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Dental Sealant Program for 2008

Highlights from Saskatchewan Health's new Dental Sealant Program starting in 2007-08 targeted towards children in grades 1 and 7 in high-risk schools.

- \$300,000 in new funding will be allocated in 2007-08 towards a new Dental Sealant Program. An additional \$200,000 has been earmarked for start-up equipment costs. This will be a regional health authority delivered program.
- The first year funding is earmarked for initial program development costs, capital equipment, staffing and training.
- There will be new funding to hire dental assistants to work with the existing dental health educators to deliver the program.
- It is anticipated that this Regional Health Authority (RHA) delivered Program will become operational in two RHA's in Jan. 2008. Full implementation is expected to begin April, 2008.
- Ongoing funding levels will be determined in mid 2007-08 once regional health authorities and other key stakeholders have been consulted and the program has been established.
- As the program is being developed the department will be communicating and working with program stakeholders such as the Dental Associations within the province.

Scientific Session 2007

The finishing touches are all that is left in the planning for the 2007 Scientific Session to be held in Regina Sept 20-22 at the Delta Regina. "A Recipe for Success" will feature Dr. John W. Farah, Barbara Bancroft, Annette Linder, Dr. Len Boksman, Jane Gattinger, Dr. Daniel Poticny, and Debbie Rogers. The weekend will be packed with presentations including; Esthetic Dentistry, Take this Job and Love It, 21st Century Hygiene, Restorative Dentistry, Digital Dentistry, Assertive Communication, and Community Acquired Diseases. See you there!

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the
Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association

will be held on

Saturday, September 22, 2007

from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Delta Regina, Regina

Annual Reports will be distributed approximately August 1, 2007

Notice

SDAA Council has approved a second term of office for President Shelly Stafford-Craik and President Elect Calla Effa in accordance with SDAA Administrative Bylaw 7.1.2.

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Dental Assisting in Saskatchewan is symbolized by the prairie lily.

KEEP IN MIND...

- *Have you been licenced twenty-five years? Those eligible this year will have graduated in 1981 (or earlier) and held 25 years of annual licensure. Application forms are included in this mailing.*
- *The 2007 Scientific Session flyer is included with this mailing. Be sure to block off September 20—22 on your calendar. Rooms are blocked at the Delta Regina. Registration prior to September 1, 2007 is a must!*
- *Please review your professional development report. Please advise the SDAA staff of any errors. If your report is missing a specific event, check with the course sponsor to see if the program has been submitted to SDAA. Consider getting your PD completed early, avoid the year end rush!!*

Call for Award Nominations

The Penny Waite Achievement Award

Criteria:

- Awarded to the dental assistant who best promotes the ideals of SDAA; or
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the field of dental assisting; or
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the association; or
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the dental community at large.

Honorary Membership

Criteria:

- Person who has distinguished themselves in the dental profession, the allied sciences, or any other socially valuable activity and who has allied in promoting the welfare of the dental assistant.

Honorary Life Membership

Criteria:

- Conferred on any member who has provided meritorious service to the association and has made an outstanding contribution to the association.

The Marg Steckler Award of Excellence

Criteria:

- Strives for strength of character and integrity;
- Promotes a national vision;
- Promotes and supports lifelong learning;
- Has held a position on the SDAA Council;
- Has participated on a SDAA committee;
- Has held a dental assistant licence in Saskatchewan for a minimum of five years;
- Holds the NDAEB certificate.

Susan Anholt Mentorship Award

Criteria:

- Presented annually to an active member of the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association;
- Recognizes a member who has served to promote the practice of dental assisting, has outstanding leadership and exceptional mentorship abilities;
- Has proven their abilities within the Association or within their own place of employment and within their community;
- Nominated by a peer.

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Award Application Process:

Please submit your nomination for any SDAA Award. Please include a detailed outline which profiles their activities, including the worthiness of your nominee.

If your nominee has had extensive involvement with the SDAA, the SDAA office may be able to assist you with your application regarding dates and committees etc. We are more than happy to assist you! The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2007.

Council Position Available

Submit your application to the SDAA Office prior to the SDAA Annual General Meeting on September 22, 2007

Job Board

Visit the SDAA website to track new job opportunities

www.sdaa.sk.ca