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GENERAL MEETINGS:

MONDAY November 19, 2007

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, 2007
Venue: TBA

President's Message

Thank you to everyone that attended our Fall Seminar.

While we had a few registration hiccups and experienced the "Calgary staff shortage" phenomena first hand; it was well worth hearing Susan Vander Heide of CADA in the morning discussing the Continuing Competency program. Everyone had a hands-on learning opportunity to see how to make the new program work. Susan has assured me that they will arrange to provide this workshop in Calgary in the New Year for more of you to attend.

We voted on having a website built for us and look forward to having that up and running in the next 5-6 weeks.

Michele Nedelec of Awareness Strategies kept us laughing and challenged our goal beliefs in the afternoon.

I look forward to having Jeff Hickey of LED-MD at our November meeting to give us all a first hand look at the Velscope the latest tool in the fight against cancer.

Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Maureen (Max) Cross, RDA

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

BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

KAREN ALLAN - SECRETARY

This is my 3rd year on the executive and I have enjoyed getting to know new members, the volunteer experience and learning more about our association.

I graduated from SAIT in 1981 and have worked in public health and private practice.

Born and raised in Calgary, I am married (23yrs) and have 2 children, a son/19yrs, and daughter/15yrs. I look forward to another great year on the board with some terrific ladies as well as meeting as many members of our local as possible.

DONNA AHERN - DENTAL HEALTH MONTH REPRESENTATIVE

I'm a newcomer to Calgary but I have been in the dental profession for years. I graduated from Algonquin College (Ottawa) in 1976. I've had a lot of fun in this career. Working in private practice, teaching dental assisting, working in public health, orthodontics and sitting on the Ottawa, Edmonton, and now the Calgary board. I've raised two wonderful children. My dental positions have always been important, respectable, fun, rewarding and challenging. I love my career and enjoy people in all aspects of this profession. Dental Assisting has been a wonderful place in the health care profession. Smiles can be the spice of life!

DR. GHADA ABUSAADA - HOSPITALITY CHAIR

I was born and raised in the Holy Land. In 1997, I moved to Iraq to study Dentistry, I received my DDS from the University of Baghdad in 2002. In 2002, I taught Dentistry at the Al-Quds University in Jerusalem, and practiced Dentistry at the Ministry of Health in Bethlehem. In 2003, I got married and immigrated to Canada with my husband. Now I am trying to get my license to be able to practice Dentistry in Canada. Meanwhile, I received my Dental Assistant Certification to keep close to my area of studies. In June 2007, I gave birth to my baby girl. In the future, I will work as a Dental Assistant and at the same time continue the process in becoming a licensed Dentist in Canada.

Education Chair Position Available

This position is available and is a wonderful opportunity. This person is responsible for finding the venues and speakers for the general meetings and the spring and fall seminars. They must also provide information to all the members to give them opportunity to attend.

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

CDAА has an Employment Registry available for all the members. If you are looking for work please give them a call.

217-6165

Do you Know Someone to Nominate for our Awards

Every year we have a number of awards for deserving, hard-working and special dental assistants. If you know someone in the profession that deserves one of the following awards, nominate them by writing a letter (about why they deserve the award) to the executive. The awards are:

Dental Assistant of the Year: a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the CDAA during the annual period.

CDAA Special Recognition Award: Member of the CDAA who has contributed to the welfare of the association and a willingness to serve in any capacity.

Honorary Membership: This member must be supportive of the CDAA and must have been a member for 15 years.

Perfect Attendance Award: This member must have perfect attendance at all general meetings of the CDAA.

Door Prize Winners from the Fall Seminar:

(Please excuse us if your name is spelt wrong it was hard to read some of the writing.)

Teresa Brummdhuis
Cindy Clark
Barb Hrynkiw
Monica Van Roijen
Wendie Morley
Lynn Rosenthal
Cynthia Kapcala
Nancy Leong
Brandy Bradford

Gillian Krippes
Sharon Schmaltz
Michelle Bourgeois
Beth MacDonald
Candace Deibeot
Sherri Berg
Michelle Podusky
Anne Petroyos
Kim Ellingson