



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

February 2017

## NCDHM Rises to New Heights!

This year's celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) expanded to include an exciting event at The Marketplace at Steamtown, in which area children were given complimentary dental screenings by volunteer doctors Megan Azar, Kady Schloesser, Sam Abod, Kurt Wadsworth, Justin Burns, Chris Kotchick, Chuck Scrimali, Al Matrone, and Kristin Erk. Over 50 kids received a positive dental experience, while enjoying a great day filled with free face painting, giveaways, coloring stations, and a visit with the Tooth Fairy. Special thanks to Henry Schein for donating the exam chair and Benco Dental for the mirrors and gloves.

Three local McDonald's also hosted events featuring Frozen Characters Anna and Elsa, along with the Tooth Fairy who gave out bags loaded with toothbrushes, toothpaste, coupons for free McDonald's ice cream cones, stickers, and coloring sheets. This year's McDonald's events were the most highly attended in the history of NCDHM.

Of course, Dr. Brian Kerr's "dental" magic enthralled kids of all ages at the Scranton Children's Public Library event on February 19th that also featured photos

with the Tooth Fairy, face painting, and crafts.

Chair Dr. Megan Azar could not have been more pleased with this year's celebration. "Since NCDHM fits perfectly into the mission of the SDDS, we love doing these free community events. It allows us to reach into the neighborhoods we serve and meet the needs of children that may have never seen a dentist," comments Dr. Megan Azar.



*Some of the doctors who volunteered for free dental screenings at The Marketplace at Steamtown: Kady Schloesser, Sam Abod, Tooth Fairy, Megan Azar, Kurt Wadsworth, Justin Burns, and Chris Kotchick.*



*Dr. Matrone gets the thumb's up from his patient!*



*The Tooth Fairy poses with the Frozen Princesses, Anna and Elsa at McDonalds.*



*Dr. Chuck Scrimalli takes time to smile for the camera.*



*Look at these cuties! Showing off their face paint are Eulina Abod (Sam Abod's daughter) and Esme Schloesser (Kady Schloesser's daughter).*



*NCDHM Chair Dr. Megan Azar sees the first patient at the Mall.*

# Learn How the New PA PDMP Requirements Impact You!

Effective January 1, 2017, new legislative changes to the Pennsylvania Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PA PDMP) took effect, which impact both prescribers and dispensers.

## Here is what you need to know:

- Registration with the PA PDMP program is now required for all prescribers and dispensers licensed in the commonwealth. If you have not already registered, please visit [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov).
- **Prescribers** must now query the PA PDMP each time a patient is prescribed an opioid drug product or benzodiazepine by the prescriber. Prescribers must continue to query the PA PDMP:

For each patient the first time the patient is prescribed a controlled substance by the prescriber for purposes of establishing a baseline and a thorough medical record; or

If a prescriber believes or has reason to believe, using sound clinical judgment, that a patient may be abusing or diverting drugs.

- **Dispensing prescribers or pharmacies** must now submit data to the PA PDMP no later than the close of the subsequent business day (Monday through Friday) after dispensing the controlled substance, as opposed to the previous requirement of within 72 hours.

- Lawfully authorized **dispensers and pharmacists** also now have the following query requirements before dispensing an opioid drug product or a benzodiazepine prescribed to a patient if any of the

following apply:

The patient is a new patient of the dispenser;

The patient pays cash when they have insurance;

The patient requests a refill early; or

The patient is getting opioid drug products or benzodiazepines from more than one prescriber.

## Where do I go to learn more?

We encourage you to stay up-to-date on all PA PDMP information by visiting the website. The PA PDMP office is constantly updating this information to keep you informed.

For questions regarding registration or data submission, please contact the support team directly at 855-572-4767 (855-5PA-4PMP). Technical assistance is currently available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

For policy related questions, you may reach the PA PDMP office directly by calling 844-377-7367 (844-377-PDMP) from Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST or by emailing RA-DH-PDMP@pa.gov.



# February's Meeting

Don't miss this month's meeting featuring Dr. Thomas Langan Jr. on Tuesday,

February 21st at 6:30 PM at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall (Rose Room).

Dr. Langan grew up in Northeastern Pennsylvania,

where he attended Abington Heights school district and graduated in 2005. He subsequently attended the University of Scranton where he received a B.S. in Biology and B.A. in Philosophy in 2009. After completing his college education, Dr. Langan attended Temple University School of dentistry and obtained his dental degree in 2013. After completion of the dental program, Dr. Langan decided to continue his training with a three year residency in Periodontology and Oral Implantology. He is highly trained in all aspects of Periodontics, saving teeth, and replacement of teeth with dental implants. In July he joined Perio Health and Dental Implants practice in Dunmore and Honesdale locations.

Be sure to arrive by 6:30 PM and enjoy complimentary cocktails before our delicious dinner and informative speaker. To reserve your spot, contact Dr. Chuck Scrimalli at (570) 689-2449 or [chuckmarias@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckmarias@yahoo.com).



# Annual Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Scholarship Dinner

Don't miss this year's combined Dr. Bernard Shair Award and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Presentation to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall. The Ben Shair award is a cash gift funded by the SDDS and an endowment fund founded by the family of Dr. Bernard Shair (who passed away in 1982) and administered by the Scranton Area Foundation. It is presented to a

University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry.

The Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship is a cash gift funded by the SDDS, the Scranton Area Foundation, and private donations in memory of Dr. Todd Angelo, an SDDS President who unexpectedly passed away in 2011. The Scranton Area Foundation administers

the scholarship. It is presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and who shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry. This award serves as a reflection of Todd's dedication, service and love of dentistry.

As always, dinner is complimentary for members. Please reserve your spot by calling Dr. Chuck Scrimalli at (570) 689-2449 or [chuckmarias@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckmarias@yahoo.com).



## **2017 Elections**

The 2017 PDA election process has begun. Candidate profiles are now available on the Election Information page of our website.

All members will be encouraged to participate in the annual electronic election. Voting will open on February 14 and close on February 28. Watch your email for the electronic ballot. The subject line will be "2017 PDA Election." Upon receipt of the email, you will click on the link to open the electronic ballot, select your preferred candidates and submit the ballot. A few seconds after submitting the ballot, you will receive an email requesting you to confirm your vote. You must open the email and view and approve the ballot. After the ballot is confirmed you will receive a "Thank you for voting" email. Your vote isn't counted until after the ballot is confirmed.

The candidate for PDA president-elect is Dr. James M. Boyle III. The candidate for PDA treasurer is Dr. Nicole M. Quezada. The candidates for ADA Trustee are Dr. Thomas W. Gamba and Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger. In addition to these offices, you are also voting for ADA delegates.

## **2017 Officers**

### **Third District President**

Dr. Christopher Kotchick

### **Third District Treasurer**

Dr. Joseph Kelly

### **Third District Secretary**

Dr. Samantha Abod

### **Third District Trustee**

Dr. Matthew Zale

### **Immediate Past President**

Dr. Stephanie Hanyon

**President** – Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

**V.P.** – Dr. Megan Azar

**Treasurer** – Dr. Jessica Falk

**Secretary** – Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel

**Bulletin Editor** - Dr. Fred Bonacci

### **Board of Directors:**

Dr. Samantha Abod

Dr. Marty Bifano

Dr. Fred Bonacci

Dr. Richard Brown

Dr. J.R. Karam

## **President's Letter**



Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy time with family and friends over the holidays.

It is an honor

to serve as your president in 2017. I will do my best to build on the strong foundation formed by past presidents. Special thanks to Stephanie Hanyon for all of her hard work in 2016! This society runs on member support, so please do not hesitate to step forward with ideas to help us improve in the future.

Our general meetings will once again be held at the University of Scranton. We will continue to strive to bring distinguished speakers in the upcoming year. I hope that you will show your support for the society by attending. If there is something you would like to see at the meetings, please let me know. After all, active membership is what will help our society continue to grow and enhance our ability to better serve the local community.

I look forward to working with you in 2017 to continue the great legacy of the Scranton District Dental Society. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Kurt Wadsworth  
SDDS-President

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

*Submitted by Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel*

Held February 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Basil's. In attendance were: Present: Stephanie Hanyon, Jess Falk, Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, Sam abod, JR Karam, Chuck Scrimalli, Andrew brown, Chris Kotchick, Kurt Wadsworth, Joe Kelly, Megan Azar, and Cindy Cox.

The following topics were discussed by the board:

- NCDHM events and times
- March 21st will feature the Ben Shair/Todd Angelo award and general meeting

- There will be an Opiod CE course hosted by the Third District on November 7, 2017 Mohegan
- March 26-28, 2017 will be Lobby Day for ADA advocacy. We need someone from the 3rd district to represent us so please register!
- Golf outing will most likely be the June 21, 2017. Trying to get to 18 sponsors so please let JR Karam know if you can participate as a sponsor!
- Andrew Kwasney running for ADA president. The Third District and SDDS are donating toward his campaign.

## **Sign Up for Text Meeting Reminders**

In an effort to ensure contact for upcoming meetings and events, the board has decided to employ a free texting service called Remind. Please take a moment to follow the instructions to enroll for this quick and easy service!

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to

remind.com. Download the app Remind and join sddsgroup.

If you don't have a smartphone you can text @sddsgroup to the number 81010. If that doesn't work, try texting @sddsgroup to (972) 471-9068. Standard text message rates apply.

For email notifications, go to remind.com and join sddsgroup.

# Upcoming Events

<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S – Brennan Hall	February 21, 2017	6:30 PM
<b>Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Scholarship Dinner</b>	U of S – Brennan Hall	March 21, 2017	6:30 PM
<b>CE Course:</b> <i>Dr. Matthew Cook</i>	Radisson Hotel	March 22, 2017	8:00 AM
<b>ADA Lobby Day</b>	Washington, DC	March 26-28, 2017	
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S – Brennan Hall	April 18, 2017	6:30 PM
<b>CE Course:</b> <i>Dr. Satish Kumar</i>	Radisson Hotel	April 19, 2017	8:00 AM
<b>Third District CE</b> <i>Opiod Course</i>	Mohegan Sun	November 7, 2017	8:00 AM