



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

September 2013

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Nicholas D. Saccone

Our beloved Dr. Nicolas D. Saccone passed away Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the age of 91. Surely the entire dental community has suffered a great loss. Dr. Saccone practiced dentistry in Scranton for 52 years. He served as President of two state dental associations: the Pennsylvania Dental Association and Academy of General Dentistry. He also served as President of Third District Dental Society and Scranton District Dental Society.

A delegate to the American Dental Association for many years, Dr. Saccone was Chair of the Credentials Committee at the ADA annual meeting and a member of its Council on Dental Practice. He also was an Incorporator and Chairman of the Board of Delta of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Saccone served as President of Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania School Of Dental Medicine. Active in golfing circles, he was President of Country Club of Scranton, where he was the starter and Chairman of the Ray E. Davis Memorial Tournament for 25 years.

As a University of Scranton graduate, Dr. Saccone served as a Trustee of the University for six years. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science in 1991. Additional University awards include: the Frank J. O'Hara Award for University Service, an Alumni Achievement Award and a named Presidential Scholarship.

Other awards and recognition throughout Dr. Saccone's career include: a gold medal from the French Dental Association, "Le Medaille d'Or de Conseil National); the PDA's "Annual Award" (the highest award); Greater Philadelphia Guild of St. Apollonia "Dentist of the Year," the Catholic Youth Center's "Wall of Fame," and the Purple Club Outstanding Service Award where he served as President.

At the annual meeting of the American Dental Association held on October 3, 2009 in Hawaii, officers and fellows of the Pierre Fauchard Academy presented Nicholas D. Saccone, D.D.S., Scranton, with its "Presidential Award of Excellence" in absentia. The award reads: "In recognition

for your outstanding dedication and commitment to the profession of dentistry. We salute you for your many contributions and devotions to uphold the finest traditions of our profession." The Pierre Fauchard Academy is an international dental honor society with a presence in 50 countries. Dr Saccone served as its President during 1995-1996.

Throughout his dental career, Dr. Saccone was awarded four fellowships: Pierre Fauchard, where he was President; International College of Dentists, where he held the office of Regent; American College of Dentists; and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr. Saccone was a member of the following community boards: Catholic Youth Center, Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Lackawanna County, Friends of the Weinberg Library, Scranton Area Foundation, Post Office Customer Advisory Council, and Post 187 American Legion.

Most recently, the Saccone Laboratory was dedicated in his honor at the Loyola Science Center at the University of Scranton.

Being a Member Has Its Benefits!

When you join organized dentistry, you are joining at the local, district, state and national levels. This arrangement allows you to receive membership services and benefits at all levels. This tripartite membership system was developed as a means of conveniently and economically streamlining professional membership. Even though belonging at one level requires membership at the other three, it is important to remember that each level of the organization has the freedom to determine its own dues.

Did you know that the overwhelming majority of members, 87 percent, perceive the PDA as the leading advocate for dentistry on legislative and regulatory issues in Pennsylvania? Furthermore, 78 percent of members agree that PDA is a valuable information resource. Here are just some of the benefits:

Membership Directory

PDA members are automatically included in PDA's online member directory. The directory, a prominent feature of the website, is an excellent

opportunity for you to market your practice to the public.

Publications

You'll receive important publications like the ADA News, Journal of the American Dental Association, Pennsylvania Dental Journal and Transitions. These publications provide timely information on clinical research, professional issues, classified advertisements and continuing education opportunities.

Insurance

Finding the professional or personal insurance plan that meets your needs, including malpractice and disability insurance, is just a click away at www.pdais.com. Complete one of the fast, secure online quote forms and a PDAIS representative will provide you with a free, no-obligation quote within three business days, or call (877) 732-4748. All forms are directed through a secure server so your personal information remains private.

Mentoring Program

Find or be a mentor through the PDA! The program caters to both dental students and new dentists in Pennsylvania.

The PDA Members' Library

There are more than 400 informational brochures, manuals, posters, videotapes and slide presentations available to members for a minimal shipping and handling fee. To help build a patient base or to learn about practice management, many dentists have borrowed videos and acquired brochures from the library. Titles that may be of interest include: "Starting Your Dental Practice" and "The Successful Dental Practice: An Introduction."

Lobbying Efforts

PDA consistently lobbies on dentists' behalf.

The PDA Placement Service

This is a members-only, job search assistance program. It connects dentists who have available job opportunities or practices for sale with dentists seeking employment or wishing to purchase a practice.

Social Network

Take advantage of the PDA's social network by visiting the clicking the "Social Network" tab on the PDA's home page (www.padental.org).



Dr. Cravath received a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from Temple University School of Dentistry, where she

graduated with a magna cum laude level of academic distinction. During her time at Temple University, Dr. Cravath was inducted into the prestigious Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. Only top graduating seniors are chosen nationally for this fraternity by faculty members based on scholarship, as well as exemplary traits of character and clinical ability. In addition, she received the American

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Association of Endodontists Award, which is awarded to one senior student based on their exceptional ability in the area of endodontics (root canal therapy). She was also inducted into the Stomatognathic Honor Society and was a member of the Endodontology Honor Society. Upon acceptance to dental school, she was honored with the Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Scranton District Dental Society and also received the Incentive Award Scholarship from Temple University. Dr. Cravath is a member of the American Dental Association (ADA), the Pennsylvania Dental Society (PDA), the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), and the American Association of Cos-

metic Dentistry (AACD).

Dr. Cravath is a class of 2000 graduate of Abington Heights High School in Clarks Summit. After high school, she attended the University of Scranton on the Dean's Scholarship where she graduated magna cum laude. Dr. Cravath was chosen for, and participated in, the University's Honors Program, and thus graduated with Honors distinction. She received a Bachelors of Science degree in Biochemistry and a minor in Mathematics.

Dr Cravath practices General and Family Dentistry in Clarks Summit with Dr Dale Collins and Dr Jeffrey Bell at 242 Noble Road, only two doors down from her alma mater Abington Heights High School.

President's Letter

As the summer begins to wind down over the next several weeks, the dental society will begin our second half. I hope that all of you, our members and families, had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

The SDDS has hosted several successful events since our last newsletter. The family baseball game organized by Dr Kristin Paoli was a great way for our members to involve their children and spouses in our organization and enjoy the new stadium. The golf tournament organized by Doctors Karam and Bonacci was again a great event. We could not have asked for better weather. We were able to donate \$1750 to ARC due to our sponsors and member contributions. Thanks to all our members who volunteered at the Medical Society health fair at Nay Aug and presented to the medical students at TCMC.

Over the summer we lost a very ac-

tive member of our dental society. Dr Nick Saccone will be remembered for his remarkable work with organized dentistry and with the community. He was an extraordinary person and voice of dentistry. He will be missed dearly.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting!

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Golf Tourney a Success

Written by Dr. J.R. Karam

The SDDS held this year's golf outing and clam bake on June 19th at the Country Club of Scranton. Perfect weather, well-manicured greens, delicious food, and good company were highlights of the event. Many stayed to enjoy the brilliant sunset from the lawn off the back patio. Due to excellent attendance combined with support from our gracious sponsors, the SDDS donated \$1,750.00 to the ARC, which kindly supports our NCDHM event. I would like to thank everyone who attended, acknowledge and thank co-chair Dr. Bonacci and his staff, as well as personally express gratitude to Mrs. Heidi Smith, my office manager, for her dedicated efforts in organizing the event. Special thanks to the following sponsors:



October's Meeting

Plan on attending October's meeting featuring Representative Matt Cartwright who will be discussing current federal health care issues. The meeting will be held in the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall's Rose Room at 6:30 PM.

Rep. Matt Cartwright was sworn into Congress on January 3rd, 2013. In his first term serving the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley, Cartwright has stepped forward as a leader, being elected Democratic Freshman Class Co-President by his colleagues. Further, Cartwright has introduced over a dozen pieces of legislation that aim to help seniors, veterans and the middle class, the vast majority of which have been introduced with bi-partisan support.



Cartwright was appointed to serve on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, where he is a Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation, and Regulatory Affairs. Cartwright is also a member of

the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Cartwright is a magna cum laude graduate of Hamilton College, where he earned Bachelor of Arts in History in 1983. He is a Law Review graduate from University of Pennsylvania's Law School, where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1986. Cartwright is married to Marion Munley Cartwright and is the father of two sons, Jack and Matthew and their dog Lucky. The Cartwrights live in Moosic.

Special Thanks

Thanks to all who participated in the summer, community health fairs. One was hosted by the Lackawanna County Medical Society at Nay Aug Park. The other was a Health Professions Career and College Fair at The Commonwealth Medical College.

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting	Carl Von Luger's	Aug 19, 2013	6:00 PM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall Rose Room	Sept. 17, 2013	6:30 PM
General Meeting Congressman Cartwright	U of S Brennan Hall Rose Room	Oct. 15, 2013	6:30 PM
President's Dinner	Scranton Country Club	May 3, 2014	7:00 PM

September's Meeting

The first meeting of our fall session will be Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall's Rose Room. Nomination for 2014 SDDS officers will be accepted/announced at this time. Official voting will occur during October's meeting.

On-campus, complimentary parking is available at the University's parking pavilion, 820 Mulberry Street, on the roof. As always, dinner is complimentary for members. Please reserve your spot by calling or emailing Dr. J.R. Karam, 570-963-7700 or drjkaram@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3, 2014 to celebrate with President Amy Cravath during her President's Dinner. This event will mark a return to the Country Club of Scranton. Hope to see you there.

Dr. Amy Cravath, President
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