



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

October 2018

## 2019 CE Courses Announced

The SDDS is pleased to announce our 2019 Continuing Education Courses in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh. If you haven't already registered, you can still take advantage of the savings! Go to <https://www.scrantondental.org/ce-courses/> to register on line. You can pay there, too. Questions? Contact Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, Jr. at (570) 587-4787 or [drkellyjr@gmail.com](mailto:drkellyjr@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019** - *"Periodontics and Implant Dentistry in the 21st Century: A Paradigm Shift"* James Albani, DMD

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019** - *"Evidence Based Analgesia for Dental Professionals; and Three Serious Adverse Drug Interactions That Every Dentist Should Know About"* Elliot V Hersh DMD, MS, PhD

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019** - *"Fixed Prosthetics: Mastering basic principles for success in ever-changing times – the dentist/lab continuum"* Marshall Fagin, DDS

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019** - *"Treatment of the Anterior Fractured Tooth & Posterior, Cervical and Incisal Composites"* Robert Marus, DDS

For 2019 CE Course materials and to register online go to Scranton District Dental Society's website at [www.scrantondental.org](http://www.scrantondental.org) or register by postal mail.

## General Meeting

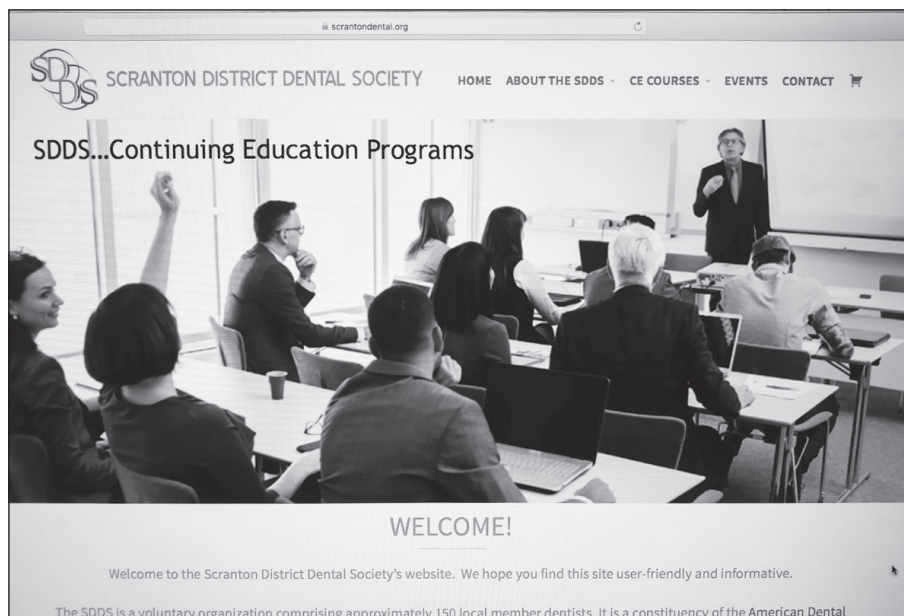
Be sure to attend October's meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the University of Scranton's Rose Room in Brennan Hall. John Basial will be our featured speaker.

John is the newest member of PDA's government relations' team. He spent 13 years as a top level Senate staffer and worked for two Majority Leaders and two non-leadership members. He has had many bills signed into law. John states, "I have many friends on both sides of the aisle and both sides of the building. I will utilize my experience and contacts to help you individually and the PDA team achieve your legislative and regulatory goals."

As always, attendance at our general meetings is complimentary and includes the speaker, dinner, and pre-dinner cocktails. Please let Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel know that you're coming by calling her at 570-343-4472 or emailing at [maryg91@hotmail.com](mailto:maryg91@hotmail.com).

## New Website

Did you notice that the SDDS website has a totally new look? Go to [www.scrantondental.org](http://www.scrantondental.org) to check it out! It's easy to navigate and features a payment option for those looking to register and pay online for CE courses. It also houses current and past newsletters dating back to 2006; and boasts a calendar where you can find information on important meeting/event dates.



# ARC Festival Donation

During ARC's "Family Fun Fall Festival" at Waldorf Park September 16th, Dr. Charles Scrimalli, President of the Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS), presented ARC Executive Director Maryclaire Kretsch with a check for \$1,000. This was the third installment of a 3-part donation to this worthwhile organization.

"Our Dental Society admires and respects the work ARC does in our community. We want to be a part of helping to continue that tradition. We love partnering with them to prepare thousands of "goodie bags" filled with dental educational material, tooth brushes, tooth paste, and coupons for National Children's Dental Health Month each February," states Dr. Scrimalli. 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 10 years.



*L to R: Paul Brady, Executive Chef & President, Waldorf; Cynthia Ceccacci Cox, SDDS Marketing Director; Kelly Peters, ARC Senior Manager; Mari Pizur, ARC Manager of Recreation Services; Kristen Haefele, ARC Board Member; Patrick Quinn, Director of Operations; Christopher Pate, ARC Self-Advocate; Dr. Patrick Hayes; Maryclaire Kretsch, ARC Executive Director; and Dr. Charles Scrimalli, SDDS President.*



## Mom-n-PA

We need everyone's help! June 7 & 8, 2019 are the dates for this year's MOM-n-PA event at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre and we need many hands (both dentists and lay persons).

The MOM-n-PA mission is a large-scale dental clinic where dental treatment is provided at no cost to individuals who cannot afford dental care. Treatment is provided on a first-come, first-served basis and patients do not preregister.

For more information, contact Chris Kotchik at (570) 346-7301, Rich Grossman at (570) 283-0664 or go to [www.mom-n-pa.com](http://www.mom-n-pa.com). There is also a great Facebook page to follow. Go to Facebook search and type in: @MomnPaDentalMissions.

# MOM-N-PA

## DENTAL MISSIONS

June 7 & 8, 2019

**Calling all  
volunteers!**


**DENTISTS!**

**ASSISTANTS!**


**HYGIENISTS!**

**NON-PROFESSIONALS!**

**Free CE at 3rd District  
Annual Session 2019  
for those who  
volunteer and  
participate**



**MOHEGAN  
SUN ARENA  
WILKES-BARRE, PA**



**www.mom-n-pa.com**



# President's Letter

Hi Everyone,

I hope things are well with all of you and your families as fall weather approaches. Much has been happening this past month, as we have had quite a few meetings and get togethers with several organizations.



The annual ARC "Family Fun Day" was once again held at the Waldorf Tiki Bar on September 16th, where SDDS presented a \$1000.00 check, bringing this year's total donation to \$3250.00. As always, they were extremely appreciative. It was truly a fun day, with live music, 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!

A task force meeting was held at the Country Club of Scranton, where several concerns were brought up regarding PCOH. PCOH (Pa Coalition of Oral Health) is an organization formed to help address the "Access to care" issue which exists in our state. The head of PCOH, Helen Hawkey, was present via webcast, along with Eve Kimble, a pediatrician who serves on the board of PCOH. Our expressed concerns were in regard to the PA hygiene association request and draft approval to the state board to increase practice locations for the PHDHP (a hygienist who can practice independently of the dentist) to medical offices. PCOH simply backed that workforce recommendation and didn't write it. We are trying to get the PCOH and the PDHA to see that it is flawed and will cause a workforce conflict as written. The meeting was attended by JR Karam, Eli Stavisky, Chris Kotchick, Jack Erhard, Tim McGurrin, Mike Ratchford, Cindy Cox, Darleen Oleski, Matt Zale, Thomas Langan Jr, Brendan Langan, Kurt Wadsworth, Al Matrone, and me. Thanks to all of you for your input and help with a tough issue.

A few weeks later, PCOH held a "stakeholders" meeting in Pittston, which was well attended by SDDS members JR Karam, Mike Ratchford, Darleen

Oleski, Al Matrone, Matt Zale, Stephanie Hanyon, Cindy Cox, and me. There was quite a bit of common ground in regard to water fluoridation (or lack of) in our state, Medicaid reimbursement rates, and the use of "dental navigators" to get patients to the care they desperately need. The disagreements/concerns with the "workforce model" were discussed privately with Helen Hawkey at our lunch table. Overall, I felt SDDS had an effective presence, with JR expressing our views in a definitive yet non-contentious manner.

The month of September also included a Mission of Mercy meeting which was held at the Harvest Cafe. Chris Kotchick and Rich Grossman are co-chairs of what looks like a huge undertaking as Mom-n-Pa heads to NEPA this upcoming summer. Many volunteers will be needed, so please reach out to one of us to help with what promises to be an amazing event for our area!

Jewish family Services seems to be getting back on track with all the fine efforts of Colette Januszewski of Fortis, Sheila Abdo of JFS, and our chairperson Andy Brown. This past August, over \$12,500.00 worth of free dental services were provided by our SDDS volunteers. Special thanks to all who have been helping and volunteering their services and talent.

Yet another meeting occurred on September 26th with the Women in Philanthropy. Women in Philanthropy ("WIP") consists of engaged, community-minded women at the Scranton Area Foundation that want to create meaningful, positive change in the lives of women and girls in Lackawanna County. As part of a recent agenda, namely improving the oral health of the women in need of help, SDDS has had several meetings with WIP to assist in their efforts. This program is in its early stages but shows great promise. Once again, SDDS presence at this meeting was impressive, attended by JR Karam (and wife Emily), Darleen Oleski, Jessica Falk, Joellen Drosinski, Chris Kotchick, Eli Stavisky, and me. Once again, thanks to all for helping with what promises to be a very worthwhile endeavor.

I am excited for our next general meeting as Mary Grace Rizzo has arranged to have our PDA attorney John Basial Esq. speak to us regarding many upcoming legislative issues. Now more than ever, we need everyone's combined efforts to get HB373 passed in its original non-amended form and I'm sure Mr. Basial will be informing us on that among many other legislative matters.

As you can see, SDDS has been busy. Organized dentistry has always faced many challenges, but especially lately. My hope is that organized dentistry will continue to get more young dentists involved, as these issues will greatly affect the way the next generation practices. We have a wonderful group, and we of the SDDS have demonstrated that we would like to preserve our great profession through these changing times.

Sincerely,

Chuck Scrimalli, SDDS President

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# Upcoming Events

<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S – Brennan Hall	Oct 16, 2018	6:30 PM
<b>Third District Annual Mtg</b>	Mohegan Sun Casino	Nov 9, 2018	8:00 AM
***SOLD OUT			
<b>CE Course</b>	Radisson Lack Station	Jan 16, 2019	8:00 AM
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