March 2015

National Children’s Dental Health Month Fun

This year’s National Children’s Dental Health Month was one of the best! Our events attracted hundreds of children throughout the entire month of February. From Dr. Brian Kerr’s magical presentation at the Children’s Library, to the Tooth Fairy photos at four McDonalds, children of all ages learned about proper tooth care while having a blast!

Not only did we reach kids during our public events, but we also were able to visit thousands more through the schools! Thanks to our dedicated member doctors and our good friends at the ARC of NEPA, we made presentations and gave out 8,000 goodie bags loaded with toothbrushes, educational materials, stickers, and coloring pages. THANK YOU to all who volunteered their time…especially Dr. Kady Schloesser, who has served as NCDHM Chair for the past few years.

Above: Madeline and Noah Burns, along with Liam Kotchick have fun with the Tooth Fairy at McDonald’s Keyser Ave.

Right: Our new look! Our portable banner followed us wherever we went.

Dr. Jessica Falk and her son, Cole, stopped by for the festivities.

Ronald McDonald and The Tooth Fairy entertain children all day long.
Welcome New Dentist Jeffrey Lin

Special thanks to new member, Dr. Jeffrey Lin, who presented an informative talk during February’s general meeting. We are happy to have him in our Society. Dr. Lin grew up in Moscow, PA and went to Scranton Preparatory High School. He then went to Boston University where he majored in Biology and graduated Magna Cum Laude with Distinction. After college, Dr. Lin worked for Merck Research Laboratories, Rahway New Jersey as a research associate focusing on the development of a new immunosuppressant. He was also on track in obtaining his masters/PhD in cancer biology from Lehigh University. During that time, Dr. Lin had a routine wisdom teeth extraction surgery performed by a oral surgeon who discovered a sizeable cyst (Odontogenic Keratocyst) near his posterior jaw. This is when Dr. Lin had soon found his calling of becoming an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Dr. Lin obtained his D.D.S from Columbia University, College of Dental Medicine, where he received William Gies Scholarship. After dental school, Dr. Lin entered 6 year/MD Residency Program from Drexel University, College of Medicine, where he received a medical degree and a certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. During 6 years of residency, Dr Lin won numerous research awards that include Winner of Poster Presentation in Drexel University College of Medicine Discovery Research Day. He also has published multiple research articles in various journals, such as Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr Lin enjoys basketball and spending time with his 2 boys.

Board Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

Present:
Chris Kotchick
Justin Burns
Joe Kelly Jr.
Stephanie Hanyon
Mary Grace Rizzo
Cindy Cox
JR Karam
Kurt Wadsworth

Upcoming SDDS General meeting speakers:
- Feb 17th: Dr. Jeff Lin
- March: Ben Shair award dinner
- Recommendation for pharmacist to speak on “Top 10 medications”
- Idea of possible strictly social meeting (like Veterans dinner in 2014)

National Children’s Dental Health Month
- Events thus far have been successful
- Next events in Clarks Summit and Tunkhannock

At next general meeting, vote will be held to increase amount of Shair and Angelo scholarships
- Evaluation of applications will begin shortly; information about scholarships will be available online and in newsletter in the future
- Pre-dental students will be invited to attend Shair meeting

3rd district: Next board meeting will be held on March 11th at Isabella’s

PDA Annual Session:
- 3rd district will cover 1 night for 2 new members to attend, and SDDS will cover the other night
- If interested in attending, please email Chris Kotchick

Golf outing
- Seeking sponsorship for holes
- Possibility of silent auction instead of raffle

2015 Officers

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Happy St Patrick’s Day
President’s Letter

As March falls upon us, hopefully the warm weather will soon follow. I want to sincerely thank all of those who participated in NCDHM. As in previous years, it was a huge success. Over 8,000 bags were given to children in our community. Special thanks to Dr. Kady Schlosser, the Chairperson for NCDHM, and Dr. Brian Kerr who showed off his magical talents at the Scranton Library.

I invite all members to attend this month’s meeting when we present the Dr. Bernard Shair Award along with the Dr. Todd Angelo award to this year’s recipients. These awards include a monetary gift to the recipient, but more importantly bestows upon them the special passion, dedication, and service that was so evident in both Dr. Shair and Dr. Angelo.

I would also encourage members to mark their calendars for April 24th through April 26th. The annual PDA meeting will once again be held in Hershey. The field of dentistry continues to face significant road blocks in the future in terms of reimbursements, mid level providers, and corporate dentistry. Your voice is needed and one way to have it heard is to attend the PDA meeting, continue to support your local district, and be involved in some aspect of organized dentistry.

I wish you all the best as spring time approaches.

Sincerely,

Justin Burns
SDDS-President

March’s Meeting:

Dr. Bernard Shair Award/Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Presentation

Don’t miss this year’s combined Dr. Bernard Shair Award and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Presentation to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at The University of Scranton’s Brennan Hall.

The Ben Shair award is a cash gift funded by the SDDS and an endowment fund founded by the family of Dr. Bernard Shair (who passed away in 1982) and administered by the Scranton Area Foundation. It is presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry.

The Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship is a cash gift funded by the SDDS, The Scranton Area Foundation, and private donations in memory of Dr. Todd Angelo, an SDDS President who unexpectedly passed away. The scholarship is administered by the Scranton Area Foundation. It is presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and who shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry.

This award serves as a reflection of Todd’s dedication, service and love of dentistry.

As always, dinner is complimentary for members. Please reserve your spot by calling Dr. Stephanie Hanyon at (570) 587-5541 or shayanmd@live.com.

PDA News

PA’s Dental Meeting & Expo

Join your colleagues at The Hotel Hershey on April 24-25 to earn up to 10 hours of CE credit in pediatrics, sleep apnea, cone beam as well as valuable advice on the regulations affecting your PA license. Don’t miss the session on eMarketing with tips to create an online presence and manage your reputation when patients post negative reviews. Visit www.padental.org/expo for more details!

Spring CE Courses Scheduled

Looking for in-person CE opportunities? Log in to the PDA website for more information or to register for these PDA courses. Or, contact Rebecca at (800) 223-0016, ext. 117 for more information. Each course offers 6 hours of CE credit.

Act 31 – Requirement for Every Relicensure Period

Beginning in 2015, dentists, hygienists and EFDAs need two hours of approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting for every relicensure period. If you have taken a course to fulfill the requirement for 2015 please allow approximately 10 days from the date you took the course for the State Board of Dentistry to process notification of your compliance with Act 31.

If you still need to fulfill this requirement for 2015, PDA is offering in-person courses on:

February 27 at 9 a.m. in Harrisburg
March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Danville
March 12 at 7 p.m. in Canonsburg
March 13 at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. in the Greensburg area
March 20 at 9 a.m. in State College

PDA’s program, Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting for Dental Professionals, is custom designed for dental professionals and offers two CE credits that can be applied toward the hours you need to renew your dental license.

Please visit www.padental.org/ChildAbuseCE for more information and registration options.
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