



Presidential Dinner

This year's Presidential Dinner honoring Dr. Mark Giallorenzi was a well-appointed success. Attendees were delighted by a 5-piece band, tantalizing cocktails, scrumptious food, and of course, wonderful company. Held Saturday, April 16th at the Colonnade in Scranton, the evening honored Dr. Giallorenzi for a year of dedicated service. Thank you, Dr. Giallorenzi.



Top Left: The SDDS Executive Board: Front row, Dr. Stephanie Hanyon, Dr. Todd Angelo (current president), Dr. Chris Kotchick, Dr. Mark Giallorenzi (outgoing president), Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, Dr. Jessica Falk. Back row, Dr. Fred Bonacci, Dr. Al Matrone, Dr. Amy Cravath, Dr. Brian Kerr. **Top Right:** Dr. Mark Giallorenzi receives the Presidential Plaque from Dr. Chris Kotchick.



Above: Dr. Chris Kotchick, Dr. William Burdyn, and Dr. Miriam O'Malley enjoy a laugh.



Middle Right: Some of the honored guests who attended were (front row) Dr. Richard Grossman, Luzerne County Dental Society; Dr. Mark Giallorenzi, Dr. Charles R. Weber, ADA Trustee; Dr. Larry Shire, Third District President; (back row) Dr. D. Scott Aldinger, Third District Trustee to the PDA; Anna Lavelle Powell, Lackawanna County Bar Association President; Dr. Todd Angelo, SDDS President.



Above: Jean Yoemans, Jennifer DiNoia, and Dr. Frank DiNoia relax during cocktail hour.



Above: Dr. Albert Giallorenzi, Diana Giallorenzi, Dr. Mark Giallorenzi (outgoing president), Jeanne Giallorenzi, Cristina Giallorenzi, and Nicholas, Michael, and Christopher Giallorenzi.

Radiology Update Course

By now, you have probably heard about the DEP Bureau of Radiation Protection Registrant Responsibilities for CE in Radiation Safety. This requirement is found in Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code in section 221.11(b). In February of 2009, a Technical Guidance report was issued that provided information about the requirements.

In July of last year, DEP sent a copy of the regulations to all offices licensed to provide X-Rays in PA. If you've been wondering how you can comply with the requirement and where you need to go, look no further.

The SDDS has arranged a special continuing education course exclusively for its members in order to satisfy this

requirement. It will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at Genetti Manor in Dickson City, PA. There will be two sessions --- a morning (8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) and afternoon (12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.). This would be a great time to send anyone in your office who works with X-rays. The cost is \$30 per member doctor and \$10 per staff member. We anticipate that it will be sold out, therefore, registration will be on a first come, first served basis. A registration flyer will be mailed in August.

The course will focus on the management of ionizing radiation in dental practice with special emphasis on the following topics:

- a review of radiation, units of measurements of exposure and dose
- the ALARA concept
- shielding, facility design and records requirements
- occupational dose and the pregnant worker
- minimizing patient radiation dose
- digital imaging quality assurance
- preventive maintenance programs
- and laws that regulate the use of ionizing radiation in dental practice.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, Jr. at 570-587-4787 or kellydentalcare@gmail.com.

New Babies

Congratulations to three of our latest, proud fathers!

Dr. Fred Bonacci and his wife, Susan, had Juliana on February 7th at 12:09 p.m. She was 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 ¼ inches long.

Dr. Gary Kopesky and his wife, Jackie, had Garrison John on March 18th at 8:51 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Dr. J.R. Karam and his wife, Emily, had Quentin Joseph on April 1st at 2:56 a.m. He was 7 pounds, 1 ounce and 20 inches long.



*Top Left:
Garrison John
Kopesky*

*Top Right:
Quentin Joseph
Karam*

*Right: Juliana
Bonacci*



NEWS FROM THE PDA

Action Alert - Cosponsors Needed for Non-Covered Services Bill

Sen. Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) is sending a memo to her colleagues in the Senate requesting that they cosponsor legislation prohibiting insurers from capping non-covered dental services. We need bipartisan support for this legislation for it to pass the General Assembly.

Please contact your Senator immediately and request that he or she cosponsor this bill. A bill number has not yet been assigned so you may simply refer to the bill as "Sen. Ward's Non-Covered Dental Services legislation" when communicating with your Senator.

Use the talking points below when speaking to your Senator.

Talking Points:

It is fundamentally unfair for insurers to dictate fees on procedures they have chosen not to cover. This begs the question: Why aren't insurers improving their benefit packages by covering more dental services?

Insurers will say they are saving money for patients. But there is only one cost of operation and one fee reflecting the cost of providing a service. Dentists may be forced to shift costs to other patients, reduce the number of services offered or make different treatment decisions to mini-

mize the impact this policy will have on their practices.

The terms of a contract between an insurer and participating provider only apply to the services covered under their plans. When that point is reached, any financial and treatment decisions should be made between the dentist and patient only.

Limiting fees on non-covered services could have a troubling impact on dental practices, particularly those in low-income and underserved areas.

New dental school graduates may seek employment in other states with more friendly insurance business practices.

This bill contains a provision that would require dentists to charge the discounted fee on covered services once patients have met their maximum allowance. PDA accepted this language to garner support from key legislators who are in positions to "kill" the legislation if this language was not included. PDA believes we are now in a better position to achieve our goal to prohibit insurers from capping non-covered services. Generally, less than three percent of patients exhaust their annual benefits.

Please contact PDA's government relation staff at mss@padental.org, or (800) 223-0016, with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events

W-B/Scranton Yankees Game	PNC Stadium	May 21, 2011	6:35 p.m.
Lackawanna County Medical Society Health Fair	Nay Aug Park	June 11, 2011	9:00-12:00 p.m.
Day on the Hill	Harrisburg	June 14, 2011	All Day
Radiology Course	Genetti's Manor	Nov. 9, 2011	8:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
Third District CE Course	East Mountain Inn	Nov. 11, 2011	8:00 a.m.

*Just a
Reminder...*

Yankee's Game

If you haven't already reserved your tickets to our annual Yankees baseball game on Saturday, May 21st at 6:35 p.m., don't delay! The Yanks will play the Indianapolis Indians. If you'd like to attend, please contact Dr. Gary Wadsworth at 342-9246. Tickets will be released on a first come, first served basis.



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