

# Texas Dental Assistants Association



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**PRESIDENT  
Marthann Dafft**

Here we are on a new year of TDAA. Our Annual 84th session was a great time of fellowship. If you missed our General Assemblies, you missed a great time of making decisions for the growth and governing of TDAA. At the General Assemblies as a member, you had the right to vote on all action taken. During the opening session we had a number of Dental Professional bring Greeting. We also acknowledged in attendance 4 TDAA Life Members, 7 TDAA Past Presidents, and 17 Dental Assisting Educator. It was exciting to see 13 members receive a Certificate of Appreciation for years of membership. Sharon Dickinson and I received our 50th year of membership Certificate. Ronda Lane also received her 45th year of membership. A great Thank You went out to San Antonio Dental

Assistants Society for a wonderful New Orleans meeting. Caroyne Friend, as Chairman, saw to the beautiful decorations.

Our Educator's Meeting was a huge success with Christine Menendez (Executive Director of Texas State Board of Dental Examiners) as our speaker. There was a good attendance, and many questions were answered. We look forward to having this at our next Annual session.

We are looking forward to a great year. We will be holding our Mid-Year Board meeting in Farmers Branch (a suburb of Dallas) on November 16th. With half of our Board members living in the Dallas area this should be a great gathering of the Board.

Marthann Dafft

TDAA President.

# Current Officers of TDAA 2023-2025

<b>President</b>	Marthann Dafft	<a href="mailto:ldymad@sbcglobal.net">ldymad@sbcglobal.net</a>
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## Local Directors

<b>Fort Worth District Dental Assistants Society</b>	Lori Linger	<a href="mailto:fashion1ng@sbcglobal.net">fashion1ng@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Dallas County Dental Assistants Society</b>		
<b>Austin Dental Assistants Society</b>	Linda Mueller	<a href="mailto:ljmtx@sbcglobal.net">ljmtx@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>TDAA Student members</b>		
<b>Greater Houston Dental Assistants Society</b>	Ronda Lane	<a href="mailto:vantroba@verizon.net">vantroba@verizon.net</a>
<b>Coastal Bend Dental Assistants Society</b>		
<b>State Members &amp; West Texas (when formed)</b>	Will Henard	<a href="mailto:will.henard@ttuhsc.edu">will.henard@ttuhsc.edu</a>
<b>State Members</b>	Joy Pilant	<a href="mailto:joylpilant@yahoo.com">joylpilant@yahoo.com</a>
<b>San Antonio Dental Assistants Society</b>		

# Texas Dental Assistants Association Standing Committees 2023-2025

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Members</b>
<b>Audit</b>	Carolyn Friend	Joy Pilant Lourdes Garduno
<b>Membership and Public Relations</b>	Edith Kendall	Alyssa Russell Lori Linger Ronda Lane
<b>Clinics and Exhibits/Education</b>	Kay Jukes	Eva Sepulveda
<b>Finance</b>	Sharon Dickinson	Elizabeth O'Reilly
<b>Finance/ Scholarship</b>	Sharon Dickinson	Elizabeth O'Reilly Kay Jukes. Ex-Sec/Treas. Ex-official
<b>By-Laws/Policies Statement</b>	Sharon Dickinson	Elizabeth O'Reilly
<b>Manual of Procedures</b>	Edith Kendall	Alyssa Russell
<b>Necrology</b>	Edith Kendall	
<b>Program</b>	Sharon Dickinson	Carolyn Friend
<b>Legislative</b>	Ronda Lane	Will Henard
<b>Revenue/Scholarship</b>	Lori Linger	Linda Mueller
<b>Nominating</b>	Linda Mueller	Brenda Olivarez
<b>Social Media</b>	Ronda Lane	
<b>Special Committees</b>		
<b>Certificates and ADA Awards</b>	Edith Kendall	Kay Jukes-AD-HOC
<b>History</b>	Dena Carr	

**During Second General Assembly, Edith Kendall (Certificates of Appreciation Chairman) recognized the following members for continuous years of membership:**

50 Years: Marthann Dafft, Sharon Dickinson, Laurie Semple

45 Years: Ronda Lane

35 Years: Charla Francis

30 Years: Dena Carr

20 Years: Kathleen Boyle

15 Years: Christine Tran

10 Years: Elizabeth O'Reilly

5 Years: Amy Baldwin



**A very **Happy birthday** to all our recent and upcoming birthday stars! May you enjoy every joyful and special moment ahead!**





May everyone in Texas remains safe and have little damage from the recent storms.

Beryl knocked out power from two to over seven days

**Please keep the following in your thoughts and Prayers**

**Carmen Santiago** Sincere condolences for loss of her mother

**Cammie Munguia** Changed her appointment to be with us on Friday during TDAA Annul Meeting. So thankful Toni was able to bring her to our meeting.

**Cliffa Thomasson** Functioning with a walker  
Ronda and Alyssa visit as often as possible and take her to lunch and shopping

**Kathleen Boyle** Has been released from long term care and is recovering nicely in her home. Her great grandson is improving with each day, will be in the hospital until full term.  
Alaina, her granddaughter, is out of the hospital.



# Annual Session of the Texas Dental Assistants Association - San Antonio

Annual Session of the Texas Dental Assistants Association was held **May 16-18, 2024** at the Marriot Riverwalk hotel, San Antonio. The colorful Mardi-gras theme was beautifully carried out by San Antonio DAS with masks, ornaments and decorations.

The finance committee and Pre-Board meeting were held on Thursday.

Friday morning, President Dafft called the opening session to order at 9AM on Friday.

Greetings were given by Dr. Putthoff, TDA scientific session chair, and TDA President, Dr. Cody Graves, ADAA President-elect, Ms. Ronda Lane and Ms. Mendez, TSBDE licensing director





An additional letter of greetings was read from Texas Oral Health Coalition.

Several voting members were present as well as over 17 guests from Texas Dental Assisting Schools throughout Texas. Many, many questions were asked and answered about the RDA rules and regulations.

Because so many educators came, a special Educators Meeting convened on Friday, after General Assembly, where clarification and explanations were presented by Ms. Mendez.

TDAA was thrilled to see the interest and attendance at these meetings.

Ms. Mendez was extremely helpful and encouraged all to get involved by attending TSBDE meetings and work together to collaborate of what needs to be heard by the TSBDE Board about what dental assistants would like to see addressed.

During the Awards ceremony, Ms. Edith Kendall presented Ms. Sharon Dickinson & President Marthann Dafft with a 50 year certificate of appreciation and a 10 year certificate of appreciation to Ms. Elizabeth O'Reilly and a 45 year certificate to Ms. Ronda Lane.



Friday afternoon was the Past Presidents luncheon which had 7 in attendance. Marthann Dafft was presented with her 25 year charm in recognition of when she served as TDAA President in 1999. The Joan Keisel award was postponed until next year. The cooperation award was presented to Dallas County Dental Assistants Association (DCDAS).

The meeting concluded with DCDAS invitation to return for our next annual session with colorful flowers with a message to “pedal” their way to TDAA meeting, [May 8-10, 2025](#).

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

**TCC** | Tarrant County College  
SUCCESS WITHIN REACH.

**Questions? For help enrolling,**  
contact the [Admissions and Registrar Office](#).

### DENTAL CE COURSE OFFERINGS

#### CORONAL POLISHING CERTIFICATE COURSE: DNTA-2000

**One Day Classes** (choose from the dates below)  
5/30/24, 6/12/24, 9/13/24, 10/11/24, or 11/15/24  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Cost: \$500

#### PIT & FISSURE CERTIFICATE COURSE: DNTA-2000

**One Day Classes** (choose from the dates below)  
5/29/24, 6/11/24, 9/27/24, or 10/25/24  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Cost: \$500

#### RDA COURSE & EXAM: DNTA-1003

**One Week Classes** (choose from the dates below)  
6/3/24 - 6/7/24, 7/8/24 - 7/12/24, 9/9/24 - 9/13/24,  
10/7/24 - 10/11/24, or 11/4/24 - 11/8/24  
Online Asynchronous • Cost: \$170

#### NITROUS OXIDE COURSE & EXAM: DNTA-2000

**One Week Classes** (choose from the dates below)  
6/17/24 - 6/21/24, 7/22/24 - 7/26/24, 9/23/24 - 9/27/24,  
10/21/24 - 10/25/24, or 11/18/24 - 11/22/24  
Online Asynchronous • Cost: \$125

### HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR CLASSES

#### REGISTER FOR CLASSES ONLINE THROUGH MYTCCTRACK'S INSTANT ENROLLMENT

Registration is on a space-available basis. Payment is due online at the time of registration. You can pay with a credit or debit card; payment plans and financial aid are unavailable. Unpaid registrations are subject to cancellation.

1. Go to [MyTCCTrack's Instant Enrollment](#).
2. Search for your class in the Course Code Number field.
  - ▶ Currently enrolling courses:
  - ▶ DNTA-2000
3. Click **Select** for the section in which you want to enroll.
4. Click **Add Section** to add this class to your cart.
5. Click **Next** (located above the list of classes).
6. Complete the form with your personal details.
7. Click **Submit**.
8. Complete the form for additional details.
9. Click **Submit**.  
*Note: At this point, if you were a previous TCC student, you may receive a pop-up notice that your account has been detected. Select **Continue**.*
10. Choose your payment method and select **Proceed to Payment** on the Pay for Classes screen. You will be redirected to TCC's payment portal.
11. Select **Pay Now**.
12. Choose your payment method and follow the prompts to complete your payment.
13. Read the Class/Payment Acknowledgment.  
*Note: No additional action is required on this screen.*

*You will receive a payment receipt email to confirm you've registered and paid for your class.*

### NEXT STEPS: LOG IN FOR THE FIRST TIME

#### TO GET READY FOR THE START OF YOUR CLASS AND LOG IN TO YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

1. Log in to the personal email account you used to register for your class.
2. Look for an email with the subject line:  
**Activate Your TCC Account!**
  - ▶ Check your spam folder if it's not in your inbox.
  - ▶ This email can take up to 24 hours to arrive.
3. Read and follow the instructions in this email. This email contains your student ID number & TCC student email address.

**All communications after the initial activation/student account notice email will be sent to your TCC student email address.** Visit our [Current Students](#) page for quick access to your student email address and [Canvas](#).

If you're a student who has been previously enrolled at TCC, you will not receive an activation email. Follow our instructions [to find your username and password](#).

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# Press Release

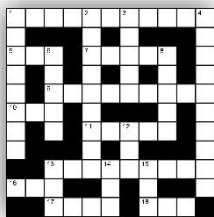
By: Ronda Lane  
ADAA President-Elect



## To Texas Dental Assistants Association

### 1) Membership Initiatives

- Thank You for renewing messages and DARW messages on social media
- Discounts (membership, Moxie scrubs, Torch Dental) & Drawings (book, calendar, oral science kits)
- Student Focus Group revelations/recommendations (review games, scrub discounts, networking opportunities, educational support).



Are You Game? Introducing “Dental Brain Games” as a new journal feature.

Have fun, relax, and play games. It's a fun diversion when you need a break. Engaging games to test your recall, focus and skills. The 1<sup>st</sup> Dental Brain Games has been included in the current Dental Assistant Journal now. **Check it out** have some fun and review your knowledge.

### 2) Website/Data Base upgrade-please do activate your account today

- Began in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter- The Upgrade began on May 28<sup>th</sup> and it's ready for you now!
- Integration challenges- (Education library, financial recordkeeping, publications, membership services...ie large database of members profiles)
- In Order to access all the information and receive news from ADAA-You must activate your account

### 3) ADAA Education

- Renewed PACE certification for ADAA CE
- Reviewing ADAA courses-ongoing (must be reviewed every 3 years to be current) Come help us!
- Webinars-Attendance is up by 78% Feedback on 2023/24 webinars was great!

#### ADAA WEBINARS

**June 18** Infection Prevention Practices by Healthcare Setting: Dental versus Acute Care

**July/Aug** OSHA/HIPAA

### 4) Celebrating ADAA, 100 years-An In-Person meeting

- Location- where did we hold our 1<sup>st</sup> ADAA meeting? Dallas, Texas!
- **Save the Date:** November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Place: TBA Working on details of hotel, meeting venue, education, meals

# Get On-Board Today

ADAA has a new platform, and every member must On-Board their profile/account.

- Go to [adaausa.org](http://adaausa.org) and do it today.
- If you have any problems: email: [info@adaausa.org](mailto:info@adaausa.org)
- To register for our 100-year Anniversary Meeting in Texas-you must On-Board first!



## Here are the details of meeting:

- **Date:** November 9<sup>th</sup>, Dallas, TX 2024
- **Location:** PDS Dallas Support Center: 2425 Gateway Dr. Irving, TX 75063
- **Hotel:** Element Dallas Fort Worth Airport North: 3550 Highway 635, Irving, Texas 75063
- **Education:** 5-6 hours Proposed Speakers: Tija Hunter, Sarah Stream, Jill Day & more
- **Registration:** \$150 for members to include education, meals, goodie bags etc. — soon via Email
- Vendors participating & having several door prizes valued at \$100



# Attention!

Be sure to visit TDAA Facebook Group for up-dates on:

- How long does an RDA who receives a CE Audit have to submit their information to TSBDE?
- Do RDA's have to take the Human Trafficking course annually?
- Can an assistant be reported to the TSBDE?
- What 6 things must be listed on CE certificates to be accepted by TSBDE?



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190442111004697>

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## Manual of Procedures

All corrections and additions must be sent by **Oct. 31st, 2024** deadline  
Reach out to Edith Kendall ([edithmkendall@gmail.com](mailto:edithmkendall@gmail.com)).



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## Bulletin submissions deadline dates:

**July 15** .... For Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.

**Nov 15** .... For Dec. Jan. Feb. March.

**March 15** .... For April, May, June, July.





# MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The TDAA 2024-2025 Board of Directors meeting will be held on [November 15-16, 2024](#).

The following committees:



Audit



Finance



By-Laws/Resolution

## [November 15, 2024](#)

Will meet at the **Embassy Suites Hotel** near the Galleria, 14021 Noel Road Dallas, Texas on. Committee times are to be announced.

## [November 16, 2024](#)

The Board of Directors will be meeting at the **Christ United Methodist Church**, 2807 Valwood Pkwy, Farmers Branch from [9:00 am - 4:30 pm](#).

## [Send Your Reports](#)

Please send all committee and officer reports to **Carolyn Friend** by November 2, 2024.

Email address: [edfreindc@aol.com](mailto:edfreindc@aol.com)

