



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

April/May 2014

## SDDS Presents Scholarship Awards

The Scranton District Dental Society is pleased to announce that it has selected Eric Brazon as the 2014 recipient of both the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Bernard Shair Award.

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 who suddenly passed away in November 2011. The scholarship is administered by the Scranton Area Foundation and 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.

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.

Brazon, featured on the Dean's List since 2010, will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He will attend the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry in Philadelphia, PA in the fall.

Brazon currently resides in Wilkes-Barre, PA with his parents Dr. and Mrs. Richard and Barbara Brazon. He is a member of the University's Health Professions Organization, as well as Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Epsilon Delta (National Health Pre-professional Honor Society). He is the recipient of the University's Loyola Scholarship.

Along with working under his father

at Keystone Dental Center in Scranton, PA, Brazon also spent two years learning under Doctors Giallorenzi, Kotchick, and Burns of Valley Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Scranton, PA. He currently volunteers his time on Saturday evenings at Pittston YMCA, teaching children fundamental skills in basketball and assisting where need during the summer.



*Our winner, Eric Brazon, takes a minute to thank the team. Dr. Amy Cravath, Laura Ducceschi (Scranton Area Foundation President and CEO), Sarah Angelo, and Dr. Christopher Kotchick.*



*SDDS Past President Dr. Amy Cravath; Dr. Richard Brazon; Eric Brazon; Barbara Brazon; Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO of The Scranton Area Foundation; Dr. J.R. Karam, SDDS President; Dr. Christopher Kotchick; and Sarah Angelo.*



*Members and their families enjoy the dinner. Gretchen Frantz, Dr. Brian Frantz, Charles S. Scrimalli, Dr. Charles Scrimalli, and Dr. John Mariotti.*



# Golf Tourney Sponsorship Opportunities

How would you like to help one of the society's dearest partners and worthwhile non-profit organizations, while increasing the name-recognition of your practice? The Annual Golf Tournament can do just that!

Consider being a sponsor of our Tourney on June 18th at the Country Club of Scranton in the amount of \$500 or \$250 and reap the following benefits:

## **\$500 Hole Sponsorship:**

- Sign at the hole featuring your logo
- Logo featured on table tents
- Recognition in our newsletter
- 2 Tickets to the dinner

## **\$250 Hole Sponsorship:**

- Sign at the hole featuring your logo
- Logo featured on table tents
- Recognition in our newsletter

The more sponsorship dollars we raise, the more we can donate to the ARC who assists us year after year in assembling thousands of bags for our National Children's Dental Health Month celebration. Please help make this the highest year ever!



# Board Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Dr. Kurt Wadsworth*

The board meeting was held at Carl Von Luger on 3/3/14 at 6 PM.

**Present:** Justin Burns, Katie Schlosser, Cindy Cox, Stephanie Hanyon, Joe Kelly Sr., Joe Kelly Jr., Amy Cravath, Marty Bifano, Chris Kotchick, Chuck Scrimalli, JR Karam, Kurt Wadsworth

## **JR Karam:**

- Shair Award: Eric Brazon is winner
  - Board will supplement award to round number; motion made and passed
  - Dinner is March 18th; pre-dental students at University of Scranton will be invited along with previous recipients
  - Dr. Stavisky or Dr. Giallorenzi will present award
- SAF Scholarships
  - Contributing to endowments
  - Evaluate financial status before deciding amount
- PDA Annual Session in April
- Golf Tournament -Sponsors -Open holes to dental membership and look for additional sponsors
- Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce -Looking to increase number of dentist members; also will be giving us a list of benefits the Chamber provides
- Donation has been made to Women's Resource Center in memoriam of Marianne Stampien

## **Justin Burns:**

- Veterans Dinner 4/8 at The Colonnade
  - Sit-down dinner recommended
  - Spouses of dental society members will be invited
  - Dinner options selected and schedule of events confirmed
  - Motion to have PR/Photographer passed unanimously; vets will come early for pictures
  - Joe Kelly Sr. will contact all veterans with verbal invitation
  - 2 postcards will be sent
- No general meeting in November
- Insurance certificate to be given to University of Scranton to hold events there
  - JR Karam and Justin Burns will look into insurance options

## **Chuck Scrimalli:**

- Membership update -75% of area dentists are members
- Scranton Times ad for National Children's Dental Health Month
  - Review membership list for names to be included

## **Stephanie Hanyon:**

- Donated Dental Services -Possible correlation with Jewish Family Services

## **Katy Schlosser:**

- National Children's Dental Health Month
  - We are short on bags; must figure out a way to increase amount of bags and stay within budget
  - Ask students from University of Scranton and local high schools to volunteer as tooth fairies
  - Joe Kelly makes motion to increase budget to \$6,000 (up \$1,000) from last year; motion seconded and approved

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM

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# President's Letter

In the SDDS, "spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm," to quote the naturalist author John Muir. With the arrival of warmer winds and yellow daffodils popping up, our society has marked a few wonderful celebrations already, with several more coming up on the calendar. We presented the Dr. Bernard Shair scholarship award and the Dr. Todd Angelo scholarship award to Mr. Eric Brazon at our general meeting in March, held in the DeNaples Center. In April, we commemorated our World War II veterans at the Colonnade. Special thanks to Dr. Joseph Kelly Sr. for his enthusiasm and leadership in organizing the event and to Dr. Justin Burns for planning such a great venue. In May, we celebrated the annual President's Dinner in honor of Dr. Amy Cravath at the Country Club of Scranton, and in June we will herald the arrival of summer with the annual golf tournament and clam bake.

As we prep our lawns and clean out our flower and garden beds, we also are reminded that spring is a time to sow seeds for future harvests. The SDDS is ahead of our fiscal goals this year. Likewise, the Pennsylvania Dental Association, a parent organization for our society, has made changes to run more dynamically and cost-effectively in the years to come. Our Third District delegates Drs. Kotchick and Karam, led by our 3rd district trustee Dr. Eli Stavisky and 3rd district president Dr. Matt Zale, recently arrived home from the 2014 PDA annual session in Hershey, Pa. This year, the House of Delegates, a large body of 87 member dentists, voted to eliminate itself as part of the governance model, a major change in the representative structure. The new model will consist of an Executive Branch to carry out administrative duties and directives, an elected Board of Trustees, composed of one member from each of the 10 districts, with voting power to pass resolutions, and, replacing the role of the House of Delegates, a new Council



of Presidents, to serve in an advisory role to balance and challenge the Board of Trustees. This change means that the governance model is smaller, less expensive to our membership, and can meet more frequently with a full quorum to address the ever changing management issues in dentistry in our state. Our organization decided upon this governance model after years of review and diligent study of effective leadership models. PA is one of the very first states to implement this change and I predict will be a leader in the new style of government.

Sincerely,

J.R. Karam, DMD  
SDDS-President

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## 2014 Officers

President – Dr. J.R. Karam  
Pres-Elect – Dr. Justin Burns  
V.P. – Dr. Stephanie Hanyon  
V.P. – Dr. Kristin Paoli  
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Board of Directors:  
Dr. Marty Bifano  
Dr. Fred Bonacci –Editor  
Dr. Gary Kopesky  
Dr. Kady Schloesser  
Dr. Charles Scrimalli

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## Day on the Hill

Don't miss this year's PDA sponsored Day on the Hill June 3rd in Harrisburg. Did you know that the PDA monitors more than 5,000 bills introduced every legislative session and lobbies those pieces of legislation that impact the dental profession and patients? They are the voice of the dental profession in Harrisburg, supporting bills that protect your practice and livelihood and opposing those bills that hurt the profession and patients. PDA is involved every step of the way as bills are considered in committee and move to the House and Senate floors for debate. Their advocacy efforts pay off countless ways by passing bills that benefit you as a small business owner and health care professional.

For more information on the PDA's 2013-2014 Legislative Session, go to [www.padental.org](http://www.padental.org).

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## News from PDAIS

Confused by Health Care Reform? Help is only one call away. Whether you have questions regarding how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) applies to your practice, need assistance with implementation or would like alternative health quotes, the PDAIS team is your go-to resource.

We are well versed in all aspects of the ACA and are ready to assist and guide you through the process. And because you are a valued member of PDA, you have access to discounted insurance products.

Contact us today! It's the only call you will have to make to prepare yourself for the health insurance changes taking place. Toll free (877) 732- 4748 or email [memberbenefit@pdais.com](mailto:memberbenefit@pdais.com).

We look forward to assisting you!

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# Upcoming Events

<b>ADA Washington Leadership Conference</b>	Washington DC	May 19-21, 2014	8:00 AM
<b>PDA Day on the Hill</b>	Harrisburg	June 3, 2014	8:00 AM
<b>Annual Golf Tourney</b>	Scranton Country Club	June 18, 2014	TBD
<b>ADA Annual Meeting</b>	San Antonio, TX	October 9-14, 2014	

## In Memoriam

Deepest sympathies are extended to the Marianne Stampien family. Wife of fellow dentist Dr. Jan C. Stampien, Marianne served the SDDS for many years. She was very active in our auxiliary,

having served as past president and chaired the Dental Society National Children's Dental Health Month. For many years, she volunteered her services as the Tooth Fairy to promote dental hygiene education

at venues ranging from Hatchy Malachy, many elementary school visits and the Scranton Children's Library. A donation to the Women's Resource Center by the SDDS has been made in her honor.