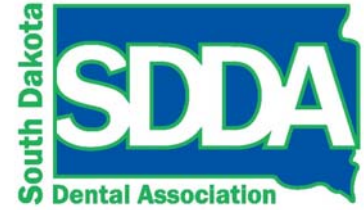


# Dentistry in South Dakota



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## Allied Staff News

### 2016 Annual Session Clinician Spotlight



**M**ary Govoni brings over 40 years of experience in dentistry to the team. She is a Certified and Registered Dental Assistant and a Registered Dental Hygienist, with experience in general and specialty practices both clinically and as an administrator. Mary is a former dental assisting educator and was a partner in a successful dental staffing service. For the past 20 years, Mary has focused on speaking and consulting with dental teams on OSHA compliance, ergonomics, chairside efficiency and team communication and development. Recently Mary has added HIPAA compliance and employment law compliance to her areas of expertise.

**Presenting on Friday, May 13, 2016**

***"Maximizing Dental Practice Efficiency from the Front Desk to the Back Door"***  
**8:00-11:00 am**

This session is a comprehensive review of current practices in managing patient flow, enhancing productivity and increasing profitability. Topics include incorporating time-saving technology for patient communication, case acceptance and patient retention, organization techniques, scheduling for maximum productivity, efficient work flow in the clinical areas and working smarter-not harder.

***"What's New with OSHA and Infection Control"*, 1:00-4:00 pm**

This course is designed to assist dental teams in meeting the requirement for an annual update on infection control and other safety regulations. The most up-to-date information will be discussed on infection control protocols, CDC guidelines, vaccinations for health care workers, record keeping and training requirements and other work-related safety information.

Watch for the 2016  
Annual Session  
Registration Information  
in the Spring Edition of  
the SDDA Newsletter!!

### Start Planning Now for National Children's Dental Health Month February 2016

**T**he American Dental Association has many resources available on their website to help you in planning for National Children's Dental Health Month. These resources include pamphlets, posters, teaching packets and audiovisuals. The ADA also has many videos/DVDs for sale so they are available to you at a moments notice. Log on to <http://www.ada.org/en/public-programs/national-childrens-dental-health-month> for information and a free planning guide. In addition to the ADA, the SDDA has educational videos/DVDs for loan to our members. A listing of these are on our website at [www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org) and in the SDDA Services Directory. You can also reserve "Teeth on the Go" kits and/or puppets by calling Delta Dental at 605-494-2527.

## Dentists Making a Difference at St. Francis Mission Dental Clinic



The SDDA is entering its fourth year of a partnership with the St. Francis Mission. During the past three years, 30 SDDA member dentists, along with many of their staff, have provided care to patients of the St. Francis Mission Dental Clinic on the Rosebud Reservation. General dentists, specialists, dental students and retired dentists have all been to St. Francis to provide much-needed dental care. Several members have made repeated trips to the Mission. The SDDA has identified the following dates in 2016 as weeks that we will provide volunteers to staff the clinic: January 11-15; March 21-25; June 20-24; September 12-16; and, September 19-23.

Previous volunteers at the clinic have commented on the great working environment at the clinic. Additionally, volunteers are guests of the Mission which provides meals and housing. Volunteers can walk from the Mission Guest House to the clinic each morning.

Volunteers are welcomed for any length of time. A typical week-long event at the clinic will include two or more shifts of dentists and staff each typically working two or two and half days. Some dentists are there for only a day, while others stay for the full week. The dentist is most efficient when they bring their own assistant with them. Hygienists are also needed at the clinic. Volunteers need only a valid license to practice in South Dakota. No other credentialing is required.

Dental students from Creighton and the University of Indiana also volunteer at the clinic. SDDA members are also needed to supervise the students while they are at the clinic.

At a typical event, dentists will treat many patients that are making their first visit to the dentist and will need significant restorative treatment. Additionally, after three years of operation, the clinic now has its own base of patients who return regularly for preventive maintenance.

Dentists and/or staff who want to volunteer should contact Paul Knecht or Brenda Goeden at the SDDA office by calling 605-224-9133 or email to [paul.knecht@sddental](mailto:paul.knecht@sddental) or [brenda.goeden@sddental.org](mailto:brenda.goeden@sddental.org).



Panoramic X-Ray Machine donated by Henry Schein

## Annual Session Table Clinics

Have you developed a new technique? Have you obtained exceptional results with a particular product or method? Have you something to share that might help the dental professional do its job better? Then by all means, make plans to present a table clinic during the 2016 Annual Session. Table clinics will be held in Rushmore Hall of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on Friday, May 13 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

If you'd like a Table Clinic application, call Brenda at the SDDA at 605-224-9133, or email [brenda.goeden@sddental.org](mailto:brenda.goeden@sddental.org).

## Reserve Your Room NOW for the 2016 Annual Session

The Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn will be the hotel site for the 2016 Annual Session, May 12-14. A block of rooms is being held for those attending the meeting. A group rate of \$90 single or double occupancy for a standard room is available to all meeting attendees. Call the Holiday Inn directly at 605-348-4000 to make reservations.



## Classified Ads

**Certified Dental Assistant (Full Time).** Bennett County Dental Clinic, an office of Horizon Health Care, Inc has a full time dental assistant opening. The position requires comprehensive knowledge of dental assisting techniques and procedures for all phases of general dentistry. Knowledge of modern dental materials, their storage, handling and applications required. The ability to work with persons from a wide diversity of social, ethnic and economic backgrounds is necessary. The Dental Assistant will assist with various clinical and administrative functions of the center as needed. Experience with computers and dental software would be beneficial. On the job training would be extended to the right candidate. Apply online @ [www.horizonhealthcare.org/careers](http://www.horizonhealthcare.org/careers); Resumes can be emailed to [ksumpter@horizonhealthcare.org](mailto:ksumpter@horizonhealthcare.org). *Horizon Health Care is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. We strongly encourage applications from those who identify as diverse in terms of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and/or veteran status.*

## Sioux Empire Smiles Helps Children With Dental Needs



Dr. Adam Swingdorf and his assistant provide treatment

Underserved children from the Sioux Falls area were able to receive free dental work thanks to a charitable day of free dental care organized by the Southeastern District Dental Society. On October 3, 109 children received care during the first-of-its-kind event in Sioux Falls entitled *Sioux Empire Smiles*. A total of 700 procedures were performed totaling nearly \$45,000 of care.

Children’s Dental Center of Sioux Falls donated the use of their facility for the event. Dr. Damon Thielen served as one of the co-chairs of the event and is a pediatric dentist at Children’s Dental Center. “We were happy to be able to host the event at our facility. Our two buildings house 30 treatment chairs and 20 hygiene chairs. Our facility was just the right size for an event of this type,” said Dr. Thielen.

Dentists, their auxiliaries, and community volunteers all donated their time and services to provide dental screenings, restorative treatments, cleanings and education. Dr. Keri Barrow was the event’s other co-chair. “We were excited to be able offer this unique and needed service to children across the Sioux Empire,” she said.

In addition to being organized by the Southeastern District Dental Society the major financial sponsors of the event were the Sioux Empire United Way, Delta Dental Foundation of South Dakota and Henry Schein. The South Dakota Dental Foundation provided administrative support for the event.

There are an estimated 600 elementary-age children in the Sioux Falls Public School System in need of urgent dental care. The Southeastern District Dental Society worked in partnership with the Sioux Falls school district to identify children and families with dental needs that have difficulty getting to a dentist. The goal of the event was to serve up to 150 children with a focus on providing dental care to patients suffering from dental infections or pain. While 109 children were treated during the event, several children had to be referred on for further care including the use of general anesthesia at a hospital.



Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether speaks with a child and her parents who received dental treatment



Dr. Damon Thielen explains the children’s treatment plan to their father.

The clinic was a rewarding experience for all of the volunteers who came together with a common goal of providing dental care to underserved populations of children who cannot, for whatever reason, obtain care.

In addition to helping children in need, the event also highlighted the ongoing challenges that disadvantaged families face in finding dental care. Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether attended the event, demonstrating the second purpose for the event which was to influence government and society at large to work with dentistry to craft common sense solutions to dental access disparities.

## Give Kids A Smile

Each year on the first Friday in February, thousands of dentists and dental team members across the country take time from their practices to help children who lack access to dental care get the treatment they need.

To register your dental office for Give Kids A Smile Day go to [www.ada.org/givekidsasmile.aspx](http://www.ada.org/givekidsasmile.aspx).



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### **CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR Winter 2015**

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#### **SD DENTAL ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL SESSION**

Contact: Brenda Goeden 605-224-9133  
[www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org)

May 12-14, 2016 Rapid City, SD  
Registration form will be included in the 2016 SDDA Spring Newsletter. For more information go to [www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org); *Annual Session*; *CE Speakers*.

#### **WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

Contact: 605-718-2410

#### **Third Friday of the Month, mornings**

- American Heart Association CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals

#### **Third Friday of the Month, afternoons**

- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Recertification

#### **LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

Contact: Rhonda Bradberry 605-882-5284, ext. 214  
[bradberr@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:bradberr@lakeareatech.edu)

#### **Home Study Radiology Courses available:**

- Radiology Safety
- Radiography Production

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene  
605-677-5379

#### **Home Study Radiology Courses available:**

- Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
- Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bitewings
- Processing Errors
- Occlusal Exposures for Children
- Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
- Panoramic Radiography
- Radiation Safety
- Vertical Bitewings
- Fluoride Varnish, Indication & Application

#### **STEPPING STONES TO SUCCESS**

Contact: [www.steppingstonesuccess.com](http://www.steppingstonesuccess.com)

- "Record Keeping Basics/Self-Study Program"

#### **ADA CE ONLINE**

Contact: [www.ada.org/goto/ceonline](http://www.ada.org/goto/ceonline)

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