



## The Annual Presidential Dinner Celebrates Dr. Brian Kerr and Welcomes Dr. Miriam O'Malley

The annual Scranton District Dental Society Presidential Dinner was held on Saturday, December 9th at the Scranton Country Club.

This year's dinner honored outgoing President Dr. Brian Kerr of Magic Orthodontics. Dr. Kerr made many contributions to the SDDS. One of Dr. Kerr's crowning achievements was the creation of a member website ([www.scrantondental.org](http://www.scrantondental.org)) and the electronic organization of past newsletters and various files.

Dr. Linda Himmelberger (PDA President), Dr. Richard Grossman (Third District Trustee to the PDA), Attorney Timothy Kelly (Lackawanna Bar Association President), Dr. Kerr's parents and children, and members of the SDDS enjoyed an evening of delicious food and dancing.

The program included good wishes for Dr. Kerr and a musical tribute by the Black Diamonds (Dr. Kerr's bagpipe band). It was a wonderful salute to Dr. Kerr's presidency. Congratulations!



*Outgoing President Dr. Brian C. Kerr presents the gavel to new President Dr. Miriam C. O'Malley.*

*Best wishes to Dr. Kerr! We are pleased to welcome Dr. O'Malley as our 2007 president!*



*Enjoying the festivities are some of 2007's new officers: L to R: Dr. Joseph Kelly, Treasurer; Dr. Matthew Zale, Vice President; Dr. Kenneth Zenker, Bulletin Editor; and Dr. Miriam O'Malley, President.*



*More fun at the President's Dinner...  
Kim Supon, Dr. Joe Perotti, Maureen Perotti.*

## The Alliance's Holiday Party

The Alliance hosted their annual holiday party at the Radisson at Lackawanna Station December 4th. They had scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and a lovely dinner.

President Connie Hayes thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year, specifically recognizing Mary Lou Bernie and Connie Hayes for their on-going guidance.

SDDS President Miriam O'Malley complimented The Alliance for their years of dedication and service to the people of this area. She remarked that because of their love for the community, area residents have benefited. The evening ended with a fun gift exchange.



Enjoying the evening are: (seated) Dr. Miriam O'Malley, Dale Miller, Elaine Gronsky, Jean Saccone, and Jill Fragin. (standing) Jennifer DiNoia, Barbara Wadsworth, Beverly Solfanelli, Kathleen Fennie, Linda Frantz, and Connie Hayes.

## Don't Miss January's General Meeting

January's general meeting will be on Tuesday the 16th, 6:30 p.m. at the Hilton.

Leslie Collins from *Scranton-Tomorrow* is our guest speaker. She plans to provide us with information on some of the exciting things happening in Scranton.

Her discussion will touch on the following topics: the medical school, St. Peters Square, the South Side revitalization project, the Lackawanna River Basin revitalization project, and more.

*ScrantonTomorrow* was created in 1992. It is committed to the economic,

recreational, cultural and collective improvement of the Greater Scranton Area. The organization is dedicated to making Scranton a better place to live and work.

*ScrantonTomorrow* sees itself as an organization acting as a convener and catalyst for change. They play an active role in planning and managing projects in the city.

The collaborative team of dedicated volunteers, donors, downtown businesses, staff and board members work diligently to establish, manage and accomplish the city's shared goals and objectives.

Their mission includes informing and engaging local residents in a way that results in an improved quality of life for all, while establishing Scranton as northeast Pennsylvania's premier urban center.

Their efforts are governed by a commitment to remain dedicated to the continued renaissance of downtown Scranton.

Join us on the 16th to learn more about the re-development of Scranton.

*(Excerpt taken from  
ScrantonTomorrow.org.)*

## The American Dental Association's Annual Session

The 148th Annual Session of the American Dental Association will be held at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, September 27th-30th.

Registration for ADA07 San Francisco opens March 28. Be sure to register early so you can sign up for your first choice of continuing education programs and your favorite San Francisco hotel.

ADA07 San Francisco will offer dentists, dental team members, families

and guests golden opportunities for the following: continuing education (over 275 scientific session courses to be offered); shopping and hands-on research opportunities among the newest products and latest technologies at the ADA World Marketplace technical exhibition; networking with colleagues; special events, including the Distinguished Speaker Series; world class dining, shopping and sightseeing in one of the nation's most desirable tourist destinations; and much more.

Request an annual session preliminary program by calling toll-free, 1-800-232-1432 or e-mailing [annualsession@ada.org](mailto:annualsession@ada.org).

Preliminary programs will be mailed in March 2007. An electronic (PDF) version of the Preliminary Program will be available on ADA.org when registration opens on March 28.

*(Excerpt taken from ADA.org.)*

## The 2007 Continuing Education Seminars

It's not too late to register for the 2007 CE courses. To register, and for more information, call Dr. Charles Potter at 570-654-6745.



**Wednesday, January 10, 2007**

"Nutrition and Nutraceuticals"  
Dr. Nasir Bashirelahi

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007**

"Oral Surgery for the General Practice"  
Dr. William James Hall

**Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

"Conservative Anterior  
Esthetic Dentistry"  
Dr. Howard E. Strassler

**Wednesday, April 4, 2007**

"Restoration of the Dental Implant"  
Dr. Steve J. Kukunas

## February's Meeting and CE Credit

February's general meeting will be combined with a CE course during the day. It will be held at the Inn at Nichols Village during lunchtime on February 14, 2007.

The topic of the CE credit will be "Oral Surgery for the General Practice".

We look forward to a delicious lunch and good attendance for this Valentine's Day event. Please mark it on your calendar!

## Don't Forget National Children's Dental Health Month is Next Month!

National Children's Dental Health Month is quickly approaching. February will be here before we know it.

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.

Pictured right: NCDHM committee members have already begun planning for this February's celebration. Seated: Alliance members Connie Hayes, Alice Stofko, and Elaine Gronsky. Standing: Dr. Charles W. Dennis, Chair, and Dr. Miriam C. O'Malley, President, SDDS.



## From the President

Greetings, I hope that everyone had a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

The Scranton District Dental Society would like to extend our best wishes to Nick Saccone on his speedy recovery. Nick is a very viable asset to our group and the knowledge he brings to our meetings is greatly appreciated.

As everyone is aware, we are concerned about membership support and participation. We welcome any new ideas that anyone may have that would help increase our membership. The month of February 2007, we will have our general meeting at the lunch hour on February 14th during the continuing education lecture. Your feedback would be most appreciated at that time.

Please remember that this society is our voice as dentists. If we do not become involved as a group, any current issues regarding state legislation and insurance provider problems will be dealt with minus our input.

I also urge all of our members to speak with their spouses regarding their participation in the dental Alliance. Less support and participation in the Alliance reduces our ability to support many wonderful community service projects and without their special assistance, we will be unable to conduct Children's Dental Health Month, as we have done in previous years.

Sincerely,  
Miriam C. O'Malley, DMD



New President,  
Dr. Miriam O'Malley

# Upcoming Events

Continuing Ed Seminar "Nutrition & Nutraceuticals"	Hilton	January 10, 2007
General Meeting	Hilton	January 16, 2007
Board Meeting	La Trattoria	January 29, 2007
<i>General Meeting* and C.E. Credit, "Oral Surgery for the General Practice"</i>	<i>Inn at Nichols Village</i>	<i>February 14, 2007</i>
Board meeting	La Trattoria	February 26, 2007
General meeting	Radisson	March 20, 2007
Board meeting	Radisson	March 26, 2007
Ben Shair Award/ General Meeting	Radisson	April 17, 2007
Board meeting	Radisson	April 30, 2007

*\*Tuesday evening meeting will not be held.*

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