



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

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## September's General Meeting

Join us for our kick-off meeting with guest speaker Dr. Todd Angelo on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson. Dr. Angelo recently moved to our area and is practicing with Doctors Mariotti and Quinn. He will be speaking on anterior dental discrepancies and their effects on treatment planning.

As a member of the SDDS, dinner and the meeting are always complimentary. Please join us as we get the year off to a great start. To reserve your spot, kindly contact Dr. Joseph Kelly at 570-587-4787 or e-mail him at [jtkellydmd@comcast.net](mailto:jtkellydmd@comcast.net).



*Dr. Todd M. Angelo*

## Health Fair

The SDDS participated in The Lackawanna County Medical Society's 4th Annual Health Fair on June 14, 2008 at Nay Aug Park (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.).

The free community event was attended by over 1,000 people and highlighted local healthcare and ancillary services.

Special thanks to Doctors Kotchick and Giallorenzi for "man-ning" the SDDS booth.

## Did You Know...

*(from the ada.org)*

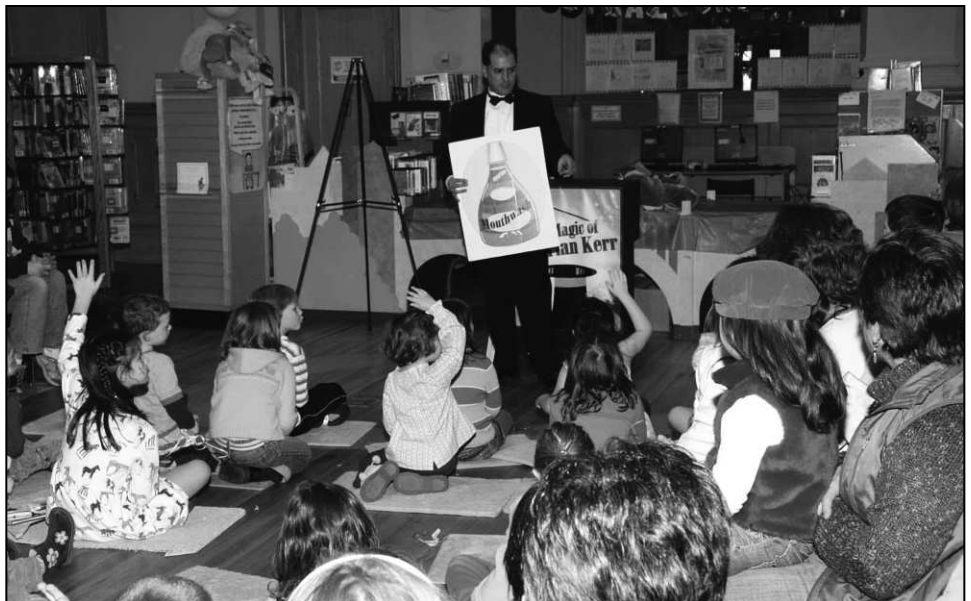
*The website, [www.orallongevity.ada.org](http://www.orallongevity.ada.org), was updated this summer. The refreshed site features an updated design, enhanced navigation and new content for the initiative that helps increase awareness about the importance of older Americans maintaining good oral health for a lifetime. The web site offers presentation materials to assist dentists in educating other health professionals, older adult patients and caregivers about the importance of oral health. Check it out!*

## National Children's Dental Health Month

It's not too early to begin thinking about National Children's Dental Health Month!

While the events take place in February 2009, the committee has already started planning. Dr. Todd Angelo will serve as this year's Chair and is setting a meeting for sometime in September.

If you would like to be involved in organizing this community-minded celebration, please contact Dr. Angelo at 570-342-3556 or email him at [tma1843@yahoo.com](mailto:tma1843@yahoo.com).



*Dr. Brian Kerr "works his magic" with a group of children at the Scranton Public Library during National Children's Dental Health Month last year.*

## PDA News

Here are some of PDA's recent legislative victories:

**DEFEATED** legislation that would have required dentists to submit proof of having paid taxes before renewing their license.

**AMENDED** legislation prohibiting dental hygienists from opening independent private practices, while requiring additional training and education for those hygienists practicing independently in public settings.

**TRANSFORMED** the dental profession by convincing the legislature to legitimize the practice of expanded function dental assistants, increasing dental office productivity.

**SUCCEEDED** in keeping dentistry out of legislation expanding the sales tax to include taxation of health care-related services.



## PDA Lobby Day

Be a part of our legislative success by attending PDA Lobby Day! Help PDA protect the dental profession by joining me at Lobby Day. Your presence and voice is vital to our future.

**When:** Tuesday, October 7, 2008

**Where:** PDA Central Office (Harrisburg). Buses will transport attendees from the Central Office to the Pennsylvania Capitol building.

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For additional information, the Lobby Day schedule, or to register, contact Marisa Fenice at (800) 223-0016, ext. 116.

## New Member Spotlight

On August 11, 2008, Dr. Bridget Walsh opened a beautiful, new practice at 301 W. Grove Street, Clarks Summit. After practicing in Scranton, Plains and Forest City over the past four years, Dr. Walsh decided it was time to open her own, earth-friendly office.

Thanks to conversations with Dr. Quinn, and the earth-friendly practices utilized in Mariotti, Quinn & Angelo's Clarks Summit office, she decided to try to follow their lead. In decorating, cleaning, and operating her office, Dr. Walsh uses the United States Green Building Certification rating system and the Green Guide for Health Care to make earth-friendly decisions.

For example, she has utilized No-VOC paints, and low-VOC flooring throughout the office. The furniture is earth friendly and energy efficient lighting is used. She has eliminated developing chemicals used with conventional x-rays. Her digital charting system has allowed her office to greatly reduce paper usage. The paper they use is a post-consumer recycled product. The office space is kept clean with environmentally friendly products.

Recall patient products include toothbrushes with recycled plastic handles. She comments, "I have just begun to delve into 'going green.' I'm taking as many steps as I can to help. It's been a real learning experience."

Born and raised in Scranton, Dr. Walsh received her Bachelor of Arts

degree from Marywood University and Master of Science from the University of Scranton. Upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Walsh completed a general practice residency at Abington Memorial Hospital (Philadelphia). The comprehensive education she received prepared her for treating all aspects of dentistry ranging from cosmetic services to emergency care.

Family is of the utmost importance to Dr. Walsh. She is the wife of Patrick Walsh and the mother of three boys (aged 5, 4, and 2). She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Zukoski. Her Grandfather was Dr. Joseph J. Zukoski, a former Scranton dentist. In the near future, her sister Megan Z. Azar DMD will be joining the practice. To reach her, call 570-585-7111 or visit her website at [www.drbridgetwalsh.com](http://www.drbridgetwalsh.com).



*Dr. Bridget Walsh*

## Assistance Needed

We have received a inquiry from Webster Towers in Scranton requesting a dental professional to speak during the month of October.

The Activities Director would like a doctor to talk to the senior residents about the importance of dental hygiene.

If you can participate, please contact Dr. Christopher Kotchick at 570-346-7301 or e-mail him at [ckotchick@comcast.net](mailto:ckotchick@comcast.net).



# Upcoming Events

<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Radisson</b>	<b>September 16, 2008</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Faccia Luna</b>	<b>September 29, 2008</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>PDA Lobby Day</b>	<b>PDA Central Office</b>	<b>October 7, 2008</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>ADA Annual Session</b>	<b>San Antonio, TX</b>	<b>October 16-21, 2008</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Radisson</b>	<b>October 21, 2008</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Faccia Luna</b>	<b>October 27, 2008</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Third District Meeting</b>	<b>Woodlands</b>	<b>November 14, 2008</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>PDA 142nd Annual Session</b>	<b>Hotel Hershey</b>	<b>April 23-26, 2009</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>

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