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## Greater Orlando Dental Hygiene Association Newsletter

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### Greetings!

We hope you are enjoying the monthly issues of the newsletter. If you have any announcements or articles about events or members that you would like in the newsletter, please forward to the editor at [itoothjl@earthlink.net](mailto:itoothjl@earthlink.net).

Best Wishes for a HAPPY THANKSGIVING ! Let us take the time to be thankful for the blessings in our lives.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tues, Dec 4**

**"Ultrasonics: An Evidence Based Approach to Nonsurgical Periodontal Therapy"**  
**"Dental Implants: Assessment & Maintenance Strategies"**

**Dentsply Professional**  
**Department of Clinical Education**  
**Speaker: Renee Graham, RDH, MEd**  
**Southeast Clinical Educator**  
**Valdosta,GA**  
**VCC West Campus -6:30 pm**  
**Bldg 4 Room 120**

### HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

**SAT, DEC 8 @ 1PM**

**Join us for a Holiday Celebration at the Portobello Yacht Club in Pleasure Island/ Downtown Disney-free parking. Full lunch menu available-pizza, salads, sandwiches, pasta etc. Check out the menu on the website at**

[www.levyrestaurants.com](http://www.levyrestaurants.com).

**Family and friends are welcome!**

**RSVP by Dec 6**

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**IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON .....**

**2 FREE CEU'S**

**Dinner provided by Chipotle  
RSVP JoAnn Weatherwax  
anwax@aol.com**

**Sat, Dec 8      Holiday Luncheon 1PM  
                         PORTOBELLO YACHT CLUB  
                         Pleasure Island/Downtown Disney**

**2008**

**Tues, Jan 8      "Medical Errors"  
                         REQUIRED FOR LICENSE RENEWAL  
                         Pamela Ridilla, RDH, MS  
                         VCC West Campus  
                         Bldg 4 Room 120  
                         2 FREE CEU'S**

**Tues, Feb. 5  
                         "Evidence Based Risk Assessment Made Easy"  
                         "Update on Soft Tissue Management, Questions and  
                         Answers"      2CE  
                         3M ESPE  
                         Speaker: Gary Scott  
                         3M ESPE Preventive Care Specialist  
                         VCC West Campus 6:30 pm  
                         Bldg 4 Room 120  
                         2 FREE CEU'S**

**Tues, Mar. 4      TBA 2 CE  
Thurs, Mar. 27    FDHA Smile Day  
Tues, Apr. 1      TBA 2 CE  
Tues, May 6      TBA 2 CE Elections**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Registered Dental Hygienists,

It is at this time of year when most of us stop to reflect on what or who has made impacts on our life and I am no different. So I would like to start with a short quote. It is short and simple but has so much meaning.

**Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like**

GODHA will be collecting donations for the senior citizens of our community with Meals on Wheels Etc.

Needed items are toothpaste, toothbrushes, toiletries, canned foods, sugar-free candy etc.

**Items will be collected at the Dec 4th meeting & at the Holiday Luncheon.**

Rules Change and BOD Meeting

Thank You to all who signed letters of support for FDHA's position on the proposed rules changes requested by the Florida Dental Assoc. These will be presented at the Rules Workshop and the Board of Dentistry meetings scheduled December 6-7. If you, family, friends, patients have not mailed/faxed a letter, log onto [www.fdha.org](http://www.fdha.org) and download the letter and return it as soon as possible. In addition to the letters, it is important to have

**wrapping a present and not giving it.**

**William Arthur Ward**

I am truly grateful for each of you. Thank you for supporting me and our association.

**WE ARE AN EXCEPTIONAL GROUP**

I continue to be excited about our dental hygiene component. Our November meeting was very successful. Proctor and Gamble did a great job and we thank Cindy Sensabaugh and Julian Ross for the educational program and for the great gifts that were given out.

What a treat to have our Florida Association President Jackie Burt McDonough with us to share updates from FDHA concerning our profession. Thank you Jackie.

In the newsletter we have included a posting from FDHA. It is important that we keep our minds focused on these important issues.

Three of the sixty-five in attendance had never been a component meeting prior to this night. If you were one of these three and are reading this...

**WELCOME,WELCOME,WELCOME**

Any profession, association or person that is exceptional will always stand out from the rest. Let us NOT be satisfied with status quo. Together we will continue to reach out to all hygienists in Central Florida and together as a team we will share, support, protect and grow in our chosen profession. I ask you to continue to reach high. Step out of comfort zones and grow, always striving to be EXCEPTIONAL.

Remember to make your plans now to attend our next meeting Tuesday December 4th , Valencia Community College- West Campus Bldg. 4 Room 120. Renee Graham with Dentsply will be traveling from Georgia to present our continuing education. Check out our schedule on [www.godha.org](http://www.godha.org)

many hygienists attend the Rules Workshop and the BOD meeting. Representation by numbers is important ! FDHA President Jackie Burt McDonough will be our official spokesperson.

Thursday, December 6  
Rules Workshop 4:00 PM  
Friday, December 7  
Board of Dentistry  
General Meeting 8:00 AM

Embassy Suites  
1100 SE 17<sup>th</sup> St.  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.  
(954) 527-2700

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

As a fundraiser, GODHA is selling Entertainment Books for \$25 each. It is well worth the value since each book has \$20 worth of coupons for Publix. They will be available at the December meeting or you may contact Desiree Franklin at [javaddict21@aol.com](mailto:javaddict21@aol.com)

**WHAT A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!!**

**SAY THANKS TO OUR TROOPS**

I am also excited to let everyone know that Chipolte's Mexican Grill has offered to provide dinner for us that evening. WHAT A TREAT!!! If you plan to attend PLEASE RSVP so we can let Chipolte's know how many we can expect for dinner. I have told their public relations department that we could have up to 90 attendees. Please help me to make that a reality. You can start emailing me with yor RSVP at any time. If you prefer a vegetarian burrito, please let me know also. [Anwax@aol.com](mailto:Anwax@aol.com)

Make sure to visit our website [www.godha.org](http://www.godha.org) for schedules and updated pictures.

See you Dec 4th,

Jo Ann

### **A Reminder to All Florida Licensed Dental Hygienists**

On August 6, 2007, the Florida Board of Dentistry received a request from the Florida Dental Association seeking revisions to board rules on delegable duties. There are numerous proposed rule changes but the most alarming ones are to:

#### **64B-16005(1) Remediable Tasks Delegated to Dental Assistants.**

(n) Using appropriate implements for preliminary charting of existing restorations and missing teeth and a visual assessment of existing oral conditions, to include, but not limited to periodontal probing

(v) Removing calculus deposit, accretions and stains from exposed surfaces above the gingival margin (prophylaxis)

Two of the Florida Dental Hygiene Associations' goals are to: **ADVOCATE THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY and REPRESENT THE PROFESSION OF DENTAL HYGIENE.** Because of this FDHA vigorously OPPOSES these proposed rule changes! Our opposition will require either resolving regulatory issues through the Board of Dentistry and/or statute changes in the legislature. We need your help!!! As a concerned hygienist, we are asking you to contribute to the costly fight we are mounting on every hygienists' behalf to protect the public, our profession and your job security. How can you help us protect your

This holiday season as we gather together with our families it would be nice to remember those serving our country in the armed forces. You can send a Christmas card to a soldier recovering from injuries at :

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington DC 20307-5001

Or log onto this web site to send a post card by email :

[www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com)

### **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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profession?

You can send a check made out to FDHA (put PROTECTION FUND on the memo) and send it to FDHA, c/o Linda Lambert, 10112 Huntsman Path, Pensacola, FL 32514

You join HyPAC by sending a check made out to HyPAC (FL Dental Hygiene Political Action Committee) to be used by that committee in legislative efforts to strengthen and protect the dental hygiene profession in Florida to HyPAC, c/o Donna Wofford, 2706 Clubhouse Drive, Plant City, FL 33566

You can go online to [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org) and join ADHA/FDHA in our efforts to create a home for all hygienists and continue to protect our profession.

Go online to [www.fdha.org](http://www.fdha.org) and download a letter of support for maintaining the public's health and safety and return it to Florida Dental Hygiene Association. Many dentists understand and appreciate the education, commitment, and contributions of dental hygienists and support our position. If you know a dentist or concerned citizen who feels these rule changes would not be in the best interest of the public or the dental community, please ask for them to sign one.

Because of the commitment by all hygienists to patient safety, it is crucial that any provider be formally educated in comprehensive care through an accredited program and be required to obtain a state-regulated professional license.

Action is needed by all dental hygienists. Please help the Florida Dental Hygiene Association continue protecting the public and our profession.

## FDHA PROTECTION FUND/HYPAC

Thank you to all who have already contributed to help support the legislative efforts of FDHA to protect the public and our profession. FDHA has also received many donations from non-members. GODHA has recently contributed \$1,000 from our budget to the Protection Fund. If you have not already contributed, donations will be collected at each meeting and sent to FDHA.

A special Thank You to the FDHA members who are working so hard for all of us at this critical time.

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## **SHARE YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MUSIC WITH THE TROOPS**

The holiday season just isn't complete without Christmas music! Well, Mannheim Steamroller has just released a new Christmas CD. It's the band's first since 2001. What could be better than that? For each copy purchased between Nov. 19 and Nov. 25, Mannheim Steamroller will donate a copy to the VFW. The VFW will distribute the CDs to troops overseas and veterans here at home. You can purchase the CD at stores or online.