

Dear Hygienists.

I want to express my thanks to all those who worked so hard to make my year as President of the MDHA both successful and enjoyable. The following are some of our major accomplishments:

1. Our professional license plate was approved in April by the State Legislature for fund raising and to create awareness for our profession. The Governor will sign the bill into law in July of 2008. MDHA can expect to realize between \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00 annually, depending on the number of tags purchased.
2. A new website for MDHA was created this year.
Check out these addresses: www.mdhaonline.com or www.mdhaonline.org
3. The annual session was held in Hattiesburg, MS on March 28, 2008 at Southern Oaks House and Garden with the highest recorded attendance of any MDHA meeting. Two hundred sixty Dentists, hygienists, assistants and students attended and enjoyed a variety of speakers and 10 exhibitors, despite a large increase in the fee charged to vendors.
 - * Eight table clinics were presented by a dozen UMC dental hygiene students.
 - Students from many schools supported their student associations (SADHA) by selling products for fund raising.
 - Businesses from all over the state provided door prizes including products made in Mississippi, garden items, artwork and dental products.
 - Addressing the business meeting were MDHA board members as well as Diane Howell, Executive Director of the MSBDE and Catherine Ellington, District VI Trustee.
 - MDHA Clinical Achievement awards were presented to dental hygiene students from all five schools in the state.

I also want to thank the people in the local components for all their help and encouraging e-mails throughout the year. In this next year, I look forward to working with Linda Hiter, our new president, and even more progress for MDHA in our state. Lastly, I want to encourage all of our hygienists to continue supporting their professional association.

Keep smiling,

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