



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

March 2017

Ben Shair/Todd Angelo 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 21, 2017 at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall. It is really important that all member dentists attend this significant meeting to show support.

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 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, cocktails and dinner are complimentary for members. Please reserve your spot by calling or emailing Dr. Chuck Scrimalli at 570-689-2449 or chuckmarias@yahoo.com.

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!

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PDA Scores A Legislative Victory as Session Wraps Up

PDA took the lead in a health care provider coalition lobbying for HB 2241, legislation limiting the time frame in which insurers may retroactively review and deny claims to 24 months, with some exceptions. Current law allows insurers an indefinite amount of time to demand providers repay previously paid claims. We are happy to report that the General Assembly passed HB 2241 on its last day of session this year and that it will be sent to the Governor for his signature. The coalition has assurances from the Administration that the Governor will sign and enact this legislation; once doing so, the law becomes effective in 60 days. We will notify members when Governor Wolf signs HB 2241 and we know the effective date.

Passing this meaningful insurance reform wasn't easy. It took many years in which PDA provided testimony and data to the legislature, participated in stakeholder meetings with other health care provider groups, insurers and the legislators, and cultivated support from leaders in the House and Senate to "move" the bill. Our collective work paid off due to efforts made by staff, lobbyists and volunteer members. Many thanks to those of you who responded to PDA's action alerts requesting that you contact your Representative and Senator. Passage of HB 2241 illustrates how advocacy through organized dentistry pays off--helping you maintain a viable dental practice!

General Assembly Passes Legislation Requiring CE in Opioids

The General Assembly passed SB 1202, legislation that requires the following of health care providers:

- Applicants for an initial license must obtain at least two hours of education in pain management or

identification of addiction, and at least two hours of education in the practice of prescribing or dispensing opioids. They may complete this requirement as part of their professional degree educational program or from a continuing education (CE) program taken within 12 months of obtaining an initial license or certificate.

- Dispenses and prescribes applying to renew their licenses or certificates must complete at least two hours of CE in pain management, identification of addition or the practice of prescribing or dispensing of opioids as a portion of the total CE required for biennial renewal.

Licensing boards are tasked with working with the Department of State to approve courses for pain management, identification of addiction, and the practices of prescribing and dispensing of opioids

PDA expects Governor Wolf to sign SB 1202 into law before the end of the year. Once signed, the law will become effective in 60 days. We will continue to apprise you of developments as the licensing boards begin the process of approving curricula and CE courses.

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 either:

- 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 certifica-

tions, 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 certifications.

The following certifications are needed to comply with this law:

- Report of criminal history from PA State Police
 - Child Abuse History Certification from PA Department of Human Services
 - Federal criminal history from FBI
- Use these websites for instructions and links to apply for these certifications:
- keepkidssafe.pa.gov/clearances/index.htm
 - www.dhs.pa.gov/publications/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm#.VxeinvkrK70
 - www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

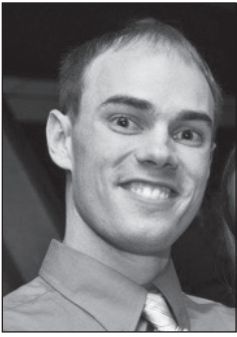
You are required to keep copies of your certifications, and those of your employees. You must also require prospective employees to produce these documents prior to employment. Clearances obtained for volunteer purposes cannot be used for employment purposes, but employment clearances are acceptable 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 2017. Here's a link to course information: www.padental.org/Online/Events/Child_Abuse_CE.aspx

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

President's Letter

Dr. Kurt Wadsworth



With the beginning of March, yet another very successful National Children's Dental Health Month has drawn to a

close. I would like to personally thank all of our members who donated their time to this great initiative. Over 7,000 bags were given to children in our community, and a variety of events were held to promote oral health. This type of community service truly defines our society, and I hope we can continue to enhance our outreach programs in the future.

At our next general meeting, we will honor the recipients of



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

the Dr. Bernard Shair Award and the Dr. Todd Angelo Award. Yet again, two very impressive students have been selected, both of whom share a deep passion for dentistry and community service. I hope all members will join us at the awards dinner to celebrate not only the winners, but also the legacy of Drs. Shair and Angelo. We owe much of what this society has become to our past leaders, and this is the

perfect opportunity to show our appreciation.

One additional upcoming event of note is the annual PDA meeting in Hershey, held on April 21-22. Our profession is constantly facing challenges, and it is important to make our voices heard. I urge all members to attend and participate in the discussion of the most current issues facing the field of dentistry. It would be great to have a strong showing from our local society.

As spring draws closer, many exciting events are on the horizon for SDDS. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your help in making our society a great asset to its members and the community.

Sincerely,

Kurt Wadsworth D.M.D
SDDS- President

Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel

The meeting was held March 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Basil's. In attendance were JR Karam, Jack Erhard, Tom Langan, Bryan Frantz, Kurt Wadsworth, Cindy Cox, Sam Abod, Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, Megan Azar, Stephanie Hanyon, Chuck Scrimalli, Joe Kelly, Chris Kotchick, and Al Matrone.

- The Shair winners were announced. Shair - Carolyn Serio; Angelo-Corey Smigiel
- The speaker for the April meeting was announced; Dr. "Scheinman," new Dean of commonwealth medical college. We will invite medical students to join us.
- According to J.R. Karam, the Golf

tourney will be June 14.

- The May 12th meeting is being held by the PDA membership committee in Harrisburg. Mary Grace Rizzo and Chuck Scrimalli will be looking for volunteers to make phone calls to nonmembers in the coming months.
- The PDA meeting will be held at the Hershey hotel, featuring a CE course on April 21-22, 2017.
- Third District meeting will be held November 10th at the Mohegan Sun Casino. Hopefully, a CE course on opiod guidelines will be featured.
- The organization Mom N PA is trying to put together and event here for 2018. Many volunteers are needed.
- There will be a board meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

- The updated membership roster will be coming out end of March.

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Upcoming Events

Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Scholarship Dinner	U of S – Brennan Hall	March 21, 2017	6:30 PM
CE Course: <i>Dr. Matthew Cook</i>	Radisson Lack Station	March 22, 2017	8:00 AM
ADA Lobby Day	Washington, DC	March 26-28, 2017	
Board Meeting	Bazil's	April 11, 2017	6:30 pm
General Meeting	U of S – Brennan Hall	April 18, 2017	6:30 PM
CE Course: <i>Dr. Satish Kumar</i>	Radisson Lack Station	April 19, 2017	8:00 AM
Third District CE	Mohegan Sun	November 10, 2017	8:00 AM