



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

April 2018

Dr. Bernard Shair Award and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced

What a wonderful show of support for this year's Dr. Bernard Shair Award and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Presentation! Special thanks to all who attended this special evening. Maura Burns has been named the 2018 recipient of the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship and Andrew Nardone as the 2018 recipient of the Dr. Bernard Shair Award.

Andrew Nardone, winner of Dr. Bernard Shair Award, will graduate from the University of Scranton in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and a minor in biology. A resident of Dallas, Pennsylvania, Nardone is a member of the biology honor society, Beta Beta Beta, and the Jesuit honor society Alpha Sigma Nu.

Currently, Nardone serves as Head Resident Assistant and member of the Health Professions Organization (HPO). He also volunteers for Ready, Set, Brush! which is a community outreach program to young students about the importance of oral care. During his years at the University of Scranton, Nardone has also served on the University of Scranton Programming Board: Novelty & Variety Co-Chair (2016-2017),



was a Manresa Retreat Leader (2017), and member of the men's soccer team (2014-2016). He has also participated in the Ignite Student Leadership Conference in both 2016 and 2018.

Along with belonging to the Knights of Columbus as a 2nd Degree Member, Nardone enjoys Cross Fit, soccer, skiing, biking, building Iconx 3D Metal Models and being a DJ. He will be attending Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in the fall.

Maura Burns, the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship winner, will graduate from the University of Scranton in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

history and two minors in biochemistry and biology. A resident of Jessup, Pennsylvania, Burns is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Phi Lambda Upsilon honor societies.

During Burns' freshmen year, she, her classmate, and her chemistry graduate-assistant created Ready, Set, Brush! where community outreach programs are presented to young students about the importance of oral care. RSB also participates in on-campus events such as "Safe Trick-or-Treat" and is a valuable resource to pre-dental students on campus. She actively participates in numerous University clubs and organizations including the Health Professions Organization (Pre-Dental Chair), Biology Club, Royal Historical Society, and Colleges Against Cancer.

In her free time, Burns runs an annual dental supply drive at her parish in February during Children's Dental Health Month, with the proceeds donated to local charities. She is a member her church's Social Concerns Committee, St. Francis of Assisi community outreach program volunteer, and enjoys baking, reading, running, and golfing.



Dr. Matthew Zale, Third District Trustee; Rosemary Broderick, Esq., Chairman, Scranton Area Foundation; Maura Burns, Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship recipient; Andrew Nardone, Dr. Bernard Shair Award recipient; Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, SDDS President Elect; and Dr. Charles Scrimalli, SDDS President;



It was wonderful having the University of Scranton's current Pre-Dental students as our guests.

Special Notice to CHIP Providers

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) is implementing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Provider Screening and Enrollment provisions, which require all providers who render services to CHIP enrollees to enroll with DHS. Federal regulations require states to screen CHIP providers the same as it does Medical Assistance (MA) providers. The deadline of is approaching!

To enroll, providers must complete an enrollment application appropriate for their provider type and submit all required documents. If a provider is already enrolled in the MA program, the provider does not need to enroll again in CHIP.

CHIP-only providers will receive a provider ID number but they will not in any way be identified as MA providers. DHS officials warn that CHIP-only providers who wait to enroll until close to the December 31, 2017, deadline run the risk of disrupting services to patients and claim submission and reimbursement. CHIP-only providers are strongly encouraged to submit an enrollment application as soon as possible, so DHS staff has time to process the application before the deadline. Below are some links on DHS' website for enrollment information:

www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/c_263474.pdf

www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/c_263473.pdf

www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/c_263491

Child Abuse Requirements

Pennsylvania law requires clearances when interacting with or treating children. New provisions in Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law require individuals to obtain several clearances every five years, in the course of their employment or volunteer activities, if they have:

- Direct contact with children because they provide care, supervision, guidance or control of children, AND
- Routine interaction with children defined as "regular and repeated contact that is integral to a person's employment responsibilities."

To help determine which members of your dental office staff need clearances, you may want to consult with your insurance

carrier or attorney. However, PDA advises members to err on the side of caution and have all staff having any contact with children obtain the clearances.

The following certifications are needed to comply with this law. Use these websites for instructions and links to apply for these clearances:

keepkidssafe.pa.gov/resources/clearances/index.htm

www.dhs.pa.gov/publications/finda-form/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm#.VxeinvkrK70

www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home

You are required to keep copies of your clearances, and those of your employees. You must also require prospective employees to produce these documents prior to employment. Clearances obtained for volunteer purposes cannot be used for employment purposes, but employment

clearances are acceptable for volunteer activities.

To ensure that you are in full compliance with Pennsylvania's child abuse laws, be sure to register for PDA's custom designed CE course (Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Requirements for Dental Professionals), which is offered in multiple locations across the state for both members and your professional dental staff. This program will fulfill the two-hour training requirement and count toward the CE credit hours you need to renew your dental license in March 2019. Here's a link to course information:

www.padental.org/Online/Events/Act_31_and_Act_124_CE/Online/Events/Act31_%20Act124CE.aspx

Please email the government relations staff at mss@padental.org or kek@padental.org, or call (800) 223-0016, with any questions or concerns.

Don't Miss the Last General Meeting

Be sure to attend our last general meeting before summer break on Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 PM at University of Scranton's Brennan Hall. Featured speakers will be Chris Collins, Scott Wham, Esq. and Michael Cummings of Kistler Tiffany Benefits. They will be speaking about President Donald Trump's executive order that directed the Department of Labor (DOL) to consider issuing regulations that would permit more employers to form association health plans (AHPs) as a way to expand access to more affordable health coverage. The DOL was specifically instructed to consider expanding the conditions that must be satisfied to form the AHP that is treated as a single plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

Under the proposed rule, AHPs would be expanded to allow more small employers to join together to purchase health coverage as single group. According to the DOL, this approach will give small employers (as well sole proprietors) access to more affordable, high-quality health coverage.

Chris Collins leads the day-to-day operations of the company's Scranton office, bringing unique and creative benefit plans and strategic solutions to companies of all industries and sizes in the northeastern portion of Pennsylvania. He possesses extensive experience in all aspects of

employee benefits, including fully insured and self-funded arrangements, and is well versed in all areas of Human Resource administration, including compensation, compliance, and 401K administration.

Scott Wham, J.D., has dedicated his time to gaining a comprehensive understanding of how Health Care Reform impacts employers of various sizes. Scott spearheads Kistler Tiffany Benefits' Health Care Reform compliance consulting initiatives. Scott regularly meets with employers to provide insights into the regulatory landscape and solutions for compliance risks posed by The Affordable Care Act.

Since 2006, Michael Cummings has focused his energies almost entirely on the brokering and servicing of his employee benefits clients. The specific concentrations include, but are not limited to: group medical, dental, vision, short and long-term disability, and life insurance. Michael has implemented consumer-directed health insurance strategies and techniques into his clients' medical plans as a way to save significant premium dollars.

As always, attendance at our general meetings is complimentary and includes the speaker, dinner, and pre-dinner cocktails. Please let Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel know that you're coming by calling her at 570-343-4472 or emailing at maryg91@hotmail.com.

President's Letter

Hello and Happy Spring!

I would like to personally thank everyone for the wonderful turnout for our recent scholarship awards dinner. The camaraderie and great feeling in the room that evening was palpable and felt by all. Speaking to the students afterwards, I heard many positive comments on what a nice group of individuals make up the SDDS. This is something I have known all along, but it was still heartening to hear such flattering comments. I'm sure the students and their families appreciated the presence of all of those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend.

In the area of SDDS volunteerism, much has been happening with our talks with the JFS, as well as the Women of Philanthropy. Our members will be receiving an email soon from Colette of the JFS with some potential changes and possibly modest expense compensation in the hopes of gaining more volunteers. Please consider offering some help when you receive the email request. A special thanks to



Andy Brown for all he's been doing to help revitalize the JFS program.

A special board meeting will be held on May 16th, venue to be determined. This meeting's sole purpose will be to inform and prepare our members for the arrival of the PA Coalition of Oral Health (PCOH) to our area later this year. This popular movement says its main purpose is to help the public by administering dental services to the underserved areas in our state. Presently, I suggest our members google this group to become familiar with what it's all about. Once the venue has been determined, I will text, email, and spread the word.

With Spring, the plans for our annual golf outing are well underway. As usual, our tireless and hardworking JR Karam along with Fred Bonacci are taking care of all the details. If you want to have a blast and tons of laughs, Plan on joining us at the Country Club of Scranton on June 20th. This event annually gives support to ARC of NEPA, and your attendance and sponsorship mean a lot. So please, work on getting a foursome together for this event which is always loads of fun!

Unfortunately, I am compelled to mention some recent losses to our SDDS family. Dr. Lorraine Hamel, known by many of us, was

tragically killed recently by a drunk driver. Also, recently, our friend and fellow member Dr. Don Haines has tragically lost his son. If you have a chance, please reach out to Mike Bone (Lorraine's husband), and Don Haines and their families to offer prayers, condolences, and any help you can provide. It is during times like this that our family (the SDDS), can make a real difference in someone's life just by being there for them. It's what truly makes us all a "family."

Our last general meeting before summer looks to be a good one. It will be held April 17th at Brennan Hall. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel has lined up some great speakers and a timely topic this month. Chris Collins, Michael Cummings, and Scott Wham will be offering us lots of valuable information when it comes to updated information on health insurance which affects us all. Hopefully, they can answer some of the many questions we all may have.

As summer approaches, 2018 is off to a great start. Thanks again to all of our members and volunteers who support our society. Let's keep the momentum going. Hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Chuck Scrimalli, SDDS President

Minutes

Submitted by Megan Azar, Secretary

A board of directors meeting was held at Cafe Classico on March 6, 2018. In attendance were Andy Brown, Jessica Falk, Cindy Cox, Megan Azar, Tom Langan, Stephanie Hanyon, Joellen Drosinski, Darleen Oleski, Joe Kelly, Bill Burdyn, Kurt Wadsworth, Brendan Langan, Chuck Scrimalli, Mike Ratchford. Kurt Wadsworth called the meeting to order.

- Prior to the meeting, Sheila Abdo and Colette Jesikiewicz of JFS met with the group brainstorming some ideas to increase volunteerism. One proposal under consideration is to give the dentist volunteers the ability to charge fees to the patient, based on a nominal fee schedule merely as a means for the dentist to offset some of their expense of administering treatment.
- Jessica Falk presented the Treasurer's report.
- Andy Brown was approached by a local bank that wanted to sponsor one of our general meetings. The board decided it would be best to offer the local business a golf tournament sponsorship instead.
- Stephanie Hanyon proposed a donation be made from the SDDS to MADD in memory of Dr. Lorraine Hamel. A \$250 donation was agreed upon.
- Darleen Oleski advocated all present to contact our state representative Marty Flynn of the House

Insurance Committee to encourage the passing of SB 373, which has passed through the Senate, and will now be voted on by the House. SB 373 would require insurers to allow patients to request that their benefits be assigned directly to dentists, regardless of whether the dentist participates with the insurer. Resources and talking points are available on PDA website "PDA Action Alerts." The more the legislators hear from us, the more likely the result will be in our favor. It was stressed that by not contacting legislators, they will assume this bill is not a priority.

- Joe Kelly requested money to update our non-secure website, and to enable setting up for e-commerce for things like CE courses, President's Dinner, etc. A motion was passed unanimously to change to a secure merchant website.
- Joellen Drosinski encouraged all present to sign up to volunteer for MOM-n-PA this May 17-19 in Reading, PA.
- Bill Burdyn discussed his desire to put together a group of at least 20 members of dentists and staff for a group health insurance (with a large group bidding out against other insurance companies to find the best options). Dr. Burdyn expressed his concerns with corporate dentistry, dental therapists, dental hygiene practitioners, and teledentistry. A long discussion followed regarding the negatives of how medicine has changed, and the future of dentistry. We were reminded that we are representing our profes-

sion and need to stay organized and take action to benefit our small businesses and our profession and livelihood.

- Kurt Wadsworth encouraged the Board to refer to Matt Zale's post on the SDDS social network to attend the Pennsylvania Coalition of Oral Health, who is coming to Scranton on September 21, 2018. Registration is free, and all dental professionals are invited. The PCOH is a well-organized, powerful organization whose stated priority in 2017 Report is to "...add Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to the Medicaid provider list, as well as supported proposed regulation changes to add medical offices and childcare centers to the list of practice settings..." The board recognized some positives with the Coalition regarding education and prevention for vulnerable Pennsylvanians. Ideas were discussed on how to solve the access to care problem including raising Medicare reimbursement, increasing our education, communication and personal conversations with other dentists as well as congressmen and lawmakers.
- Mike Ratchford reported on the group he has put together with Sam Abod, Matt Zale, and Chris Kotchick to update the bylaws of the SDDS to reflect today's society, and make it more contemporary.

The meeting was adjourned after a reminder for all to attend the Dr. Bernard Shair and Dr. Todd Angelo Memorial Dinner on March 20.

Upcoming Events

CE Course	Radisson	April 11, 2018	8:00 AM
<i>The Dentist's Role in the Identification, Diagnosis and Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders</i>			
General Meeting	U of S – Brennan Hall	April 17, 2018	6:30 PM
PDA Annual Meeting	Hotel Hershey	April 27-28, 2018	8:00 AM
Mom-N-PA	Reading	May 18-19, 2018	8:00 AM
Golf Tournament	Scranton Country Club	June 20, 2018	8:00 AM
Mom-N-PA	Mohegan Sun Arena	June 17-18, 2019	8:00 AM

Mom-n-PA

Won't you join us as we support the Third District Mom-n-PA mission in Reading on May 18 & 19, 2018? Plans are being made to possibly carpool for this exciting event.

The MOM-n-PA mission is a large-scale dental clinic where dental treatment is provided at no cost to individuals who cannot afford dental care. Treatment is provided on a first-come, first-served basis and patients do not preregister.

For more information and to pre-register, go to www.mom-n-pa.com.

