate and recruit new members to be a part of MDHA/ADHA.

The many great advantages of our association can be found at www.ADHA.org. If you have not been to this website, it is worth your time to see all the wonderful benefits they have to offer. There are new specials and offers every month that you can take advantage of with your MDHA/ADHA membership.

Currently, the fee is $195 for an annual membership. ADHA’s quarterly payment plan offers an affordable way to obtain this great investment. Along with the many benefits listed through ADHA, you will receive discounts at local CE courses.

MDHA has created a fabulous new website! One of my favorite features is the “Members Only” section! We will use this section to provide you with information specific to you as a member. You will be e-mailed your user name and password as soon as it is completely functional.

I wish you all a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all at Annual Session.

Please feel free to contact me regarding anything concerning membership: suziesun@hotmail.com or 406-530-1402.

Suzie Rogge, RDH BS MDHA Membership Chair

What can $195 get you?

• 2 pairs of Miss Me jeans, as long as you buy them in Montana where you don’t have to pay sales tax
• perhaps a Coach purse, but probably not a full sized one
• 2 haircuts with color, hopefully
• 2 to 3 tanks of gas at the current price of $3.75/gallon
• 1 latte per week
• 1.7 pairs of Danskos
• an iPod touch if you throw in an extra $4

Or you can get a year membership with the American Dental Hygienists’ Association, which automatically includes membership to Montana Dental Hygienists’ Association. I have heard a few dental hygienists say that membership is “too expensive,” yet how many of us indulge in at least one of the items from the above list?

Membership is not too expensive if you make it a priority. Do you realize that working for one day will pay for a year’s worth of membership? Our professional organization has been instrumental in our privilege to perform local anesthesia, work under general supervision, and attain a Limited Access Permit. It is true that most of the membership cost goes to our national association. But our professional organization is why we have National Dental Hygiene Month, a scientific research journal, a monthly magazine to showcase professional, legislative and product news, and seemingly endless online resources to utilize in our everyday practice.

It isn’t all about what you get out of your membership, it’s also about what you give with and to your membership. Even if you don’t intend to be an active member, you are still showing your support for the professionals that we are, and that we strive to become. Personally, I belong to the PTA, but I have yet to attend a meeting. However, I paid my dues because I believe in the organization.

Perhaps MDHA/ADHA membership can best be compared to fluoride. You don’t necessarily need it, but with regular application, the benefits are outstanding, long lasting, and good for oral health. Prevent decay, enroll today.

Find out how to join by going to www.montanadh.org, and check out the beautiful new website while you are there.

Deidre Durocher, RDH MDHA Public Relations

Check out our redesigned website montanadh.org and like us on Facebook!
A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEE

As we begin to prepare for the winter thawing, my husband and I have cleaned the yard, the garage, and all of the other areas of our house that lay dormant all winter. While I have not been dormant all winter, I am doing the same regarding my role as your Trustee. Evaluating how Trustees can serve better and keep ADHA communication and advocacy relevant to each member. ADHA surveys are a great way for feedback not only to me but also the ADHA. Please take time to complete surveys so that the ADHA can remain relevant to each member.

Trustee Satisfaction Survey
This survey will be going out in April to State Presidents. Please take the time to offer input regarding my service to your state.

ADHA Environmental Scan
Please review this important information about the future of our profession. This document will serve as the Mega Issue Discussion during the 2012 ADHA Annual Session in Phoenix. http://adha.org/news/09272011-scan.htm

ADHA.org
The ADHA website is currently being redeveloped and will go live in August or September of 2012. The goal is to create a much easier to navigate site and continue creating a tangible member benefit.

On-line CE
ADHA had contracted with a new on-line CE provider. Members and potential-members can now access this resource. Staff is very excited about this new format. Please find the 22 current courses that are offered by ADHA.

Proliferation of DH Schools
A couple of our constituents are struggling with flooded job markets in areas surrounding dental hygiene schools. ADHA advocacy influenced the mandate for feasibility study during the CODA application process for programs. This is such a difficult topic to navigate. I am willing to answer questions regarding concerns.

IOH Constituent Goals
The Institute of Oral Health (IOH) offers scholarship and grant opportunities to dental hygiene students and practitioners. The following goals have been set for each constituent in our district:
- Colorado- $2211
- Montana- $1233
- Utah- $1281
- Wyoming- $154
You can donate on-line at the IOH website.

District 10 Listserves
Please continue to spread the word regarding the listserves for states in our district to share information. If you are not familiar with listserves, they are an e-mail message that multiple members can see and answer. You must subscribe to the listserv by giving it your e-mail address at the link:
http://adha.org/lists/index.html

Sunshine Act
As part of healthcare reform, pharmaceutical and medical device companies have new restrictions on how they may provide sponsorship. This may affect Constituent continuing education sponsorship as companies “figure-out” how the rules apply to them. ADHA will keep constituents informed as the policy changes take place.

Student Delegate & Alternate Delegate
Congratulations to Kristen Knecht of Utah College of Dental Hygiene who was selected as District 10 Student Delegate and Katie Pottle of Sheridan College, Wyoming selected as Alternate. I look forward to welcoming them to the profession.

Website Spotlight www.adha.org.

Career Opportunities in Public Health Resource
Check out this new area of the ADHA website. You must log-in to the members section of ADHA.org for this service.

Special Olympics in Billings
Billings was proud to host the Montana Special Olympics this year, but it was an “across the state” effort to serve the athletes with oral screenings, mouth guards, fluoride varnishes, and a visit from the tooth fairy (see photo to the left). Bozeman hygienist, Crystal Spring organized the dental screenings and then volunteered 2 full days to the event. There were 2 awesome groups of MSU-GF senior hygiene students who each helped one day along with instructor Jocelyn Juefs. Other volunteering hygienists were Ann Hiesterman, Judy Harbrecht, Justin Beagley, and Debbie Porter. If you missed the opportunity to meet these great Olympians join us next year again in Billings.
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MDHA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Montana Dental Hygienists’ Association is to advance the art and science of dental hygiene by improving the public’s total health through: ensuring access to quality oral health care, awareness of cost effective benefits of prevention, promotion of the highest standards of dental hygiene education, licensure, practice and research; and provide representation, promotion, and preservation of the interests of dental hygienists.

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- Autism and Sensory Disorders
- Xylitol
- Tonsils, Adenoids and Airway Obstruction
- Killing the Parrot - Living What You Know
  - Redefining your 60 minutes (or 40 or 50)
  - Discovering current evidence
  - Identifying red flag clues from health histories
  - Discovering patient focused diagnostics
  - Formulating a treatment plan for every visit
  - Creating a simple, flexible system
  - Making it happen productively

More information and details will be coming soon!
Watch your mail for registration or online at
www.montanadha.org