



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

January 2014

2014 CE Courses Scheduled

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Continuing Education Series held at the Inn at Nichols Village in Clarks Summit. By now, you should have received detailed information and registration forms in the mail. If not, please visit our website at www.scrantondental.org. The link is right on the home page!

January 15, 2014

Pharmacology and
Nutraceuticals
Dr. Richard Wynn

February 19, 2014

Endo
Dr. Herbert Ray

March 12, 2014

Oral Surgery
Dr. Richard Bauers

April 16, 2014

Heart Health
Dr. James Lichon



January's Meeting

Don't miss the January 21st general meeting featuring guest speaker Dr. Kurt Wadsworth. Dr. Wadsworth grew up in Clarks Summit, and attended college at Lehigh University. He obtained his D.M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the American Association of Endodontists Student Achievement Award. After dental school, Kurt attended a two-year residency at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine,



Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

where he obtained a certificate in Endodontics. While there, he had the opportunity to provide endodontic care for patients in several private practices in the Boston area. Kurt is an avid baseball fan, and enjoys hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

As always, dinner is complimentary to SDDS members. To reserve your spot, please contact Dr. Justin Burns at (570) 346-7301 or jburnsdmd@gmail.com.

Affordable Care Act

In late 2012, Governor Corbett announced that Pennsylvania would not pursue a state-based health insurance exchange. The administration is considering Medicaid expansion, but Governor Corbett maintained that implementation of an exchange under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will be operated at the federal level. According to the administration, Medicaid expansion would cost Pennsylvania \$367 million in 2013-2014, with the state's share rising to \$1.2 billion in 2020-2021. Pennsylvania joined 28 other states in this decision. By law, governors can re-evaluate their decision to establish a state-based exchange on a yearly basis.

Since its passage in Congress in 2010, many questions remain about how the

ACA will impact health insurance, health care providers and patients. The expansion of medical insurance coverage and changes to how health care is financed could have a transformative impact on dentistry in Pennsylvania and across the country. Aspects of the ACA impact dentists not only as health care professionals, but also as small business owners and consumers of medical care. The full impact of the ACA on dentistry remains uncertain at this stage, but PDA can highlight some of the potential changes that will most likely occur in the near future. To learn more, go to the PDA's website at padental.org and click on "Advocacy" then "Affordable Care Act" to see an informative webinar.

NCDHM Gaining Momentum

This National Children's Dental Health Month is going to be like no other! Chair Kady Schloesser has arranged for eight events to reach out to our surrounding communities in an effort to educate children on proper dental care. Just look at this schedule!

NCDHM Tooth Fairy Day	Scranton Library Children's Library	Feb 2, 2014	2:00 PM
NCDHM McDonald's	North Side McD's (near Prep)	Feb 8, 2014	9:00 AM-11:00 AM
NCDHM McDonald's	Keyser Ave. McD's	Feb 8, 2014	12:00 PM-1:30 PM
NCDHM Tooth Fairy Day	Honesdale Library	Feb 8, 2014	12:00 PM
NCDHM McDonald's	Tunkhannock McD's	Feb 15, 2014	12:00 PM -1:30 PM
NCDHM Tooth Fairy Day	Hawley Library	Feb 21, 2014	10:30 AM

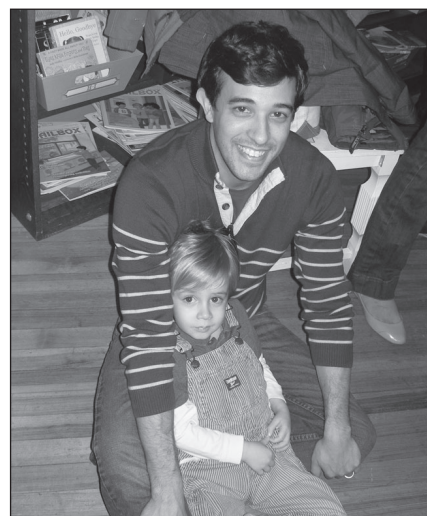
As you can see, with the amount of events planned we need your help. If you can attend an event and represent our Society, we'd really appreciate it. Contact Kady directly at kady.schloesser@gmail.com or (570) 253-0358.

With the help of the ARC, we are preparing 8,000 bags to distribute throughout the month of February at our events and schools. The bags contain educational material, coloring sheets, stickers, crayons, toothbrushes, and McDonald's coupons. Please let Kady know if you will be speaking at a local school and would like a supply of bags to distribute. Of course, this is on a first come, first served basis. Once the bags run out, they're gone.

Again, we thank you in advance for your help. Please pitch in to help our local kids learn about the benefits of good, dental hygiene!



Anthony and Alex Hanyon, sons of Dr. Stephanie Hanyon, proudly show off their face paintings at the Scranton Children's Library.



Dr. J.R. Karam watches the magic of Dr. Brian Kerr with his son, Jackson.



A crowd of 75 kids gather at the Scranton Children's Library.



The children have a great time making creations with the Tooth Fairy and Ronald.

President's Letter

As 2013 winds down and a new year begins, it is a great time for reflection on the past year. I would like to thank all of our members that have helped to make 2013 another successful year for the SDDS. We have had many volunteers during our countless events that have helped the SDDS and, more importantly, our community. I look forward to the events ahead and urge all of our members to become involved in our society. Good luck to Dr. Karam, our society's 2014 president, and to all of our new board members. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and best of wishes to you and your families in 2014.



Sincerely,
Dr. Amy Cravath

A Message from ADA Trustee Dr. Andrew Kwasny

It is certainly an honor to serve as your trustee to the American Dental Association. The next year will show ADA's significant commitment to provide you with value for your membership in organized dentistry. One example of this effort is the creation of the Center for Professional Success website, which provides you with an interactive experience for success in your practice, your educational experience and your life. The ADA will continue to emphasize organized dentistry's commitment to eradicate dental disease in our country through the Action for Dental Health Program. There are nine individual initiatives that include coordination between emergency rooms and community health

centers/ private dental offices to treat active decay, and providing dental care to the elderly with an emphasis on those that live in long-term care facilities. These and other efforts to align our tripartite system of organized dentistry into a unified profession will be our focus. Watch for my upcoming article in the January/ February Pennsylvania Dental Journal to learn more about these and other initiatives along with plans for my own personal blog when our redesigned PDA website is launched early next year. You can always reach me at kwasnya@ada.org with any questions that you may have on how you can achieve more value for your membership in organized dentistry.

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Get Involved! Help Judge the NCDHM Student Poster Contest

The deadline to sign up for the online NCDHM advisory group is fast approaching. Visit www.padental.org/ncdhmgroup by December 31 to join the group and help judge the statewide poster contest this spring. The NCDHM advisory group is open to all interested members who would like to participate.



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting	Café Classico	Jan 13, 2014	6:00 PM
General Meeting Dr. Kurt Wadsworth	U of S Brennan Hall, 509	Jan 21, 2014	6:30 PM
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General Meeting Legally Mine	U of S DeNaples Center, 405	Feb 18, 2014	6:30 PM
General Meeting Shair/Angelo Awards	U of S DeNaples Center, 405	March 18, 2014	6:30 PM
President's Dinner	Scranton Country Club	May 3, 2014	7:00 PM