

**What SCN means to me.....**

I am sitting here, trying to comprehend the magnitude of my recent invitation to speak at the **Hinman in 2010.....**

It was only six years ago that I attended my first SCN meeting in Charlotte, NC. Back in 2002, I was a full-time clinical dental hygienist (6 days a week!) with a desire to become a hygiene consultant (*I barely knew what a hygiene consultant was!*). I had no business model, no money, no direction, no focus, no contacts, no website...not even a business name. I joined SCN and that's when it all changed.

In the years since joining SCN - I developed 13 courses, presented in 12 different states, and published numerous articles in several dental and hygiene magazines. I was the "cover girl" and columnist for *Modern Hygienist* the first year the magazine was launched. I was featured in **Dentistry Today** as a *Leader in Dental Consulting* for 3 consecutive years. This summer I am working on an article for *Woman Dentist Journal*.

Possibilities and opportunities are now endless .....

I am truly blessed, as God has made this all possible.....he put SCN and SCN members in my path----

With gratitude and appreciation,  
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