



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

October 2016

## Don't Miss October's Meeting



Join us  
for the fall  
kick off  
meeting  
featuring  
guest  
speaker Rod  
Azar, Senior  
Partner at

Jacobi Wealth, on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 pm. Rod's talk is entitled "Insights That Impact Your Wealth."

Rod is a Senior Partner with Jacobi Wealth Advisors and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He brings with him over 23 years of experience in wealth management, investment banking and corporate finance. Rod provides investment advice and customized financial planning to a select group of families, business owners, and corporations. His primary areas of expertise include individual and corporate retirement planning, insurance planning, estate planning and business succession planning.

To reserve your complimentary dinner and cocktails, please contact Dr. Kurt Wadsworth at (570) 342-9246 or [kurtwadsworth@gmail.com](mailto:kurtwadsworth@gmail.com).

## CE Schedule Set

As you may now, this is a CE renewal year and the SDDS is pleased to provide you with several opportunities to attend some very informative courses. Be sure to register early

to take advantage of the cost savings! You can also print out the flyer online at [www.scrantondental.org](http://www.scrantondental.org). Please note the change in location to the Radisson in Scranton.

### Continuing Dental Education - 2017 Series

**NEW LOCATION: Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton**

*University of Pittsburgh  
Off-Campus Series  
SCRANTON, PA*

*24 credit hours  
Registration Deadline:  
January 1, 2017*

All Courses are located at:  
**Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel**  
700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton, PA  
(570) 342-8300  
[www.Radisson.com/Scranton](http://www.Radisson.com/Scranton)

- **Registration: 8:00 a.m.**
- **Course starts promptly at 8:30 a.m.**

**Register by  
12/15/16 to save!**

Remit to:  
**Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, Jr.**  
103 West Grove Street  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411-2019  
Make Checks Payable to:  
**Scranton District Dental Society**



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dentistry or AGD endorsement  
9/22/2013 to 9/21/2017

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017** - "Modern Endodontics: Biologic and Conservative" Dr. Seltzer

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017** - "Implant Complications from a Restorative Dentist's Perspective" Dr. Driscoll

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017** - "When Dentist and Child Meet: Pearls of Pediatric Dentistry" Dr. Cook

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017** - "Practical Considerations in Periodontics" Dr. Kumar

Please see website [www.scrantondental.org](http://www.scrantondental.org) for course descriptions and learning objectives.

### Tuition (if paid by December 15, 2016):

- \$700/dentist PDA member (series of 4)
- \$760/dentist Non-PDA member (series of 4)
- \$275/dentist PDA member (single course)
- \$295/dentist Non-PDA member (single course)
- \$100/auxiliary Attending with PDA member (per course)
- \$100/auxiliary Attending without PDA member (per course)

### After December 15, 2016:

- \$720/dentist PDA member (series of 4)
- \$780/dentist Non-PDA member (series of 4)
- \$285/dentist PDA member (single course)
- \$305/dentist Non-PDA member (single course)
- \$110/auxiliary Attending with PDA member (per course)
- \$110/auxiliary Attending without PDA member (per course)

# Pennsylvania Dental Association NEWS

*Edited by Chuck Scrimalli*

## Hello fellow members.

In this month's issue, we would like to re emphasize the value and importance of your membership and involvement in organized dentistry. We would like all to recognize the efforts put forth by our local, district, state and national organization. Organized dentistry is fighting for all of us on many fronts, such as:

- Third party issues
- Government regulation
- Non-dentist providers
- Representing our interests on issues pertaining to the Affordable Care Act
- Health practitioner student loan forgiveness and refinancing

A hot topic right now involves United Concordia fee reduction. Following please find this article for our PDA website:

## **PDA Takes United Concordia Dental to PA Insurance Commissioner**

*In response to United Concordia Dental's (UCCI) recent decision to reduce fees, PDA is aggressively protecting our members' best interests by immediately pursuing a state investigation of this highly questionable action. Hearing your*

*growing and serious concerns, PDA's legal counsel sent a letter to the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance requesting an investigation of dental insurers' unfair policies, arguing that the uneven playing field in which insurers dominate is detrimental to both dental providers and the patients they serve.*

*PDA will continue to work on your behalf, making sure that policy makers understand how dental insurers' egregious practices impact dentists and your ability to render quality care, and the need for them to investigate and hold these insurers accountable. Please stay tuned to PDA publications and emails as we monitor this issue and determine further appropriate action to take on our members' behalf.*

*PDA expends a significant amount of resources advocating on your behalf in regards to third-party payer issues in the legislative and regulatory arenas...*

*...Our work has now shifted to the Governor's Administration and the regulatory front, where we will make our members' concerns with UCCI a top priority.*

Listed below please find some other examples of PDA's legislative agenda for 3rd party payers:

- Prohibiting Insurances from capping fees for non-covered services
- Limiting time frames in which insurers may retroactively deny claims
- Lobbying for assignment of benefits

- Advocating for more funding in the states MA program
- Supporting legislation that would allow dentists to collectively negotiate contract terms with insurers.

For more information regarding these and many other issues, please log on to the PDA website. To do so, your User name will be your first name initial followed by your full last name followed by your four digit year of birth (no spaces). Your password is the letters ADA followed by your ada number (no spaces). If you come to our next general meeting, Matt will be there to help with any problems you may have with signing on to the site.

## 2016 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

**President** – Dr. Stephanie Hanyon

**Pres-Elect** – Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

**V.P.** – Dr. Charles Scrimalli

**Treasurer** – Dr. Jessica Falk

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

**Bulletin Editor** - Dr. Fred Bonacci

### **Board of Directors:**

Dr. Marty Bifano

Dr. Samantha Abod

Dr. Fred Bonacci

Dr. Kady Schloesser

Dr. Megan Azar

# Save the Date...

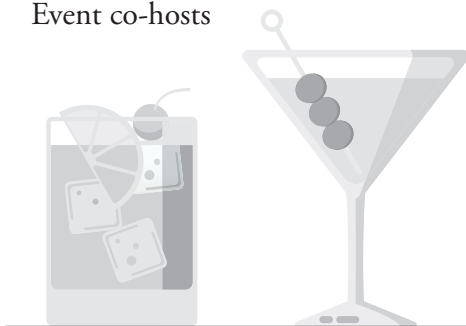
## New Dentist Reception

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 3! PDA's New Dentist Committee is hosting a new dentist reception in Scranton. This relaxed reception is a great opportunity to meet colleagues and discuss issues important to you. Any new dentist who attends this reception will gain FREE entrance to the ADA annual meeting, courtesy of the Third District. All current members are strongly encouraged to attend to meet and possibly mentor these new dentists.

The reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the Backyard Ale House. Appetizers and drinks will be provided during this complimentary event. Your spouse or a guest is welcome to attend.

New dentists will receive an email invitation when online registration is open. Please contact Andrea Hoover at (800) 223-0016, ext. 123 with questions about the event. We look forward to seeing you then!

Best regards,  
Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, DMD  
PDA Third District New Dentist  
Committee Representative  
Nipa Thakkar, DMD  
ADA New Dentist Committee  
Representative  
Event co-hosts



## President's Letter

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer. As we all get ready for the Fall season, I wanted to take time to thank everyone who goes out of their way to help advocate on our behalf.

Organized dentistry is a very important part of our profession. There are so many things that go on "behind the scenes" that we all take for granted. We made an effort in this newsletter to outline some of the important issues being discussed through the PDA and included ways that you can stay educated and get involved on the local, state and federal levels. Hopefully this will continue in the future so we can all stay

informed on important issues. If we all get involved, we can make a difference.

If you ever have any questions on what is happening with the PDA and the ADA please don't hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephanie Hanyon D.M.D  
SDDS- President

*"The best way to predict the future is to create it"* Abraham Lincoln



## Board Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Cindy Cox*

Held August 8, 2016 at 6:15 pm at Carl Von Luger Steak.

### Jessica Falk:

- Budget review – everything is "status quo."
- The dedicated SDDS phone line has been removed.
- Last year, the SDDS donated \$22K.

### Christopher Kotchick:

- Third District update - November meeting 80 registered.
- There was discussion about the possibility of contributing to ADA campaign.
- There will be a Third District 8/24 meeting at Isabella's 6:30 pm.

**Justin Burns:** Eli dinner summary

**Megan Azar:** Recommended Matt Pompey for quick lecture on "drug take back program."

### Chuck Scrimalli:

- 4 house bills discussed at Washington meeting
- JCC needs volunteers

### Matt Zale:

- Update on membership committee
- Supports Facebook page (esp for new dentists)
- Working on by-laws for Third District
- MOM - Mission of Mercy - are we doing it 2017? Needs to be Third District

### Jack Erhard:

- Can get 2 free credits for opioid if go to Pennsylvania Medical Association website.
- 150 year anniversary of the Dental Code of Ethics
- PA Dental Hygienist Association asked PA Board of Dentistry to increase practice locations

### Mary Grace:

- New Dentist Committee in person meeting - November 4
- Maybe create SDDS Facebook page?

### Other Business:

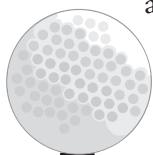
Mary Grace and Megan Azar will be the 2017 Co-Chairs of NCDHM



# Golf Tournament

A great time was had by all at the SDDS annual golf tournament on June 15th.

Chaired once again by doctors J. R. Karam and Fred Bonacci, the event raised much-needed funds for The ARC of NEPA, our partner in National Children's Dental Health Month.



## Upcoming Events

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|--|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| <b>General Meeting</b>   | U of S (Brennan Hall) | October 18, 2016  | 6:30 PM |
| <b>Third District Meeting</b><br><i>*Child Abuse CE Course</i> | Mohegan Sun Casino    | November 18, 2016 | 8:00 AM |
| <b>CE Course:</b> <i>Dr. Frank Setzer</i>                      | Radisson Hotel        | January 25, 2017  | 8:00 AM |
| <b>CE Course:</b> <i>Dr. Carl Driscoll</i>                     | Radisson Hotel        | February 15, 2017 | 8:00 AM |
| <b>CE Course:</b> <i>Dr. Matthew Cooke</i>                     | Radisson Hotel        | March 22, 2017    | 8:00 AM |
| <b>CE Course:</b> <i>Dr. Satish Kumar</i>                      | Radisson Hotel        | April 19, 2017    | 8:00 AM |