

# Dentistry in South Dakota



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## Allied Staff News

### Tobacco Cessation Trainers Needed

The South Dakota Dental Hygiene Association (SDDHA) and the South Dakota Dental Association (SDDA) have teamed up to implement a tobacco cessation education project. Through the project approximately 40 dental practices throughout the state will receive on-site tobacco cessation training each year. The project has a five-year goal of training 80 percent of the dental practices in South Dakota. The SDDA will contract with up to six hygienists across the state to be the trainers and provide in-office workshops. The training will begin being offered this fall. Anyone interested in being a contract trainer for this project should Paul Knecht at the SDDA at 605-224-9133 or paul@sddental.org

The project funded by the South Dakota Department of Health. The two organizations decided to pursue the project because tobacco use is the chief cause of premature death and disease in the United States. Studies have shown that oral health care professionals can be very effective in helping their patients stop using tobacco and can effectively intervene with patients who smoke in as little as three minutes. When dental professionals assist their patients with tobacco use cessation, they eliminate an important causative/contributing factor for a number of oral conditions, including cancer.

### Foundation Helps Dental Causes in South Dakota and the Region

The South Dakota Dental Foundation has approved \$35,000 of for 2008 with more than \$24,000 coming from the Foundation's Endowment Fund. Awards approved by the Foundation Board include area dental schools; dental assisting and dental hygiene scholarships; and Delta Dental's Mobile Dental Program. The endowment fund, which was started eight years ago, has grown to more than \$340,000 and contributions from the fund have also grown steadily during that time. The Foundation will continue to make awards throughout the year. Requests can be directed to the SDDA office at 605-224-9133.

Aaron Bumann demonstrates the use of a new hand-held dental x-ray machine. The hand-held unit was purchased for use on the SmileMobile with a gift from the South Dakota Dental Foundation.



#### Contributions Given by the South Dakota Dental Foundation in 2008

Delta's Mobile Dental Program	\$ 5,000
USD Hygiene Scholarship	\$ 1,000
Volunteer Scholarships for Auxiliary Staff (4)	\$ 1,000
New Dentist Conf Scholarship	500
Western Dakota Technical Institute	\$ 2,500
Lake Area Tech – Assisting Scholarships	\$ 1,000
South Dakota Voices for Children	\$ 1,000
Tobacco Free Kids Network	\$ 1,000
USD Pre-dent Club	\$ 500
Sunshyne Smiles Program	\$ 2,000
Dental Student Project	\$ 8,000
Donated Dental Services Program	\$ 2,000
Southeast Technical Institute	\$ 500
Creighton University	\$ 3,000
University of Minnesota	\$ 3,000
University of Nebraska	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

## Western Dakota Technical Institute

Patsy Schmidt, Associate Vice President  
Corporate Education Center, Rapid City, SD

The Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Training Program at Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City first began in 1991 and to date 214 students have graduated from the program. This year, due to a high demand, two classes are running with 15 students each. The instructors are Maggie McDonald (Ft. Meade Dental Services, Sturgis) and Walter Raby (Custis Dental, Custer).

It has been a busy year for the program. Western Dakota Tech remodeled a classroom specifically for the dental assistant program. The dental chairs donated by Dr. Paul Rezych are now functional due to two other donations: a compressor from Dr. Ed Lynch and an

evacuation system from RamVac in Spearfish. In addition, the program received donations for the purchase of dental mannequins for the training lab in the amount of \$9,000 from Delta Dental Philanthropic Fund and \$2,500 from the South Dakota Dental Foundation.

This partnership between education and the dental community is one that is being modeled in other states across the nation and is recognized by other industries as well. You are to be commended for your investment in training for your employees, and we thank you for your generous contributions and for the continued support from the members of the Black Hills District Dental Society.

## Dakota Smiles Program

By Carrie Mikkonen

By now, most of you should have heard that there's a second mobile dental truck roaming the highways and byways of South Dakota. While similar in size, mission and operations, there are a couple of things that are different about this truck. First, the Care Mobile is built with a truck base; the Smile Mobile is actually a dental office inside the body of an RV. The Smile Mobile also has a center pop-out which adds a bit more room to the in-take area.

The most exciting "new" element to our operation is that we will be using a handheld x-ray system. We believe using handheld equipment will significantly increase our productivity by allowing more flexibility to where the x-rays can be taken. The easy portability of the unit will allow us to x-ray both on the truck and, if needed, in a building with our portable equipment. We have purchased the Nomad Pro system by Aribex. The entire unit weighs just over five pounds.



Pictured above is the second mobile unit in Delta's Mobile Dental Program. It's been dubbed the SmileMobile.

## Lake Area Technical Institute Dental Assisting News

By Rhonda Bradberry, CDA, B.S.  
DA Program Coordinator

We just received exciting news!!! Lake Area's Dental Assisting program received notification that as a result of the year-long self-study and site visit by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the ADA this time last year, the program has been awarded "approval without reporting requirements" and will retain this status until 2014. This summer the program was also awarded the 2008 State Director's Award for Exemplary Program in Health Sciences. The award was presented by The South Dakota Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education. I wish to commend my staff and everyone in the dental community that made contributions to assist the program in achieving these prestigious honors. It takes a huge amount of work and cooperation

of the professional community to maintain an ADA accredited program.

The program graduated 37 students in July; most of these graduates are working as dental assistants in South Dakota or furthering their dental educations. The 2008-2009 school year is underway with forty two new students. The class elected officers to the student chapter of the ADAA and are already busy with numerous activities.

We are busy planning many continuing education opportunities for the entire dental office staff. Please check elsewhere in this newsletter for details. We will update the calendar as new courses become available.

## SDDA Placement Service

A member benefit widely used by SDDA members who are looking for a hygienist or dental assistant is the SDDA Placement Service. Simply put, the placement service is a matchmaking service that helps a practicing dentist find office staff, and vice versa. The service is free for hygienists, dental assistants and office staff.

## Clinicians Scheduled for 2009 Annual Session

The 2009 Annual Session will feature a Friday morning keynote speaker, **Dr. Chester Douglass**, who is currently the Chief of Dentistry and Oral Surgery for the Cambridge Health Alliance. His session is entitled, "The Emerging Market for Dental Care in the U.S."

Another feature during the 2009 Annual Session will include an "Implant Symposium". **Dr. Thomas Salinas** from the Mayo Clinic and **Dr. Robert Schneider** from the University of Iowa Department of Prosthodontics will be Saturday morning's featured speakers.

Other scheduled speakers include:

**Ms. Kim Laudenslager, RDH, MPA**, will present, "OSHA/Infection Control Training".

**Stephen Shuman, DDS, MS and Peggy Simonson, RDH, BS** will present, "Current Concepts in Clinical Geriatrics for the Dental Team"

## Reserve Your Room Now for the 2009 Annual Session

The Sheraton in Sioux Falls will be the hotel site for the 2009 Annual Session, May 14-16. A block of rooms is being held at the Sheraton for those attending the meeting. A group rate of \$104 for single and double occupancy is available to all meeting attendees. Call the Sheraton directly at 605-331-0100 to make a reservation. The Sheraton requests that you make reservations under individual names, rather than dental offices.

## Casino Night Scheduled for 2009 Annual Session Mixer

Poker anyone? Plan to attend the 2009 Mixer, which will feature a "Casino Night". The Kiwanis Club out of Mitchell, SD will host several poker, blackjack, roulette and craps tables. Each Mixer attendee will receive chips so they can join in the fun, and maybe even win prizes at the end of the night!

The "David Jones Trio" will provide musical entertainment during the Mixer event. Their extensive repertoire includes jazz classics, romantic ballads and pop covers played on both the alto and soprano saxophone.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SDDA or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

### WESTERN DAKOTA TECH

Contact: 605-718-2410

#### September 26 & 27, 2008

- ▶ Dental Assistant Radiology, 16-hour course, 8AM-5PM

#### September 30, 2008

- ▶ American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Class, 6-10PM

#### October 28, 2008

- ▶ American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Recertification Session, 6-9PM

### LAKE AREA

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#### October 3, 2008

- ▶ CT Scans & Radiology for Dental Implants, 8:15-9:45AM
- ▶ P.A.N.D.A., 10:15AM-12:00PM

#### January 30, 2009

- ▶ "Oral & Systemic Health: Baby Boomers & Beyond"

#### February 27 & 28, 2009

- ▶ "Introduction to Basic Concepts in Dental Radiography"

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- ▶ Radiology Safety
- ▶ X-ray Production

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