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The mission of OSDA is to ensure Denturists have access to high quality educational opportunities and that our profession remains an important Healthcare option for consumers.



A Message from the President:

It is such a privilege to be a member of this Association. Over the past few months I have had the opportunity to dig into the history of OSDA and we have much to be thankful for. The founders and supporters of the Association, whose sacrifice and unwillingness to give up in the fight to legalize Denturism as a profession in Oregon, was unprecedented.

In this newsletter we document our incredible history using first-hand accounts from Dave Dahl, (one of our founding board members), written documentation and other historical archives. I was very intrigued with the information and inspired by the dedication of our supporters, many of whom are still members of the Association today. After you read our fascinating history, I hope it will inspire

you to continue your support or join as a member for the first time.

Our upcoming "Continuing Education Conference" is May 30th-31st at the Salem Convention Center. I am excited to have it in Oregon's capital city where our first licensed Denturists arose. This year we are celebrating 35 years as the Oregon State Denturist Association! Please join us Friday, May 30th, for our "Celebration Banquet Dinner" as we will be honoring our Association founders, members and past presidents.

I encourage you to come and celebrate with us!

Sincerely,
Heidi van Giffen, L.D.
OSDA President



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The fall OSDA conference was held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Oregon. Our continuing education was great. The presenters arrived with much knowledge and information to fill the minds of all our attendees. We held a vendor fair, where all the vendors were able to present their products to a group at a time. Everyone had an opportunity to learn more about the products while spending quality time at each vendor table. Thank you to the Presenters, vendors and all who attended the conference.

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The History of OSDA

By: Jodi Norwood

The Oregon State Denturist Association started in 1979 after supporters of Denturism succeeded in passing the Denturism initiative. This allowed dentures to be made by a licensed Denturist providing them directly to the public. On July 1, 1980, Oregon became the first state to allow dentures to be made independently, without the supervision of a Dentist.

Before OSDA was established, the organization was called Western Denturist Association or WDA. The WDA was formed in 1976 to fight for Denturism and to serve the denturists that were interested in furthering the cause to provide quality service and dentures at significantly lower costs. Denturists were determined to fight for the profession as the demand for public access to cost-effective removable prosthetics was only going to rise. Although most denturists were operating illegally at the time, Oregon dentists were unable to prove that existing denturists were causing harm to the public with their practices. According to several news articles of the time, the public perceived the dentists' campaign as negative and self-serving, causing support for Professional Denturism to increase.

Denturists across the state were fighting prosecution and indictment charges and had cases pending against them for practicing illegally. The different lawsuits against the denturists were consolidated and according to Dave Dahl, one of the founding WDA board members, "We were fighting it on constitutionality... (and) we were running out of appeals. From '76 to '78 we were going with legislation, so we decided to go with an initiative petition," which was placed on the ballot for November 7th, 1978. Many had to take out mortgages on their homes or get loans to help pay for the legal expenses. During this time, a group of 9 members were putting \$700.00 a month toward these expenses as recorded in the WDA meeting minutes. It was, "either do or die in November of '78. If it wouldn't have passed in '78 they would have closed us down statewide." says Mr. Dahl. In particular Mr. Dahl credits the founding members; Theodore & Daryl Dhein, Ben Smith, Rod Jamison, Anthony Martin, Doug Pfister, Francis Stone, R.W. Chetwood, Jim McGuire, Phillip Dahl, Kenneth Holden, Akbar Randji, Vernon Martin, Frank Gravon and his father Russell Dahl for leading the fight for Denturism in Oregon "without them there wouldn't be Denturism today." After capturing consumer support, signatures were collected for ballot measure 5 the "Denturism Bill". The measure was placed on the ballot and passed by an overwhelming margin. Results of polls conducted for the Citizens of Oregon for Denturism showed the voters favored Denturism by a 4 to 1 ratio and that the more a voter knew about the issue, the more Denturism was favored. After the measure passed, there were a lot more people interested in the profession.

At the time the law was passed there was no training program in place for denturists. This required the Health Division and Oregon State Department of Human Resources to administer the law and monitor the denturists' practices. The law called for a 2 year training program for denturists and an additional educational program to enable those with prior experience to qualify for certification. In addition to the experience and education requirements, the law required performance standards for denturist practices' to be set up, and a monitoring system for quality assessment and assurance to be established. The law enabled input by dentists and denturists to develop guidelines regarding curriculum content, criteria for certifying denturists, and most importantly, define aspects of patient care. The staff of the health division consulted with representatives of senior citizens, consumer groups, denturists, educators, and dentists to gather information to establish the denturist program. The staff worked with Portland Community College to set up curriculum for denturist training. An advisory council was also established in mid-1979 to assist in developing curriculum and to determine if the educational program submitted met the requirements, as outlined in the law. Mr. Dahl vividly remembers taking the exam on May 18th 1980, "it was the day that Mt. St. Helens blew up. I'll never forget that." On July 1st, 1980 the first licenses were issued to Denturists who passed these tests, some 66 in all. An additional 15 denturists received there license by the end of 1980. More than 180 licenses have been issued in Oregon since.

Remaining active licensees of those issued in 1980.

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In Massachusetts, to be intimate without taking out your false teeth.

To wash your dentures in a drinking fountain in McLough, Kansas.

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May 30th - 31st

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, May 29

6-8pm **Board Meeting / Dinner** **Room: Pringle Creek**

Friday, May 30

7:00-8:30am **Breakfast** **Room: Santiam 2 & 3**
 8:30am-11:30pm **Jeff Scarvey** **(3 CE Credits) Room: Santiam 1**



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12-1 **11:30am-12pm Association meeting / Announcements** **Room: Santiam 2&3**
 1-5:30 **Lunch** **(4 CE Credits) Room: Santiam 1**
Eric Stutzman, Director



As Denturists we encounter difficult patients on a regular basis and typically conversations with them leave us feeling frustrated, stressed, angry and tired. This workshop will analyze what is happening in those exchanges and demonstrate how we can adapt our strategies to bring about more productive conversations with not only difficult patients but people in general. The effect of intervention styles will be explored, in particular, how different styles interact with each other. We will also learn how to change our interactions with difficult people in order to influence their behavior, resulting in more positive outcomes and a better-patient experience. This class will also be accompanied by a class on conflict resolution. This workshop will teach participants to understand the dynamics of conflict and equip them with the skills needed to respond confidently when faced with situations of conflict.

6:30pm **Social and Cocktails, Open Bar** **Room: Santiam 2 & 3**
 7:00pm **35 year Celebration Dinner**

Saturday, May 31

7-8:30 am **Breakfast** **Room: Santiam 2 & 3**
 9-11am **Ellen Bostock, CDT, Founder & President** **(2 CE Credits) Room: Santiam 1**



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11am-12pm **OHLA** **(1 CE Credit) Room: Santiam 1**



A representative from OHLA will be giving an update On what is going on at a State level and issues that Effect us as Denturists today.

12:00pm **Conference Adjourns**

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