



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

March 2012

National Children's Dental Health Month

2012 proved to be another smashing success for National Children's Dental Health Month. Co-Chairs Dr. Jessica Falk and Dr. Stephanie Hanyon, along with President Dr. Matthew Zale oversaw four events that attracted hundreds of area children.

Happenings Magazine featured our events in their February issue and press releases touting our gift to the first baby born in February were sent to all area newspapers. Many SDDS doctors visited schools, educating children on proper dental health and handing out bags filled with toothbrushes, coloring pages, and McDonald's coupons.

We are currently searching for a new Chair or Co-Chairs for the next two years of NCDHM. If anyone is interested, please contact either Stephanie Hanyon (shanyondmd@live.com) or Jessica Falk (jessicafalk27@yahoo.com).



Dr. Jessica Falk speaks to an interested class at The Geneva School.



Attending the Tunkhannock McDonald's event were Dr. Matt Zale, Dr. Stephanie Hanyon, Tooth Fairy Lisa Reeves, Duckie, Ronald, Dr. Fred Laley, and Dr. Chris Kotchick.



Dr. Brian Kerr does everyone's favorite "disappearing milk" trick with an unsuspecting victim at the library.



The cast and crew at Keyser Avenue McDonald's: Tooth Fairy Heather Kubus, Dr. Jessica Falk, Dr. Matt Zale, McDonald's owner Christina Curran, and Dr. Kristin Paoli.

Dr. Stephanie Hanyon Completes Board Certification



Stephanie Potter Hanyon, D.M.D.

Stephanie Potter Hanyon, D.M.D., recently completed her certification examinations and is now a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

The mission of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry is to verify to the public and to the health professions that a pediatric dentist has successfully completed both an advanced educational program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and a voluntary examination process designed to validate the knowledge, application, and performance requisite of exceptional care in pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Hanyon is a summa cum laude graduate of the Kornberg School of Dentistry, Temple University. While there, she was awarded the International Congress of Oral Implantology and the Edward Band Arnold R. Cook Award in children's dentistry. She received her Bachelors of Arts degree from Loyola College of Maryland and did post-Bachelaureate work at the University of Scranton.

She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Diplomat for American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, American Dental Association, Pennsylvania Dental Association, and Vice President of the Scranton District Dental Association. She also serves as the Scranton District Dental Society's Co-Chair of National Children's Dental Health Month, occurring in February.

Dr. Hanyon has served on the mission field in various capacities; she spent a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp in Dallas, Texas, and performed oral surgery on disadvantaged adults and children in Punta Fiji, Venezuela. Dr. Hanyon and her husband, Randy, reside in Clarks Summit and have two young sons, Alexander and Anthony. She enjoys playing tennis and currently practices with Dr. Kristin Paoli in Clarks Summit.

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PDA Peer Review Committee Member Needed

The PDA is looking for a dentist to be a part of the peer review committee. This committee works to investigate complaints that have been submitted to the PDA. The team works to settle disputes in the early stages.

Those interested in being a part of this important committee should contact Dr. Miriam O'Malley at (570) 586-5300 or miriamc16@comcast.net.

Dentist Wanted

Our Lady of Snows church is looking for a dentist who would be willing to go on a mission's trip to Jamaica May 28 - June 4, 2012. For further information contact either Carol at Our Lady of Snows at 586-1741 or Dr. Stephen Solfanelli at 346-2033.

February's Meeting



Paul Mackarey, PT, DISc, OCS, of Mackarey & Mackarey Physical Therapy Consultants, LLC, spoke about common conditions that affect dentists and ways to avoid them.

Pictured here are Paul Mackarey, Dr. Chris Kotchick, and Dr. Joe Kelly.

From the President

The spirit that infuses volunteers continues undaunted by pessimistic naysayers. This is evident in our work to enlighten our community, mostly through the local events of the National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM). A child's adoring gaze at the "Tooth Fairy" illustrates how we can influence the perceived "anti-dentite" prejudice against dental care (ref.: Seinfeld).

The spirit of giving is infectious. Maybe it's the nature of innocent children whom I seldom work with, or is it the general good will of volunteers involved?

Approximately 6,000 bags of dental supplies were prepared by clients of the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) during their scheduled voluntary day period. This is different from their contracted jobs. They enjoyed the work and received our thanks with a pizza party and will later benefit from a monetary donation from the June golf outing. What's remarkable is the staff's care for the ARC workers, which is disproportionate to their remunerated hourly wage. Isn't it amazing what is accomplished when someone enjoys his or her work?

Also notable is McDonald's owner and NCDHM host, Christina Curran, who widely promotes the SDDS's interests.

NCDHM serves as the vehicle for our largest annual community outreach, whereby Doctors Stephanie Hanyon and Jessica Falk fulfilled their roles as Co-Chairs at the local events. Stephanie, Jessica and the three most recent chairpersons have been assisted by the admirable efforts of Cindy Cox, who works diligently above her job description for our benefit. Cindy offers continuity to the committee's rotating chairs, as she steps up to facilitate events.

The tradition of volunteerism for the SDDS continues gallantly fulfilled by Doctors Stephanie Hanyon and Jessica Falk. Many thanks for jobs well done to highlight the SDDS!

On a related topic, new tax regulations prohibit reimbursement to Society officers. I contend that volunteers can't be paid - not because of the IRS, but because VOLUNTEERS ARE PRICELESS!! If the adage is, "Reap what you sow," then what is extra-ordinary is that "MORE is received - for the measure given with a grateful heart." Helping the needy instills a new dimension beyond the ordinary acts of kindness. The SDDS invites all interested to participate for next year's NCDHM events, please call me now.

Calendar updates: please note the cancellation of the annual President's Dinner.



*2012 SDDS President,
Matthew A. Zale, DMD*

(The funds were transferred to the Angelo Scholarship to be managed by the Scranton Area Foundation with Dr. Kelly as our liaison. Scholarship donations are still being received by SAF.) Also, since the Scranton Yankees are "outa' the park," that event is also cancelled. Watch for a new event now being planned for a family-styled picnic in June at a local grove. You're also invited to the PDA's annual session in Hershey April 27-28 and to meet face to face with state legislators at the "Day on the Hill" in Harrisburg on June 5th.

Sincerely,
Matthew A. Zale, DMD

March's Meeting: Ben Shair Award/ 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 20, 2012 at The University of Scranton's Brennan Hall, Room 509 ("The Rose Room").

The Ben Shair award is a scholarship 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 scholarship to help defray the cost of dental school tuition. It is sent directly to the dental school and is funded by the SDDS, The Scranton Area Foundation, and private donations in memory of Dr. Todd Angelo who unexpectedly passed away in November. The scholarship is administered by the Scranton Area Foundation. Future donations for the scholarship can be made to the Foundation in Dr. Angelo's name to continue its growth. 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.

Brennan Hall is on the 300 block of Madison Avenue. On-campus, complimentary parking is available at the parking pavilion, 820 Mulberry St. on the roof. There will be no charge for any cars parked there. As always, dinner is complimentary for members. Please reserve your spot by calling or emailing Dr. Amy Cravath, 570-383-0211 or abcravath@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting <i>Ben Shair Award</i> <i>Todd M. Angelo Scholarship</i>	U of S – Brennan Hall Rose Room	March 20, 2012	6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Sibio's	March 26, 2012	6:00 p.m.
CE Course <i>"Achieving Excellence in</i> <i>Treating & Counseling the</i> <i>Oncology Patient"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	March 28, 2012	8:00 a.m.
CE Course <i>"Update on Caries, vital pulp</i> <i>therapy, picking a ceramic,</i> <i>cements: sorting through</i> <i>the boxes"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 18, 2012	8:00 a.m.
Third District Meeting Wilkes-Barre	American Bistro Café	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 Country Club	June 20, 2012	TBA
ADA Annual Session	San Francisco	Oct 18-21, 2012	8:00 a.m.

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