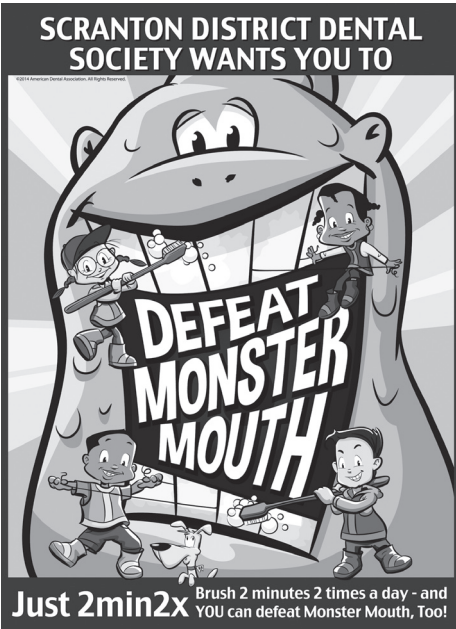




SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

February 2015

National Children's Dental Health Month



Don't miss this year's National Children's Dental Health Month festivities during the month of February! Under the expert direction of Chair Dr. Kady Schloesser, this year's events are designed to attract even more of the area's children. According to Kady, "We keep adding new events in hopes that more of our area's children will be served. This year, we're adding Clarks Summit to our growing list! I hope everyone can come to at least one event to see how the SDDS supports our local communities."

Our good friends at the ARC of NEPA are diligently working to fill 8,000 goodie bags loaded with great toothbrushes, educational materials, stickers, and coloring pages. That's the most bags we have ever filled!

Please complete the attached form or contact Kady at kady.schloesser@gmail.com if you would like bags to distribute to a local school or day care.

We also plan on presenting the first baby born in February with a silver tooth holder.

We have great needs for volunteers to be present at the above events, as

well as to make presentations to area schools. If you can help in any way, please reach out to Kady as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you during the month of February!

For a detailed breakdown of NCDHM events, please refer to the back of the newsletter in the Upcoming Events section.

Reserve your FREE toothbrush bags for NCDHM!

Bags include activity sheets, toothbrush and toothpaste. Send in this form ASAP to reserve your NCDHM bags. These giveaways are very popular and often run out, so they will be given on a "first come, first served" basis. All bags will be available for pick-up at the ARC, located at 115 Meadow Ave suite 1, Scranton, PA 18505, (570) 346-4010 after January 15, 2015. Pick up times are 8 am - 11:30 am and 1 pm - 4 pm. Dr. Kady Schloesser will confirm the receipt of your request before you should pick up your bags. Questions? Please email Dr. Kady at drkady@sproutdental.com.

Name: _____

Practice Location: _____

Phone: _____

Where you will be presenting: _____

Number of Bags Requested: _____

Check box if you are interested in helping during NCDHM(February events)
Please fax or email form to 570-352-3395, drkady@sproutdental.com

Dr. John Erhard Elected President of PA State Board of Dentistry

It is with pleasure that we announce that our very own Dr. John Erhard has been elected to serve as Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry. The main function of the Board is to insure that the citizens of Pennsylvania are provided dental care in a professional, safe and effective manner by licensees which include dentists, dental hygienists and expanded function dental assistants. Every applicant for a professional dental license in Pennsylvania must meet the Board's requirements. The Board sets

the standards for dental treatment, approves dental educational institutions in Pennsylvania, regulates licensure of all dental professionals and determines the requirements necessary for licensure application and renewal and oversees disciplinary action when required.

Additionally, Dr. Erhard represents the state of Pennsylvania as a member of the American Board of Dental Examinations and also as a member of the Northeast Regional Board. These institutions create the examinations for licensure and test candidates for



dental licensure throughout the entire United States.

A US Navy veteran, Dr. Erhard maintains a private family dental practice in Roaring Brook Township.

Board Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

The board meeting was held at Carl Von Luger on 1/12/15 at 6 PM.

Present: Justin Burns, Gary Kopesky, Chuck Scrimalli, Joe Kelly Jr., Mark Giallorenzi, Stephanie Hanyon, Jack Erhard, Jessica Falk, Cindy Cox, JR Karam, Eli Stavisky, Matt Zale and Kurt Wadsworth

Eli Stavisky recommended all dentists to sign up for the ADA "Morning Huddle" online newsletter, which is sent daily and has made several recent appointments:

- Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel to New Dentist Committee
- George Pouha to Membership Committee
- Justin Burns to Election Committee

Cindy Cox - National Children's Dental Health Month:

- Bags are available; call Kady Schloesser ASAP to arrange pick-up
- 2 Ads will be placed in Scranton Times; first to promote events and second to thank supporting SDDS members
- Brian Kerr has volunteered to do magic show

- 6 events currently scheduled
- Pop-up stand has been purchased to promote event

Matt Zale discussed the following:

- “Public health providers” are allowed to practice hygiene in hospital/school settings/urgent care settings
- 3rd district meeting scheduled for 1/28
- Brick to be named for Nick Saccone to be finalized and paid for
- PDA Annual Meeting is 4/24-4/25 in Hershey
- 3rd district and SDDS will pay for hotel for any member who has never been to the meeting before
- CE credits will be offered

Jack Erhard has recently been elected chairman of the state board of Dentistry; he provided several updates:

- NERB has changed name to Commission of Dental Competency and Assessment (Now accepted in 46 states)
- State-specific assessment for EFDAs and mid-level providers has been implemented
- Ethics exam is being developed
- Prescription monitoring program is being developed

Miscellaneous Items:

- Radiology CE Course will be on 1/23; Registration at 8, 8:30 AM start
- The PDA has just announced that they will pay 50% of dues for any non-member (One time only)
- Child abuse CE can be done online (see article in this newsletter)
- 2 hours of “office sterility” CE will be required in the future
- PDA personal liability coverage for directors & officer. Invoice has been received and will be paid

8:45 meeting adjourned

2015 Officers

Third District Trustee –

Dr. Eli Stavisky

President – Dr. Justin Burns

Pres-Elect – Dr. Stephanie Hanyon

V.P. – Dr. Charles Scrimalli

V.P. – Dr. Kristin Paoli

Treasurer – Dr. Jessica Falk

Secretary – Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

Bulletin Editor - Dr. Fred Bonacci

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Dr. Fred Bonacci

Dr. Gary Kopesky

Dr. Kady Schloesser

Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel

President's Letter

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy 2015. It is with great honor that I serve as the President of the Scranton District Dental Society this year. My sincerest thanks to Dr. JR Karam for doing a fantastic job as President in 2014. I will do my best to live up to the excellent standards of the presidents who have served the society before me.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Dr. Kady Schloesser is the Chair again this year and has done an excellent job in coordinating many events throughout the area. Special thanks to Cindy Cox for her continued support and help with this event, as

well. I encourage all members to attend these events as they are vital in spreading the importance of oral health in our community.

Dr. Stephanie Hanyon is this year's President-Elect and has secured many excellent speakers for the upcoming general meetings. They will be held at the University of Scranton, and I hope to see the attendance levels continue to increase.

I would also like to take a minute to congratulate Dr. Jack Erhard on being elected chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry. This is a very prestigious honor, and I wish him nothing but success during his tenure. I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Matt Zale, who is serving as President of the 3rd District Dental Society, as well as Dr. Eli Stavisky, who is

again serving as our 3rd District PDA Trustee. I offer my sincere thanks to Doctors Erhard, Zale, and Stavisky for their continued support in organized dentistry and helping advance the interests for all of us.

During the upcoming year, I would like to see our membership continue to grow. In the ever-changing world of healthcare, it is important to have a loud voice when it comes to issues that affect us in dentistry. Having a society with many active members is the best way to accomplish this. I look forward to serving as President of the SDDS for the upcoming year along with helping advance our interests in every way possible.

Justin Burns
SDDS-President

PDA News

Pennsylvania Dental Association

Dental Practice Ownership

SBOD formed a committee to review and study issues related to practice ownership, including lay control of a dental practice, responsibility for maintenance of patient records and ownership of mobile dental facilities. SBOD's concern is whether non-dental professionals are exercising any control over patient treatment decisions because they own a dental practice or mobile facility. SBOD also is questioning whether there are sufficient regulations in place governing the control of patient records when they are treated in multiple locations by a number of providers.

PDA's position on potential regulations is based on its House of Delegates policy stating that "... the health interests of patients are best protected when dental practices

and other private facilities for the delivery of dental care are owned and controlled by dentists licensed in Pennsylvania." PDA firmly believes that mobile dental units should not replace existing dental homes and that private units should be owned by a licensed dentist and public units should employ a licensed dentist as its dental director. PDA also believes that the owner of a practice or mobile unit should maintain patient records according to current regulations, even if the individual is not a licensed dentist.

The committee sought www.padental.org/Images/OnlineDocs/Advocacy/PracticeOwnership_feb10.doc comments from PDA and other stakeholders as part of its review. PDA will continue to monitor the committee's activities and provide comments should the SBOD introduce regulations on ownership issues.

Child Abuse Recognition And Reporting Requirements

Effective 2015 license renewal period, all health care providers will be required to obtain training in child abuse recognition and reporting. The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center is offering an approved, FREE online, 3 CEU Child Abuse and Recognition course. To participate, go to www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu.

Please note that Act 31 applies to all health-related licensees, regardless of whether they are subject to the continuing education requirements of the applicable state board.

Upcoming Events

NCDHM Presentation To First Born Baby	Moses Taylor Hospital	Feb 2, 2015	
NCDHM McDonald's	North Side McD's (near Prep)	Feb 7, 2015	9:00 AM-11:00 AM
NCDHM McDonald's	Keyser Ave. McD's	Feb 7, 2015	12:00 PM-2:00 PM
NCDHM Tooth Fairy Day	Scranton Library Children's Library	Feb 8, 2015	2:30 PM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall, Rose	Feb 17, 2015	6:30 PM
NCDHM McDonald's	Clarks Summit McD's	Feb. 21, 2015	9:00 AM-11:00 AM
NCDHM McDonald's	Tunkhannock McD's	Feb 21, 2015	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
CE Course	Nichols Village	Feb 25, 2015	8:00 AM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall, Rose	Mar 24, 2015	6:30 PM
CE Course	Nichols Village	March 25, 2015	8:00 AM
President's Dinner	TBD	April 11, 2015	7:00 PM
CE Course	Nichols Village	April 22, 2015	8:00 AM
PDA Annual Meeting	Hershey	April 24-25, 2015	8:00 AM
PDA Day on the Hill	Harrisburg	June 2, 2015	8:00 AM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall, Rose	Sept 15, 2015	6:30 PM
General Meeting	U of S DeNaples Center	Oct 20, 2015	6:30 PM

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