

Scranton District Dental Society

March 2006

President's Column

Dr. Brian Kerr

Well, it is March and so ends another successful National Children's Dental Health Month. Our last event was McDonald's day with Ronald and the Tooth Fairy making special appearances. Earlier in the month, we held our Day at the Library and helped them break a new record for the most books checked out. Not only do our efforts send home a dental message but we are indirectly helping with local literacy issues and funding. Once again, I would like to thank all those involved with NCDHM for their support.

Dr. O'Malley is hard at work lining up speakers for our general meetings. Dominick Georgetti, Esq. was the speaker in February. His presentation was on Dental Malpractice Issues. He was very well spoken and well received. I'm sure everyone learned something from this informative lecture. Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 21st. Dr. Greenberg from UPSDM will be giving a great lecture (see enclosed insert).

With the thoughts of warm weather approaching, the SDDS is getting ready for some outdoor activities. Dr. Wadsworth has secured the date for the Red Barons. The game will be May 23rd, a Tuesday evening. Look for more information to follow and hold the date. Dr. Perrotti has scheduled the golf outing for Wednesday June 21st. He promised I would win the grand prize, a new set of clubs! I just have to get a hole in one on the fourth hole. Get to the driving range early this year and brush up on your game.

Finally St. Patrick's Day is almost here. I hope you will be able to make it. I will close with an Irish blessing; compliments of Dr. Solfanelli.

*"May your troubles be less and your blessings
be more and nothing but happiness
come through your door."*



Ronald McDonald joins in celebration of Children's Dental Health Month at (where else?) McDonald's Keyser Avenue restaurant. From left, Eulaine Gronsky, SDDS Alliance president; Tooth Fairy Lisa Reeves; SDDS President Dr. Brian Kerr; Bob Kollra, McDonald's Keyser Avenue Manager; and Ronald Himself. Scores of regional youngsters and parents participated in the bash.

COMING EVENTS

March

- 21 General Meeting, featuring Dr. Martin Greenberg, University of Pennsylvania "Facial Pain Management".
- 22 Co Ed Session #3, "Endodontic Overview", by Dr. C. Russell Jackson

April

- 12 Co Ed Session #4, "Sports Medicine and Dental Traumatology", by Dr. Dennis Ranalli
- 18 General Meeting
- 27-30 PDA Annual Meeting, Hotel Hershey

May

- 23 A Night at the Ball Park (Red Barons game)

Once again Children's Dental Health Month was a huge success. Dr. Brian Kerr, Dr. Nancy Willis and our own alliance members Connie Hayes and Alice Stofko were quite busy all month promoting the message of lifelong dental health. The month ended on a high note with our annual McDonald's Day. Plenty of smiling faces were on hand to visit with the tooth fairy (Lisa Reeves). Ronald McDonald entertained one and all with his bag of tricks. It truly was a fun day for all.

I had the opportunity to visit with the folks from the ARC that has so generously been stuffing our smiley bags for the past several years. We had a dental health lesson and then shared a fruit platter. What an amazing group of people. This year they put together 3,600 bags for us.

Thank you again to all of the members of the dental community who volunteered time and talent to ensure that Children's Dental Health Month was a big hit. Watch for the announcement about the President's Luncheon due out in the spring. I hope you will be able to attend.

General Meeting Notes

The general membership meeting for February took place on 2/21/06 at the Hilton. The guest speaker for the evening was Dominick Georgetti Esq. who gave a very informative presentation on the topic "Dental Malpractice Issues". Next month's featured speaker will be Dr. Martin Greenberg who plans to speak about facial pain.

Minutes and the treasurer's report were dispensed with. There was no old business. The annual golf outing at the Country Club of Scranton was discussed. The date for the golf outing is June 21. The annual family night at the Red Barons was also discussed and the date of the game is Tuesday, May 23.

On a more somber note Dr. Saccone mentioned the passing of Dr. John Quinn. Dr. Saccone talked about Dr. Quinn's longtime dedication to dentistry and our dental society. A donation was given to the Church of the Nativity in the name of Dr. Quinn.

February Board Meeting

by Dr. Mark Giallorenzi

The executive committee meeting took place on 2/27/06 at La Trattoria. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Joe Gronsky. Dr. Gronsky discussed an offer made by Thayer Dental Lab to sponsor a course on crown and bridge. The featured speaker would be Dr. Dean Mersky and the course would take place sometime in early fall of this year. Dr. Gronsky also updated all present on the Jewish Family Services program. Dr. Gary Wadsworth discussed the family night at the Red Barons scheduled for 5/23/06. Dr. Joe Kelly Jr. discussed the society's finances and Dr. Brian Kerr discussed the budget. The full executive committee talked about a donation to the Lackawanna county ARC in appreciation for their help with packing bags for Children's Dental Health Month. Finally Dr. Miriam O'Malley discussed future speakers and the possibility of gifts for them from the society.

Minutes of January Board Meeting

by Dr. Christopher Kotchick (for Dr. Mark Giallorenzi)

The meeting began at 6:45pm at La Trattoria Restaurant, on January 30th. In attendance; Drs. Solfanelli, Joe Kelly, Jr., Desai, Kotchick, Paoli, Zenker, O'Malley, DiNoia, Yeomans, Erhard, Saccone, Wadsworth, Gronsky, Kerr, and Mr. Bill Donovan.

Dr. Desai discussed fluoridation.

Dr. Kelly presented the treasurer's report. He suggested that the non members who attended the ADA meeting be invited to attend the district's general meetings to encourage membership. A thank you note was received for the \$10,000 dollar donation given to the ADA foundation to aid in the Hurricane Katrina efforts.

Mr. Bill Donovan presented the dates for Children's Dental Health Month (CDHM) events; February 2nd at the Children's Public Library and February 25th will be McDonald's Day as in years past.

Dr. Kerr presented concerns over supplies for CDHM. Monroe County Dental Society will be hosting a continuing education program concerning practice management and practice transitions in May and wishes to invite members of our society. Dr. Kotchick is providing information through the president of the Monroe County society, Dr. Tom Kilareski, Save the date cards will be sent out.

Dr. DiNoia provided examples of the bags which will be given to new mothers for dental care of infants. Discussion continued on possibly providing these all year instead of just during February (CDHM).

A donation to the ARC was voted on and will be given in the amount of \$250. Dr. Kelly and Dr. Kerr suggested increasing the budget for CDHM since the past years have gone over budget.

Dr. Yeomans thanked those who helped him over the past several months while he was serving our country overseas.

Dr. Erhard discussed the 3rd Annual PDA meeting (April 27-April 30). There may be a day that will be designated as a technology day that will have information and displays on much of the new technology available to practitioners.

Dr. Wadsworth is organizing the baseball outing for this Spring.

Dr. Gronsky presented Jewish Family Service (JFS) issues; the United Way which helps fund the program is considering backing out since they are unsure of the value of their funding. Due to this, it is necessary for the dentists participating with JFS to return the surveys they receive so that the amount of donated dental services can be shown to those at the United Way. We hope that this will help to continue this program.

Finally, the president of PDA is looking for anyone interested in serving on any of the state councils. If you are interested you may contact Dr. Kerr or Dr. Solfanelli for more information.