



GREATER ORLANDO

DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

Greater Orlando Dental Hygiene
Association Newsletter

FEBRUARY
2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues, Mar. 4

**"Who's Got Connections" -Treating Adult
Patients with Neurological Deficits.**

**Jane Hostetler, MA,CCC-SLP Speech
Therapist**

**VCC West Campus 6:30 pm
Bldg 6 - Library, 2ND FLOOR**

2 FREE CEU'S

Thurs, Mar. 27 FDHA Smile Day

Tues, April 1

"The Hygienic Benefits of Invisalign"

Bryson Johnston

VCC West Campus 6:30 PM

Bldg 6- Library, 2ND Floor

2 FREE CEU'S

Sat, April 26 Spring Seminar - 4CEU'S

Speakers: Lisa Leimer, PhD

Anne Bueter, MD

VCC West Campus 8:30 - 1:00

Tues, May 6 TBA 2 CE Elections

LICENSE RENEWAL

Your licenses will expire at midnight, Eastern

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Thank you to all who generously donated to the American Heart Association at the meeting on Feb 5th. We collected \$105.00 for AHA in memory of Tracey Jacobs' mother, Sandra Meyers Trexler. We were very pleased with the support we received for such a worthwhile cause.

Our Sponsors

The Greater Orlando Dental Hygiene Association would like to acknowledge the following companies and speakers for their very generous contributions to our continuing education and recognition events. We would also like to thank them for introducing their varied products and services to our membership.

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Time, on February 28, 2008. By this time, all dental hygienists should have received a postcard reminder. We are the initial licensees to pilot a new electronic license renewal program. The postcard will direct you to log into the following website: www.FLHealthSource.com to renew your license.

While it is possible to print a renewal form from the website and renew by mail, licensees are encouraged to renew their license online. The renewal will be processed faster. You can also print out a receipt after you renew online and this can serve as your temporary license and proof that you have renewed. The Board of Dentistry has reduced the dental hygienist license renewal fee this biennium to \$105.

CE BROKER

You have probably received your notice that it's time to renew your registration with CE Broker. Note that such registration is for your convenience only. You are not required to belong. Should you choose to belong, if you are a member of FDHA, you are entitled to a discounted fee. Email tami@fdha.org for the code number that will get you the discount.

REDUCED LICENSE FEES

The assessment (this year for dentists - \$250) applies only to DDS Florida Licensees. They have been in a deficit for years and have to make up the funds. Dental hygiene fees for renewal went down because we have been taking in more money than it costs for the board to regulate our profession, State law states that a board can not make a profit. This is something we have known for years. In the past there was not separate accounting and the profit from dental hygiene fees were used to off set the losses from the low dental fees. With pressure from our association (FDHA), several years ago we were able to separate out the accounting and now we are not subsidizing the dentists.

The board is limited by state law on how much they can charge the dentist and they are at that

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limit. They do have the power to level a special assessment and that is what they did this year and I have a feeling it will not be the only year. The BOD will try to go to the legislator and get a increase in the limits on licensing fees and FDHA will be sure to see that that the statutory limits on dental hygiene fees do not also increase

