Dental professionals attending the American Dental Association annual meeting in Honolulu, Oct. 18-22, will be just a few blocks away from some of the most popular beaches on Waikiki Bay, including Kuhio Beach Park, Kahanamoku Beach and Ala Moana Beach Park.

The Hawaii Convention Center and many of the official ADA hotels are just steps away from the gentle shoreline that downtown Honolulu is known for.

But it’s not just the thought of toes in the sand and wading into a calm surf that has dental professionals planning their days in Hawaii. The meeting’s array of C.E. courses, seminars and workshops are the big draw. And just as enticing is the opportunity to touch, feel and compare thousands of instruments and other offerings from the dental industry’s top companies and organizations, many of whom will be featuring discounts and other convention specials on dentistry’s latest innovations and must-have basic supplies.

The meeting’s three days of exhibits will be from Oct. 18–20 (Thursday–Saturday) at the Hawaii Convention Center’s exhibit hall.

Beyond the C.E. and exhibits — and in addition to the ocean breezes, sandy beaches and lush vegetation of Oahu Island — the Honolulu meeting will offer an extensive schedule of fun.

The ADA will bring Broadway to the islands on Oct. 18 by kicking off the meeting with an evening under the stars, featuring Tony-Award-winner Kelli O’Hara. The picnic-style event at the Waikiki Shell will also feature Broadway performers Ruthie Ann Miles and Telly Leung, former Miss Universe Brook Lee and the Kamehameha Schools Children’s Chorus. This is a complimentary event, but registration and tickets are required because the venue’s capacity is limited.

The New Dentist Conference kicks off early each day with morning yoga on the Great Lawn at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Each day of the New Dentist Conference features innovators and entrepreneurs who will help the profession’s newest members grow their business. New dentists will be able to spend time with fellow new dentists at the New Dentist Reception, Oct. 19, from 5–6:30 p.m., where they can connect, mingle and expand their network in a fun environment.

In keeping with this year’s theme, the ADA annual meeting will be in the heart of Waikiki

Regroup, retreat, re-energize

The Hawaii Convention Center, on the Ala Wai Canal, a stroll from Waikiki Beach, is host site of the ADA 2018 annual meeting. Photo/David Cornwell, Waikiki Aerial
ADA 2018 exhibit hall
(Times reflect the meeting’s earlier hours so you can hit the beach and/or enjoy other fun in the sun)

Thursday, Oct. 18
7 a.m.–3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19
7 a.m.–3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20
7 a.m.–1 p.m.

ADA is inviting registrants to visit one of the “RE” lounges in the exhibit hall to regroup, retreat and re-energize. Visitors can stroll in the “Best of Class Aisle” and congratulate the winners of the 2018 Cellerant Best of Class Technology Award Winners.

The meeting’s diverse and extensive schedule of courses are packaged into areas of concentration such as the Digital Future of Dentistry, Women in Dentistry, Campfire Sessions and a team-building track.

Another meeting highlight is the New and Emerging Speaker Series, which offers up-and-coming educators the chance to present a one-hour, no-fee lecture. A select few will ultimately present at future annual meetings.

To secure the lowest fares, meeting attendees are being encouraged to search for flights that arrive in Honolulu a few days before the meeting starts and/or leave a few days after the meeting — to enjoy extra time on the islands.

The ADA has adjusted reduced rates with multiple hotels on Oahu exclusively for annual meeting attendees. Visit ADA.org/ADA8Hotels for a list of participating hotels and resorts. Shuttle service will run to and from the Hawaii Convention Center.

For those planning a side trip from the meeting, it’s relatively easy to get to the other Hawaiian islands. And if you don’t want to leave the family for a week, you can definitely bring everybody along. Courses will end and the exhibit hall will close at 3 p.m. every day, giving ample time to hang 10 on the North Shore or hike to Diamond Head.

To register for the meeting or learn more, visit ADA.org/Aloha and ADA.org/meeting.

Earn a pass to ADA 2019
ADA member dentists who spend a cumulative total of $3,500 or more with exhibitors at ADA 2018 are eligible to receive free registration to next year’s meeting in San Francisco. Pick up an Incentive Buying Program envelope in the registration area.

Member dentists can submit receipts for purchases made in the ADA 2018 exhibit hall. Documented show-site purchases totaling a minimum of $3,500 must be presented collectively on-site at an ADA information desk (consult the official program or registration desk for location).

Receipts must be submitted before 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 21. Regrets will be applied to only the purchaser whose name is on the receipts. Only one registration is provided, regardless of total amount spent beyond $3,500.

(Source: American Dental Association)

Henry Schein helps kids back to school
By Henry Schein Staff

Henry Schein Inc. helped underserved children around the world head back to school with confidence by providing them with backpacks, school supplies and new clothes through its 21st annual “Back to School” program. More than 5,000 kids participated in this year’s program at 30 Henry Schein locations in the U.S., Canada, Scotland and Spain. Since its start in 1998, the program has helped more than 50,000 children.

Children who participate in “Back to School” also take home books and hygiene products donated by Henry Schein, and, at many company locations, first-day-of-school outfits purchased by Team Schein Members. The “Back to School” program is a flagship initiative of Henry Schein Cares, the company’s global corporate social responsibility program.

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