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 Lifelong 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.

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

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 railway 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 delighted 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”

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The food carts, the artists, the street singing—words that add a bit of zest to one's walk. These days, so it's the cacophony of foreign attire. We pretty much all dress alike among New York tourists is always entertaining. We pretty much all dress alike among New York tourists is always entertaining. You develop the patients' trust, and they are motivated to continue with more treatment? The IOD corporate challenge grant sponsorship is a dollar-for-dollar donation match, with donations made by members matched by the participating company. The IOD 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, calendar, 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 103-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 began her “Extreme Dreams” quest of completing the swim, which she had failed to finish 30 years earlier. When asked her motivation, Nyad said, “Because I’d like to prove to the other 60-year-olds that it is never too late to start your dreams.” Nyad was unsuccessful in her quest in 2010 and tried two more times in 2011 and 2012 before completing the historic swim. Nyad has earned a reputation as a uniquely entertaining speaker.

(From American Dental Hygienists’ Association)
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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 10:30am. Presentations are 10 minutes long.

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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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Keystone customers from 10 Central and South American countries receive training at two-day event in Miami

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
Do you know what’s lurking in your dental-unit water lines?

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.

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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 eliminates the need for complicated maintenance protocols, no paperwork for safe disposal, no special disposal requirements, no hazardous silver and no risk of caustic chemicals in your water lines.

According to the company, DentaPure ensures that water consumed is so effective that many universities and federal agencies use it in their water systems and dental schools rely on it for compliance in their clinics. An EPA registered and FDA registered antimicrobial product, DentaPure meets and exceeds microbiological water standards, including OSAP, CDC and ADA guidelines (EPA #74245-5 and FDA 510K #K992868, K992895).

What’s lurking in your customer’s dental unit water lines? Safety and compliance has never been easier with Crosstex® DentaPure Waterline Cartridges. You can learn more in the Crosstex booth, No. 707, at the American Dental Hygienists’ Association annual meeting, June 17–20.

Also, be sure to attend the DentaPure product presentation at the Music City Center in Nashville on Friday June 19. Presentations begin at 10 a.m., with Crosstex scheduled at 10:30 a.m. (times are approximate). Presentations are 10 minutes long.

Learn more about the technology behind the company’s value statement — “DentaPure: Clean Water, Clear Choice.” 

(Source: Crosstex)

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Dennis Urban, CDT, a key opinion leader in the dental and denture field, who has given lectures around the world, gave his presentation on removable technology followed by a live demonstration of denture processing with DiamonD Acrylic and the Tecnoflask. Keystone’s new microwavable denture flask.

On top of this big hit, Mike Fozzillo, vice president of sales, and Derek Keene, vice president of marketing, spoke to the attendees about mouthguards and thermoplastics Keystone offers, as well as how important Pro-Form mouthguard protection is to athletes in the United States. “The movement for oral protection is spreading into Central and South America through sports like soccer (futbol), MMA fighting and boxing. With our biggest and best customers from these countries south of the United States attending this seminar, it was very beneficial for their market,” said Fozzillo.

Other speakers at the seminar included Sales Manager Wayne Allen, who shared knowledge and expertise of the acquired Isoworth product line and the benefits it provides to dental practices, and Meg Shank of Apavia, a company that recently became exclusive international partners with Keystone for water filtration technology, who spoke about the impact and importance of water filtration in dentists offices and how it will be growing over time.

Throughout the two-day seminar, attendees were highly informed and trained on cutting-edge dental products, and they have given rave reviews of the overall event.

Keystone Industries, a privately held company, founded in 1908, has maintained a strong reputation for producing innovative, high-tech dental products in both the operatory and laboratory realms.

According to the company, its dedication is driven by the need to provide customers with the finest quality materials while developing products that meet and surpass customer expectations. These expectations have continued to excel as the company has moved forward with expansions around the globe.

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