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First District Dental Hygienists' Society



## President's Message—Amy Taylor

ADHA was founded in 1923 as organization to support dental hygienists in reaching their full potential. This is still true today, nearly 100 years later. It is both an honor and privilege to serve this great organization.

My goal for this year is to focus on the value of membership in ADHA. Although I joined ADHA late in my career, I have thoroughly enjoyed my membership and as a

result have made great professional and personal relationships. First District is only as strong as the membership. Therefore, we need both current and future members to reach our goals.

The officers and I have scheduled an exciting year of meetings. They range from welcoming the ETSU Dental Hygiene students, a pharmacist, benefits of Wellness training, an evening of yoga, and

others. We have "Chemical Dependency & TOSHA" and ETSU Table Clinics as offerings for Continuing Education. In addition, CE credits can be obtained from most meetings.

I sincerely hope you will help sustain ADHA, TDHA, and First District with your support and participation. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our meetings. **Amy Taylor**

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## Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), accredits dental schools as well as advanced dental education programs and allied dental education programs in the United States. CODA's mission is to serve the oral health care needs of the public through the development and administration of standards that foster continuous quality improvement of dental and dental related educational programs.

CODA developed draft accreditation stan-

dards for a non-dental hygiene track for dental therapy but did not develop accreditation standards for a dental hygiene-based dental therapy track despite the fact that there were requests for development of both a dental hygiene program track and a non-dental hygiene track. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry along with the dental therapy programs, made formal requests to CODA to develop accreditation standards for both dental therapy tracks.



The Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association supports the position of ADHA to urge the commission to develop dental therapy standards for a dental hygiene-based dental therapy track. You can view the proposed accreditation standards and the ADHA talking points at [www.tndha.org](http://www.tndha.org). CODA is accepting your comments until December 1, 2013.

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## *ADHA Senior Delegate Report—Kelly Gross*

As Senior Delegate, I want to thank TDHA for giving me this opportunity to represent Tennessee and meet other hygienists from around the United States. As I attended these meetings and heard from hygienists regarding their struggles and gains I am very proud to see where Tennessee ranks.

I attended the District VI workshop, June 7-9 in Little Rock, Arkansas. TDHA was represented by me and Junior ADHA Delegate Susan Melton, ADHA Delegate Mary Sue McFarland, and ADHA Alternate Delegates, Carmen Pinkston and Diana Saylor. Proposed resolutions for the House of Delegates were reviewed as well as a discussion of the open CODA hearing regarding the proposed accreditation standards for Dental

Therapy programs.

ADHA celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Dental Hygiene in Boston. I attended all plenary sessions, exhibits, and receptions. Susan Melton, Carmen Pinkston and I met with ADHA's new Governmental Affairs representative Jose Rodriguez.

I attended the ADHA association update where they announced a new partnership with the Santa Fe group whose goal is to increase ADHA's presence and structure. I participated in the CODA open hearing and the Mega Issue forum were the topic was "What would our membership structure need to look like to be in alignment with our vision of empowering members and transforming the profession."

I attended both the First & Second House of Delegates. The HOD did pass policy statements regarding social media, being and advocate for health literacy, the need to communicate and document dental materials information on a patient's record. Both Susan and I attended the legislative workshop and Carmen and Mary Sue attended the membership workshop.

The 2015 ADHA Annual Session will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Donnell Miller is on the Annual Session Committee for ADHA. If any of you would like to help, I am sure Donnell would love to hear from you. Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent Tennessee —**Kelly Gross**

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### **\*\*NEWS YOU CAN USE \*\***

#### **"Principles of Public Health and Evidence Based Guidelines for Preventive Dentistry"**

A self study course series - 6 hrs CE Credit

The completion of this six (6) hour online CE course will not only meet the requirement for the establishment of a written protocol

agreement in the State of Tennessee but will also provide a well-rounded public health educational opportunity.

The cost of the course will be \$90.00 for ADHA members, 100.00 all other participants.

Check TDHA website [www.tndha.org](http://www.tndha.org) for posting in the near future.

# MEETING SCHEDULE 2013 - 2014

## SEPTEMBER

**Thursday, September 19, 2013**

ETSU Student Reception  
ETSU Dental Hygiene Dept.  
Johnson City - 6:30 pm  
Speaker - Carmen Pinkston, TDHA President  
Food provided by 1st District  
1.5 CE Units

## NOVEMBER

**Thursday November 21, 2013**

Pulitzer Orthodontics  
Indian Lane Lot 3 behind Longhorn Steak House  
(1200 Pulitzer Place) off East Stone Drive  
Kingsport - 6:30pm  
Speaker - Dr. Sam Pulitzer  
tour of new office  
Refreshments only w/coffee & water  
1.5 CE Units

## JANUARY

**Saturday, January 4, 2014**

Annual Legislator's Brunch  
Marriott Courtyard- 425 Hamilton Place Drive-  
Johnson City 423-262-0275  
9-30 - 11:00 am  
Visit with your legislators and let them know how you feel about  
dental hygiene issues  
2 CE Units

## MARCH

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

Johnson City Wellness Center  
Med Tech Parkway - Johnson City 6:30 pm  
Speaker-Ron Renfro  
Healthy Snacks/ water served  
1.5 CE Units

## MAY

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014** (note Tuesday date)

Devoid Wright Karate Studio  
102 W. Market St. JC - 6:30 pm  
Across railroad from Fountain Square  
Beginning Yoga Class/Healthy Snacks  
1.5 CE Units



## OCTOBER

**Thursday, October 17, 2013**

Beef O'Brady's - Kingsport - 6:30pm  
Speaker - Pharmacist  
Order from Menu  
1.5 CE Units



## DECEMBER

**Thursday, December 12, 2013**

Christmas Party- Home of Bambi Snapp  
105 Warrior Falls Dr. (Colonial Heights)  
Kingsport - 6:30 pm  
Bring \$15 Gift for exchange  
Bring appetizer and/or dessert- drinks furnished  
No CE this meeting



## FEBRUARY

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

Friends in Need Health Center  
1105 W. Stone Drive  
Kingsport-6:30pm  
No food served this meeting  
1.5 CE Units

## APRIL

**Thursday, April 17, 2014**

Beef O'Brady's - Kingsport - 6:30 pm  
Speaker-TDHA Trustee Report  
Highlights of House of Delegates Actions at  
TDHA Annual Session  
2 CE Units

## JUNE

Officer Installation  
To Be Announced



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### ***IMPORTANT DATES 2013-2014***

- 9-19-2013 ETSU Student Reception—ETSU Dental Hygiene Dept.
- 10-11-2013 Johnson City Public Library - TOSHA & Chemical Dependency Courses
- 10-17-2013 Beef O'Brady's— Kingsport
- 11-02-2013 TDHA Board of Trustees - Interfaith Clinic - Nashville
- 11-21-2013 Pulitzer Orthodontic Office - Kingsport
- 12-03-2013 Johnson City Public Library - CE Course— ETSU Student Table Clinics 2hr CEU
- 12-12-2013 Christmas Party - Home of Bambi Snapp - Colonial Heights
- 01-04-2014 Annual Legislative Breakfast - Marriott Courtyard - Johnson City
- 02-08-2014 TDHA Board of Trustees - Cookeville Hospital - Cookeville
- 02-20-2014 Friends in Need Health Center - Kingsport
- 03-20-2014 Johnson City Wellness Center—John Renfro
- 04-10-12-2014 TDHA Annual Session - Cool Springs Marriott - Nashville
- 04-17-2014 Beef O'Brady's - Kingsport
- 05-15-2014 D. Wright Karate Center - Johnson City
- 06-19-2014 Officer Installation - Location To Be Determined

