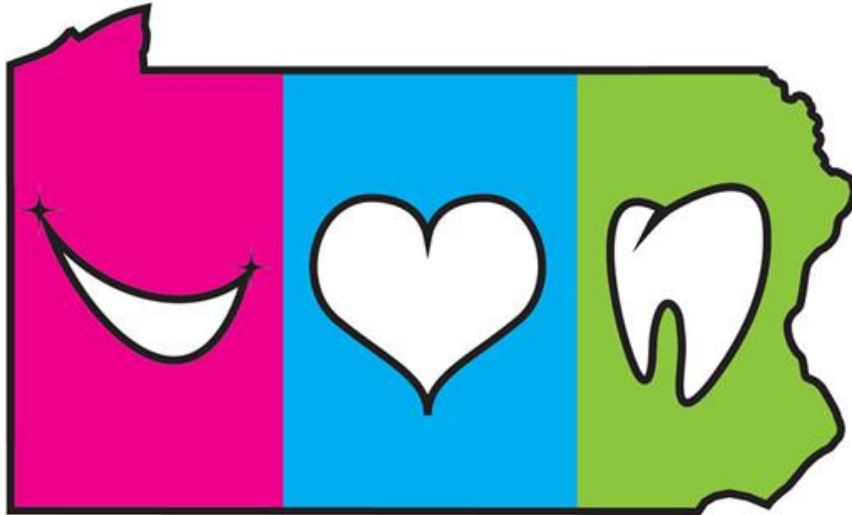


# PDAA NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

Professional Membership is a great  
New Year's resolution! Join us!



Pennsylvania  
Dental Assistants Association



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STRIVE NOT TO GET MORE DONE, BUT TO HAVE LESS TO DO. ~FRANCINE JAY

### Our Mission Statement

The Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association is an active group of dedicated dental professionals with the desire to gain more knowledge and to promote dental assisting as a profession.

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“Sometimes the best part of our job is that our chair swivels!”

-Dental Assistants Everywhere

BE PROUD of your profession!



## MARK YOUR 2023 CALENDAR

### MARCH 3 & 4

PDAA CE Seminar &  
Dinner Meeting  
Benco Dental  
Pittston, PA

### MARCH 5-11

Dental Assistants  
Recognition Week  
(DARW)

### JUNE

PDAA Summer CE  
Berks County  
Date & Location TBD

### NOVEMBER

PDAA Fall CE Seminar  
and General  
Assembly Meeting  
Location TBD



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# Fall 2022 Meeting Recap



The Fall PDAA Seminar was held at the Giant Corporate Center on October 28 & 29, 2022 in Willow Grove, PA.

Friday attendees earned 6 CE credits on the topic of Dental Implants. Thank you to Dr. Robert Delie, DMD, MDS for the Dental Implant review! Lunch was provided by Hiossen Implants. Hiossen representatives were available with equipment demonstrations and information.



Saturday Attendees earned 3 CE credits on the topic of Radiology Review. This satisfies the DEP mandated credits for those that hold a dental radiography certificate in PA. Thank you Kathy Malone, RDH, EFDA, MA from Manor College for keeping the review current and fun!

The PDAA provided dinner at Randazzo's Pizzeria for the General Assembly meeting.

Discussion points were future CE topics, the Spring Seminar, and PDAA membership. We have awesome ideas and hope to gain strength in numbers with an increase in membership.



# SPOTLIGHT

## PDAA Lifetime Member

### Jean Morris, CDA, CDPMA, EMT



“I started my dental career in 1967 when my dentist asked me to be his assistant while I was receiving orthodontic treatment. Back then, I was the only other person in the office, so I did everything from office work, assisting, billing, to lab work, etc. being taught by my dentist and continuing working there while in college where I earned a B.S. in Comprehensive Social Studies in 1972 and then a B.S. Library Science in 1975.

I decided to go to Northampton Community College for a radiology course so that I could take the DANB exam. In 1986, I passed in the top third of the testing and became a Certified Dental Assistant. One year later I earned my Certified Dental Practice Management certification also in the top third of the testing groups. I worked in the dental office through college and until I was hired at the VA Medical Center in Lebanon in 1987 as a medical clerk/secretary. My love for dental assisting did not cease; however, due to my needing a higher paying position, I did not join the VA dental team. While at the VA I joined the Emergency Medical Response Team and then earned my Emergency Medical Technician certification in 2006. I have also earned certifications in medical coding. I retired from the VA Medical Center in 2013 after 26 years. I still volunteer with my local ambulance association 30 hours a week.

I joined the Berks County Dental Assistants Society in 1987 where I have held the Secretary position for many years. I also joined ADAA in 1987 and after several years, became the PDAA secretary and treasurer, positions that I still hold to this day.

When not doing dental things, I am actively involved in the leadership of my church, taking friends to various appointments, ambulance duty, and collecting teddy bears.”



**“Thank you, Jean for all that you do!”**

**-PDAA Board Members**

# SAVE-THE-DATE

- 2023 Spring Seminar and Dinner Meeting
- Friday and Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- Benco Dental in Pittston, PA
- 9 CE credits available
- Additional information will be on our website



## President's Message

Joan Burke, CDA, EFDA  
PDAA President



Happy New Year! As we head into another year, PDAA is excited to share information to keep you updated with your association. PDAA is kicking off Dental Assistants Recognition Week, March 5<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating YOU with a continuing education seminar March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, at Benco Dental in Pittston, PA. We are thrilled to be holding our live meetings once again. It's a great way to meet and network with fellow assistants! Please note, PDAA will be hosting three meetings this year to better serve all of our members. Hopefully you will be able to join us! More details will be available on our website, check it often! As always, this is your association. If you would like to become more involved or have any suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me at [burke5626@verizon.net](mailto:burke5626@verizon.net) or 215-317-0779.

Wishing you all the best for a great year!

Joan

