President’s Message

Greetings, It was a great fall at Southern in that our organization was not only able to host great speakers and topics, but that attendance and member involvement is increasing. As an organization Southern has always strived to offer its members great educational opportunities, the most relevant information regarding our field and the ability to network with other fellow dental professionals. Sun Tzu once said, “Opportunities multiply as they are seized” and in such a multi faceted career as dental assisting I find this to be especially true. This fall Southern’s members contributed $500.00 in supplies as well as over 250 Christmas cards to our troops in the Middle East with a commitment to continue our involvement.

Along with my incredible fellow officers I invite you to come early and be part of this great organization. If you have not attended a meeting in a while I encourage you to come and see what all the excitement is about. Remember, it is only through the efforts of our entire membership can Southern Dental Assistant’s Society continue to grow.

“Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved”. – William Jennings Bryan

I look forward to seeing all of you at our January meeting!  
Cheryl A. Kovacs, CDA, RDA

Southern Dental Assistants Society Officers for 2007-2008

President – Cheryl Kovacs, CDA, RDA
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State Representative – Sandra Rodier, CDA, RDA

Our Newsletter as well as additional information about all the happenings of the Southern and the NJDAA may always be viewed at www.NJDAA.org.
Southern Dental Assistants’ Society of New Jersey

Guest Speakers For the Spring of 2008

All lectures will be two hours in length and worth two CEU’s. Unless otherwise stated lectures will start promptly at 7:30 with the business meeting from 9:30 – 10:00 PM. Unless otherwise stated there is no fee to members, however the non-member fee for these two-hour lectures is $20.00. All meetings will be held in Taft 200, just a short walk away from the Taft parking lot! As always your comments and suggestions are welcomed and appreciated.

January 9, 2008 “Yoga in Dentistry a Powerful Tool to Relax the Body and the Mind”. Back by popular demand with Ms. Bonnie Hart, MA Transpersonal Psychology/Ecopsychology; RYT. Bonnie serves as the operations director of the Yoga Center of Medford and is the proud owner and operator of “Yoga to Go”. This is an interactive evening so please bring a towel or mat, and dress comfortably.

March 12, 2008 “Women’s Health Issues, What You Need to Be Aware Of To Better Assist Your Patients and Yourself”, speaker to be announced.

** Nomination of Officers for 2008-2009**

March 19, 2008 CPR Certification and Re-certification (2yr.) with “In a Heartbeat” will be offered for a fee of $40.00; you must pre-register! For more information contact Cheryl Kovacs at jk1063@comcast.net. Payment is to be made out to Southern Dental Assistants’ Society and mailed to: Cheryl Kovacs, CDA, RDA, 24 Fenimore Road, Lumberton, New Jersey 08048 by March 12, 2008.

May 14, 2008 “Smoking Cessation Programs for You and Your Patients”, Presented by Deborah Tracy, MAS, RDH

** Election and Installation of Officers for 2008-2009**

Some Other Dates To Keep In Mind:

February 1, 2008 “Give Kids A Smile” Day

March 2-8 2008 Dental Assistants’ Recognition Week

March 2008 Dental Assistant/Dental Hygiene Dinner – Information concerning this event will be available on the NJDAA.org website.

April 11-13, 2008 NJDAA Annual Session at the beautiful Crown Plaza in Clark, New Jersey. For more information please visit the NJDAA.org website.

June 4-5, 2008 NJDA Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey
Directions to Camden County
College in Blackwood New Jersey

Entrances:
You will find entrances on College Drive and Peter Cheseman Road

From Philadelphia/Camden:
Take Route 42 South. Exit at the Blackwood/Clementon exit. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp (onto Blackwood/Clementon Road). Turn right at the first traffic light (onto Erial Road). Follow Erial Road to the second traffic light and turn right (onto Little Gloucester Road). Continue straight past the next traffic light. The college is on your right side.

From the North Jersey Area:
Take Route 295 South. Exit at Route 42 South; proceed exactly as stated above (from Philadelphia/Camden).

From Cherry Hill/Voorhees/ Marlton:
From Route 70, take Springdale Road south approximately 9 miles (note that the road changes to White Horse Road, Laurel Road, then College Drive) until the traffic light to College Drive and Peter Cheseman Road; the college will be on the right side.

From the South Jersey Area:
Take Route 42 of the Black Horse Pike North: exit at the Route 168/Blackwood/Sicklerville Exit. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp and then make a right at the first traffic light (onto Route 168 North). Make a right onto College Drive; the entrance to the College is one mile down on the right.

From the Atlantic City Expressway:
Exit the Expressway at the Route 42/Turnersville exit. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit (Route 168/Blackwood/Sicklerville). Proceed exactly as stated above (from the South Jersey Area).

Students, Guests and Visitors Must Park In the White-Lined Spaces Only!

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but also believe.
- Anatole France

Win a $50.00 Visa Gift card

Fill this coupon out and bring it along with you to the March meeting (along with a friend perhaps) and you will be entered into our drawing to win this great gift that evening!

Name: ____________________________________________________

Coupons to win a free $50.00 Visa gift card will also be available at both the March and May meetings.