ADHA annual session features
Music City as lively backdrop

American Dental Hygienists’ Association
92nd annual session is from June 17–20

Dental hygienists around the nation are gathering at the Music City Center Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn., from June 17–20 for the American Dental Hygienists’ Association Center for Life-long Learning (CLL) at the 92nd Annual Session.

According to meeting organizers, ADHA members, guests and exhibitors will come together as a community to reflect on the great strides dental hygiene has made in the past century and to celebrate the limitless possibilities of future advancements in the profession.

The annual sessions includes a variety of networking opportunities, a two-day exhibit hall (June 19–20), student programming, plenary sessions and more than 28 unique C.E. courses in six program tracks. The six C.E. tracks are: Clinical Practice, Public Health, Educator, Research, Professional Development and Student. It’s possible for an attendee to earn up to 20 C.E. hours at the meeting.

The cost of the C.E. courses range from $30 to $60 depending on the course, enabling you to design your own program, limited to a total expense of your choosing.

ADHA’s Center for Lifelong Learning at the Annual Session is the nation’s largest meeting for the dental hygiene profession, typically attracting more than 2,000 attendees each year. For more information, you can visit the meeting website, www.adha.org/annual-session.

Exhibit hall
The two-day exhibition is on Friday, June

Commentary
Earth Day perspective

By Patricia Walsh, RDH
Editor in Chief

Earth Day this year coincided with some of the best walking weather New York City has seen in a very long time. I was lucky enough to have been out of the office and up on an elevated park called The High Line. Once a stretch of rail way designed to bring produce and other goods into the city, it is now a diverse landscape of natural beauty. Even on the hottest day, soft breezes flow up from the nearby Hudson River. It took about 10 years from conception to completion.

The dream of turning an abandoned railway into a public park, instead of tearing the structure down, was spearheaded by the Friends of the High Line (www.thehighline.org). Around 2000, a rail system sitting unused for decades had become a natural, messy, free-range sort of park. Never designed to ferry passengers, the rails were practically unreachable by humans. Birds dropped seeds, and the wind blew in the grasses. Those who wished to renovate wanted to keep what nature had started, but on a tamer, civilized scale. A bit of modern art and comfortable seating was thrown in for good measure.

You can’t help but be transfixed by the beauty of old brick warehouses juxtaposed against sleek shimmering modern buildings. Who knew rust could be so beautiful when it shares the sun with a field of yellow wildflowers? What was block upon block of decaying warehouses is now a vibrant revitalized area.

My favorite place to pick up a picnic lunch is the Chelsea Market. The site of the old Nabisco factory, it is a cornerstone of this park. The elevated railway was originally designed to keep people safe from the massive traffic jam of delivery trucks dodging a street level train. So many pedestrians were killed over the years that a street below is called Death Avenue for good reason. On this particular April morning, delicate narcissus flowers elighted elevated walkers and the varied scents of duty-free perfumes had replaced acrid locomotive fumes.

Grassroots community effort has turned decay into beauty. Unless you know the history of the park, you might not see the overall big picture. We as dental professionals lose sight of the fact that we do the same thing on a small scale.

Day to day we turn decay into miniature works of art. Sometimes in a half hour restoration, sometimes over a six month implant case. Creating tiny miracles on a weekly basis, are we so much in the “now”
Pays to be early

Another exhibit hall bonus. The first 200 attendees to enter the exhibit floor on Friday morning will receive a free gift. Members and organizers encourage attendees to enter the exhibit hall as a core component of their annual session experience. According to the organizers, “Purchasing from companies at the ADHA’s meeting shows the exhibiting companies the value of their participation. Exhibitors at the ADHA event help support you and the dental hygiene profession. Help show the value of why companies should exhibit at the ADHA’s annual meeting.”

Purchasing at ADHA can help you earn discounted or complimentary registration for the ADHA’s 2016 event in Pittsburgh.

New ‘Innovation Center’

The new ADHA/Henry Schein Innovation Center, at the end of the 500 aisle on the exhibit floor, will highlight new technologies, products and equipment introduced to the market within the last 18 months. Participating companies include Crest + Oral-B & Professional Oral Health, Dental EZ Group, Henry Schein Dental, OraPharma and Philips ZOOM!

ADHA’s Foundation: Institute for Oral Health corporate matching day

ADHA’s Foundation, the Institute for Oral Health, operates an informational and fundraising booth in the ADHA community center, staffed by volunteers, where ADHA members and student hygienists can make a tax-deductible donation. The IOH corporate challenge grant sponsorship is a dollar-for-dollar donation match, with donations made by members matched by the participating company.

Plenary sessions

Plenary sessions are scheduled for Thursday and Saturday. The Thursday, June 18, keynote presentation is at 8 a.m. and is open to all attendees and exhibitors. The speaker is Mike Rayburn, CSP, CPAE, an author, commissioner and world-class guitarist with a reputation as an inspirational thought leader and one of the most in-demand and unconventional keynote artists in the world. Drawing on his success as an entrepreneur and Carnegie Hall headliner, Rayburn promises to help you increase profitability and impact by inspiring your team to become “possibility thinkers” and virtuoso performers — all by asking the question, “What if...?” Rayburn uses his guitar skills and comedy to illustrate three tools designed to turn your team into an “army of innovators.”

The keynote presentation on Saturday, June 20, follows the ADHA awards presentations, which begin at 8 a.m., and is open to all attendees and exhibitors. The speaker is Diana Nyad, who at the age of 64, in her fifth attempt, fulfilled her lifelong dream of completing the 110-mile swim from Cuba to Florida. She completed the grueling 53-hour journey on Sept. 2, 2013. In 2010, at the age of 60, she had tried to prove that the 53-year-old rumor was unfounded by completing the historic swim. Nyad has earned a reputation as a uniquely entertaining speaker.

(Source: American Dental Hygienists’ Association)

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Actual photo of handpiece biofilm. Dental unit waterlines can exceed bacterial allowance standards by as much as 20,000% due to biofilm buildup.

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Booth #707
Be sure to attend the DentaPure product presentation at Music City Center Nashville, Friday June 19. Times are approximate. Presentations begin at 10am, Crosstex is scheduled at 10:38am. Presentations are 10 minutes long.

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– Dr Peter D. Boulden

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(Source: Sikka Software)

Keystone holds inaugural Latin America seminar

Keystone Industries has been expanding its dental-industry boundaries wider than ever before over the past couple years and the impact was felt among members of the Latin American dental community this May.

The Sheraton Miami hosted Keystone Industries inaugural LATAM Dental Seminar, which was dedicated to customers from countries in Central and South America. The seminar, which was held May 20-21, provided attendees all the necessary training and knowledge to take their dental businesses to the next innovative level by using the Keystone product lines. Guest speakers and presenters touched on all the big sellers, as well as some lesser-known technologies, looking to hit the ground running in the Latin American market.

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Attendees express their enthusiasm for Keystone Industries’ inaugural LATAM Dental Seminar, which is dedicated to supporting business growth of Keystone customers in countries across Central and South America. Photo/Provided by Keystone Industries
By OSAP, CDC and ADA standards, to be considered safe, drinking water cannot exceed 500 colony-forming units (CFU/ml). Unfortunately, in many dental offices, non-compliant water can contain more than 100,000 CFU/ml due to the accumulation of biofilm in water lines. Excessive biofilm accumulation in dental water lines compromises hygiene and may present an infection-control risk.

Providing clean and safe water is the standard for Crosstex DentaPure® dental water-line cartridges—an easy-to-use and cost-effective advanced clinical water treatment unit. Using the same technology licensed to NASA for producing safe water in space, DentaPure ensures that water consumed is treated to ensure microbial water quality below 200 CFU/ml. The cartridge contains iodinated resin beads, and 2 to 5 ppm of iodine is released as water passes through the resin matrix. The isotopic iodine is protein-free, so there is no risk of antibiotic resistance.

DentaPure is available in two versions. The B series installs directly into the unit’s independent water supply bottle, and the M Series installs directly onto the chair’s municipal system. The unit’s independent water supply bottle, and the M Series installs directly onto the chair’s municipal system. The unit eliminates the need for complicated protocols and requires no daily, weekly or monthly microbiologic testing protocols. Crosstex iodine test strips (TEST): Both cartridges include: no shock hazard, no tablets, no required distilled water, so if users run more water through the cartridges, they should use the iodine test strips to ensure that the iodine content exceeds 0.5 ppm. It is recommended to test every 20 liters after the 240.

To summarize, the many advantages of DentaPure cartridges include: no shock hazard, no tablets, no required distilled water, so if users run more water through the cartridges, they should use the iodine test strips to ensure that the iodine content exceeds 0.5 ppm. It is recommended to test every 20 liters after the 240.

Of course, there’s nothing else for users to do until next year when end-users receive a reminder to replace their DentaPure cartridge. On the subject of monitoring and Crosstex iodine test strips (TEST): Both cartridges (DP365B and DP365M) last for one year and no test strips are required during this period, but if a clinician wants to test to ensure iodine content is above 0.5 ppm, Crosstex iodine test strips can be purchased. It is important to note that both DP365B, cartridges treat two lines of water, so if users run more water through the cartridges, they should use the iodine test strips to ensure that the iodine content exceeds 0.5 ppm. It is recommended to test every 20 liters after the 240.

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1. Remove the dental unit’s water bottle from the manifold to reveal the bottle pickup tube.
2. Align bottle alongside the pickup tube to ensure the DentaPure cartridge can attach to it with enough space to fit inside the bottle—leaving ½ to 1 inch of space from the bottom of the bottle.
3. Once measured, cut the pickup tube and securely insert the included fitting.
4. Take off the white protective end caps and attach the cartridge to the fitting with a simple twist. Fill the bottle with water and return to manifold.

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