

Here's the latest info for you!



## Pomona Valley Dental Assistants Society

March 2017

*Dear PVDAS Member,*

*As we welcome spring, I think of new beginnings - and think of students entering their final phase of their schooling and beginning their career. To those students, I say not only welcome to the field, but hang in there as you finish your schooling!*

*Our Spring Education Day was held at Chaffey College. It was great to see everyone there! Lots of good info and networking . . . and celebrating DARW is always good. If your office celebrated you, [send me a picture](#), please. We'll be scheduling a planning meeting for next year's meetings, so if you'd like to participate, [let me know](#).*

*We welcome our new members and look forward to meeting you soon! To our long-term members - a big **Thank You** for your continued support of your professional organization. You are the backbone that enables us to move the profession forward!*

*I wish you a restful and happy holiday season and many blessings in the New Year.*

*Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA  
PVDAS President*

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## Welcome to these New Members!

### New Active Members - January / February:

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| Jennifer Magdych | Angela Mares |
| Eunice Medinca   | Ollie Lucas  |
| Briana Moser     |              |

### New Student Members - January / February:

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| Sandra Arias      | Tiffany Lewis    | Darcie Archer   |
| Hannah Dubler     | Miranda Marshall | Kassandra Lopez |
| Andrea Guzman     | Erika Martinez   |                 |
| Gan Giron         | Jose Martinez    |                 |
| Carissa Jaramillo | Elizabeth McGee  |                 |
| Suzanne Juarez    | Shelby Tran      |                 |

### Congrats to these Student Members who've transitioned to AS 1 or AS2:

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| Student Member to Active Student 1: | Active Student 1 to Active Student 2: |
| Kirsten Preciado                    | Jennifer Bierschbach                  |
| Joseph Vanderhoff                   | Nichole Reese                         |

I had the opportunity to attend the Educational Day at Chaffey Community College. It was a great experience because not only the PVDAS members were involved in the organization of this event but also academic members of different educational programs that are always concerned about the updates and improvement of students and dental assistants skills.



The first topic of the day was about *Handpiece Maintenance and Familiarity*, which was given by Karl Weise. At the beginning of the lecture, we were provided with a valuable handout that contained detailed information such as the description of different types of hand pieces and their intended use, proper care, and maintenance. We were also able to observe and maneuver a variety of low and high-speed hand pieces, so we could become familiar with them.

The second topic of the day was *Thoughts on Assisting the Unique Patient*. Ms. Brenda Dunak shared her 7 years of experience of assisting elderly patients. She emphasized the importance of establishing an honest connection with patients,



which most of them have special needs due to impairments or traumatic experiences. Once the connection is made, each member of the dental staff will be able to fulfill their unique needs, and make their experience more comfortable.

PVDAS Education Day was a very insightful seminar due to the valuable experience and knowledge of both speakers. I can assure you that PVDAS is always committed to provide the best and latest information to the dental assisting community - and is very helpful to students and recent graduates!

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## ADAA Regional Meeting - in Irvine!

June 3, 2017 is the date! It had been originally scheduled for March but due to some speaker availability conflicts, was rescheduled for June. The Regional Meeting will be held at the PDS Corporate Office in Irvine, so we encourage all of our members to set aside this day to attend. The schedule includes 5 CE, including CA Infection Control. There will be lunch, and a reception at the end of the day. Please come to this exciting event as it is an opportunity to meet dental assistants and representatives from ADAA. Registration information will be coming soon, so watch for it!

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## Update from the California Dental Assistants Association

Jennifer Bierschbach, PVDAS Director

CDAA Annual Meeting - April 22, 2017. This important event will be held in San Jose, CA in conjunction with the CADAT (California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers) annual meeting. In addition to the board meeting, an education day will be held, and three highly relevant CE courses will be offered. A variety of vendors will also be present showing the latest in new products. Following the education day the CDAA will hold their annual Business



Diablo Director Kim Puskas with PVDAS Director Jennifer Bierschbach and Student Director Karla Fonseca at

Meeting and Installation. I encourage you to attend the meeting in San Jose; you will not be disappointed. Make it part of a weekend getaway, as there is much to do and see to round out your weekend!



Our recent Spring Education Day was a huge success! It was wonderful to see new and familiar faces! Our two courses on *Handpiece Maintenance* and *Thoughts on the Unique Patient* were spot on. We were treated to a cake to celebrate Dental Assistant Recognition Week; a good time was had by all! The PVDAS board will meet in a few months to start planning out this next exciting year.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### CDA Cares San Mateo

The next CDA Cares will be held in San Mateo April 22-23, 2017 at the San Mateo Event Center. Dentists and dental team members may [register online](#).

### CDA Cares Bakersfield

October 6 - 7, 2017 is the date for CDA Cares Bakersfield and will be held at the Kern County Fairgrounds. [Register online](#).



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## PVDAS Officers 2016-2017

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