



## Ben Shair Award Presented



*Dr. Mark A. Giallorenzi presents the plaque to Mary Grace C. Rizzo.*



*Pictured L to R: Jeanne Bovard, Scranton Area Foundation; Dr. Todd M. Angelo, President Elect, SDDS; Mary Grace C. Rizzo, award winner; and Dr. Mark A. Giallorenzi, SDDS President.*

Congratulations to this year's Dr. Bernard Shair Award winner, Mary Grace C. Rizzo. Mary Grace will be graduating from the University of Scranton in May 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with minors in Biochemistry and Philosophy. She will then be attending the Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mary Grace currently resides in Throop, PA with her parents Jim and Judy Rizzo, and brother, Nicholas. She serves as a mentor and Pre-Dental Chair of the Health Professions Organization

and holds membership in Alpha Sigma Nu (the National Jesuit Honor Society) and Beta Beta Beta (the National Biology Honor Society). She is a biology and chemistry tutor and is a member of the University's Honors Program.

She has worked in the doctor's offices of Dr. Jason Hanyon, Albert Giallorenzi, Mark Giallorenzi, Christopher Kotchick, Anthony Quinn, John Mariotti, Todd Angelo, and Dr. Matrone as a Dental Assistant. In her spare time, Mary Grace helps coordinate the "Bound For Betterment" tutoring program for Lackawanna County and the Scranton School District at Scranton High School.

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 student is one who gives the greatest promise of a lifetime of service to dentistry and community—a lifetime of dedicated professionalism, humanitarian concerns and social welfare service, as exemplified by Dr. Shair.

## Women Dentists' Event

Attention women dentists! We'd like to get to know you better. Please mark your calendars to come to an informal night out on May 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the State Street Grill in Clarks Summit.

We'll have scrumptious appetizers, drinks, and FUN! Let Dr. Jessica Falk know if you can make it by emailing her at [jessicafalk27@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicafalk27@yahoo.com) or calling her office at 570-346-1822. Watch your mail for an official invitation.

## Health Fair

We need your help manning our booth at the 6th Annual Lackawanna County Medical Society Health Fair at Nay Aug Park on Saturday, June 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please contact Dr. Mark Giallorenzi if you can help for any part of the day. He may be reached by calling 346-7301 or e-mailing [markgiallo@comcast.net](mailto:markgiallo@comcast.net).

## NEWS FROM THE PDA

### Valuable Member Benefit

Did you know PDA has a Placement Service? If you are considering retirement in the near future or are looking to expand your practice by bringing an associate on board, enroll in PDA's electronic Placement Service for free!

### PDA Reaches Out To Dental Students

Interested in visiting a Pennsylvania dental school? PDA is looking for volunteers to speak with dental students about a topic of your choice!

Each semester, PDA organizes Lunch & Learn events where members speak to dental students on various topics, including life as a new dentist, benefits of PDA membership, pursuing a specialty career, insurance coverage, contracts, loan repayment and more. If you are interested in participating in a Lunch & Learn presentation, please contact Tori Rineer at the PDA ([tar@padental.org](mailto:tar@padental.org)).

### State Board Forms Practice Ownership Committee

The State Board of Dentistry (SBOD) established a committee to review and study issues related to practice ownership. These issues include lay control of a dental practice, responsibility for maintenance of patient records and the operation of mobile dental facilities.

PDA's Board of Trustees, Council on Government Relations and Access to Care Committee carefully deliberated about each issue in order to provide comments to the SBOD as it discusses whether to move forward in promulgating regulations or policy statements that address these ownership issues.



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**Call Dr. Gary Wadsworth at 342-9246 to reserve your tickets for the 5/14 Yankees Game!**

## NEWS FROM THE ADA

### ADA Tells Congressional Leaders: 'Thanks But No Thanks'

While the health care reform bill that passed the House does contain some provisions the ADA had lobbied for, it falls short in other areas, particularly in regard to Medicaid dental services.

The ADA sent a letter to House leaders announcing that the ADA did not support the measure. The Association is disappointed that Congress did not heed the admonitions of the nearly 1,200 dentists who contacted the Hill in response to an ADA action alert sent last Thursday. In addition, the ADA joined six other professional dental groups in sending a similar letter to the Hill last week.

The Senate must now address some of the changes in the legislation, but Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has stated that he has the votes necessary to pass it.

The ADA Washington Office has prepared a question-and-answer document for members interested in how health care reform will affect dentistry. The document will also explain the ADA's rationale for not supporting the bill.

(Contact: Tom Spangler at 202-789-5179 or [govtpol@ada.org](mailto:govtpol@ada.org))

### Yankees Game

The annual night out at PNC stadium to see the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Yankees is slated for Friday, May 14th! Food, fireworks, and fun will be had by all. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. with the box opening at 6:00 p.m. To reserve your spot, contact Dr. Gary Wadsworth at 570-342-9246.

Space is limited and tickets will be given on a "first come, first served" basis.

## Continuing Ed Course

Wed, 4/7/10 - Dr. Jane A. Soxman

"Tricky Decisions and Treatment Techniques in Pediatrics"

# NCDHM Thank You

## A Word from NCDHM Chair Dr. Todd M. Angelo

The 2010 National Children's Dental Health Month recently came to a close and I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the individuals who donated their time and effort to help make it such a success.

Dr. Pierre Germaine, Dr. Joe Perrotti, Dr. Chris Kotchick, Dr. Jan Stampien, Dr. Kristin Paoli, Dr. Stephanie Hanyon, Dr. Sue Rink, Dr. Gary Wadsworth, Dr. Gary Kopesky, Dr. Brian Kerr, Dr. Jessica Falk, Dr. Jack Erhard, Dr. Mike Umerich, Judy Prisco, Barb Wadsworth, Cindy Cox, The Alliance Members, ARC of NEPA, and the countless individuals who promoted dental awareness at their own offices and schools.

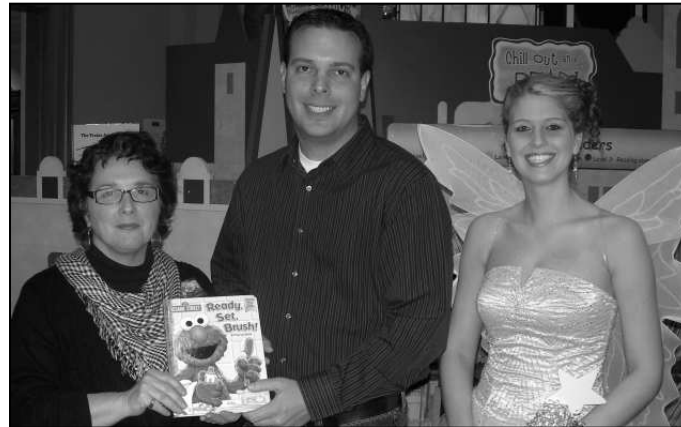
Without their efforts, many of the events that we were able to host throughout the community would not have been possible.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Chair of NCDHM for the past two years, and I would like to thank the members of the Scranton District Dental Society for giving me the opportunity to represent our Society. I look forward to helping Drs. Stephanie Hanyon and Jessica Falk who will co-chair next year's events. I know they will continue the long standing tradition established by the SDDS of giving back to the community through education and awareness.

Sincerely,  
Todd M. Angelo

### NCDHM At A Glance

- 101 "goodie" bags were given out at Keyser Ave McDonald's
- 139 bags at Tunkhannock McDonald's
- 125 bags at Library Day
- 150 bags at Timmy's Town
- 3,485 bags to area schools
- Case of toothbrushes to Zummo's
- 5 Ready, Set, Brush! Pop up books to Library
- 6 Ready, Set, Brush! Pop up books to Timmy's Town



Left: Dr. Brian Kerr presents books to Tara Crum of Timmy's Town.

Right: Laureen Maloney, Children's Library, accepts Ready, Set, Brush! books from Dr. Todd M. Angelo, and the Tooth Fairy during Library Day.

## From the President

Welcome to Spring!

The SDDS continues to flourish in 2010. We have recently completed a most successful Children's Dental Health Month and I would like to thank all the members who gave unselfishly of their time to make it such a success. I would personally like to thank Todd Angelo for his leadership and hardwork in chairing NCDHM.

The Ben Shair award was awarded on March 23rd to University of Scranton Senior Mary Grace Rizzo. Mary Grace has been accepted at Temple and will represent our area and society very well. The award banquet, held at the University's DeNaples

Center, was a great success and was fairly well attended, although there is room for improvement in the effort made by members to show up at such functions. I hope to see many more members at the Colonnade in April for the President's Dinner honoring Dr. Joe Kelly Jr. Last year's event was a rousing success that I hope we can repeat this year.

Thank you again to all society members who have worked so hard to continue the success we have experienced this year.

Sincerely,  
Mark Giallorenzi D.M.D



2010 SDDS President,  
Mark Giallorenzi D.M.D

# Upcoming Events

<b>CE Course</b> <i>"Tricky Decisions and Treatment Techniques in Pediatrics"</i>	<b>Inn at Nichols Village</b>	<b>April 7, 2010</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Jilly's</b>	<b>April 12, 2010</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>President's Dinner</b>	<b>Colonnade</b>	<b>April 17, 2010</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PDA Annual Session</b>	<b>Hotel Hershey</b>	<b>April 22-25, 2010</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>W-B/Scranton Yankees Game</b>	<b>PNC Stadium</b>	<b>May 14, 2010</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Women Dentists Meeting</b>	<b>State Street Grill</b>	<b>May 20, 2010</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Jilly's</b>	<b>May 24, 2010</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>General Meeting</b> <i>Dr. Braun, Dean, University of Pittsburgh</i>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>September 16, 2010</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>



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