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Calgary Dental Assistants Association

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## GENERAL MEETING:

MONDAY January 21, 2008

MONDAY March 17, 2008

## Greenwood Inn

3515-26th Street NE

Calgary, Alberta

6:30pm-9:00pm

## Spring Seminar:

SATURDAY April 19, 2008

Venue: TBA

## January Meeting Speakers:

Wendy Morley from Germiphene on Asepsis Procedures 7-8pm.

Michelle Nedelec from Awareness Strategies on Achieving Your Goals 8-9pm.

## President's Message

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I wish everyone prosperity, peace and fun in 2008.

Those of us that attended appreciated the talk from Jeff Hickey about the VELscope at our November meeting. This month we will be hearing from Wendy of Germiphene, on Infection Control and Sterilization methods. I hope to see you there.

I have been asked to be a part of a Communications Committee for the College of Alberta Dental Assistants, CADA, and will attend our first meeting on January 5th in Edmonton. I am looking forward to discussing how we can communicate and promote our professional status as Dental Assistants to Dentists, Hygienists and the public in general. I will keep you updated.

We are still looking for someone to take the lead on the Education Chair position. No one has volunteered for this role, so we have discussed creating a paid position that would be responsible for organizing meetings, seminars, manage the website, etc. This would take a lot of the day-to-day work out of volunteer hands and give them to a contract person. That would leave volunteers more time to look for how to best serve the membership - especially in view of the major changes coming next fall with the Competence Program. We could look at more workshops, instead of speakers. This would allow us to more custom fit our meetings to your specific plans. We are looking for feedback on this- please email anyone on the board with your views.

Sincerely,

Maureen (Max) Cross, RDA

*P.S. Please let us know if you can volunteer to assist your association.*



# The First Week of March Is Dental Assistant's Week



It is that wonderful time of year again! It is nice that we have a whole week and not just one day to recognize our profession. We can be proud of our profession. Did you know that it is one of the fastest changing professions in history? We are a self- ruling Body as the College of Dental Assistants (CADA) and can control our future the same way the Dentists, Doctors and Nurses can. Now with the new Health Professions Act we have our name protected in Alberta. There are new skills being added and allowed, some of the newest are scaling and Nitrous Oxide. And if you can think of anyone who really stands out, now is the time to recognize them. Our awards will be handed out during the Spring Seminar and it would be great to nominate a co-worker or someone you really appreciate!

## Awards



1. **Dental Assistant of the Year** - a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the CDAA during the annual period.
2. **CDAA Special Recognition Award** – a member who has contributed to the welfare of the association and a willingness to serve in any capacity.
3. **Honorary Membership** – a member that is supportive of the CDAA and has been a member for at least 15 years.
4. **Perfect Attendance Award** – a member must have perfect attendance at all general meetings of the CDAA.

To make a nomination, fill in the form at the end of the newsletter and give it to a member of the executive.

## Board Member Profile

### Veronica Chung – Newsletter Editor

I have lived in Calgary for five years. Previously I was from Vancouver and I studied in the university there achieving a BSc in Biology before working as a Certified Dental Assistant. After moving to Calgary, I worked as a RDA for a few years before stopping to concentrate on my family. I am currently homeschooling my four children.

# Continuing Competency!

Do you understand the new regulations?  
Take a Workshop with Susan Vander Heide the  
Continuing Competency Coordinator from CADA

February 23, 2008  
Sheraton Cavalier hotel  
8:30am - 11:30am or  
1:00pm - 4:00pm  
(Food will *not* be provided)

## To register contact CADA at:

1-800-355-8940  
780-486-3146, ext. 22  
svanderheide@abrda.ca



## Education Chair Position

This is a wonderful position where a person has the opportunity of deciding what speakers and venues our general meetings and seminars will have. This is especially exciting in this time of change with our requirements for continuing education changing with the new continuing competency regulations.

## Cups Needs Volunteers!

Please utilize your skills to help Calgary's  
Homeless with their dental needs.

Please Contact:  
Dr. Kuen Chow, DDS  
607-7768

## Employment Registry

The CDAA has an Employment Registry  
available for all the members. If you are  
looking for work call:  
217-6165

# Calgary Dental Assistants Association Award Nomination Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Award: \_\_\_\_\_



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