

Pomona Valley Dental Assistants Society

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Dear PVDAS Member,

I hope that this finds you well and ready for a bit of a break with summer approaching. Our first meeting in April was a great success and it was wonderful to see you all at the meeting!

I am pleased that the leadership in PVDAS is expanding - Katie Bell is now the new Director, representing us at the state meetings. Jennifer Riddle is also part of the Executive Committee and we appreciate all the skills she brings. We will be meeting Thursday, July 10th to plan the meetings for 2014-2015 and would love to have you join us. [Email](#) me and I'll get back to you with details!

Until the fall when we have our next meeting, I hope you have a restful and relaxing summer.

*Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA
PVDAS President*

Continuing Education Day

Jennifer Riddle, RDA

Education Day was a hit! There were 45 Dental assistants in attendance with half of that being students from 6 different schools. Each student was given a goody bag filled with fun dental-related goodies in them. Everyone was served donuts and coffee to begin the day. The speakers were excellent and had the attention of the entire room.

Arnold Valdez, DDS spoke on "How to Utilize Technology to improve the Delivery of Dental Care." Dr. Valdez emphasized the importance of Dental assistants utilizing technological advances in dentistry and in various treatment modalities. David Gilbert, DDS spoke on "Advanced Full-Scope Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery today." Dr. Gilbert explored how advancing technology has facilitated optimal care in his practice and how his treatment team plays a role in planning in his contemporary practice.

Everyone was then broken up into groups for an interactive session of "Speed Dating" for their Career Options. The students had the opportunity to hear from a panel of RDA's from different practice types and they could have all their questions answered by the RDA. The day ended with a delicious lunch with homemade cookies where the students and Dental Assistants could visit and network. This was such a great experience for all who attended. I cannot wait for the next one!

Updates

Please keep us informed when you change your address, phone or email.

Notify ADAA in Chicago as well as CDAA / PVDAS.

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ADAA Foundation Challenge is on!

The Foundation provides education and research for dental assisting and is supported by our members and corporate supporters. Our corporate supporters have challenged the members and societies. Corporate sponsors will **match donations** made before September 1! California's sponsor is Shofu, based in San Marcos. Send your check to PVDAS @ 6444 Sunstone Ave, Alta Loma 91701 and it will be forwarded to the ADAA Foundation. This is a win-win, so be a part of it!

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Thanks - that will save a tree and keep costs down!

CDA Cares / Pomona

CDA and CDA Foundation host CDA Cares, a program that allows volunteers to provide dental services at no charge to more than 2,000 patients at each event. They need volunteer dental and health professionals. Additionally, community volunteers are needed to assist with registration, clinic setup, data entry, translating and more. Patients will receive cleanings, fillings, extractions, oral health education and assistance in finding a dentist for follow-up care. CDA Cares will be at the Pomona Fairplex on November 21/22, 2014. Registrations will begin in July.

Dorothy Cox, RDA

On April 28, 2014 the dental assisting community lost a valuable pioneer - Dorothy Cox. Dorothy was a long-time member and Past-President of CDAA and director of Monterey Dental Assisting Society.

She was instrumental in the implementation of RDA licensure in California in the 1970's and worked diligently over the past 40 years to maintain and protect the RDA license.

She will be dearly missed. She is survived by her husband Harry and daughter Sherry.

Planning Meeting

There will be a lunch in the park (Covina Park) on Thursday, July 10 @ 12:30 to plan next year's meetings. If you'd like to join us, send an email to [Claudia](#).

Director's Report

Greetings!

I hope that this newsletter find you all well and ready for some summer sun and another fun and exciting year with CDAA. First I would like to introduce myself, my name is Katie Bell and I am an RDA currently working in an orthodontic office in Covina California. At this past CDAA Annual Session held in Ontario California I was elected as the new director of Pomona Valley Dental Assistant Society. I am both honored and excited to be able to represent our local and look forward to growing, new friendships, and wonderful opportunities.

CDAA's Annual Meeting started with an Education Day, which PVDAS sponsored and it could not have gone better. We had two dentists come and speak, Dr. Valdez a general dentist and Dr. Gilbert an oral Maxillofacial Surgeon. Both spoke for about an hour and a half and were wonderful to listen to. Once the speakers had finished we had a dental assistant "speed dating". During this time students and assistants alike had the opportunity to listen to assistants from different specialties and practices speak about what they do on a daily basis and ask questions to help further guide them on their career path. Throughout the day we had raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle; overall the day was a great success and PVDAS can't wait to sponsor another education day.

After the education day we had the general assembly meeting; during the meeting PVDAS was awarded a membership award, for the greatest member increase (GO PVDAS!). Diablo DAS was also awarded a membership award for the most members in a local. With the new year there were of course elections for the new executive board for CDAA. The new officers for the new year were elected as follows

President: Claudia Pohl

1st Vice President: Linda Willyerd

2nd Vice President: Shari Becker

Secretary: Jennifer Broyles

Treasurer: Diane Owen

Immediate Past President: Shelly Sorensen

As many of you know the ADAA Annual Session is quickly approaching and will take place in San Antonio, Texas on October 10th -11th. Registration opened May 1st. As members of the 12th district we also have the opportunity to serve as delegates at the meeting; this year our delegate count is 14. If you are interested in serving as a delegate you will need to submit a letter of intent by September 1st to CDAA. If you do decide that being a delegate is something you would like to do, please keep in mind that as a delegate you will have several responsibilities while in attendance; including attending all House of Delegate Session, District Caucuses, Association Forums, and Reference Committees. Annual Session is a great experience and I encourage all of you who have an interest in attending to send in a letter of intent - [email me](#) and I will send it to you.

Best Wishes,
Katie Bell, RDA
Director PVDAS

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