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Congratulations to Marlou Wegener on being named by Junior League of Topeka the 2018 Community Volunteer Award winner. Marlou is a former Oral Health Kansas Board member and current chair of the Dental Champions Advisory Board. She also was a member of the first Dental Champions class in 2005.

Two Days away! Register Now!

We are days away from Mary Otto, author of *Teeth*, joining us in Topeka on Friday, April 27. Kansas News Service's Jim McLean will interview Mary Otto, followed by Kansas panelists who will talk about how the vital issues identified in Ms. Otto's book affect the health and well-being of Kansans. This is an important issue as we all begin to understand that our oral health is more than just our mouths; it affects the overall health for both children and adults.

This event is **FREE** and lunch will be provided. A copy of the book will also be provided to all attendees. She will also be available for book signing.

Date and Time

Fri, April 27, 2018

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Location

Kansas Health Institute

The Community Volunteer Award recognizes Marlou's years of service to Topeka and Shawnee County. It's clear that Marlou is of service not just to Oral Health Kansas, but also to her home community. Congratulations!



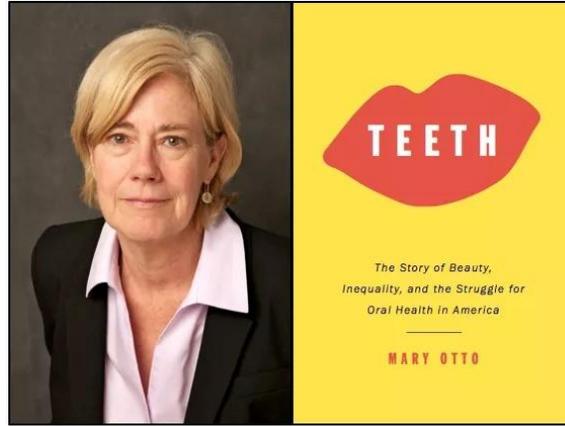
You can read more about Marlou's award on the [Junior League of Topeka Facebook page](#).

Are Your Friendships More Important Than Your Oral Health?

According to a Delta Dental survey, friendship is not as important. The [Adult's Oral Health & Well-Being Survey](#) indicates that 88% of Americans are dedicated to the well-being of their mouth, teeth and gums. The survey suggests that more adults say their oral health (85%) is important to their life than their diet or nutrition (71%), relationship with friends (71%), or weight (71%).



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Register [here!](#)

Kansas Delegation Attends National Oral Health Conference

Each year over 800 people gather for the national dental public health marquis event, the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC). A large delegation from Kansas attended the NOHC last week in Louisville, Kentucky, including staff from Oral Health Kansas, KAMU and the KDHE Bureau of Oral Health. Oral Health Kansas' Dental Program Director Kathy Hunt presented a roundtable discussion about oral health resources to promote collaboration with home visiting programs. She is a member of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors Early Childhood Committee and presented on their recent issue brief. She shared ways to use the issue brief's findings to increase oral health collaboration with home visiting

Sugary Drink Display

One more month of school! But that doesn't mean the education stops. If you would like to reserve a drink display for a summer camp, event or office, let us know! Want to reserve one for the upcoming school year? [Sign up!](#)

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The **display is free** to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!



Child drink display

Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Fill out this form](#) and we'll get back with you!



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programs.

The meeting offered many dental professional development sessions, as well as several policy and advocacy sessions. With an abundance of networking opportunities, staff were able to make connections with fellow dental public health advocates across the country. Oral Health Kansas staff also participated in the annual meeting of the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions.



Sippy Energizes Runners At Glow Run

Sippy made a special appearance along with KC Wolf at the Bonner Springs Elementary Glow Walk/Run. They cheered on student and parents as they had fun exercising and being healthy together! Sippy made sure to encourage runners to drink water and stay hydrated!

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