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PRESIDENT
Marthann Dafft

Your TDAA Board met in January for our Mid-Year meeting. We had a few unable to attend but several very able to have phone contact for the meeting. We were able to clarify the titles of our Treasure and Meeting Coordinator. The treasurer was moved from Executive Secretary/ Treasurer to Executive Treasurer and moved to have voting rights on the Board. It was then approved to change Meeting Coordinator to Meeting Manager.

Discussion was then about finding better interest rates for our CD's, the cost of items for sell at the meetings, put together a survey of members to why they choose to belong to TDAA. The survey would also have a question on different feelings they have about TDAA and how we function.

Looking forward to a meaningful General Assembly this coming May 16-18 in San Antonio. It is always a great time of renewing friendships and growing our State Association. Be sure and get your registration in and come and see all the great things TDAA is doing and looking forward to doing.

Best Regards,

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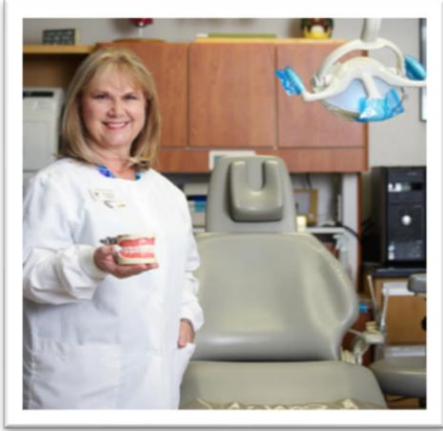
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TEXAS DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION STANDING COMMITTEES 2023-2025

| Committee | Chairperson | Members |
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Congratulations!



Congratulations to Laurie Semple

Laurie Semple simultaneously celebrated her 34th anniversary as RDA program coordinator at Tarrant County Junior College. Laurie considers each student a reflection of herself and the program not just a job to her. Full article on Laurie www.tccd.edu/magazine/volume-02/issue-02/rda or Tarrant County College Reach Magazine.



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HAPPY

DENTAL

ASSISTANTS

WEEK

You are the heart of the dental practice, and you make a difference in people's lives every day.





Please keep the following in your thoughts and Prayers

Sherrie Johnson Loss of her mother Grace Holden

Lori Linger Her mother broke hip during vacation with Lori & family

Alyssa Russell Loss of her mother-in-law Gloria Russell

Rona Staberg She and Her fiancé Buck are mending under Drs.' care still in rehab

Cammie Munguia Going to dialysis three times a week and continued heart & PCP Dr. appointments

Cliffa Thomasson Functioning with a walker

Mary Berry Out of hospital after 6 weeks of IV antibiotics. Not so tired all the time and can walk now

Kathleen Boyle Her husband Jim is scheduled for surgery on the 20th of March.
Kathleen Boyle's granddaughter is hospitalized for the remaining months of her pregnancy.

DALLAS COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANT'S SOCIETY MEETING

On February 13th, Dallas county DA society held a meeting and learned great tips on equipment care from Patterson Dental. Door greeters, Edith Kendall & Kathleen Boyle gave out Valentine cards, chocolate & gift files and special patches were made in anticipation of Dental Assistants Recognition Week.





TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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***TSBDE Licensing
EXPO 2024
For Dental Assistant Registrations***

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Licensing Expo which will provide onsite application processing for dental assistants seeking registration! This event will provide applicants the opportunity to walk-in with the required documentation in hand for the Licensing Team to review, process, and approve on the spot. Licensing Specialists will be on hand to help with this process.

The event will take place on **Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 Congress Avenue, Room 2.035 Austin TX 78701. TSBDE staff will begin processing applicants at 8AM. Applicants must be checked in by 3PM in order to receive same day processing.** We are expecting a high attendance rate, so you may experience a long wait time. Please plan accordingly.

Attached is a checklist of documents you will be required to have uploaded to your online application. Copy machines will not be available, so be sure to have all your documents together. All documents must be on 8 ½ X 11 paper (excluding passport photo). In order for this event to be a success the applicant will need to follow the instructions below; Applicants must apply online and be able to have uploaded all required documentation (see checklist below) with the exception of the NPDB self-query report prior to this day.

On the day of the event, licensing staff will expect the applicant to be present with their **sealed unopened** self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and a copy of their fingerprint receipt from IdentoGO. All documentation must match the legal document which states your legal name. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

It will be the applicant's responsibility to ensure all required documentation has been uploaded so on the day of the event staff will review, process, and approve applications for those who have followed instructions.

The status of the online application will be closed after the application has been approved by staff. Once the application is approved a registration number will be issued with the expiration date valid anywhere between 18-30 months. The certificate will be available for printing from your online account within 48 hours of staff's approval and will be mailed 10-15 business days later to the mailing address on file.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Expo!

TSBDE Licensing Division

Dental Assistant Registration (RDA) Checklist –
All documents must be uploaded to their online application

- Completed and have paid for online application. **(Military Active Duty, Veterans and Military Active Duty Spouses do not pay an application fee – contact the office for additional information).**
- 1- 2x2 passport sized photo (No photo copies will be accepted).
 - Your head must face the camera directly with full face in view
 - You must have a neutral facial expression or a natural smile, with both eyes open.
 - Use a plain white or off-white background.
 - Be sized correctly
- Copy of your driver's license, naturalization papers, or passport. The application and documents must match your legal name. If not, please provide the legal document which reflects the name change.
- Copy current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification – American Heart Association or the American Red Cross
- Proof of successful completion of a TSBDE-approved dental assistant registration course. Here is the list of current approved courses/exams:
 - Collin County Community College
 - Dallas College – Dental Assisting Program
 - Grayson County College
 - Houston Community College – Coleman College of Health Sciences
 - Lone Star College
 - PIMA Medical Institute
 - San Antonio College
 - Tarrant County College (Online Course and Classroom Course)
 - Texas Academy of General Dentistry (Online Course)
 - Texas A&M University, Baylor College of Dentistry
 - Texas Dental Assistants Association
 - University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio (Online Course)
 - Tyler Junior College
- If the RDA course/exam was taken over a year from the date of submitting your application, you will need to take and successfully pass the [Texas Jurisprudence Assessment](#) for dental assistants from the board's website or submit a copy of your current DANB CDA Card. If you are submitting a DANB card, please note you are also required to complete the [TSBDE Jurisprudence Assessment](#).
- Successful completion of a fingerprint criminal records check. Please bring a copy of your fingerprint receipt. **Staff will confirm the results of your fingerprint session on the day of the expo.**
- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query. Report results must remain in the original sealed envelope. NPDB self-query reports are **valid for 60 days.** Contact the NPDB at telephone number (800) 767-6732, or website <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/pract/howToGetStarted.jsp>. An online copy will not be acceptable.
- Beginning October 1, 2021, applicants applying for licensure or registration with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) must complete a course in human trafficking prevention approved by the executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and submit proof of completion with their application. This will be in addition to all required documentation that needs to be submitted to the TSBDE. For information on where to find approved courses, please click [here](#).
- For applicants who have held a license in another state/jurisdiction: A verification of licensure with imprint of state seal issued from a state board of dentistry in which the applicant has ever held a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene. A copy of the license alone is not acceptable. **Verification must be received in its own sealed unopened envelope.**
- Military Active Duty, Veterans or Military Active Duty Spouses must provide either a copy of Military Change of Station Orders, Identification Card or a document showing proof of Honorable or General Discharge.

PRESS RELEASE

By: Ronda Lane



Dear Dental Assisting Educators & Practicing Dental Assistants,
As part of the **2024 TDAA Annual Session and General Assembly**, mark your calendar for **Friday, May 17, 2024** to attend a special presentation for ALL dental assistants and educators.

By special invitation from the Texas Dental Assistants Association, the **Texas State Board of Dental Examiner's Licensing Director, Ms. Christine Mendez** will be addressing issues associated with new rules approved by the TSBDE and questions that many dental assistants in Texas are asking to clarify what current and future changes will be enforced.

Ms. Mendez will cover the following hot issues in addition to other TSBDE concerns:

- Dental Assisting New Rule changes
- TSBDE Licensing Expo 2024 (same day processing) for Dental Assistants seeking RDA
- Common RDA application mistakes

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| Date: | May 17, 2024 |
| Place: | TDAA/TDA Meeting, Marriott Riverwalk Hotel 889 E. Market Street, (Mezzanine level) San Antonio, TX 78205 |
| Time: | 9:00 AM |
| Cost: | No Charge, RSVP Requested via Email |
| Contact: | Ronda Lane, TDAA Past President Email: vantroba@verizon.net |

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2024 TDAA ANNUAL SESSION AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 84th TDAA Annual Session and General Assembly is going to be held at the [San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk May 16-19, 2024](#). Join us as TDAA **is once again going to Laisses Les Bons Temps Ruler**. It's Marti-Gras time again in San Antonio. You won't want to miss the fun as we party down the Riverwalk. Bring your masks and join us.

- The meeting will begin with the finance meeting and pre-convention board meeting on [Thursday, May 16](#), TDAA opening session, and the general assembly on [Friday, May 17](#).
- As a reminder, the 2023 House of Delegates voted to change the structure of the previous year's House of Delegates Meetings. Beginning this session, there are no delegates or alternates voting on the business of the association.
- ALL TDAA members registered to attend the meeting have the opportunity to attend and vote on the business of their Association.
- In this newsletter is the [registration form](#) and [meeting agenda](#) for the Meeting.
- Registration deadline is May 6, 2024.
- This is a unique opportunity for all members to have a representation in the business of the association, so please make plans to attend.
- Please note that to attend the Texas Meeting (TDA) you must also register with TDA. The link is [TDAmeeeting.org](#). The link for housing is also found on the TDA meeting site.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me (Sharon Dickinson, 915-526-5992, Sdickins1@att.net). I look forward to seeing ALL our members at this year's meeting.

The host organizations San Antonio and Houston are ready to get the Mardi-gras party started again. **Remember to bring your mask! We have the beads.**

Sharon Dickinson
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TDAA Meeting Manager
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EVENT MEETING AGENDA

May 16-18, 2024
at [Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas](#)

| Thursday, May 16, 2024 | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM | TDAA Registration | Registration Desk |
| 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | TDAA Finance Committee Meeting | Bonham Room |
| 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM | TDAA Pre-Convention Board Meeting | Valero Room |
| Friday, May 17, 2024 | | |
| 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | TDAA Registration | Registration Desk |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | TDAA Opening Session | Salon C |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM | TDAA First General Assembly | Salon C |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Educators Meeting | Valero Room |
| 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM | TDAA Past President Luncheon | Suite 3004 |
| 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM | TDAA Second General Assembly | Salon C |
| Saturday, May 18, 2024 | | |
| 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | No breakfast for those who wish to meet | Cactus Room Hotel Restaurant |
| 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | TDAA Post Convention Board Meeting | Bonham Room |

[Suite 3004 at the Riverwalk, will be open Thursday and Friday evenings, hours to be announced.](#)

NOTE: Rooms are subject to change, please check the hotel directory for updates.



EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Submit By May 6, 2024

One name per form (make copies as needed).

Name:

Credentials (CDA, RDA, CDPMA, etc.):

Society:

Address:

Check all that apply

TDAA Member

life Member

Local President

Student Member

Guest

TDAA Past President

TDAA Board Member: (Please list office)

TDAA Appointed Officers: (Parliamentarian, Editor, Exec Sec)

ADAA Office: (Please list office)

Fri May 17, 2024

12:30 – 2:30
P.M.

TDAA Past Presidents Luncheon/Meeting - Hospitality Suite Rm 3004

Voodoo Queens Reign On, Honoring Marthann Dafft President (1999)

Tickets _____ Total \$ _____ *Member \$20 Non-Member \$25

Saturday, May 18, 2024

8:30 – 9:30
A.M.

No host, non-official function, but offered for those who wish to have breakfast together in the Cactus Room, a hotel restaurant

Number for reservations only _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

TDAA Mail Form, along with payment to:

TDAA General Arrangements Committee – C/O Carolyn Friend
15214 Moss Way, San Antonio, Texas 78232

NOTE: Please advise us of any disability, dietary, food allergy, or other special needs below

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT CAROLYN FRIEND 210-865-4407

Attention!



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

Be SURE TO VISIT TDAA FACEBOOK GROUP FOR UP-DATES ON:

- Licensing Expo for on-site Registration
- Delegation of Silver Diamine Fluoride to RDA's
- Do RDA's need to renew Jurisprudence



Helpful Hints

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Members! Be checking your records and if you have been a member of TDAA for 10,15,20,25.... (increments of 5 years) or more, a Certificate of Appreciation is due!

The Texas Dental Assistants Association would like to honor those members who have maintained continuous membership and award them a certificate at our State Meeting on May 17, 2024.

Contact Edith Kendall at edithmkendall@gmail.com and she will gladly send you a form to complete so that we can acknowledge your years of service at our meeting.



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.