



## Cathy Draper Receives President's Award

Cathy Draper is a wonderful example of just how to make the most of a career in dental hygiene. With seemingly boundless energy to devote to her profession, her career has spanned international boundaries and traditional settings. The example she sets should be an inspiration for new hygienists and a call to action for us all.

2005-06 President Lin Sarfaraz honored Cathy and her career by awarding her the President's Award. She stated she wanted to honor Cathy because of her service to CDHA, the many years of her contributions and her ongoing efforts for dental hygiene.

Cathy has been a dental hygienist for over 30 years. She has a Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene from the University of Michigan and has practiced clinically in Germany as well as California. She is a past president of CDHA and was the 2001 Leader of the People to People Delegation of Dental Hygienists to China. Cathy is a 2005 recipient of the Sunstar/Butler RDH Award of Distinction. She currently works in a general, cosmetic and implant dental practice in Mountain View and is a member of the adjunct faculty at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. She also presents continuing education programs on dental implants and the use of technology in dental hygiene practice, and is also writing for several dental hygiene publications. She has been the chair of the Information Technology Council for the last 5 years, responsible for maintaining the CDHA website.

Her volunteer activities outside of CDHA include 12 years as a library reference associate

for the Stanford Hospital Health Library. This summer she was also a mentor to a student in the Stanford Medical Youth Science Program, a 5 week residential program for low income, minority students, interested in the health sciences. The goal of the program is to turn potential into purpose as the students are given the opportunity to develop their academic strengths as well as their self confidence. Cathy says, "It was the highlight of my summer to meet every week with my student and establish a relationship that I hope will last into the future."

Congratulations to Cathy, and thanks for all you do.



## Lucky winners of the 2006 CDHA Opportunity Drawing!

Daphne von Essen and Helen McCracken were the lucky winners of the 2006 CDHA opportunity drawing held at the HOD in June. Daphne was the recipient of a \$2,000 gift certificate to the retail outlet of her choice and Helen was the winner of a Dentsply Cavitron.



Tickets are on sale now for next year's drawing. Maybe your \$10 ticket will be drawn at the 2007 HOD!