

Presidential Dinner A Success

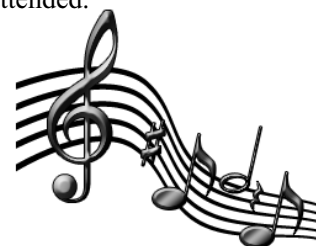


The executive officers take a moment to pose for the camera on the steps of the beautiful Colonnade. Front row: Doctors Bridget Z. Walsh, Jessica A. Falk, P. Joseph Perrotti, Amy B. Cravath, and Miriam C. O'Malley. Back row: Doctors Matthew A. Zale, Todd Angelo, Joseph T. Kelly Jr., Mark A. Giallorenzi, Gary A. Kopesky, and Brian C. Kerr.

This year's Presidential Dinner honoring Dr. Joseph T. Kelly Jr. was an elegant evening filled with fine food, music, and friends.

Held at the historic Colonnade in downtown Scranton, the event hosted over 115 people. Guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and a scrumptious dinner featuring a wide array of delicacies while listening to the sounds of the Marko Marcinko jazz band.

It was an evening to remember! Thank you to all who attended.



Above: Dr. Kelly's children, Rosey, Quinn, and Campbell.

Left: Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, Sr. gives the invocation.

Right: Dr. P. Joseph Perrotti smiles as he introduces the evening's speakers.

NEWS FROM THE ADA

Financial Reform Legislation Provision Concerns ADA

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has scheduled a vote on financial regulatory reform legislation for this afternoon, but Republicans continue to resist going forward on the Restoring American Financial Stability Act, citing differences over a number of provisions. The differences, according to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), could be worked out in a bipartisan agreement if more time were allotted.

ADA Washington Office staff has reviewed the Senate legislation and identified one provision of concern, which may include dentists in the same category as financial service industries. The Association raised an objection to a provision in the bill, in a communication to Senate Banking Committee staff warning that,

"despite language purporting to create various limitations and exclusions to its applicability, the legislation may well be interpreted as applying to dentists and dental practices even though doing so would create unnecessary costs and other burdens for practitioners without providing any actual benefit for the consumers the bill is supposed to protect.

"The ADA is concerned that the definition used to describe "creditor" in the current financial legislation is the same definition used under the "Red Flags Rule," which the FTC continues to insist applies to small health care providers like dentists. Accordingly, the ADA believes this broad definition would put dentists under the rubric of proposed responsibilities for a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

With other groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce taking up this issue-and even citing dentists as small providers likely to be hurt-the ADA is hopeful that this expansive definition can be narrowed to exclude the dental profession before the bill passes.

(Contact: Michael Graham at 202-789-5167 or govtpol@ada.org)

ERISA Bill Picking Up Support in the House

Rep. Rob Andrews (D-N.J.) introduced H.R. 5000 on April 13 and it already has nine cosponsors, eight Democrats and one Republican.

H.R. 5000 would address the insurance issues identified by the ADA's Council on Government Affairs and Council on Dental Benefit Programs as troublesome to dentists and their patients. The bill would apply to all employer-provided plans (self insured and fully insured) that provide a dental benefit, in both free standing dental plans and medical plans with a dental rider.

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WDA Wins Exemption for Most Members from Onerous Law

A new law in Wisconsin requires health care providers to create a summary document detailing median charges for their 25 most frequently utilized procedures (as determined by the state) and to provide a copy to any patient who requests it. A small busi-

ness provision, supported by the Wisconsin Dental Association, exempts dental offices with three or fewer dentists. This means that most dentists in the state are outside the law's mandate.

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PDA Represented at the Presidential Dinner

*Pictured L to R:
Dr. Mark A. Giallorenzi, President, SDDS;
Dr. D. Scott Aldinger, Third District Trustee, PDA; Dr. William T. Spruill, President-Elect, PDA; Camille Kostelac-Cherry, Esq., CEO, PDA; and Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, Jr., 2009 President, SDDS.*



Dr. Joseph T. Kelly Jr. receives the PDA President's Plaque from PDA President-Elect William T. Spruill.

SDDS To Be Honored by Jewish Family Services

The dentists that have served Jewish Family Service (JFS) through the SDDS are being honored at the foundation's 95th anniversary annual meeting on June 15, 2010. According to Natalie Solfanelli, Annual Meeting Chair, "Thousands of individuals have been treated by the remarkably generous and dedicated dentists of Scranton. This is another example of the unique community in which we live, where people care about each other regardless of religious, racial, ethnic or socio-economic background.

The members of the Scranton District Dental Society have provided services from generation to generation without expectation of either recompense or recognition."

This year, as part of its 95th anniversary, the JFS will reflect on the history of the organization and will celebrate its oldest and most enduring program, the Free Dental Clinic. Special thanks on our part goes out to Dr. Joseph Gronskey, who has selflessly organized this program for years.

Women Dentists

By now you should have received (if you're a female dentist!) an official invitation asking you to join together for a fun-filled, casual evening filled with hors d'oeuvres (compliments of the dental society) and drinks.

Our first "women dentist" event will be held on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the State Street Grill in Clarks Summit.

Kindly let Dr. Jessica Falk know if you can make it by emailing her at jessica-falk27@yahoo.com or calling her office at 570-346-1822.

Golf Tournament Prep in Full Swing

The SDDS Annual Golf Tournament and Clambake is Wednesday, June 23rd at the Country Club of Scranton. The day promises to hold good fun and food! Many prizes have been graciously donated. Lunch is provided on the golf course after nine holes of golf and dinner is \$50 and begins at 6:00 p.m. The dinner menu includes clams, butterball steaks and all the trimmings. Soda and beer are available on the porch in the afternoon and a cashbar is available with dinner.

The registration deadline is Monday, June 14th. No walk-ins please. You should have received a registration form by mail. If you need a new form or additional information, please contact Dr. Fred Bonacci at 570-344-3344 or bonacci.perio@verizon.net.

Please plan to join us for a great day on the course!

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From the President

As we welcome spring and wind down the first half of our year I am happy to say we have had a very good run. We had a great month of community outreach through CDHC, our general and executive board meetings were all well attended, and we awarded the Ben Shair award to a very deserving recipient.

Through Charlie Potter's efforts, the continuing education program continued to be extremely successful and profitable to the society, and was very well received by all who attended. The

President's dinner in April had a great turnout of members to honor Joe Kelly Jr. which made it a fun and memorable evening. We have a few more functions to look forward to before summer ends, including the evening at the Yankees and the golf outing, as well as the first social gathering of the Women Dentists group. I hope to see all of you at these events.

Thanks to everyone who has made this year such a success.

Sincerely,

Mark Giallorenzi D.M.D



Upcoming Health Fair

We need your help manning our booth at the 6th Annual Lackawanna County Medical Society Health Fair at Nay Aug Park on Saturday, June 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please contact Dr. Mark Giallorenzi if you can help for any part of the day. He may be reached by calling 346-7301 or emailing markgiallo@comcast.net.

Upcoming Events

Women Dentists Meeting	State Street Grill	May 20, 2010	7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	Jilly's	May 24, 2010	6:30 p.m.
Golf Tournament	SCC	June 23, 2010	TBA
General Meeting	TBA	September 16, 2010	6:30 p.m.
ADA Annual Session	Orlando	October 9-13, 2010	8:00 a.m.



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