



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

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## February's General Meeting and CE Credit

This month we're trying a new format for our monthly meeting. It will be held in conjunction with the continuing education course on February 14th at Nichols Village.

Our general meeting will commence during lunch at 12:00 noon. As always, there is no charge for the lunch for members who desire to come to the meeting.

### Dr. Zale: Volunteering in the Community

Along with many of you, Dr. Matthew Zale is committed to serving our community. He recently started doing the "Senior Smiles Program" for nursing home and long term care center staff. Dr. Zale visits Allied Services every two weeks to speak to staff members on proper oral care and maintenance for seniors. He is also putting on these seminars at the Jewish Home.

If you know of an area nursing home or assisted living facility that would like to participate in this program, please contact Dr. Zale at 570-383-5300.

*Dr. Matthew Zale reinvests in the community by educating those who care for the elderly.*



The CE course (Oral Surgery for the General Practice, featuring Dr. William James Hall) will begin at 8:00 AM. If you have not already registered for the course, but would like to attend, please contact Dr. Charles Potter at 570-654-6745. The cost is \$250 for a SDDS member.

Of course, members can attend only the lunch meeting (and not the CE

course). Please contact Dr. Kotchick at 570-346-7301 if you are planning on attending the lunch meeting.

We hope this will trigger additional interest in our monthly general meetings, increasing our attendance in future gatherings. We are interested in your opinion. Please let us know your thoughts.

*We look forward to seeing you at our general meeting on Valentine's Day!*



### Save the Date!

Dr. Joseph Perotti has announced that the 7th annual golf outing will be Wednesday, June 20, 2007. As always, we plan on having a great time on the golf course. More details to follow...watch your mail!

### National Children's Dental Health Month

National Children's Dental Health Month is here! Some of the events lined up include a visit by Ronald McDonald at the Keyser Avenue McDonald's on Saturday, February 3rd. There is also Tooth Fairy Day at the Scranton Public Children's Library on Sunday, February 4th.

If you are interested in participating by visiting a school or two, or being featured in media interviews, please contact Dr. Charles Dennis as soon as possible.



## January's Board Meeting Minutes

The executive board met on Monday, January 29, 2007 at La Trattoria at 6:30 pm. Attending were doctors O'Malley, Kelly, Zale, Kotchick, Zenker, Kerr, Wadsworth, Hitt, Erhard, Denoia, Solfanelli, Paoli and Cynthia Cox, editor. The meeting was called to order by past president, Brian Kerr.

Gary Wadsworth proposed baseball game night will be a Wednesday in May or June. He will report on ticket prices and dates. He also congratulated the officers on their hard work and excellent service to the Society over the past year.

Jack Erhard was asked to fill in at the PDA trustees meeting last month. He reported that a new lobbyist has been hired. The new EFTA test has been assigned to a California firm to administer for EFTA certification. The new RDH regulations will likely allow

hygienists to perform local anesthesia injections. The Board agreed to send a gift in honor and memory of Dr. Stanley Stampien.

Frank Denoia proposed an effort be made to re-establish the first Saturday in December for the President's Dinner in order to improve attendance. Also, a discussion was held about changing the location of the general meetings. Changing restaurants could improve attendance and avoid paying the guaranteed minimum which is currently expensive. District III president has asked the five local societies to standardize the dates of their election of officers to simplify their records and publications.

Cynthia Cox reported that Charles Dennis and Connie Hayes from the Alliance have established several locations and events to celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month. It was

approved that the sum of \$250 be paid to the tooth fairy for her assistance with the program. Cynthia was asked to redraft the verbiage of the mission statement used for public release to remove the legislative component and emphasize community education.

Miriam O'Malley presented for discussion an article by a local dentist that claimed outrageous health cures and false and misleading information in direct violation of the guidelines of the State Board. The issue has been forwarded to Marissa Fenice at PDA office of government relations for a legal consult.

Joe Kelly presented a problem with the CE projector and compatibility with the speaker's computers. A motion was passed to purchase a computer to standardize the hardware for all presentations. Joe will do a financial report at the April meeting.

## March's General Meeting

The speaker for Tuesday, March 20th at the Hilton will be Dr. Matthew Berger, a psychiatrist.

Dr. Berger will assist us in dealing with psychological issues we face in providing patient care.

Be sure to join us for a delicious meal, an informative speaker, and important SDDS business.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please mark it on your calendar!



*Left photo: Doctors Nagurney and Miller enjoy the January meeting*

*Right photo: Dr. Burne takes a moment to chat with speaker Leslie Collins before her informative presentation.*



## January's General Meeting Minutes

The General Meeting was held January 16, 2007 at the Hilton in Scranton. The featured speaker was Leslie Collins, the executive director of Scranton Tomorrow.

Leslie Collins discussed the many new projects in development in the city of Scranton, as well as many of the events and activities that are available throughout the year.

As for the business of the society, clarifications were made about the upcoming meetings which will be held

at the Hilton, not the Radisson as noted in the past bulletins.

The February general meeting will not be held at its usual time and location. Instead it will be held over lunch at the continuing education course on the 14th at Nichols Village.

It should be noted that all members are invited to the lunch even if you are not attending the course.

The 3rd District meeting this year will be on November 9, 2007. This is a Friday, not a Wednesday, so please make a note of this.



## Important Reminders for All Members

**All members need to renew their licenses by March 31, 2007.** To do so, simply go to this link:

<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/cwp/viaw.asp?a=1104&q=432680#License>.

You can print out the application right online. Below is the pertinent information:

License renewal cycle and fees:  
(The Postal Service does not forward licenses.)

Dentist	\$250.00
Dental Hygienist	\$40.00
Unrestricted Permit	\$200.00
Restricted Permit I	\$200.00
Restricted Permit II	\$50.00

Continuing Education Credits are required for each biennial period (30 hours for dentists and 20 hours for den-

tal hygienists) \*Note: 15 hours in approved anesthesia related courses are required for individuals that hold the Unrestricted or Restricted Permit I for anesthesia.

5 hours in approved anesthesia related courses are required for all non-permit holder licensees who maintain offices in which general anesthesia, deep sedation or conscious sedation is administered.

Credits are required for each biennial period. The biennial period runs from April 1st to March 31st of the odd-numbered years.

Questions? Contact:  
State Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649  
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[www.ST-DENTISTRY@state.pa.us](mailto:www.ST-DENTISTRY@state.pa.us)

**All members must renew their CPR certification**, as well. This can also be done online through several websites. Here are a few:

[www.procp.org](http://www.procp.org)

[www.abcpr.coursehost.com](http://www.abcpr.coursehost.com)

[www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

Remember unrestricted and restricted 1 permit holders must be current in ACLS/PALS.

**Finally, the deadline for compliance with the National Provider Identifier is May 23, 2007.** To find out more information, go to our website, [www.scrantondental.org](http://www.scrantondental.org).

## January 10th CE Course Well Attended

Dr. Nasir Bashirelahi, PHD, from the University of Maryland Dental and Medical School, was the featured speaker at the January 10th continuing education course held at the Inn at Nichols Village.

He covered a wide range of topics concerning nutrition and nutraceuticals.

Some of the things he touched on were good and bad carbohydrates, the importance of fats, and beneficial proteins and essential compounds.

According to Dr. Kenneth Zenker, "The lecture was heavily attended and feedback was extremely positive." Dr. Bashirelahi was educated at the Pasteur

in Paris, taught endocrinology at Harvard Medical School, and now teaches nutrition at the University of Maryland Dental and Medical school.

## From the President

I hope everyone is having a good New Year. January's general meeting had a great speaker - Ms. Leslie Collins from Scranton Tomorrow who spoke about several of the new projects going on in the city.

New growth and development will only enhance our practices. If you are interested in areas that are slated for development or any other projects, please feel free to contact Ms. Collins.

Just a few reminder for our members:

1) Our February general meeting will be at lunch between the continuing education course on the 14th. We are looking forward to your feedback on this format.

2) Children's Dental Health Month is coming up. Please contact Dr. Charles Dennis for materials or information that you may need. I would also urge any spouses to participate in this event. The Dental

Alliance needs your support. Without them, this project does not run at all.

3) As you are all aware, Governor Rendell has new proposals for more inclusive health care for all Pennsylvanians. Massachusetts, West Virginia and Kentucky already have plans in place.

It is our responsibility to keep steadfast on all initiatives that take place so we can have our input. If we do not make our opinion and concerns known to the PDA and the government, laws will be passed which will seriously affect our practices and patients. Our website has a link to the PDA which has a section on legislation.

Once again, any suggestions for membership participation and support please contact me.

Sincerely,  
Miriam C. O'Malley, DMD

### Missing Grey Overcoat

A grey overcoat was taken by mistake at the Christmas Party at the Scranton Country Club.

If you notice that you have a grey coat that does not fit, please contact Dr. Larry Gallagher. He may have yours!



Dr. Miriam C. O'Malley

# Upcoming Events

General Meeting/CE Course	Inn at Nichols Village	February 14, 2007
Board meeting	La Trattoria	February 26, 2007
General meeting	Hilton	March 20, 2007
Board meeting	La Trattoria	March 26, 2007
Ben Shair Award/General Meeting	Hilton	April 17, 2007
Third District Meeting	East Mountain Inn	April 18, 2007
PDA Annual Session	Hotel Hershey	April 26-29, 2007
Board meeting	La Trattoria	April 30, 2007
ADA Annual Session	San Francisco	September 27-30, 2007
Third District Meeting	Woodlands	November 9, 2007

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