

# NEPADAS e-Newsletter

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## The Northeast PA Dental Assistant Society welcomes you to our new e-newsletter

### Kim Rice CDA, EFDA

The officers of your professional organization, the Northeastern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Dental Assistant's Association, would like to welcome all dental assistants to our new e-newsletter. We feel that there is a great need to get the latest information affecting our profession out to you and hope you find it helpful.

We welcome your feedback. Feel free to contact us at [nepadas@aol.com](mailto:nepadas@aol.com) with any suggestions you may have on how we can improve this newsletter. ☺

## July 2010 NEPADAS meeting

You're invited! Please join us at our July 15 meeting which will be held at 6:30 PM on the patio of the Red Robin restaurant in Wilkes-Barre. Our special guest will be Kelly Ranieli who is the Executive Director for Volunteers in Medicine. She will speak on the need for dental volunteers to help out at a new dental clinic opened by Volunteers in Medicine in Wilkes-Barre. Our meetings are a great way to network and share information with fellow dental professionals in a relaxed atmosphere. ☺

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**FALL EDUCATION SEMINAR**  
October 29, 2010  
8:00am - 5:00pm  
*Topics of Discussion:*  
*Practice Management - Transitions (3 CE)*  
*Sterilization - Midmark (1 CE)*  
*Placing composites - 3M (1 CE)*  
*Radiology - Dentsply (1 CE)*  
Fees (lunch included):  
\$125.00 Doctor  
\$80.00 Non-Member Assistant, Hygienist, Front Office  
\$60.00 ADAA Active Member, ADAA E-Member  
\$20.00 Student  
Location: Benco Dental  
295 Centerpoint Blvd  
Pittston, PA 18640



Liz Manzoni CDA, EFDA

# Pennsylvania Dental Assistant Association Spring 2010 Meeting Report

## Colette Jesikiewicz, CDPMA

The Northeast PA Dental Assisting Society (NEPADAS) was well represented at the PDAA meeting held May 14-15, 2010 at the Inn at Pocono Manor. PDAA hosted a FREE dental assistant social with a fiesta theme. Door prizes were given and a raffle was held with proceeds going to fund PDAA delegates to the ADAA national meeting in Florida.

Saturday, May 15, 2010 was the PDAA business meeting. The PDAA members present voted to donate \$100 to the American Dental Assistant Association Foundation (ADA AF) – this donation will give the PDAA an entry into the ADA AF raffle for a trip to Mexico. Should the PDAA win we will then raffle off the trip at our October meeting.

The PDAA is collecting recipes for the PDAA cookbook that we will be selling at the Ways and Means table at the ADAA national meeting. Cookbooks can be purchased at any state or local meeting as well as on our website [www.padentalassistants.org](http://www.padentalassistants.org) Recipes can be sent to the PDAA through the state website.

Plans were finalized for the PDAA General Assembly and fall educational seminar. General Assembly will be held the evening of October 28 at 6pm at a location to be announced in the Pittston area. The educational seminar will be held on October 29, 2010 9am-5pm at Benco Dental Supply showroom in Pittston. Courses will include practice management, composite restorations, DEP required radiology course and sterilization. Lunch will be included along with the opportunity to visit vendor booths. This is a great opportunity for all NEPADAS to attend our state General Assembly and obtain continuing educational credits right in our own backyard.

After a lengthy discussion, the PDAA members present voted not to renew our contract to have joint meetings with the Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry (PAGD). Even though the PAGD offered us the opportunity to reach out to dental assistants by traveling across the state while obtaining the highest quality of continuing education at reduced rates, some of our members felt that we can still change meeting locations and offer courses at even lower rates to our assistants. Our spring meeting will still change locations with each local dental assisting society

rotating the hostess responsibility.

PDAA will help man the ADAA booth at the Greater NY Dental Meeting in New York City in November. \$500 to cover hotel and travel expenses was budgeted for any PDAA member who will accept the responsibility to work the booth. PDAA will also be donated \$100 towards a Coach purse being purchased by ADAA 2<sup>nd</sup> District (PA, NY, NJ) to be raffled off at the Greater NY Meeting.

PDAA officially voted to endorse Bonnie Bell CDA, EFDA as our nominee to fill the PA State Board of Dentistry seat for an Expanded Function Dental Assistant created by HB602/Act 19. A letter will be sent to Governor Rendell asking him to appoint Bonnie to this position.

A donation of \$1000 was made to the Water St Health Services dental clinic. This PDAA contribution will help the dental clinic retain their contract dentist who treats the homeless and uninsured in the Lancaster Area.

If any NEPADAS member would like more information about anything discussed at the PDAA meeting please contact NEPADAS President Colette Jesikiewicz at [cjesikiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:cjesikiewicz@yahoo.com) ☺



**For the latest Northeast Pennsylvania Dental Assisting news please visit our website at <http://www.nepadentalassisting.org>**

## NEPADAS OFFICERS

Colette Jesikiewicz CDPMA, President

Donna Lepkoski, CDA, EFDA, FADAA, Vice President

Jeannie Farrell CDA, EFDA, Treasurer

Bonnie Bell CDA, EFDA, Legislative Chair

Kimberly Rice CDA, EFDA, Membership Chair

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NEPADAS MEETING

RED ROBIN, WILKES-BARRE

6:30 PM JULY 15, 2010

### NEPADAS MEETING

CHILI'S RESTAURANT, WILKES-BARRE

6:30 PM, OCTOBER 20, 2000

### PDAA FALL EDUCATION SEMINAR

BENCO DENTAL

8 AM -5 PM OCTOBER 29, 2010

## House Bill 602 Passed

### Kim Rice CDA, EFDA

Great news...House Bill 602 was signed into law on April 29, 2010 and takes effect in 60 days. This law allows EFDA's to perform coronal polishing, take impressions for athletic appliances and provide fluoride treatments. A seat will also be created on the PA State Board of Dentistry for an EFDA. More information will be provided, including training courses in coronal polishing, as it becomes available. Check out the PA Department of State website at <http://enews.state.pa.us/m/b6cQdBoRv3aigx7vkirj999K0rQnL1Z5QBKOmoBW9FuVVInQGQ>



## Dental Assistants Recognition Week

### Diane Kelchner CDA, EFDA

Dental Assistants in Pennsylvania have much to celebrate in 2010. Major strides in Pennsylvania dental law for assistants have raised the bar in the profession. Expanded Function Dental Assistants have been recognized by the State Board of Dentistry as certified members of the dental team. State testing and anticipation of expanded procedures and representation on the Board gave the annual event of Dental Assistant Recognition Week (DARW) a cause for much celebration. Northeast Pennsylvania Dental Assistant Society (NEPADAS) recognizes the valuable contribution of the dental assistant to the dental team. This year's American Dental Assistant Association (ADAA) motto "One Team, One Goal for Improving Oral Health" is what NEPADAS has been striving for since its inception. Throughout the year its members provide community service projects to educate the masses. One day out of the year during DARW well deserved assistants are recognized for their efforts. This year assistants, educators, and students on the path to assisting enjoyed an evening at the Villa Foglia in Exeter, Pa... A full buffet was provided. Special thanks to Donna Frenck and the 3M Company for sponsoring the great dinner and update on 3M products. Networking during the celebration sent everyone back to their duties with new ideas, contacts, and renewed appreciation for their unique contribution to the dental profession. Professionalism is a state of mind that comes with continued education, experience, and dedication to excel. Recognize then celebrate your skills. ☺

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## LCCC Holds Recognition Ceremony

### Donna Lepkoski CDA, EFDA FADAA

Luzerne County Community College recently held their Recognition Ceremony for their dental assistant and dental hygiene programs. Three dental assisting students received the Northeast Pennsylvania Dental Assistant Society Award sponsored by the Northeast Pennsylvania Dental Assistant Society. This award is presented to the graduating dental assisting student(s) who will pursue a career as a dental assistant. This award recognizes teamwork, professionalism and compassion for others. This year's recipients are: Terry Snider, Lori Clonan, and Allie Gentile.

*Picture below from left to right are: Colette Jesikiewicz CDPMA NEPADAS president, Terry Snider, Lori Clonan, Allie Gentile, Jeanne Farrell CDA, EFDA, NEPADAS Treasurer, LCCC faculty, Donna Lepkoski CDA, EFDA, FADAA, NEPADAS Vice-President, LCCC faculty ☺*



## Interested in becoming a member?

Please visit the ADAA website at <http://www.dentalassistant.org>. You can choose become a full member with benefits or an e-member.

ADAA Full Membership Benefits	ADAA E-Membership Benefits
Online & ADAA record management	Online record management only
4 free CE hours of online education	One free 1 hr online education yearly
Professional liability insurance/AD & D insurance (up to age 70)	No insurance
Membership e-retail discounts	E-member retail discounts
Membership cards & pins	Membership card printed online & pin that can be purchased online
Fellowship/Mastership	Cannot apply for Fellowship/Mastership
Awards eligibility	No awards eligibility
Can serve as a delegate at Annual Sessions	Cannot serve as a delegate
Juliette Southard Scholarship for students only	Cannot apply for scholarship
	Continuous e-membership until member unsubscribes on website

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