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1972

Detroit, MI



March 2013

Celebrating 40 years!



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Greetings,

WDHS has been in existence for 40 years!!!! What a wonderful accomplishment. Through the years I've watch this organization expand and grow. As a beacon in the community, WDHS has:

1. Presented legal, educational, ethical and legislative reports to update members' knowledge and skill in the Dental Hygiene profession by means of newsletters, meetings and continuing education courses
2. Increased public awareness on Dental Hygiene as a profession by ways of Oral health presentations and demonstrations

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Access to Care and Education

By Donna Poole, RDH

Reaching out to parents during Children Dental Health Month.

February 2013 was National Children's Dental Health Month. In an effort to improve the oral health literacy in our community, Access to Care and Education committee provided oral health presentations, demonstrations, Q &A session and refreshments to multiple families at a foster facility and a substance abuse facility. To our surprise we were not just giving oral health education, or toothbrush demonstration; we believe we were giving families pieces of strength. Knowledge is strength. The parents received oral health information that will allow them to make informed choices for their oral health and for their children, giving them a foundation that will last a lifetime. ACE is committed to an ongoing relationship with the community. Only by working together as

Hygienist will our vision of improving oral health education to the uninsured, underinsured and underserved create an impact and a transformation. Thank you to Emma Bryant, Dee Cato and Barbara Thompson for serving the community!

Upcoming Event: Walk- a -Thon

Save this date: Saturday, August 31, 2013,

ACE 1st fundraiser! We appreciate your patience and support as we move forward with this event. Details will be communicated as time, place and vendors are put in place.

Your support is greatly needed to ensure a successful event; contact Donna Poole, ACE Chairperson for volunteer opportunities.

Donna7poole@yahoo.com

The Wolverine Dental Hygienists Society began as the “Ebony Dental Hygienists” in the fall of 1972 in the living room of Albreta Merritt with Deborah Leitner (Carter) and Sandra Gresham (Scott). Our mission was to search for other minority dental hygienists in Detroit Metro area to collaborate and develop an official organization. After a few months, we were able to identify more “Ebony Dental Hygienists” in Michigan including Mary Hawkins, Louise Eagan, Gloria Page, Janice Selman (Counts) and others.

We began informal meetings at Albreta’s home where we discussed job opportunities, working conditions, and strategized on how to increase the number of minority dental hygienists to serve our community.

At that time, Albreta worked with the Wayne County PRESCAD Program, Sandy worked with the Michigan Department of Mental Health, and I worked with the Michigan Department of Public Health serving as a clinical dental hygienist for expectant mothers – a federally funded program.

Sandy, Albreta and I attended the 1972 Detroit District Dental Society meeting and met up with Dr. Fred Cuthrell. Dr. Cuthrell suggested that we re-name our group as the Wolverine Dental Hygienists Society to align with the Wolverine Dental Society and Wolverine Dental Assistants Society. *And...the rest is history.* Many of the WDHS Presidents became leaders of the National Dental Hygienists Association, including Albreta Merritt, Mary Hawkins, Barbara (Purifoy) Selden, Darchelle (Strickland) Love, Diane (Lane) Scott, and Juana Gissendanner.

I feel honored to be a contributor to the mission of creating pathways of education and professional development for African American hygienists.

Congratulations to WDHS 40th Anniversary!



Deborah Carter, DH, MSA
WDHS Founding member
Training and Process Consultant

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This year Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society's Continuing Education Program will focus on moving forward.

Continuing education is considered a way for licensed dental hygienist to keep up and stay current with the latest developments, skills, and technology so that they do not fall behind in their field.

Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society is an approved provider for Continuing Education Credits by the Michigan Board of Dentistry. Sponsor #299100007.

All courses are taught by highly qualified professionals who are experts in the designated subject area. The goal of these courses is to increase knowledge and promote professional development.

It is my hope that our 6 Continuing Education Unit Program titled "Dental care moving forward" will challenge you to think outside the box of dental hygiene. Break out of the traditional mindsets that prevents you from discussing aesthetic treatment plans all while moving forward in patient care and education.

If you want to go beyond the showing of baby photos from your 'new mommy patients', this is also an opportunity to hear what the latest research says about appropriate breastfeeding duration and dental caries as well as an opportunity to gain knowledge on approaches to examining and describing oral soft tissue lesions without diagnosing.

Whether you are a long standing Wolverine member, a dental hygiene student, a colleague or a member of the community we hope that you will join us for our Annual Continuing Education Program on Sunday, April 28, 2013, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Tapestry Banquet Hall, 24580 Evergreen Rd. Southfield, MI.

Please join us as we move forward.

Pat Robinson BS RDH

Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society

President-Elect/ Continuing Education Chairperson

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3. Providing an arena for the development and advancement of Dental Hygiene as a profession by awarding over \$15,000.00 in scholarships to minority students enrolled in Dental Hygiene programs

**Happy
Birthday!
Wolverine
Dental
Hygienists'
Society**

I'm excited about your future and *you've come a long way baby!*

Melanie Conner, RDH, MS

President, WDHS

Continuing Education Opportunities

Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society
Continuing Education Program is proud to sponsor



Implant Dentistry 101 and Beyond

1 CEU
9:00A.M -10:00A.M
DEBBY HWANG, DMD

Course Description:

You hear this declared often and often loudly: dental implant treatment is the epitome of ideal care in dentistry and must be part of the repertoire of the modern clinician. But do you really know what an implant is, let alone how best to explain therapy to your patient? The subject seems a daunting one to master for the novice and becomes confusing even for experienced practitioners. This seminar explains dental implantology in easy-to-digest steps, covering implant biomechanics, patient selection, case planning, clinical stages, timing, and maintenance. General trends and innovations will be covered. At the end, you will be able to identify potential dental implant candidates and offer concise answers to your patients' (and doctors') questions regarding therapy.

Course Objectives:

- Introduction to dental implant therapy
- Advantages and disadvantages
- What patients qualify for care
- Presenting treatment to patients
- Surgical and restorative steps
- Maintaining dental implants in the hygiene room
- Case scenarios

Sunday, April 28, 2013- Southfield
Deadline: April 15, 2013

Registration Fee

WDHS Member: \$70.00
Non- Member: \$90.00
Dentist: \$120.00
Student: \$20.00

Send payment and registration to:

***Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society**
P. O. Box 32286
Detroit, Michigan 48232
*make check out to...

Registration Available online: wdhsonline.com
Patricia Robinson RDH CEU Coordinator
Phone: 734-262-3949
Email: patgentledental@yahoo.com



Describing Oral Soft tissue Lesions

2 CEU
10:00A.M -12 NOON
Barbara Purifoy-Seldon,
RDH, MEd, MS

Course Description:

This course is designed to assist the course participants in recognizing, examining and describing oral soft tissue lesions. Course participants will be required to recognize, examine and describe various lesions utilizing a self-study module. This course will equip the participants with a vocabulary and a standardized order of recording lesion observations. It will include extra-oral and intra-oral cancer screening techniques.

Course Objectives:

- Recognize normal oral soft tissue
- Recognize morphological and structural changes in oral soft tissue
- Recognize the predominate colors seen in oral soft tissue lesions
- Detect and record oral soft tissue lesions
- Utilize an orderly and systematic approach to examining and describing oral soft tissue lesions without diagnosing



Dentistry and Breastfeeding

1 CEU
1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m.
Barbara Robertson, MA,
IBCLC, RLC,

Course Description:

How do dentistry and breastfeeding relate? In many different ways! Some basic benefits of breastfeeding will be discussed as well as the latest breastfeeding recommendations. The participants will learn how culture in the United States causes many mothers who want to breastfeed, to stop, and how dentistry fits into this picture. The most common intersections between breastfeeding and dentistry will be reviewed.

Course Objectives:

- The participant will be able to list three health benefits of breastfeeding.
- The participant will be able to identify lip ties and tight frenulums in infants and state how these conditions can impact breastfeeding and other areas of health.
- The participant will be familiar with the breastfeeding recommendations from the AAP and the WHO.
- The participant will be able to explain what the latest research says about appropriate breastfeeding duration and dental caries.

"DENTAL CARE MOVING FORWARD"

6 CEU

April 28, 2013, Sunday

9:00a.m -4:00p.m

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Tapestry Banquet Hall

[24580 Evergreen](http://24580Evergreen.com)

[Southfield, MI 48075](http://Southfield,MI.48075.com)



Whitening and Esthetic Maintenance

2 CEU
2:00p.m- 4:00p.m.
Shirley Branam, RDH, MBA

Course Description:

The demand for esthetic dentistry has increased in recent years. Whitening products and restorative materials have evolved to meet the needs of today's dental patient. This course will outline the evolution of these products; discuss the types of products and materials available with recommended clinical techniques to maintain them

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of the course the participant will be able to:

- Discuss mechanism of action associated with tooth whitening
- Select appropriate patient candidates for tooth whitening.
- Distinguish the differences between the various methods of whitening.
- Identify methods that will help resolve the adverse effects associated with whitening.
- Describe several marketing strategies that will promote the esthetic services offered.
- Review trends influencing esthetic dentistry.
- Recognize restorative materials that are currently available.
- List current types of esthetic restorative materials with applications for use.
- Explain the importance of patient education as it pertains to esthetic dentistry.
- Discuss polishing techniques with the effects on esthetic materials.



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“Dental Care Moving Forward”

April 28, 2013, Sunday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

**REGISTER EARLY AS COURSES
FILL QUICKLY!**

Deadline: April 15, 2013

Location

Tapestry Banquet Hall
24580 Evergreen Rd.
Southfield, MI 48075

Program Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (included)
- 9:00 a.m. **IMPLANT DENTISTRY 101 AND BEYOND-** *DEBBY HWANG, DMD*
- 10:00 a.m. **DESCRIBING ORAL SOFT TISSUE LESIONS-** *Barbara Purifoy-Seldon, RDH, MEd, MS*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (included)
- 1:00 p.m. **DENTISTRY AND BREASTFEEDING-** *Barbara Robertson, MA, IBCLC, RLC,*
- 2:00 p.m. **WHITENING AND ESTHETIC MAINTENANCE-** *Shirley Branam, RDH, MBA*

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

License or Certification# _____

(Must be included for CE registry)

DDS _____ RDH _____ CDA /DA /RDA _____

Birthday _____

___WDHS Member Fee: \$70.00

___Non- Member Fee: \$90.00

___Dentist Fee: \$120.00

___Student Fee: \$20.00

All registration fees include refreshments, continental breakfast and lunch.

Refund granted, less a \$20.00 administration fee per person,

if we receive your written request five days prior to day of course;

no refunds five days prior to day of course.

Pat Robinson, RDH CEU Coordinator, Phone: 734-262-3949 Email: patgentledental@yahoo.com

**Please make check or money order payable to...*

Send payment and registration to:

**Wolverine Dental Hygienist Society*

P. O. Box 32286

Detroit, Michigan 48232

Albreta Merritt

Just a little about Albreta, she was one of the founding members and the first president of the Wolverine Dental Hygienists Society. Albreta was a past President of the National Dental Hygienists' Association. Albreta continued to be an active WDHS dues paying member for over 35 years. She never stopped coming to meetings and continued to help coach and develop new officers; her continued presence made us all want to stay and help grow the organization. Albreta taught at Wayne County Community College District Dental Hygiene program and UDMercy Dental Hygiene program. Albreta passed away in 2010. Albreta was a kind, caring, uplifting, and Phenomenal Woman!

Albreta, You will always be missed!

Barbara Thompson, RDH, BS, editor



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