



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

March 2014

NCDHM Grows!

Thanks to Chair Dr. Kady Schloesser, National Children's Dental Month has grown again. Capping off her second year, Kady did an amazing job of organizing multiple events over a large geographical area! The SDDS was able to conduct six public events throughout the month of February, including three libraries and three McDonald's locations; not to mention several school visits throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Approximately 7,000 "goodie bags" filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, coloring sheets, and McDonald's coupons, were distributed to area children.



Dr. Joellen Drosinski and son enjoy a visit with the Tooth Fairy at McDonald's Keyser Avenue.



McDonald's owners Christina Muller, Albert Mueller, Carol Mueller, Tooth Fairy, Dr. Matthew Zale, Keyser Avenue Manager Henry Wesolowski, and Ronald McDonald take a moment to pose for the camera.



The "Barrier Breakers" from Scranton Running Center stop in to say hello at the North Side McDonald's.



Doing the signature Ronald McDonald hand gesture at the Tunkhannock McDonald's are Dr. J.R. Karam, McD's representative Beth DelSanto, Ronald, Tunkhannock Manager Sara Doyle, Christina Muller, and Tooth Fairy Lisa Reeves.



Kids just love Ronald & the Tooth Fairy. Nicholas Ide, Bradley Cox, Abigail Curran, Caroline Curran, Arabella Cox, Lindsay Liuzzo, and Julia Curran have a blast.

SDDS to Honor Our Veterans

Don't miss the opportunity to honor your fellow dentists and decorated veteran's during our first Veteran's Dinner on April 8, 2014 at the Colonnade. In addition to a lovely cocktail party and dinner, there will be a brief presentation highlighting our three WWII veterans, including military service and contribution to the dental welfare of our community. Doctors McMahon, O'Donnell, and Rushmore will be our honored veterans.

During the dinner, the SDDS would also like to pay tribute to those doctors who have served in any capacity in the United States military. If you or someone you know is a veteran, please contact Dr. Joseph Kelly Senior at (570) 587-4787 or joekellysr@gmail.com.

An invitation will be forthcoming, but if you'd like to reserve your spot in the meantime, please contact Dr. Justin Burns at (570) 346-7301 or jburnsdmd@gmail.com. The evening is complimentary for SDDS members.

First Baby Born

As part of the SDDS month-long celebration of NCDHM, we present the first baby born during February with a special gift. Dr. Kady Schloesser, Chair, presented Kasey Camfield, mom of Sarah Bella Camfield, with a sterling silver "First Tooth" case. Baby Kasey, born at the Family Birthing Suites at Moses Taylor Hospital on February 1st, officially kicked off our celebration.

Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

The board meeting was held at Café Classico on 2/3/14 at 6 PM.

Present: Amy Cravath, Chris Kotchick, Justin Burns, Chuck Scrimalli, Joe Kelly Sr., Joe Kelly Jr., JR Karam, Cindy Cox, Matt Zale, Mike Rogers, Kurt Wadsworth

Justin Burns: Next general meeting will be 2/18 at the Denaples at the University of Scranton

Chris Kotchick:

- JR Karam will be attending the PDA Meeting
- Temple AEGD Program in Scranton-Access to care vs. utilization

Chuck Scrimalli:

- Membership-Make direct phone calls to members who did not renew
- Print 2013 membership list in Scranton Times; possibly tie it in with National Children's Dental Health Month)-Matt Zale made motion to budget for an ad; seconded by Joe Kelly Jr.; unanimous vote in favor notice will be put in the newsletter for those who may want to renew Joe Kelly recommended including new 2014 members

Matt Zale:

- Scranton Area Foundation will contact Sandra Shair regarding scholarship
- PDA will be offering 2 upcoming CE courses: Endodontics (Herbert Ray) on 2/19 at the Inn at Nichols Village; free course on 5/9 at the Woodlands: (Camille Kostelac-Cherry)
- What to do in memory of Dr. Saccone -Have event at the University of Scranton -Hold a free annual Saccone lecture (Sept or Oct)

JR Karam:

- Golf outing-6/18 at Scranton Country Club; clam bake as well
- Review for Shair meeting date (winner must be chosen by 2/19); award ceremony on 3/18); Justin Burns, JR Karam, and Amy Cravath will review the applications-SAF will choose recipient for Angelo scholarship

Joe Kelly Sr.:

- Recognizing Dr. McMahon and Dr. O'Donnell (and other veterans)
 - Invite them to general meeting; have plaques and photos; bring family
 - Meeting in April (possibly 4/8), press release in May
 - Make postcard for invite; gather background information for Dr. McMahon and Dr. O'Donnell; recognize all veterans and members who passed away who were veterans

Cindy Cox: Events this Saturday (2/8)-New McDonald's from 9-11 am-Keyser Ave. McDonald's 12-2 pm-200 bags with brush, coloring book, etc. Contact Cindy if you would like to pick any up

Joe Kelly Jr.:

- CE Report
 - Add hygienist to list as well as new dentists
 - JR Karam recommended removing "attending with" from the application
 - Possibility of moving location to Genetti's or somewhere different (casino, new hotel at Mohegan Sun, etc.)
 - Dr. Snyder from Pittsburgh can be contacted to do a Radiology CE course

Next board meeting - March 3, 2014 at Carl Von Lagers

8:45 meeting adjourned

President's Letter

This March, we will bestow upon a University of Scranton student the Dr. Bernard Shair Award. The award recognizes a student who has been accepted to dental school and who holds great promise of a lifetime of service to dentistry and the community, as exemplified by Dr. Shair himself. The award includes a gracious monetary gift to aid in the costs of dental tuition.

As a father of three young children, the skyrocketing costs of education, though in the future, still weigh on my mind. Today, professional school, particularly dental school, often means burdensome student loan debt and less career independence as a doctoral graduate. At times, scholarships as well as college savings funds might seem like a drop in the bucket. How can we ensure dental education remains not only a desirable but also an attainable path for bright and motivated students?

I have served as a student president of ASDA and ADEA, and now am fortunate to serve the SDDS in my hometown. At each level of organized dentistry, potential and new members ask: What are the benefits of organized dentistry? Certainly, one benefit would be assistance to dental students in funding their student loan expense. I would like members to consider an investment vehicle in which we can subsidize dental education through an ADA-endorsed loan program, thereby providing an interest rate incentive to encourage membership. Dentists can invest in the fund for a modest return on capital while nobly promoting the future of our profession. Dental student loans have far fewer delinquencies in comparison to non-dental student loan debt; financial institutions have certainly taken advantage of this fact. Many of us support dental education



through charitable alumni contributions. We realize the significant value scholarships, endowments, and loan programs have to incoming dental students. Previous generations of SDDS members and the Shair family had the foresight to establish such an endowment. This March, when we recognize the future of our profession with a historic award, consider progressive ideas to strengthen, and sustain our profession in the future.

Sincerely,

J.R. Karam, DMD
SDDS-President

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March's Meeting: Dr. Bernard Shair Award/Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Presentation

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 18, 2014 at The University of Scranton's DeNaples Center, Room 405.

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. The scholarship is administered by the Scranton Area Foundation. Future donations for the scholarship can be made to the Foundation in Dr. Angelo's name to continue its growth. 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. Justin Burns at (570) 346-7301 or jburnsdmd@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting <i>Carl Von Lugers</i>		March 3, 2014	6:00 PM
CE Course: <i>Oral Surgery, Dr. Richard Bauers</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	March 12, 2014	8:00 AM
General Meeting <i>Shair/Angelo Awards</i>	U of S DeNaples Center, 405	March 18, 2014	6:30 PM
SDDS Veteran's Dinner	Colonnade	April 8, 2014	6:00 PM
CE Course: <i>Heart Health, Dr. James Lichon</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 16, 2014	8:00 AM
President's Dinner	Scranton Country Club	May 3, 2014	7:00 PM
Third District CE Course <i>"Protect Your Practice"</i>	Woodland's	May 9, 2014	8:00 AM

President's Dinner

Invitations will shortly be in the in mail for our annual President's Dinner to be held Saturday, May 3, 2014 at The Scranton Country Club. This year's dinner honors immediate past President Dr. Amy Cravath and features a return to The Country Club. Be sure to mark your calendars for what is sure to be a memorable event.

Third District FREE CE Course

If you haven't registered for the Third District's complimentary CE course, you may miss out! Offering 4 CE credits and being presented by PDA Chief Executive Officer Camille Kostelac-Cherry, Esquire, this course is sure to be a sell-out. "Protect Your Practice By Knowing the Law" will be held on May 9, 2014 at the Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre. Only the first 100 doctors who register will be admitted, so don't delay. Please note that staff members are excluded from this event. Watch your mail for an important postcard featuring registration information.