



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

November 2017

Third District Meeting/CE Course

“The Problem is Us” The Undeniable Truth about the Drug Epidemic of the 21st Century

If you haven't registered for the November 10th Third District meeting at Mohegan Sun Casino, don't delay. Seats are filling fast. There will be a business meeting to report the state of 3rd District, PDA updates, guest speakers, awards, and a scientific session described below. A lunch is included with registration. All PDA members are invited to the Board meeting at 7:00 AM in the adjacent room. This course is free to all Life Members.

On average, 144 people die from drug overdose every day in the United States! Today, we are facing what is considered to be the most devastating public health problem of the modern age. Until recently, when Time Magazine had a cover article

“Heroin Use in U.S. Reaches Epidemic Levels” and Sports Illustrated had a cover article “How Painkillers are Turning Young Athletes into Heroin Addicts,” the U.S. was not even talking seriously about it. There are new synthetic drugs that most of us never heard of. Substance abuse has a long history in the U.S. and the paradigm has shifted. This epidemic differs from previous generations and is effecting individual, families, businesses, healthcare and our daily lives. This course will provide an update on the most current drug trends that are scientifically based.

Presenters Bob Stutman and Judge Jodi always astonish audiences across the country with scientifically based, compre-

hensive presentations regarding the most current drug trends in the U.S. Described as “refreshingly depressing,” Bob and Judge Jodi provide the premier research and real life stories from the front lines of today's families to educate and provide tools to help us empower and protect our children, our communities and our workplace against the most devastating drug epidemic in American history.

SPECIAL NOTE: ACT 124 of 2016- This course will satisfy the required 2 hours in either pain management or identification of addiction or the practices of prescribing opioids towards license renewal as required by the State Board of Dentistry.

President's Dinner

Our annual President's Dinner, honoring 2016 President Dr. Stephanie Hanyon, was a beautiful event. Held Saturday, September 23, 2017 at AV Restaurant, the entire restaurant was dedicated to an evening of cocktails, music and dinner. Thank you, Stephanie, for your brilliant leadership during your term!



Supporting Stephanie on her big night are her brother Ryan, husband Randy, mother Rose, dad Charlie Potter, and children Alex and Anthony.



Enjoying the evening (L to R) are Tom and Lori Langan; Larry and Jennifer Gallagher; Bryan and Linda Frantz; and Gary and Barbara Wadsworth.



Randy Hanyon, Stephanie, Donna Cosmello, Ryan Potter, Alex and Anthony Hanyon, Rose Potter, Dr. Charles Potter, Ali Hanyon, Dr. Jason Hanyon, Mario Hanyon, Sam and Chris Cosmello.



(To the left) SDDS Officers and friends: Mary Grace Rizzo -Fryzel, Bruce Terry, Eli Staviski, Jessica Falk, Stephanie Hanyon, Chuck Scrimalli, Megan Walsh, Chris Kotchick, and J.R. Karam.

Member Benefits

Are you a member of the PDA? If so, you saved \$250 on the registration fee for the upcoming Third District CE course! If you are a non-member and you join by December 31, 2017, you can still receive a \$250 refund.

Here are other ways your membership can help you save money:

Luxury Vehicles- Mercedes-Benz

ADA member incentives of up to \$4,000 on a new Mercedes-Benz

Gloves, Masks and Disposables

Association Gloves

PDA members could save \$1,500 per year or more by purchasing gloves, masks and disposable supplies from the PDA Glove Program, administered by Association Gloves.*

*Savings depends on volume of purchasing.

Website Design & Internet Marketing

\$798.75 savings on a pre-designed website

Launch a successful online presence for your practice.

Medical Waste Service - 30% discount or more

PDA members receive exclusive member pricing for cost effective, efficient and reliable disposal/recycling of infectious and hazardous waste. One member is saving \$1,500 per year and is thrilled with the service including certified disposal documentation, disposal boxes and in-office scheduled pick-ups.

Zoll AED Plus - 33% discount

The lowest total cost of ownership. After it is installed there is nothing to replace on the AED Plus for five years. The batteries and CPR pads have a five year shelf life.

Amalgam Separator

PDAIS is in the final stages of acquiring a contract with a vendor that will provide discounted separators to PDA members. PDA members will receive an email announcement about the vendor in late November.

Radiology Continuing Education

- \$365* savings

*Plus travel costs and office down time if you and your staff attend a similar in person course. PDA's online program and quiz provides necessary information to fulfill Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) Radiology Certification Program.

Continuing Education - \$270 course savings

PDA annually sponsors 15 continuing education (CE) courses at six location throughout Pennsylvania at a cost of \$150, or less, per course. Save time out-of-the-office and travel costs by attending a locally based CE Program.

Business and insurance discounts that help you control overhead costs. Visit www.pdais.com to learn how you can save premium dollars and recap the many other benefits of being a PDAIS client.

A strong and effective presence on Capital Hill. PDA is at the forefront of legislative initiatives to improve the dental practice environment in Pennsylvania for both dentists and patients. PDA advocates on members' behalf for these important insurance reforms and scope of practice and access to care initiatives:

- Assignment of benefits
- Health practitioner student loan forgiveness and tangential loan mitigation issues
- Increased funding in the Medical Assistance program for dental providers.

PDA works to promote dentistry to the public. PDA's most visible efforts, conducted via social media or statewide press releases, include topics such as fluoride, and children's dental care, as well as the importance of routine dental visits. PDA staff work to address public relations issues as well as emerging stories, such as local fluoridation battles or potential emergency situations when dentistry may be portrayed in a negative light by the media.

Resources to help you manage your practice. PDA's website features complimentary webinars on topics of interest for both new and established dentists.

Topics include:

- Legal Aspects of Practice Transition
- eMarketing
- Practice Management

- Hiring and Firing

PDA is keeping members informed of the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry (SBOD) and Pennsylvania Department of Health's decision about the continuing education requirements for Act 124 of 2016. For 2019 re-licensure, you will be required to complete at least two hours of board-approved continuing education in pain management, identification of addiction, or the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids. PDA is offering a 4 hour course that will meet the requirements for initial licensees and those seeking renewal on Friday, April 27, 2018, as part of Pennsylvania's Dental Meeting in Hershey. To register for the course logon to www.padental.org/PDM.

If you have any questions on the above, contact Mary Donlin at med@padental.org or call 800-223-0016, ext. 131.

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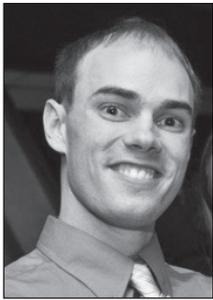
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President's Letter

Dr. Kurt Wadsworth



We had a great start to the fall season with two very nice events. The annual President's dinner honoring Stephanie Hanyon was well-attended, and AV Restaurant did an excellent job hosting. Additionally, SDDS was present at the Waldorf Tiki Bar for ARC's "Family Fun Day". We presented a check, bringing our donation

for the year up to \$5,000. As always, they were extremely appreciative. It was truly a fun day, with music from Chuck Scrimalli's band, games, food, and great weather. I hope we can have an even bigger presence next year, as it's nice to support the organization that does so much for us. Bring your family!

Don't forget about the 3rd District's annual CE meeting to be held on November 10th. Former DEA agent Bob Stutman will be speaking about our current drug epidemic. He is an excellent speaker and the course will fill the current opioid CE requirement. Hope to see you there.

As my tenure as president comes to an

end, I wish to thank everyone who has helped make this year a success. So much work goes on behind the scenes. From local events and community outreach to lobbying on the state and national level, so many have volunteered their time to help promote organized dentistry. We are truly lucky to have so many people willing to dedicate their time and service to our profession. Thank you! Let's continue to make a positive impact in our community.

Sincerely,

Kurt Wadsworth D.M.D.
SDDS President

Minutes

Submitted by Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo Fryzel

A board meeting was held at Basil Restaurant on October 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Present: J.R. Karam, Joe Kelly Jr., Eli Stavisky, Kurt Wadsworth, Chris Kotchick, Matt Zale, Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, Cindy Cox, and Chuck Scrimalli
Topics Discussed:

- ARC event was a huge success. Please consider going out for the next event. ARC is our charity.
- Don't forget to sign up for PDA text messaging service.
- Individuals nominated for board positions will be elected at the October 17th general meeting.
- Nov 10th will be the Third district meeting. Get your Opioid Abuse CE there. Register soon because spots are filling up quickly.
- There will not be any more general meetings for 2017. Only board meetings for the rest of the year.
- Next speaker will be in February at the General meeting.
- AAO student loan refinancing was discussed.
- CE dates were released. Tuition price for members vs. non-members were discussed. Should there be a better discount for members?
- Discussed possibility of opening up Dr. Bernard Shair award to entire 3rd district instead of just The University of Scranton Students.
- Those who fall under the category of

Life Members receive free tuition for CE.

- MOM-n-PA event in Reading is tentatively scheduled for May 2018. Chris Kotchick is organizing an event in NEPA. Please sign up at the 3rd District Meeting in November. We need lots of volunteers.
- PDA annual meeting April 27-28 at Hershey Hotel. 150th anniversary. Possibly last one in Hershey.
- Update on the draft proposal for PH-DHP: The proposal is progressing along. The State Board of Dentistry met Sept 15, 2017. There were 2 open seats on The

State Board, not filled by our governor. Two other dentists on the board didn't show. PHDHP has to go to legislation yet. Has to be reviewed by IRR (Independent Regulatory Review Commission). There is still time to speak out against this proposal.

- We welcome new SDDS members! Tanya Cheeseman, DMD; Michael Genello, DMD; Aronica Holmes, DMD and William Dempsey, DMD.
- Moving forward, all board dinners will be covered by the Scranton District Dental Society.

SDDS Donates to ARC

During ARC's "Family Fun Fall Festival" at Waldorf Park September 17th, Dr. Kurt Wadsworth, President, presented ARC Executive Director Don Broderick with a check for \$5,000.

"The Scranton District Dental Society is proud to be associated with and support ARC. For 15 years, ARC has partnered with us to stuff thousands of "goodie bags" filled with dental educational material, tooth brushes, tooth paste, and coupons for National Children's Dental Health Month in February. The clients of ARC do such a fantastic job that we ask them to help year after year. Last year, they filled 8,000 bags!" states Wadsworth.

According to SDDS President-Elect Dr. Charles Scrimalli, "It is so good to come out to support such a worthwhile organization. Our member dentists love to serve our local community." Dr.

Scrimalli also has a band, East Coast Trio, that along with The Wannabees, have performed for ARC's Family Fun Fall Festival for the past 9 years.



Dr. Kurt Wadsworth presents a \$5000 check to ARC Executive Director Don Broderick. Pictured left to right: Dr. Kurt Wadsworth; Don Broderick; Dr. Patrick Hayes; and Dr. Charles Scrimalli.

Upcoming Events

Third District CE <i>Opioid Abuse</i>	Mohegan Sun	November 10, 2017	8:00 AM
Board Meeting	Bazil's	November 14, 2017	6:30 PM
Board Meeting	Bazil's	January 9, 2018	6:30 PM
CE Course <i>Practical Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner</i>	Radisson	January 10, 2018	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Oral Pathology</i>	Radisson	February 14, 2018	8:00 AM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall Rose Room	February 20, 2018	6:30 PM
CE Course <i>Actions and Algorithms for Medical Emergencies</i>	Radisson	March 14, 2018	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>The Dentist's Role in the Identification, Diagnosis and Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders</i>	Radisson	April 11, 2018	8:00 AM
PDA Annual Meeting	Hotel Hershey	April 27-28, 2018	8:00 AM