

## President's Message

I would like to thank all the VDHA leadership and our members for their guidance and continued support this past year, as I prepared to take on the role of president. It is truly an honor to take on the task of leading this organization over the next year, but I'm ever mindful that the future of VDHA is not about me, but rather the work of many. I merely serve as a facilitator at your request. It is all of **YOU** that set the tone, lead change and advocate for a strong and active membership that is critical to the growth and advancement of our profession. This is such an amazing and exciting time to be dental hygienists, a time of activity and transformation in how health care is consumed and delivered. My goals for this year align with the ADHA national theme of "WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER", because I truly believe we are all **TIED** together to move this profession forward. My vision is for all of us to be participants in **Transforming, Inspiring, Educating and Diversifying** dental hygiene.

**Transformation:** on the heels of the VDHA/Santa Fe workgroup on transformation in dental hygiene education and the changes resulting from Obama care, it is vital we stay current with national and local trends in education and delivery of care. We started as a profession focused on prevention and have remained focused on our roots to decrease dental disease and improve oral health care outcomes, while evolving our care to encompass the total health of our patients. We strive to care for our communities at large, not just those who have insurance or live in a metropolitan area. So the question is how we will transform dental hygiene education and practice to meet the needs of our society. Who can and will lead the transformation. Dental hygiene will have an active role but this change will be driven by communities demanding access to quality oral health care, the growth of emerging medical homes, increased accountability of improved patient outcomes and demographic changes in the populations we serve. There is **TRANSFORMATION** on the horizon and Dental Hygienists' located across the commonwealth and across the nation will help lead this transformation. **HOW EXCITING!**

**Inspire:** Sure we must exhibit passion as we transform our profession but what do I mean by inspire? Pure and simple it is the ability to influence or motivate others to do something. The VDHA strives to inspire its members to actively recruit dental hygienists to join our ranks, urge current members to be more active in their components, to give back to their communities and always be a strong voice to motivate our law-makers.

The largest obstacle any organization faces to inspire and activate its membership is communication. We must get the word out, we must inspire others and we must lead by example! We have exceptionally talented, dedicated hard working professionals in this organization but it is not about us as individuals, success is a collective endeavor. We are TIED together as individual strands that when joined, cannot be broken.

**Educate:** Our higher education institutions and dental hygiene programs must transform their curriculums to prepare our newest members for a continually evolving workforce. Every state has different rules and regulations that dictate services that can be provided in local communities. We must educate our students for current practice in Virginia, future practice in Virginia as well as prepare them for practice outside our state where business skills, public health, inter-professional collaboration and communication skills may be valued differently. We as professionals working in the field must also remain committed to always sharpening our saw, learning new techniques and embrace technology. In short, we are great but we must get better, we must be better!

Finally, we must be active to diversify. What I mean by that is we should strive to diversify our work place settings, our membership and our leadership.

**Diversify:** We as professional dental hygienists must recognize the diversity in our ranks and embrace it. Different backgrounds, life styles, religion, sex and race are all strands to the rope that when TIED together add up to one thing, STRENGTH. As our National Chapter has said “WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER”.

It is so important for us to be a team, interwoven and TIED together. I look forward to this next year as your President and I want you to know how honored I am to serve this organization and this membership.

Sincerely,  
Michelle McGregor, RDH, BS, M. Ed  
VDHA President 2014-2015



**OUR MISSION**

Lead the transformation of the dental hygiene profession to improve the public's oral and overall health and advance the science and practice of dental hygiene.

**OUR VISION**

Dental hygienists are integrated into the healthcare delivery system as essential primary care providers to expand access to oral health care.

**Calendar****Spring Scientific Session**

March 12-15, 2015 Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, VA  
March 17-20, 2016 Hilton Hotel and Spa, Richmond

**HOD and Professional Development Workshop**

October 1-3, 2015 Hilton Hotel and Spa, Richmond

**Executive Board Meetings**

January 10, 2015 Holiday Inn Monticello  
July 18, 2015 TBD  
October 2, 2015 Hilton Hotel and Spa, Richmond  
January 9, 2016 TBD

**Rally Day**

Friday, January 30, 2015 Richmond  
Friday, February 13, 2015 Snow date

**Please go to our website for a complete Calendar update**

**[www.vdha.net](http://www.vdha.net)**

## 2012-13 VDHA Officer Councils and Committee Chair

<p><b>President:</b> Michelle McGregor    president@vdha.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Administrative Council:</b> Michelle McGregor (President Elect) Chair</p>	
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<p><b>Alternate Speaker of the House:</b> Jackie Harrison &amp; Pam Kitner</p>		
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<p><b>02-Greater Richmond:</b> Melanie Bartlam - trustee02@vdha.net</p>	<p>Regulation and Practice: Heather Herrera Board of Dentistry Consultants: ????? Lobbyists: Cal Whitehead &amp; Ralston King Contract Review: Susan Reid Carr- Chair VHy-PAC Director: Maureen McCann- Chair Public Health Committee: Susan Pharr Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority Liaison: Marty Sullivan VA Oral Health Coalition: Denise Claiborne Free Clinic Liaison: Catherine Johnson Head Start Liaison: Heather Herrera VA Rural Health Association Liaison: Rita Phillips VA Board for People w/ Disabilities: Joyce Flores</p>	
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<p><b>10-Northwest:</b> Whitney March - trustee10@vdha.net</p>		
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Member Services Council:</b> Rita Phillips (Chair)</p>
		<p>Membership Committee: Denise Claiborne Membership/Student Chapter of ADHA Liaison: ??? ADHA Education Network Liaison: Denise Claiborne Membership Directory: Betsey DiSilvio Newsletter Editor: Amanda Pearson Awards: Evelyn Grant Historian: Kara Davis Web Mistress: Jessica Suedbeck, Morgan Hinson &amp; Susan Reid-Carr</p>

## President Elect's Message

I am honored to represent the VDHA this year as president elect. This will be a year of learning, growing and preparation. I look forward to working with Michelle and Maureen to advance our profession and strive for providing the best care for Virginians.

Here's a little bit about me. I have been a clinician for 30 years. I have also had the opportunity to be a dental hygiene clinic instructor at VCU.

The Greater Richmond Dental Hygienists Association is where I got my start in our organization and I have been active there for many years.

On the state level I have been a Trustee, VDHA Delegate, Vhy-Pac director, Vice-President, HOD Chair, Annual Session Planner, and Website administrator.

Several years ago I had the opportunity to be an ADHA delegate so I have experienced all levels of the Professional organization.

You may have seen me at our Rally Day through the years. Recently I served on the Virginia Oral Health Coalitions Oral Health Summit planning committee. I enjoy volunteer opportunities like Health Fairs, Head Start Programs, and Give Kids a Smile Day.

I am excited to meet many oral health professionals around the state and develop a network of people with common goals. Being an advocate for the profession of Dental Hygiene, dental hygienists and oral health will surely be rewarding.

Respectfully,

Susan Reid-Carr, BSDH, RDH  
VDHA President Elect 2014-2015



**Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association**  
**Rally Day 2015**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Richmond, Virginia**

Calling all hygienists in Virginia! Please mark your calendars for January 30<sup>th</sup> (Snow Date Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>) as our annual Rally Day. We invite you to join hundreds of dental hygienists and students as we meet with our State Legislators to discuss important bills and budget items that could affect the practice and scope of dental hygiene, as well as earn 1 CE hour. Come join other hygienists from all over the state and ensure that our voices are heard.

Prior to meeting our State Legislators, we will have a morning briefing on what to expect during Rally Day. The morning briefing will inform participants about the agenda for the day, important talking points, and the current legislative agenda. VDHA will provide "goodie bags" for the legislators and their legislative aide filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and important talking points for the session. We need YOU to help distribute these goodie bags and meet the state legislators.

Please don't delay, mark your calendars today and save the date to join us!

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Herrera, RDH, BSDH  
Regulations and Practice Committee Chair



## Component 01

Component 01 had a very successful “Kick off” meeting September 11th. The Speaker was Maryann Tighe from GSK- Sensodyne This CE was FREE to Members and Potential members. We would like to thank VDHA President Moe Thompson for attending and giving a welcome greeting to all that attended. NVDHA will have our annual OSHA course update on October 20, 2014. Our own Cathy Berard will be the speaker. NVDHA will host Speaker Lewis Meyers- “XP Technology” What exactly is it? November 11, 2014 Each registrant will get a scaler.

- The Winter CE will host Anne Guignon on December 6, 2014- 4 CEU’s- “Say No to Aches and Pains and soft drink junkies”. Location Fairfax Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfax VA. Ralston King will be present to give greetings.
- NVDHA would like to congratulate Rhea Rossi for having received the Component Award. This award is to recognize a component’s outstanding member and thank them for all the time and their commitment to the association.
- I would like to thank those members who served as delegates and attended HOD 2014 in Richmond and Sheila Sheats for arranging the CE with Carol Jahn. It takes a well-organized village to assure that the weekend runs smoothly and efficiently. I would like to also thank Kathleen Sloan, a student from NOVA, for serving as a student delegate and taking back her experience to her fellow classmates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie F. Simms, RDH, BSDH  
Trustee 01



## Component 02

Greetings from the Capitol of Virginia!

The Greater Richmond Component has kicked off the fall season with a bang with our House of Delegates and CE courses.

Congratulations to newly elected President Michelle McGregor, President- Elect Susan Reid-Carr, ADHA Delegate Heather Herrera, and ADHA Alternate Delegate Megan Wilson, all from GRDHA! We also would like to recognize Melanie Bartlam as our new Trustee for our component. She has held many positions, including VDHA President, during her time involved with ADHA and we look forward to her continued service to our component as we mentor new graduates.

We would like to thank our GRDHA delegates for their time and dedication to our profession during the 2014 House of Delegates for and representing our component. Thank you to Emilie Bonovitch, Crystal Safyankov, Megan Wilson, Melanie Bartlam, and Heather Herrera for the hard work this year. Also, we would like to recognize our VCU student delegate who worked hard this year in House of Delegates, Kelsey Crute.

Our Outstanding Member of the Year 2013-2014 for GRDHA is Jennifer Stevens. She has helped our component this year as Trustee and Immediate Past President as well as help on the legislative side on the state level. Jen and her husband, Dan, are currently enjoying their twins, Norah and Wyatt, who were born on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Heather Herrera and Megan Wilson attended Delegate John O' Bannon's Oyster Roast and Pig Pickin' fundraiser on behalf of GRDHA and VDHA. As part of the Virginia Hygienists' Political Action Committee (VHy-PAC), it is our duty to provide contributions to the senators and delegates who support our association and our talking points during General Assembly.

Mark your calendars!

- October 14<sup>th</sup>- CE: CAMBRA by 3M
- October 21<sup>st</sup>- CE: Dr. Gloria Ward and Prosthodontics Update
- November 19<sup>th</sup>- CE: Increasing Team Productivity and Efficiency by Wendy Briggs
- January 30<sup>th</sup>: VDHA Rally Day/ Legislative Day with VCU Students @ The General Assembly Building from 8am-12pm

All CE courses are to start refreshments at 6:00pm and 6:30pm for the CE. All courses will be held at the Office of Henry Schein 452 Southlake Blvd, Richmond, VA 23236. We look forward to mingling with you on these nights.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie Bartlam, RDH, Component 02 Trustee





GRDHA members and VCU students who attended House of Delegates this year.



Kelsey Crute, VCU, and Michelle McGregor, VDHA President



Susan Reid Carr (President Elect), Moe Thompson (Immediate Past President),  
and Michelle McGregor (President)

## Component 07

The Peninsula Delegation and Trustee thoroughly enjoyed working with Student Delegate, Kayla Bumgarner throughout the VDHA weekend events of HOD and CE. As President of TNCC's Student Chapter of ADHA, Kayla demonstrated enthusiasm toward association governance and displayed a high level of leadership potential when she eloquently addressed the HOD acknowledging everyone's hospitality and support and appreciation to the VDHA Foundation for its generous sponsorship. Her peers from the seven other Dental Hygiene programs displayed equivalent leadership enthusiasm and gratitude for the enriching experience.

Component success celebrations include:

- Selection of Denise Claiborne, PDHA Membership Committee Chair, as member on the Virginia Oral Health Coalition (VOHC) Board of Directors.
- Outstanding service provided by Denise Claiborne as 2014 HOD Secretary.
- HOD election of Jessica Suedbeck as VDHA Recording Secretary.
- HOD election of Cynthia Flowers as Alternate Delegate to the ADHA Delegation for 2015 Annual Session in Nashville, TN.
- HOD election of Gail Stone, recipient of PDHA's *Future Leader Award* in April 2014, to VHy-PAC Board of Directors – 2 year term.
- HOD election of Marge Green to 2 year term as Treasurer of VDHA Foundation.
- Recognition of Julie Martin, PDHA President, as *PDHA's Outstanding Member*.
- PDHA's fundraisers of a silent auction wine basket and a cash raffle administered during the HOD weekend generated appreciable revenue for VHy-PAC.

Vice President Keith Duron, AS, RDH will be presenting a 1 hr CE on *Oral Piercings: Implications for the Dental Professional* at the October 14<sup>th</sup> component gathering. Keith brings a high level of expertise as a clinician and Technical Sergeant employed full time at Langley Air Force Base. The CE event shall be preceded by a networking session sponsored by Colgate, a business meeting and elections for the President Elect position.

Submitted by: PDHA Trustee, Marge Green, RDH, BS, MS



Component 07 representatives at VDHA HOD



The student delegates at VDHA HOD



## Component 9



*The Southwest Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association*

Greetings! Our component officers have just returned from the VDHA 2014 Fall Session House of Delegates and Professional Development Workshop held at the Sheraton Park South Hotel, September 25-27. The meeting was energizing and inspiring providing participants the opportunity to increase knowledge and network with one another.

SWVDHA is announcing upcoming CE availability. Friday, April 17, 2015 sponsored by Premier. Guest Speaker: Lillian Caperila, RDH, BSDH, M.Ed. Location: Wytheville Meeting Center. VDHA Immediate Past President Maureen Thompson will be present to give greetings. Course will be discounted to SWVDHA/ADHA Members; fee includes a lunch buffet.

Component 09 extends congratulations to Maureen "Moe" Thompson for serving as our 2013-2014 VDHA President. She is dedicated and always hard at work to defend our profession. Our component will always remember the positive changes she brought to the organization, as well as her courage to take a stand. We wish her success with her future endeavors. Thank you for service and being a great mentor!



Any member interested in becoming more actively involved in the association is encouraged to contact your component 09 executive board members. Thank you for your commitment to your association and profession.

If you have the opportunity, check out the VDHA website (<http://www.vdha.net/>) and ADHA website (<http://www.adha.org/>) for helpful links regarding dental hygiene and your association.

Your component officers for the 2014-2015 year are as follows:

President/Trustee: Kara Davis  
Secretary: Nicole Shumate  
Legislative Chair: Rita Phillips

Vice President: Amber Shuler  
Student Member Liaison: Amber Shuler  
Treasurer: Margaret Martin

I look forward to a great year! – Kara Davis, SWVDHA President/Trustee

## Component 10



### *Northwest Component*

Happy Fall from the Northwest Component!

The season of change is upon us with colorful leaves and colder weather. Component 10 is embracing the change with the induction of fresh new officers. Congratulations to our newly elected President, Laura Steinmetz, who previously held the presidential position for the dental hygiene class of 2014 at Lord Fairfax Community College. We would also like to welcome the newly elected positions of Vice President Kyla Roach, Secretary Nicole Diehl, Trustee Whitney March, and CE Chair Lexy Hammond.

Though there are many dedicated and actively involved members in Component 10, we would like to recognize our Outstanding Component Members of 2013-2014, Kim May and Pam Kitner. These two extraordinary women have dedicated full-hearted energy and countless hours into progressing our dental hygiene profession.

Our component put together a basket for VHy-PAC to raise money for the state fundraiser. A big thanks to Laura Steinmetz for organizing and putting together the spaghetti themed Longaberger Basket filled with capellini pasta, pasta sauce, olive oil, vinegar, a colander, spatula, dish towels, and place mats.

As the new students at Lord Fairfax Community College begin their journey through the dental hygiene program, members from our component are providing guidance and experience as mentors to the students. A "care and encouragement" gift bag will be provided to the students at their White Coat Ceremony in December.

The Northwest component meetings are held at Sal's Restaurant in Edinburg the third Thursday of the month, with exception of December, June, and July. All hygienists or hygiene students are welcome to join us at 6:30pm for dinner or 7:00pm for the business meeting.

Newly elected VDHA Trustees



Newly elected Component 10 officers



Respectfully Submitted,  
Whitney March, RDH  
Trustee Component #10

## VHyPAC

### Virginia Hygiene Political Action Committee

Once again, just a word about joining our PAC. It is made up of politically active members of the VDHA who voluntarily pool their resources, through financial contributions and grassroots involvement, to support candidates for offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia who are well-placed to support the professional interests of dental hygienists and the patients we serve. The PAC is helping to support our lobbyist's costs this year too. It is vital that members understand the importance of joining as it helps give dental hygienists a voice among those who hold office in the state of Virginia. There are three levels of membership: the Champion who contributes \$100 or more, the Visionary who contributes \$50-\$99, and the Advocate who contributes \$10-\$49. Ask your Trustee for a VHyPAC envelope and mail your contribution today! **We will have our Annual Silent Auction Basket Raffle at the Scientific Session in Fredericksburg, VA** at the Hospitality House Hotel April 4-7, 2013. We hope you will take part in this great fundraiser. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
Maureen P. McCann, RDH, BS  
VHyPAC Director/Chair

### Get ready for the Spring Scientific Session!

We are so lucky to have such an exciting line up for our Spring Scientific Session! I am so happy to announce a star in the form of Betsy Reynolds an internationally known speaker. She is dynamic, entertaining and very well versed in subject matter. She will have courses concerning Addictions of Additives, Understanding the Impact of Dietary and Product Enhancers on Oral and Systemic Well-Being and Hormones, Heart, Health and Hygiene, Exploring How Oral Health Affects Women's Systemic Well Being. She is just fantastic and not to be missed!

On Saturday we are having Judy Zack Bendit and her subject will discuss Myths, Legends Realities of \OTC Products. In addition to these speakers, a new presenter to us is Dr. Hani Thariani Presenting Interceptve Orthodontics. Dr. Garrett Gouldin will come to speak again because he is such an awesome speaker as well, and his subject matter covers Periodontal and Implant Therapy: Decisions in the Aesthetic Zone.

The hotel we are using this Scientific Session is just beautiful and you all will enjoy it. Of course, it has a fabulous staircase as well—you will feel like a queen descending in grand fashion. I encourage all of you to attend. Please encourage your friends and, especially, potential members to attend. I just can't wait!

There will be more definitive information coming soon! Be on the lookout!

Sheila B. Sheats, RDH  
Continuing Education Chair



## INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HEALTH

The purpose of the ADHA Institute is to raise funds in order to provide both scholarships and grants to dental hygiene students, educators, and practitioners. The ADHA Institute for Oral Health and its programs are funded primarily through the donations of ADHA members. Each state is challenged with a monetary goal for fundraising. This year's goal for Virginia is \$5,357 which is raised by selling raffle tickets at VDHA events, generous donations from members and components and donations from the VDHA Foundation which also provides items for the ADHA Silent Auction at the annual Center for Lifelong Learning.

Another way that VDHA is given credit toward our goal is for someone to be awarded the **Alice Hinchcliffe Williams, RDH, MS Graduate Scholarship** - Funded by the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association Foundation, this scholarship was created to honor a deceased colleague and benefactor, who enabled the VDHA to establish the VDHA Foundation to serve as the primary provider of lifelong learning for Virginia dental hygienists.

Regional limitation: Virginia resident

Education level pursuing: Graduate degree in Dental Hygiene or accredited, degree studies related to the professional roles of the dental hygienist.

Maximum number of annual awards: 1

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

The applications for these scholarships become available on Oct 1 and are found on the ADHA/IOH/Scholarship website. The deadline to turn in the application is February 1 so there is still plenty of time. If you are enrolled in a MS program, please take advantage of this opportunity!

Thank you to the members who donated during the VDHA House of Delegates weekend in September. I will be posting the names of all those who have donated in the next Curet. Component IOH Liaisons should contact me to receive raffle tickets for your members. Remember, we had a Virginia winner of \$500 last year!

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*Pamuela A. Kitner, RDH, BSDH*

Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association

ADHA IOH Liaison

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## Membership

Dear Colleagues,

Happy Fall to each of you! As the summer comes to an end, if you are on the summer cycle please be sure to call membership services **312-440-8900** and renew your membership by Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> EBD. Please take advantage of the quarterly payment plan offered by ADHA. The quarterly payment plan allows the convenience of paying every 4 months vs. the full amount at the time of renewal.

**Renew your membership prior to the holidays!**



Winter cycle members, renew your membership prior to December 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 to enter a raffle for a chance to win a gift card. There will be several winners selected, do not miss this opportunity. The deadline to renew membership for winter cycle is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Students who transitioned over the summer or recently, **YOU MUST RENEW** your professional membership by December 31<sup>st</sup> as well. You should also take advantage of the early renewal challenge. Also, remember to take advantage of the quarterly payment plan option. If you are a student who has not transitioned your membership it is not too late! Call today and take advantage of the membership benefits click link for a complete listing <http://www.adha.org/professional-benefits>

Local components create membership challenges and incentives to keep the momentum going! Post your creative challenge on our VDHA Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/events/640400029389704>.

If you have any questions regarding membership do not hesitate to contact Denise M. Claiborne at [dclaibor@gmail.com](mailto:dclaibor@gmail.com).

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Claiborne, BSDH, MS

VDHA Membership Chair

PDHA Membership Chair

State Educator Network Representative

Board of Directors, VA Oral Health Coalition





## VDHA FOUNDATION APPLAUDS STUDENT DELEGATES OF 2014

NOVA – Kathleen Sloan  
WVCC – Amber Prior  
LFCC – Julie Metz  
ODU – Pamela Pinkston

GCC – Yvette Brockington  
TNCC – Kayla Bumgarner  
VWCC – Maria de la Cruz Garrido  
VCU – Kelsey Crute

The VDHA Foundation sponsored the three-day participation of one Student Delegate from each of the Dental Hygiene Programs in Virginia. The component trustees, prior to arriving in Richmond for the September 25-27, VDHA House of Delegates, mentored the Student Delegates. Eight Student Delegates joined the professional members of the VDHA in establishing policy directing the profession. The students' exemplary performance and demonstration of leadership potential ensured the VDHA Foundation Board of Directors that this program is a wise investment to be continued. The Board appreciates the support of the Dental Hygiene Program Directors, faculty and VDHA leadership enabling a successful program and affording students the priceless experience of participating in the governance of the profession and its association.

To document a student's assessment of this experience, a quote is shared:

*"The VDHA House of Delegates meeting was such an amazing experience. I learned so much and gained a stronger appreciation for the VDHA/ADHA. I hope to become more involved in the future and maybe even become a delegate someday. I love the professional interaction with extraordinary women and men and love being surrounded by people who enjoy and understand my passion as much as I do. Thanks for being so caring and I hope to work with you more in the future and see you soon!"*

(Post HOD correspondence received from TNCC Student Delegate, Kayla Bumgarner)

Submitted by: Marge Green, RDH, MS, Treasurer, VDHA Foundation

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