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## Pomona Valley Dental Assistants Society

March 2018

*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 Citrus College. It was great to see everyone there! Lots of good info and networking . . . and celebrating DARW is always good. If no one celebrated you, please know that you are the unsung hero and the backbone of the dental office and are appreciated.*

*The Board will be meeting soon to begin planning next years' events, so if you have any suggestions or requests, let me know - or better yet, join us!*

*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!*

*Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA  
PVDAS President*

### Welcome to these New Members!

#### New Professional Members - January / February / March:

Susan Dahn

Lupe Nuanes

Lorena Rodriguez

Adelina Hernandez Coria

Lydia Saenz

#### New Student Members - October / November / December:

Olivia Carranza

Jessica Maldonado

Pauline Nimako

**Congrats to those who advanced to Professional Member:**

Joseph Vanderhoff

**Congrats to those who advanced to NPRO3:**

Jennifer Bierschbach

Nichole Reese

**Congrats to those who advanced to NPRO2:**

Miriam Montes

Sandra Villa

**Congrats to those who advanced to NPRO1 t:**

Haley Carbajal

Kelly Carbajal

Ciera Livermore

**Spring Education Day**

Jennifer Bierschbach

Our Spring CE Day was held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Citrus College in conjunction with CDAA's Frist Regional Education Day. After enjoying some coffee and breakfast food, we completed our mandatory course on the *CA Dental Practice Act*. Some lively interaction and discussion left us all learning something new!

Following lunch (provided by the CDAA) we heard Dr Gorman speak on *TMD and Full Mouth Reconstruction*. Some information and insight into apnea, occlusion and TMD that was new to most of us and challenged our current understanding.

CE Courses not only provide us with some great new information, but the chance to network with colleagues and catch up with old friends. Join us next time!



Dr Gorman speaks on TMD



Group photo!

**Legislative Update**

Claudia Pohl

**Combined Exam**

The Dental Board is preparing for implementation of the combined RDA Written Exam with the Law & Ethics Exam. This new test will begin May 24, 2018 and will cost \$38.50. The examination plan is posted on the Board's web site

at: [http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/rda\\_law\\_ethics\\_combined.pdf](http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/rda_law_ethics_combined.pdf).

### Recruitment of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) are being recruited to participate in an examination workshop. Licensees will review test items and reclassify test items to the new examination outline. There are two 2-day workshops scheduled and you must attend one (both days are required): April 20-21 and June 8-9, 2018. There is a maximum of 10 participants per workshop, so they ask to confirm your interest as soon as possible to guarantee a spot. Newly licensed (within the last 5 years) are strongly encouraged to apply. These will be held in Sacramento at the OPES office. If you are interested in attending, please email Tina Vallery at [tina.vallery@dca.ca.gov](mailto:tina.vallery@dca.ca.gov). Please include your license number in the e-mail.

### New Hires

The Dental Board welcomed Ashley Draper as the new Dental Assisting Manager and Maria Collins as Educational Program Coordinator.

Their contact information is:

Ashley Draper: [Ashley.draper@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Ashley.draper@dca.ca.gov) ;phone: 916-576-1759

Maria Collins: [maria.collins@dca.ca.gov](mailto:maria.collins@dca.ca.gov); phone: 916-576-1760

### RDA Program/Course Re-Evaluation

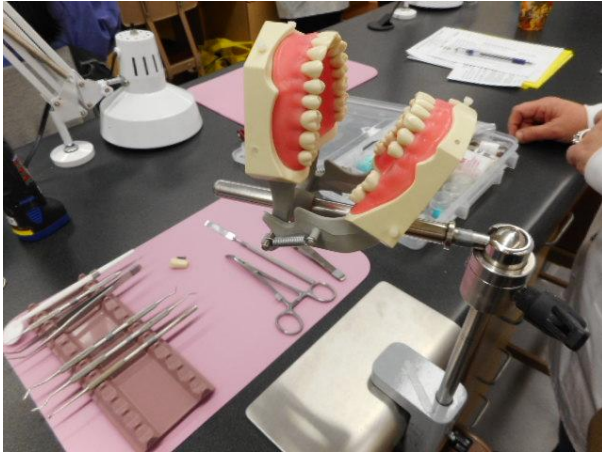
The re-evaluation process for previously approved programs and courses has begun. Courses and Programs will be asked to complete the course application and include all applicable attachments. There is no fee for this re-evaluation.

## **Update from the California Dental Assistants Association**

**Katie Bell, PVDAS Director**

Our Annual Meeting will be held in Long Beach at the Queen Mary in conjunction with the Teachers Association (CADAT). The business meeting will be held Saturday after the education meeting - join us as we talk about the state of our profession. Six CE are offered each day, but registration closes on April 10<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to [register soon](#) if you're interested in attending. The mandatory courses for license renewal will be offered on Saturday and include Infection Control, Dental Practice Act and HIPAA. Lunch and breakfast included with registration fee. For more information, go to [www.cdaaweb.org](http://www.cdaaweb.org)

CDAA held its first Regional Meeting in conjunction with our Spring Education Day on March 17 at Citrus College. Zena Delling provided great instruction to those in attendance, who all said it was one of the best courses they'd had and they learned so much. Watch for more hands-on courses!



Ready to work on temp crowns, bridges and veneers



Zena Delling demonstrating

## Year End Planning Meeting

The PVDAS Board will be getting together on Saturday, May 12, 2018 @ 3pm to plan the coming year - and we would love to have you join us! RSVP to Claudia at [cgpoh155@gmail.com](mailto:cgpoh155@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### PVDAS Board

Yes, we are looking for volunteers! We are always looking for members who have fresh ideas and are willing to do a small job! If interested, contact [Claudia](#).

### CDA Cares Anaheim

April 27 - 28, 2018 is the date for CDA Cares Anaheim and will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center. [Register online](#).

### CDA Cares Modesto

October 26 - 27, 2018 is the date for [CDA Cares Modesto](#).



## PVDAS Officers 2017-2018

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Vice-President: Jennifer Bierschbach, RDA

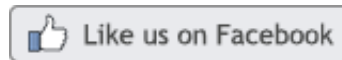
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