Ladies! Welcome back! Hope you had a great summer! My name is Susan Klaus and I am your President for 2009 - 2010. I graduated from the University of Detroit in 1993 and have been practicing full time clinical dental hygiene ever since. I was a SADHA member in school and converted to full time ADHA member upon graduation. Why? I feel it is important for the field of dental hygiene to have a strong, collective voice to fight challenges to our profession, i.e. CDHC, and also fight for change to our profession, i.e. administration of local anesthetic and nitrous oxide.

As always, a goal of the President is to increase membership. I can't force you to join but I sure will encourage it! We currently have 114 active members in our Macomb component. The number of involved, active members is much smaller. Your membership status is active when you pay your ADHA dues. I would like to invite our active members to become involved, active members. In addition to attending our CE courses, join a committee or run for Delegate or Alternate Delegate for the yearly House of Delegates meeting. Come to a board meeting. Our board meetings aren't boring! They are a meeting of the minds of talented, committed hygienists who accomplish goals for MDDHS and the community. They may also contain fun, food and laughter! SADHA members - convert to ADHA members! Potential members - become members! We continue to offer twelve free (one years worth) continuing education credits to new members. We offer a CPR certification class yearly, at a reasonable rate. Another thought, join for that strong, collective voice.

We do have a need this year. Our historian, Mary Presta, has stepped down. Thank you Mary, for your contribution to MDDHS. We need someone to fill this vacancy. Please contact myself or any board member if you are interested.

This year MDHA is having a coffee sale fundraiser. Please check out the offerings and be supportive. MDHA coffee sale profits will benefit MDHA as well as local components and SADHA groups.

On a more serious note, we would like to convey our best wishes to Judi Luxmore who has been diagnosed with a parotid gland tumor. Judi is an involved active member of MDDHS (she was our treasurer for many, many years) and a long time Dental Hygiene instructor at UDM. Judi, all our positive thoughts and positive vibes are with you!

Come join us on Tuesday, September 15th at Fern Hill Country Club, for our first meeting of the year. Our speaker is Kim Stein, V.P. from Michigan Financial Companies. She will be speaking on women's financial issues - a timely topic given today's economy.

See you there!
Susan Klaus, RDH
President
sklausrdh@comcast.net
2009 Scholarship Recipient Chosen

The Macomb District Dental Hygienists’ Society is pleased to announce the winner of the $1,000.00 scholarship. Colette Beauvais, who currently attends Baker College of Port Huron is this year’s recipient. She is an active SADHA member and Macomb County resident. The scholarship will be awarded to Colette at the September Welcome Meeting.

The purpose of the MDDHS Scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to one 2nd year dental hygiene student whose principle residence is within Macomb County. Eligible candidates must be a SADHA member in good standing, must have completed the first year of dental hygiene curriculum, and will have demonstrated leadership skills by being involved in school and or community activities.

The MDDHS Scholarship was established in 1992, and is awarded on an annual basis. Profits from past and future MDDHS seminars are used to fund the scholarship.

Congratulations Colette! The membership of MDDHS wishes you success and happiness during the remaining months of your dental hygiene education and in your career as a dental hygienist. We look forward to meeting you in September!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We need to support our profession or we may not have a profession to support! There are many changes happening in the Dental Hygiene profession and not just in the clinical setting. Our voice needs to be heard through membership numbers. Currently, there are 9,200 licensed dental hygienists in the state of Michigan. Meanwhile, approximately only 10% belong to their professional association. Please help all of us and join your local professional association today. Look for an application on-line at http://mddhs.tripod.com or register directly @ www.adha.org

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Submitted by
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MDDHS WELCOME MEETING
Tuesday September 15, 2009

FERN HILL COUNTRY CLUB
17600 Clinton River Rd, Clinton Twp

“FINANCIAL PLANNING STRATEGIES”
Presented by Kim Stein, Vice President, Michigan Financial Companies

Join us for an evening in discussing women’s financial planning. Learn the differences between short and long term investments. Understand the historical perspectives of the market and its fluctuations. Obtain the knowledge to avoid common investment pitfalls while gaining insight on strategies proven favorable for dental professionals.

6:00pm Registration
6:30pm Dinner buffet/MDDHS business
7:00pm-9:00pm Speaker Kim Stein

2 CEU’s
Members $20.00
Potential Members $40.00
Students $10.00 ** free to the first 10 students who register **

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

09/15/09 FINANCIAL ISSUES FOR THE DENTAL PROFESSIONAL

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HEARTFELT PROJECT
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY JANUARY 30, 2010
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

To volunteer please call
Susan Klaus @ (586)771-5298 or
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The Macomb component is doing their part to “Go Green”. We collect the lead foils from local dental offices and they are taken to a recycle center and are weighed. We are paid the current rate per pound and that money is then returned to the community.

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TRUSTEE REPORT

This year our House of Delegates will take place the weekend of October 23-25, 2009 at the Garland Resorts in Lewiston, Michigan. Delegates elected this year are Susan Klaus, Kim Amico, Saska Vitanoski, Stephanie Ciarkowski, and alternate Cheryl Chovich. I am looking forward for all of the upcoming proposals and possible new bylaws that we will be making decisions on. This is an exciting time for all in Dental Hygiene! The American Dental Hygiene Association has been making changes to their bylaws and proposals so I will be watching carefully and reporting back to the component of such changes. Stay tuned for updates.

This year the Michigan Dental Hygienists’ Association the Macomb District Dental hygienists’ Society is sponsoring a coffee sale. Place orders for yourself, friends, family and co-workers to support your professional organization. Coffee is great for the office, home or given as a holiday gift. Fill out the order form located in this newsletter and submit by the September 21, 2009 deadline.

Fellow hygienists’ remember to visit MDHA’s website at www.mdhatoday.org for the latest updates and find out about upcoming events. Also, register your e-mail address with MDHA by contacting joyce@mdhatoday.org and look for legislative alerts from MDHA’s central office.

Looking forward to a productive year,

Becky Domagalski, RDH
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Trustee
Macomb District Dental Hygienists’ Society

MDDHS is accepting nominations for our Outstanding Hygienist of the Year.

We are looking for a Member that has gone above and beyond his/her commitment to the practice of Dental Hygiene. Maybe this has been demonstrated by community service hours, promoting the image of Dental Hygienists’, serving on a committee for MDHA and/or MDDHS, visited with lobbyists in Lansing, or someone who has stepped outside the box all for the advancement of the profession.

Please submit the nominee’s name and two reasons why you nominate him/her for this award.
Please send to Kim Amico at mddhseditor@wowway.com.
We will also be accepting nominations at our welcome back meeting.
How to reach us- Pull this page out and keep for future reference

Don’t forget you can always go to our website for information on what is happening at MDDHS!

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“OSHA/HIPPA Annual Compliance Update”  
Presented by Linda Borowski, RDH

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2009

This course will review exposure control and the hazards in dentistry, exposure risk and post exposure management. There will be an overview of work control practices and describing protective equipment and procedures. Record keeping requirements and handling and disposal of dangerous wastes will also be discussed. Learn some problem solving tips and techniques to maintain compliance.

Concorde Inn  
44315 Gratiot Ave  
Clinton Twp 48036

2 CEU’s  
**MEMBERS ARE FREE** POTENTIAL MEMBERS $20.00  
Students $10.00

Agenda
Registration 6:00-6:30pm  
MDDHS business 6:30-7:00pm  
Speaker 7:00-9:00pm

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 14, 2009

October 21, 2009 OSHA/HIPPA UPDATE

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RDH License #_________________________________ ADHA member Yes No

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Macomb District Dental hygienists’ Society will be volunteering for the second year in row at the Wal-Mart Health and Wellness Fair. This will take place on August 28, 2009 from 9am to 3pm at the former Wal-Mart store located on Van Dyke and 12 mile road. The fair helps provide free services from sports physicals, vision and hearing screenings to oral hygiene information to healthy meal planning to child safety and literacy programs. A variety of vendors provide school supplies and samples to assist families as they prepare for school.

Last year MDDHS handed out over 2,000 toothbrushes (donated by Wal-Mart), toothpaste samples, coloring pages, oral hygiene pamphlets and reviewed oral hygiene instructions to those who stopped by our table. The children really enjoyed brushing our puppet’s life like teeth! This year we anticipate about 3,000 school aged children.

To all those MDDHS members who will volunteer their time or provide supplies for the upcoming event, thank you! A special thank you to Laura G., Jen S., Anita K., Shelly L., Saskia V., Jan P., Sandy F., Melissa S., Kim A., Carolynn Z., and Nancy B. a great thank you!

Julie Rizek, RDH
Wal-Mart health and Wellness Fair Coordinator

MDDHS CONGRATULATES
THE 2009 GRADUATING CLASS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY!

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Holly Baker
Becky Brooker
Talonda Coleman
Jennifer Dest
Lisa Hall
Ashley Jewell
Crystal Pop
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MDDHS would like to send acknowledgements for our member’s happy or not so happy occasions.

If you know that a member is celebrating a special occasion (wedding, birth of a child) or is coping with an illness or death of a family member, please contact Jan Popowich at janp2@wowway.com
The Michigan Dental Hygienists’ Association and Macomb District Dental hygienists’ Society are sponsoring a coffee sale. Place your orders for yourself, friends, co-workers, and relatives and support our association.

14 oz sealed bags of fresh gourmet coffee is available in your choice of:

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**Jamaican Me Crazy** - Kahlua, caramel and vanilla.

Orders MUST be received by **Monday September 21, 2009** $13.00 per Bag

Name __________________________________________      Telephone # : __________________________
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Orders will be available for pick up at the end of October. Time and Dates are to be determined. Please provide phone number and you will be contacted for delivery.

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Upcoming Events and Reminders

- September 15, 2009 WELCOME MEETING “Financial Planning”
- September 21, 2009 Coffee Order deadline
- September 30, 2009 Budget meeting @ Olsen’s dental Lab
- October 9, 2009 Women in Dentistry Expo/Schoolcraft College
- October 14, 2009 PRE-HOD MEETING
- October 21, 2009 “Osha Update”/Linda borowski, RDH
- October 23-25, 2009 HOUSE OF DELEGATES at Garland Resort
- End of October – pick up coffee orders/ Date TBA
- November 10, 2009 deadline for newsletter submissions
- January 21, 2010 “XYLITOL”/Cindy Schoeninger, RDH/Xlear
- January 30, 2010 Heartfelt Project
- February 3, 2010 UDM “Give Kids a Smile Day”
- March 26, 2010 All day seminar @ Concorde Inn
  AM session “HOT TOPICS IN PERIO/ Dr. Linda Dobis”
  PM session “INFECTION TRENDS”/ Dr. John Molinari
- April 2010 CPR Refresher/ date TBA

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