Greetings WIDHA members,

Thank you to all who attended another fabulous INDIGO meeting. We had record number attendance and held our very first General Assembly where I was inducted as your President for 2018-2019. Please keep the date open for next years INDIGO which we will make even better: October 4th & 5th 2019.

My goal for this months newsletter is to open the lines of communication by introducing you all to our Board Members, the roles we play and the contacts at the component level for local events and discussions.

I am planning a campaign throughout the year and will be starting in the Bay Area on December 8th. WIDHA will be having a BOD meeting at NWTC in Green Bay. I invite you all to join via the zoom link, if you cannot make the trip to Green Bay:

https://zoom.us/j/472454264
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I Invite you to attend
ADHA Annual Conference!

~ Be inspired by a unique experience and celebrate excellence. As the largest event dedicated to dental hygienists – this meeting is just for you! Over 3 days, this exhilarating event hosts a rich program of industry leading keynotes and speakers, heads-on sessions and workshops and fun presentations exploring the most topical subjects shaping the future of dental hygiene.

~ The Annual Conference reflects the core issues of dental hygiene – seamlessly blending inspiration and practical application with an expert conference program boasting more leading oral healthcare minds focused on dental hygiene than anywhere else, along with hands-on workshops, awards and networking opportunities.

~ Whether you’re attending the Annual Conference for the first time or you’ve joined us for many years, we’re eager to welcome you in Louisville where you will be part of an experience like no other.
WIDHA has leaders at the State & National Level who have paved the way for us. I would like to thank those individuals who have dedicated their time to our profession. They have lobbied, served, provided testimony, demonstrated a high quality of leadership within the state and beyond. Wisconsin is lucky to have such leadership.

**THANK YOU VIP’s**

**Very Important Persons:**

Lobbyist – Peter Theo

Indigo Conference Coordinator – Debbie Schumacher

ADHA D7 Trustee – Rachelle Gustafson

ADHA Immediate Past President – Tammy Filipiak

ADHA President-Elect – Matt Crespin

WI-DHA Website Developer – Deb Elmer
Give Vets A Smile Day 2018 was a huge success because of all the hard working faculty staff volunteers and students who made this possible. Delta Dental, Prevea Health, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks HIMT RT PTA Barber Cos Dent Hygiene and Assisting Nursing students and faculty. I’m so proud of our students”, Pam Entorf.
Thank you to FQHC~ 16th Street Community Health Clinic, Patti DeQardo RDH BS, teamed up with her staff to support Veterans on November 3rd as well!

“I have worked with the military for the past 13 years as a subcontractor helping our servicemen and women get into deployable status. We perform exams, x-rays, debridement’s and any major restorative work that needs to be completed. I have been able to travel to many states and see the differing needs of dental care throughout the country. My position is a Team Lead, which means I go the day before the event begins and set up all the equipment and make sure everything is working in order. I contact the military personnel a few days before and relay the information to my staff. It is my job to make sure that things run smoothly during the entire event and make sure the equipment is packed up correctly to be shipped back to headquarters. It is truly an honor to work with those that defend our country. I have had the privilege to work with and on 1000’s of service personnel over the years and even though it is mostly on weekends, it is worth every minute!”
**WIDHA Member of the Month: Patti DeQuardo RDH, BS.**

Patti DeQuarto RDH BS, is a Wisconsin RDH who graduated in 2009 from, Waukesha County Technical College. She has worked in private practice, corporate dentistry, subcontracted with the military and has found her love in Public Health. Currently, Patti works for an FQHC in Milwaukee- 16th Street Community Health Center, where she has been making use of Act 20 which was passed last year. Act 20 opens avenues to preventive care by allowing an RDH to go into other, non-traditional settings where they can make a dental hygiene diagnosis to treat patients without the direct supervision of a dentist. An immediate need was noticed when the Pediatricians heard of this new opportunity and they moved forward in bringing in an RDH for well child checks and routine visits to assess the children. What a great idea! Not only does this save a trip for the family, but it allows the child to receive services sooner than later. The adolescent can then be referred to the proper source with assistance and begin the next stage of oral-systemic health.

Patti has utilized both her work experiences and her education to help prepare her with her new project and its development. Initially the clinic set a goal of seeing 20 patients per day from age 1 to 18. Due to the demands of patient care, Patti has seen up to 50 children in one day. That is Amazing!

I asked Patti what a typical appointment is like and she said, "I go right into the exam room either with the Doctors or right after they finish. I perform an assessment, chart my findings, apply fluoride varnish, give OHI and do nutritional counseling. I also refer patients to our different referral partners when needed." Essentially, her role has facilitated many children in need of serious dental care get what they need in a timely fashion. Not only has she been a key referral source, but she also ends up educating entire families, many of whom did not grow up in the US, on the importance of their Oral -Systemic Health, diet and necessary preventative measures to take and build on at home.
Act 20's purpose it to create avenues for access to patients in similar circumstances whether it be a home bound patient, the elderly and disabled, those in group homes, adult day care facilities and many other situations or circumstances that encompass the inability to go to a local dental office. While this may seem logical and easy, it takes a workforce to make things happen. As a new law in Wisconsin (Act 20), what can we do as a workforce of healthcare providers to ban together and begin to solve this problem?

We can start with our local oral health coalitions whose purpose is to do just that! The Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition provides guidelines and resources and sometimes funding opportunities for those willing to form a network. I am inspired by this story to start a coalition in my community! We can form an alliance throughout the state to merge medical and dental healthcare! If we all work together, we can do great things!

The Federally Qualified Health Care settings throughout the state are there to serve the communities they reside in. If you live in an area of an FQHC, and want to be more involved, perhaps you can contact them and offer your support as an RDH or community member by sitting on the Board of Directors. The FQHC's are steered by a BOD and often require community members to sit as advisers. What a great way to educate others on the importance of oral-systemic health and demonstrate the capability and importance of the RDH’s role in dentistry. If you live in an area with an existing coalition, contact them and help them build their network. Contact leaders at the Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition to become involved. www.wohc.org. As I begin my journey on starting a coalition in Northern Wisconsin, please contact me as a supportive RDH who is ready for advancements and moving forward with access to healthcare.

ACT 20 link: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/lcactmemo/act020
Patti is inspired by the people she works with daily. The FQHC setting serves many patients with different levels of need. While the Physicians could make more money working in a for profit clinic or hospital, they love the mission, they love what they do and treat the patients as if they were family. “I watch them deal with such difficult cases day in and day out and they all want the absolute best for each patient. They go so far above and beyond just doing a well child check-they are often coordinating many other services and helping the family as a whole. I feel they make me be the best I can be each and every day,” says Patti. In closing, I would like to share Patti’s favorite quote from Joel Olsteen: “When you drive home today, you’ve got a big windshield on the front of your car. And you’ve got a little bitty rearview mirror. And the reason the windshield is so large and the rearview mirror is so small is because what’s happened in your past is not near as important as what’s in your future.” Let us focus on change, advancements, the importance of teamwork, networking, improving education with an oral–systemic approach and membership!

Article written by Stacey Bisenius RDH WIDHA President 2018-2019.

**Future Events:**

**Website Updates:** WIDHA is working on developing its website in advancements and adding resources.

**IOH** Direct Link on WIDHA website

**Resources:** Link to other state information: Ebytes, Hylife, Info- Graphics, Widgets

**Links:** Newsletters, White Papers, Other Resources

**Jobs:** Postings and “Members Only” section

**Membership Billing Cycle Changes:** ADHA will be notifying members of any changes to payment structure, please look for notifications regarding billing cycles.

**Webinars:** Take advantage of some of the free services for members, The hour CE’s are great for “on the go” CE opportunities! Go to ADHA.org and log into your member profile, and look under member benefits and resources.

**Social Hour:** Ever feel like you need a “pick me up”? Check out the self help free resources on DH social hours @ AHDA.org

**Photos:** Professional Head Shots available, INDIGO Photo’s. Please upload your photos to WIDHA website. WIDHA.org

**News:** See update events and post your local events on our website

**Opportunities:** WIDHA is in search of Student Leadership and Future Leadership. Please contact me if you have questions.

**Next BOD:** December 8th 2018 9-12PM NWTC Green Bay, WI

**LJ Testimony:** See December’s Newsletter for Article

**Other:** We want to hear from you! Please contact me if you have **ANYTHING**! I am looking for members to showcase monthly as well as students! I want to hear from **YOU!**
Thank you for your membership and dedication to our profession. May this day be full of family fun and laughter!

From: WIDHA!