

April 2012

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

This year's combined Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship winner is Martin T. Berger, a University of Scranton senior headed to The Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Berger will be graduating from the University of Scranton in May 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology, with minors in Religious Studies and Business. He will then be attending The Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts.

Berger currently resides in Clarks Summit, PA with his father W. Andrew Berger. He is a member of the Health Professions Organization at the University of Scranton and has studied abroad and participated in several international service trips with the school, including traveling to Uganda, Ecuador, and Poland. In Ecuador, he worked with physicians and dentists in a public center for health.

Berger holds membership in the following honor societies: Alpha Sigma Nu (the National Jesuit Honor Society) and Alpha Lambda Delta. He has been on the University's Men's Crew Team and is a member of the University's Honors Program.

In his spare time, Berger serves as a Ski Patroller for Sno Mountain.

The Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship, established by family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Shair through the Scranton Area Foundation

honors Dr. Shair who passed away in 1982. It is meant to revere Dr. Shair's lifetime of dedicated professionalism, humanitarian concerns and social welfare service.

The Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship, established by private donations in memory of Dr. Angelo and the Scranton District Dental Society, honors Dr. Angelo who suddenly passed away in November 2011. This award serves as a reflection of Todd's dedication, service and love of dentistry.

Both awards are administered by the Scranton Area Foundation and presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry. Future dona-

tions to both scholarships can be made directly to the Scranton Area Foundation to ensure their future growth.



Jeanne Bovard celebrates with Dr. Matthew Zale as he presents her with a bouquet of flowers. The flowers were a thank you for all her years of dedication and assistance to the Dental Society as she prepares for her retirement.



This year's award winner, Martin T. Berger (second from left), smiles with SDDS President Dr. Matthew Zale, Martin's dad W. Andrew Berger, and Jeanne A. Bovard, Director/CEO, Scranton Area Foundation.

Jewish Family Services

Volunteer dentists are needed to participate in the Jewish Family Service of Lackawanna County Dental Clinic. The Jewish Family Service is a non-Sectarian clinic, which offers free dental services to needy members of our community. The majority of the patients are low income and do not receive any type of health insurance. They also do not qualify for medical assistance. All applicants are screened before they are accepted into the clinic. Eligibility is valid for a maximum of one year.

The Scranton Districts Dental Society's commitment to Jewish Family Services' Dental Clinic spans decades, however, participation in this worthwhile program has been waning over the past few years. That's where you come in. We are looking for volunteers to fill this most urgent need. Here are some details:

- All volunteer dentists are asked to see patients in their own private offices.

- General dentists would supply emergency treatment, x-rays, prophylaxis, radiographic and restorative dentistry.
- Specialist treatment is offered by endodontists, periodontists and oral surgeons.
- Restorative dentistry will consist of amalgams and composites. Treatments that would not be required include removable prosthetics and crown and bridge work.
- Any volunteer dentist who elects to do additional procedures may do so, however, all clinic patients are informed that they may be required to pay laboratory and anesthesia fees.
- All patients can be referred back to Jewish Family Service for referral to another provider if a dentist elects not to perform additional procedures.

The Jewish Family Service has been operating since 1920. The giving of your

time and heart will enable you to see and appreciate the rewards of your service through the smiles of patients, who would otherwise go untreated. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Joe Kelly Jr. at 570-587-4787 or drkellyjr@gmail.com.

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SDDS Donates to Ronald McDonald House



SDDS President Dr. Matthew A. Zale, SDDS NCDHM Co-Chair Dr. Stephanie P. Hanyon, SDDS NCDHM Co-Chair Dr. Jessica A. Falk, RMH Family Room Coordinator Mike L. Nicholas, and McDonald's owner Christina T. Curran.

Officers of The Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) presented a check for \$500 to representatives of the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton. The SDDS and area McDonald's, under the direction of the Mueller family, have enjoyed a long-standing relationship.

Each year during National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) in February, the two partner to bring dental education to local children. They jointly host free events in various McDonald's

restaurants featuring the Tooth Fairy, McDonald's characters, prize giveaways, and photos. Because of the enduring support of the Mueller family over the years, the SDDS deemed it important to support their worthwhile charity, The Ronald McDonald House (RMH). Founded in 1986, The Ronald McDonald House of Scranton serves the families of children who are hospitalized here in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Dr. James Burne Honored by Boy Scouts of America

Congratulations to Dr. James Burne who was recently awarded one of Boy Scout's highest honors: the Eminent Eagle Award. Since 1912, the year the Boy Scouts of America's first Eagle Scout presentation, there have been over 2 million young men who have attained the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. However, only 4 in 100 Scouts obtains the rank of Eagle.

We are pleased to recognize Eagle Scout Dr. James Burne who has demonstrated contributions to his community, society and to our youth.

From the President

A recent article published March 26, 2012 in the Scranton Times entitled "Groups Struggle To Keep Up With Demand for Dental Care" discussed people going to emergency rooms for dental treatment. I would like to provide a little more perspective. First, as a practicing dentist for 28 years, it is important for the public to know that a qualified dentist is always available in the greater Scranton area. Regular dental visits and establishing a "dental home" will help to minimize dental emergencies as much as possible.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, many patients do not place a high priority on quality dental care, which can range from routine cleanings to treating advanced disease of abscessed teeth. Because of the general decline of the national economy, many patients' response has been to cut regular dental visits. Perhaps they view healthy teeth as a luxury item, until unexpected pain occurs.

Since an early toothache is not immediately incapacitating, some patients choose not to seek help until the pain level becomes intolerable. Without a dental home and regular dentist, some

instead choose an open all night emergency room. Here's the problem. As stated by the American Dental Association and confirmed by a 2009 Pew Report, most ERs can treat only symptoms by dispensing antibiotics and pain medication, providing only temporary relief and in reality, the dental problem will persist. Expert diagnosis requires an exacting examination by a highly trained dentist. Not only is a personal dental home, with its valuable ongoing relationship between doctor and patient, better able to monitor follow-up care and coordinate records, but a "dental home" is also best for making referrals to specialists.

We believe the state can and must do more to address oral health disparities. The key is to enhance proper preventive measures. Programs that help young children receive routine preventive care are critical. Public officials must be serious about highly-effective preventive measures like community water fluoridation and dental sealants programs.

The Scranton District Dental Society needs to redouble efforts at education. The SDDS members invest substantial financial and human resources in donated dental services and dental education, via



*2012 SDDS President,
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local community events in synchrony with National Children's Dental Health Month, Continuing Education for dentists, and Scholarship Awards to dental students.

As dentists, we continue to urge the patients in our community to avail themselves of opportunities to prevent major dental problems and come to a "dental home" office setting where we are available to take care of them, whether it's a routine cleaning or an urgent need.

Sincerely,
Matthew A. Zale, DMD

Get to Know Your President

Dr. Zale attended the University of Scranton like his father, Anthony G. Zale, MD, who was one of the first orthopedic surgeons in this area. He earned dual degrees in biology and psychology. Dr. Zale went on to graduate from Temple Dental School in Philadelphia and attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine (Pittsburgh, PA) to receive his certificate of completion in the specialty of periodontology. He has specialized in treating periodontitis since 1990.

Motivated by emerging treatment with dental implants, he continued on to receive another certificate of completion in prosthodontics at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry (Louisville, KY). He taught dental students for five years at the University of Missouri at Kansas City and the Truman Medical Center (Kansas City, MO). As a tenure tract Assistant Professor, Dr. Zale was also

invited to join the faculty practice at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He went on to instruct internationally at the University of the West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad, and served as chair of prosthodontics.

By 1997 Dr. Zale returned to his hometown of Scranton to open a private specialty practice of periodontology and prosthodontic dentistry, located at the same location in Dickson City for 12 years.

Dr. Zale is an active member of organized dentistry and serves as President in the Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) and Secretary of the Third District Dental Society. He has served as chair to a reference committee in the Pennsylvania Dental Society's (PDA) House of Delegates and is currently on the Concerned Colleagues Committee for the PDA. National organizations include membership in the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP), American

Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID), American Dental Association (ADA), and Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA). He also appreciates the value of service and is active at Trinity Church in West Scranton and local charities for the underserved.



*Past President Dr. Mark A. Giallorenzi
(right) presents the gavel
to Dr. Matthew A. Zale.*

Upcoming Events

CE Course <i>"Update on Caries, vital pulp therapy, picking a ceramic, cements: sorting through the boxes"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 18, 2012	8:00 a.m.
Third District Meeting	American Bistro Café Wilkes-Barre	April 18, 2012	6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	Sibio's	April 30, 2012	6:00 p.m.
PDA Day on the Hill	Capitol, Harrisburg	June 5, 2012	8:30 a.m.
Golf Tourney	Scranton CC	June 20, 2012	TBA
ADA Annual Session	San Francisco	Oct 18-21, 2012	8:00 a.m.



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