



Ben Shair Award Celebrates 26th Anniversary

April 28th marks the 26th anniversary of the Dr. Bernard Shair Award. This grand event will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Radisson. Dr. Aldinger, our Third District Trustee, will attend the dinner and speak in place of our usual general meeting.

Dr. Aldinger will give us an update of pending legislation affecting dentistry in Pennsylvania and a summary of the outcome of the PDA annual meeting.

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 student is one who gives the greatest promise of a lifetime of service to dentistry and community—a lifetime of dedicated professionalism, humanitarian concerns and social welfare service, as exemplified by Dr. Shair.

Call, fax or email Dr. Mark Giallorenzi (346-7301 – phone, 570-346-7575 - fax, markgiallo@comcast.net – email) to make your reservation.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees Game



The annual night out at PNC stadium to see the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Yankees is slated for Friday, May 15th!

Food, fireworks, and fun will be had by all. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. with the box opening at 6:00 p.m. To reserve your spot, contact Dr. Gary Wadsworth at 570-342-9246. Space is limited.

National Children's Dental Health Month Re-Cap

This year's Children's Dental Health Month was an outstanding success. The Scranton District Dental Society distributed well over 4,000 bags and visited more than 20 different schools and organizations.

Dr. Todd Angelo would like to express his sincere gratitude to the following Doctors, Staff and individuals who helped to make this event so successful.

Dr. Pierre Germain, Dr. Gary Kopesky, Dr. Bill Burdyn, Dr. Joe Kelly Jr., Dr. Michael Umerich, Dr. Michelle Gripp, Dr. Al Hazzouri, Dr. Jessica Falk, Dr. Jack Erhart, Dr. Andy Brown, Dr. Joyce Perih, Dr. Paulette Hamilton, Dr. Susan Rink, Dr. Chris Kotchick, Dr. Brian Kerr, Dr. Megan Azar, Ann Marie Smith, Reba Distefano, Marsha Pigga Connie Hayes, Heather Davenport, Mary Ellen Zona, Geraldine Feely, Ann Comerford and ARC, as well as a host of others that

operated behind the scenes to make this such a memorable event.

A special thank you to Cindy Cox for the all the hard work put forth in preparation for the events.

The schools and organizations that were visited include: Moscow Elementary Center, Scott Elementary, Lackawanna Trail, Moosic Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Geneva Elementary, Our Lady of Peace, Prescott Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Wallenpaupack School District, Mid-Valley, Tunkhannock United Methodist Church, Valley View Elementary, Marshall Preschool, DC Civic Center, LaSalle Academy, Old Forge, Scranton YMCA, Allied Health Services, Kinder Campus, North Pocono School District, Scranton School District, Lackawanna Children's Library, and the Keyser Avenue McDonalds.

Presidential Dinner

This year's Presidential Dinner was an evening of refined elegance coupled with a relaxed atmosphere. Held at the newly renovated Colonnade in Scranton on March 21st, the celebration honored out-going President Dr. Christopher J. Kotchick.

Dr. Mark A. Giallorenzi, a longtime friend and colleague of Dr. Kotchick's, took some time to reflect on Chris' accomplishments as president. Dr. Thomas Gamba, PDA President, made a few remarks, as did Third District Trustee Dr. D. Scott Aldinger.

Guests were treated to a wonderful array of both hot and cold hors d'oeuvres as they meandered throughout the beautiful rooms during the open-bar cocktail hour. Dinner featured stations of filet mignon, various pastas, Asian delicacies, and desserts. An enjoyable evening was had by all.



Officers take a moment from the festivities to pose. Front row: Outgoing President Dr. Christopher Kotchick and Current President Dr. Joseph Kelly. Back row: Dr. Gary Kopesky, Dr. Todd Angelo, Dr. Brian Kerr, Dr. Mark Giallorenzi, and Dr. Frank DiNoia.



This group is having a great time. L to R: Dr. DiNoia, Dr. Potter, Dr. Gronsky, Mrs. Aldinger, Dr. Aldinger, and Dr. Gary Wadsworth.



Dr. Kotchick talks with Dr. Gamba, PDA President.



Dr. Kotchick presents the gavel to Dr. Kelly.

*Thank You, Dr. Kotchick,
for your year of service!*

Upcoming Events

PDA 142nd Annual Session	Hotel Hershey	April 23-26, 2009	8:00 a.m.
General Meeting <i>Ben Shair Award Dinner</i>	Radisson	April 28, 2009	6:30 p.m.
CE Course	Pittsburgh, PA	May 9, 2009	8:00 a.m.
Board Meeting	Faccia Luna	May 11, 2009	6:30 p.m.
Scr/W-B Yankees Game	PNC Park	May 15, 2009	6:00 p.m.
Health Fair	Nay Aug Park	June 14, 2009	10:00 a.m.
Golf Outing	SCC	June 17, 2009	12:00 p.m.
ADA 150th Session	Honolulu, Hawaii	Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2009	TBA
General Meeting <i>Father Pilarz, U of S President</i>	Radisson	October 20, 2009	6:30 p.m.

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