



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

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National Children's Dental Health Month A Great Success!

National Children's Dental Health Month was a smashing success! Hundreds of area children were exposed to the benefits of good dental hygiene.

Some of the events included a visit by Ronald McDonald and the Tooth Fairy at the Keyser Avenue McDonald's on Saturday, February 3rd; and "Tooth Fairy Day" at the Scranton Public Children's Library on Sunday, February 4th.

Very special thanks go out to our Chair, Dr. Charles Dennis, the Alliance (who organized ALL the details), Dr. Brian Kerr, and our very own tooth fairy.



Above: Children enjoying a visit from the Tooth Fairy. It's not everyday the Tooth Fairy comes to the Scranton Public Children's Library!

Right photo: Dr. Brian Kerr and a library goer help a "bug" properly brush its teeth.

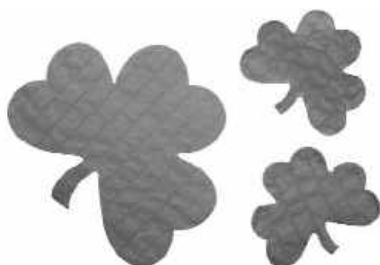
Left photo: Ronald McDonald, Tony from McDonald's, and the Tooth Fairy, Lisa Reeves, take a moment to show their smiles.

Don't Miss March's General Meeting

The speaker for Tuesday, March 20th, 6:30 p.m., at the Hilton will be Dr. Matthew Berger, a psychiatrist.

Dr. Berger is Director of the Medical Mental Health Unit at Moses Taylor Hospital. He has two private practices as well (located in Kingston and Dunmore). He is sought after by the media and in

court cases as an expert in the field of mental health. Dr. Berger will discuss anxiety and the dental patient as well as patients taking psychotropic medications. Be sure to join us for a delicious meal, an informative speaker, and important SDDS business.



February's Board Meeting Minutes

The executive board met on Monday, February 26, 2007 at La Trattoria at 6:30 pm. Attending were Doctors Miriam O'Malley, Joe Kelly, Matt Zale, Chris Kotchick, Ken Zenker, Brian Kerr, Gary Wadsworth, William Hitt, Joe Perrotti, Jack Erhard, Frank Denoia, Larry Gallagher, and Cynthia Cox, editor. The meeting was called to order by past president, Dr. Brian Kerr.

Treasurer Dr. Joe Kelly presented the profit and loss report for the 2005 and 2006 calendar years. The biggest expense was the president's dinner. The dinner was a high quality event but it followed in the trend of low attendance we have seen over the past few years.

The discussion favored looking for other options that would be more popular or less expensive.

Another notable accomplishment was the \$10,000.00 donation to the Hurricane Katrina Relief project.

Dr. Matt Zale recognized Jeff Leventhal for his contribution of denture cups for the nurses at his residential institution oral care education program.

The 110 year anniversary in 2008 of Leventhal Dental will include one of four courses free for all SDDS members. The course dates are May 1st and 2nd, as well as September 25th and 26th of 2008. Jeff Leventhal would be interested in hearing suggestions for

course leaders or topics. He can be reached at JeffL@leventhaldental.com.

Dr. Joe Perrotti relayed the information that the C.E. director will probably reschedule the course cancelled due to the Valentine's Day storm during the month of May.

The annual golf outing is scheduled for June 20. It is sure to be highly enjoyed by all who come. Lots of great prizes, hats, and jackets will be given away.

Dr. Brian Kerr reported a good response at the Children's Dental Health Month events at McDonald's and near record attendance at the library event.

Annual Baseball Game...Welcome Yankees!



Mark your calendars for this year's baseball outing. Come see the Scranton Wilkes Barre Yankees vs. the Toledo Mud Hens. The game is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 30th.

Bring your whole family out for a fun evening at the newly remodeled ball park. Of course, delicious food and drinks will be provided, and we have great seats in the first base party box. Please contact Dr. Wadsworth (342-9246) for free tickets.



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Have You Seen Our Website Lately?

If you haven't been to our website lately (www.scrantondental.org), you're missing out!

You can read the latest newsletter on-line, catch up on recent news, check the dates for upcoming meetings and continuing ed courses, brush up on our bi-laws, and much more! Check it out.



Register Today For An Upcoming CE Class

Have you registered for March's CE Course: "Conservative Anterior Esthetic Dentistry," featuring Dr. Howard E. Strassler?

This course will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at the Inn at Nichols Village. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and lunch is included.

If you'd like to register, simply contact Dr. Charles Potter at 570-654-6745. The cost is \$250 for a SDDS member.

There is another CE Course ("Restoration of the Dental Implant, featuring Dr. Steve J. Kukunas) scheduled for April 4, 2007 at the Inn at Nichols Village. Please mark your calendars.

Local CE courses present a convenient opportunity to earn CE credit and stay on top of the latest in dentistry.

Please plan to join us at one or both of these informative courses!



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!

Free Parking Location Change

As you know, one of the benefits of attending our general meetings at the Hilton is free parking. Please note that the free parking garage for the Hilton has changed.

Instead of the one directly across the street from the hotel, it's the parking garage immediately next to it (on the same side of the street).

February's CE Course Postponed

Thanks to the "St. Valentine's Day Storm," February's continuing education course meeting was postponed. According to Dr. Potter, "The course will be rescheduled for early May." He advised watching upcoming newsletters for more details.

Dr. Potter will also be making announcements regarding the rescheduled course during the next two CE courses (March 21st and April 4th). Anyone who has already registered for February's course need not re-register for May.

ADA Proposes New Anesthesia Guidelines

The ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) is recommending changes to the Association's sedation and general anesthesia guidelines documents. In February, a call was made to members and communities of interest for comments on the proposed changes.

The ADA wants to bring the ADA documents in close alignment with other current dental and medical anesthesia documents and literature, while supporting the role of the dentist in administering anesthesia. The existing (2005 and earlier) guidelines were organized by educational level and route of administration; new guidelines are organized by level of anesthesia/sedation and focus on the patient status, as do other dental and medical organizations' guidelines.

(Excerpt taken from ADA.org.)

What Are Your Thoughts?

In the interest of providing our members with the most effective tools in the most effective manner, we will be taking a very brief survey at our next general meeting on Tuesday, March 20th.

We want to know what days of the week and times work best for you for upcoming meetings and seminars.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to participate in the survey, please go to our website (www.scrantondental.org), complete it there, and email it!



From The President

Greetings, I hope everyone is enjoying the winter. For all who ski, you finally have the snow you want. For the people who enjoy the warmer climate, hopefully you have a vacation planned south of Pennsylvania.

This ends Children's Dental Health month. From the reports I have received, everything went well. I want to thank Dr. Charles Dennis, the Alliance and all who participated for all your efforts. Early intervention is an important part of our practices and this month's events are important to get the word out to the public.

I am sorry that we had to cancel our February meeting and the continuing education course. Dr. Kotchick is planning to reschedule this event sometime in May. We will keep you posted of the date.

April will bring out the PDA meeting and I will do my best to keep you updated on the issues of discussion.

Sincerely,
Miriam C. O'Malley, DMD



Dr. Miriam C. O'Malley

Upcoming Events

General Meeting	Hilton	March 20, 2007
CE Course <i>Conservative Anterior Esthetic Dentistry</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	March 21, 2007
Board Meeting	La Trattoria	March 26, 2007
CE Course <i>Restoration of the Dental Implant</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 4, 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
CE Course <i>Rescheduled from February</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	Early May
Golf Outing	Scranton Country Club	June 20, 2007
ADA Annual Session	San Francisco	September 27-30, 2007
Third District Meeting	Woodlands	November 9, 2007

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