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## Scarborough dental hygienist receives ODHA Life Membership Award

**[Burlington, ON]** The Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA) recently presented Scarborough resident and registered dental hygienist Kim Ivan with the Life Membership Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the dental hygiene profession and exceptional leadership as a professional.

"It is a great honour to be recognized for my leadership and contributions to the dental hygiene profession and ODHA. It has been my absolute pleasure serving the Association and the profession for the past 37 years," said Ms. Ivan. "I know how vital our profession is to the health and well-being of our clients and how important ODHA is to our profession. We need a strong association and a strong voice to the provincial government, so I encourage everyone to consider volunteering for the ODHA."

A long-time member of ODHA, Ms. Ivan joined the ODHA Board of Directors in 2005 and was president in 2010-11, during which she served on several committees and task forces, including public awareness, woman abuse prevention, and interprofessional collaboration. Currently, she is the policy advisor for ODHA and chair of the research advisory board.



Kim Ivan receives a Life Membership Award from the Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association.

Adding to her list of achievements, Ms. Ivan previously received ODHA's Elizabeth Craig Award of Distinction, Award of Honour, Community Service Award, and Distinguished Service Award for her dedication, exemplary service, and outstanding contributions.

"If you reach out to Kim for help, she doesn't think twice about representing dental hygienists on a provincial level platform for advocacy and advancement within the profession," said Carrie Vondrau, former ODHA President. "This is an exemplary list of volunteer work and commitment to our professional Association and her profession. The ODHA cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award. Congratulations, Kim, for the Life membership award."

A **Life Membership Award** is presented to an ODHA member who has made a distinctive contribution to the profession of dental hygiene and has demonstrated exceptional leadership as a regulated health professional. The individual must have been a member of the Association for 30 years and have served as a volunteer for the ODHA for a minimum of 15 years.

**About Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA)**

Established in 1963, ODHA is a non-profit professional organization representing the interests and needs of member dental hygienists in Ontario. Our mission is to advance dental hygienists as primary care providers in the interests of the profession and the public in Ontario.