



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

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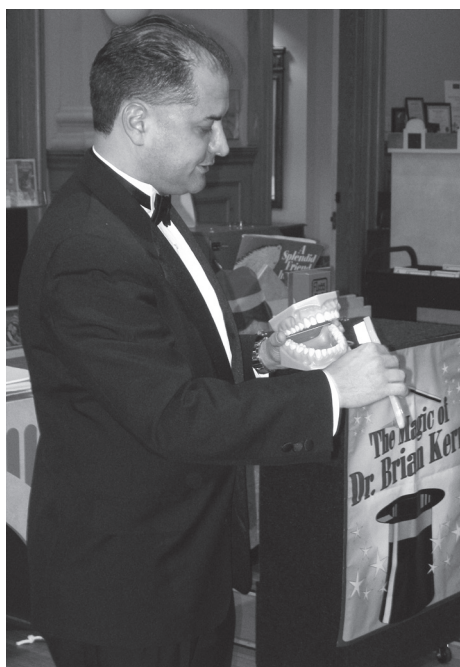
## NCDHM 2019

It is with great excitement that we announce our 2019 National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) activities!!!

To kick off the month (February) we will be providing free, children's dental screenings at the Viewmont Mall on Saturday, February 2nd, 12 – 2 PM. The Tooth Fairy will be on hand, along with volunteer dentists. A coloring station will be featured for the kids and dental hygiene bags will be given to all. Please let Chair Megan Azar know if you are able to volunteer for a portion of that day.

Dr. Brian Kerr will be leading our event at the Scranton Children's Library the following day, Sunday, February 3rd at 2:00 PM. Using his magic show as a way to explain good dental hygiene, Brian always delights his audience! The Tooth Fairy will make her annual appearance as well, reading stories and taking photos with the kids.

Three area McDonald's will also be hosting Tooth Fairy Days. The Scranton, Tunkhannock, and Carbondale



McDonalds will be featuring photos with the Tooth Fairy and a visit from Peppa Pig!

We are continuing the tradition of visiting local elementary schools, teaching the kids about good dental habits and providing them with bags featuring a toothbrush, toothpaste, educational material, stickers and coloring sheets. Please contact Megan to reserve your complimentary bags and alert her to the school you will be visiting. The bags go quickly so they are on a first come, first served basis.

Volunteer dentists are always needed for our NCDHM events...especially if an interested parent has a question. If you can spend an hour or two at one (or more!) of them, please let Megan know by calling or emailing at (570) 585-7111 or [azarwalshdental@frontier.com](mailto:azarwalshdental@frontier.com).

Viewmont Mall	February 2, 2019	12:00-2:00 PM
Children's Library	February 3, 2019	2:00 -3:30 PM
South Side McDonalds	February 6, 2019	5:00-7:00 PM
Tunkhannock McDonalds	February 16, 2019	11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Carbondale McDonalds	February 21, 2019	5:00-7:00 PM

## MOM-n-PA

The MOM-n-PA planning committee is in full swing and needs everyone's help! There are a few Lead positions available, as well as dentist and layperson volunteers needed. Set up begins on Thursday, June 6, 2019, with patients being treated at 6 am on June 7 & 8, 2019. This massive event takes place at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre and promises to serve 2,000 people!

The committee is also looking for sponsors, both monetary and in-kind, to support this community-focused event. For a detailed breakdown of

sponsorship opportunities and benefits, 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.

Also, if you know of any community groups, churches, boy/girl scout troops, etc. who would like to help with tear-down on Saturday, June 8th at 4 pm, please let Chris or Rich know.

All volunteers need to be registered online through the MOM-n-PA website beginning April 1, 2019.

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.



# SDDS Continues to Support Jewish Family Services



*1st row: Dr. Charles Scrimalli SDDS President, Sheila Nudelman Abdo JFS Executive Director, Dr. Chris Kotchick, and Dr. Brendan Langan.*

*2nd row: Dr. Samantha Abod SDDS VP, Dr. Megan Azar SDDS Secretary, Dr. Darleen Oleski, Dr. Thomas Langan Jr.*

*3rd row: Dr. Kurt Wadsworth, Cynthia Cox SDDS Marketing Coordinator, Dr. Joseph Kelly, Colette Jesikiewicz JFS Administrative Services Coordinator, Dr. John Erhard, and Dr. Patrick Hayes.*

In an effort to continue providing donated dental services to the Jewish Family Services (JFS) dental program, The Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) met with key members of JFS. Dentists from our group volunteer their time and donate resources to help qualified applicants in Lackawanna County get the Dental Care they need through JFS. This community partnership began over 50 years ago and has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in in-kind dental services to area residents.

JFS is looking for additional volunteers, as well as in-kind forms to be completed by those doctors who have been participating. Part of their funding comes as a result the services provided by volunteers like you. If you have a question regarding this worthwhile program, please reach out to Dr. Andrew Brown at (570) 969-1838 or ANDBR@AOL.COM. He is our JFS coordinator.

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## Minutes

*Submitted by Megan Azar, Secretary*

- A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on November 13, 2018 at the Scranton Country Club.
- Prior to the meeting, Colette Jesikiewicz, the dental coordinator for Jewish Family Services presented a report. Mrs. Jesikiewicz explained the dental program with the directors present, thanked the SDDS for their \$30,782 of donated services this year, and encouraged more involvement from general dentists.
- Jessica Falk, Darlene Oleski, Jack Erhard, Chuck Scrimalli, Tom Langan, Brendan Langan, Kurt Wadsworth, Joseph Kelly, Jr., Chris Kotchick, Cindy Cox, Sam Abod, and Megan Azar were present.

- Kurt Wadsworth called the meeting to order.
- The first discussion concerned the Wright Center. The SDDS have been approached numerous times this year to discuss a collaboration. We received a written response as per our request. As a result of that letter, Chuck Scrimalli proposed a response. The board encouraged our members to help with all under served in the community. This led to further discussion about the Women in Philanthropy pilot program, which has funding and are willing to pay the proposed fee schedule.
- PDA membership committee gave a report. PDA is down to 53% membership. Although there are multiple reasons for the decline, many on the board agreed that young dentists are not seeing the benefit. Dr. Kotchick proposed

reaching out to dental students to help them understand the benefits, as well as need to improve the benefits. Sam Abod recommended social media. Surveys have revealed that employee dentists and employed dentists are just not interested in membership, their largest concern is how they are going to get out of debt.

- Chris Kotchick encouraged all to volunteer for MOM-n-PA program June 7 & 8, 2019.
  - Chuck Scrimalli reported that this is his last meeting and thanked those present.
  - Dates for next year's general meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
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# Outgoing President's Letter

Hi Everyone,

As this year comes to an end, as well as my presidency, I'd like to take this moment to express my thanks to all the individuals I have had the privilege to work with and meet during my tenure. It has been an honor serving as the President, and I am thankful to our members, who are so dedicated to service, our community, and organized dentistry. It has been a truly rewarding experience that helps me appreciate how lucky we are to have such amazing people working hard on our behalf, and how fortunate I am to be associated with all of you, and our profession.

I wish our current President elect, Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, and her board much success in 2019. Let's continue doing great things for our community, our profession, and each other."

Sincerely,  
Chuck Scrimalli, SDDS President



# Incoming President's Letter

Hello everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the holidays and time spent with family and friends. I am looking forward to the New Year and all the exciting events on the horizon. This year, we will continue to hold some joint meetings with the Scranton Dental Society and the Scranton Medical Society. Dr. Samantha Abod is off to a great start lining up speakers for our general meetings, which will continue to be held at The University of Scranton.

We will kick off the year with our first board meeting on January 10th to discuss National Children's Dental Health Month and other upcoming events. Some exciting things happening this year include the dental mission, Mom-n-PA, at the Mohegan Sun Arena June 7th and 8th, the golf tournament, the ARC festival and many, many more. We hope to see participation and attendance increase at our events and in our society. Our organization needs membership and we will continue to work towards that goal of inviting and welcoming new members.

I am humbled that you have trusted

me to lead the Dental Society for the year 2019. I cannot thank Chuck Scrimalli enough for all the effort, hard work, and dedication he has done for us this past year. This was a busy year that presented many challenges and Chuck handled them all with ease. I hope to follow closely in his footsteps and lead us into a successful 2019. I am thankful for the support of the other board members and our entire cabinet, as well as everything Cindy Cox does for us and for our society. We truly have a great group of people that I am happy to call my friends.

As the year goes on please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any advice, suggestions, or questions. I look forward to seeing everyone this year!

Thanks so much,  
Mary Grace

## Welcome 2019 President Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel

The SDDS is proud to welcome Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, D.M.D. as our new President. Dr. Rizzo-Fryzel is originally from Throop, PA. She graduated magna cum laude from The University of Scranton in 2010, where she earned her degree in Biology, along with minors in Biochemistry and Philosophy. She was a member of the Honors Program, as well as a number of national honor societies, including Alpha Sigma Nu and Beta Beta Beta. Dr. Rizzo-Fryzel is the 2010 recipient of the Dr. Bernard Shair Award.

Mary Grace earned her doctorate degree in 2014 from Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. She was a member of the Implant Honors Program and the Stomatognathic Honors Society.

Mary Grace currently owns and

operates her practice, Electric City Dentistry in The Marketplace at Steamtown. She enjoys all aspects of general dentistry, especially cosmetic dentistry using crown and bridge techniques, root canals, dentures, and implants.

Mary Grace holds membership in The American Dental Association, The Pennsylvania Dental Association, The Academy of General Dentistry, The Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry, and The Scranton District Dental Society.

When Mary Grace is not at the office, she enjoys spending time with her husband David, running, skiing, shopping, and dog training with her Giant Schnauzer Hans.



## 2019 Officers

### Third District President

Dr. John Evans

### Third District Treasurer

Dr. Joseph Kelly

### Third District Secretary

Dr. Samantha Abod

### Third District Trustee

Dr. Matthew Zale

### President

Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel

### Pres-Elect

Dr. Sam Abod

### V.P.

Dr. Tomas Langan

### Treasurer

Dr. Jessica Falk

### Secretary

Dr. Megan Azar

### Newsletter Editor

Dr. Tomas Langan

### Board of Directors:

Dr. Fred Bonacci

Dr. Andrew Brown (JCC chair)

Dr. JoEllen Drosinski

Dr. Chris Kotchick

Dr. Brendan Langan

Dr. Al Matrone

Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

## Upcoming Events

<b>Board Meeting</b>	Russell's	Jan 10, 2019	6:30 PM
<b>CE Course</b>	Radisson Lack Station	Jan 18, 2019	8:00 AM
<i>"Periodontics and Implant Dentistry in the 21st Century: A Paradigm Shift"</i>			
<b>NCHDM</b>	Viewmont Mall	Feb 2, 2019	12:00 – 2:00 PM
<b>NCHDM</b>	Children's Library	Feb 3, 2019	2:00 – 3:30 PM
<b>NCHDM</b>	South Side McDonalds	Feb 6, 2019	5:00 – 7:00 PM
<b>CE Course</b>	Radisson Lack Station	Feb 13, 2019	8:00 AM
<i>"Evidence Based Analgesia for Dental Professionals; and Three Serious Adverse Drug Interactions That Every Dentist Should Know About"</i>			
<b>NCHDM</b>	Tunkhannock McDonalds	Feb 16, 2019	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S Brennan Hall	Feb 19, 2019	6:30 PM
<b>NCHDM</b>	Carbondale McDonalds	Feb 21, 2019	5:00 – 7:00 PM
<b>CE Course</b>	Radisson Lack Station	March 13, 2019	8:00 AM
<i>"Fixed Prosthetics: Mastering basic principles for success in ever-changing times – the dentist/lab continuum"</i>			
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S Brennan Hall	March 19, 2019	6:30 PM
<i>"Treatment of the Anterior Fractured Tooth &amp; Posterior, Cervical and Incisal Composites"</i>			
<b>Volunteer Registration</b>	www.mom-n-pa.com	April 1, 2016	
<b>CE Course</b>	Radisson Lack Station	April 10, 2019	8:00 AM
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S Brennan Hall	April 16, 2019	6:30 PM
<b>MOM-n-PA</b>	Mohegan Sun Arena	June 7-8, 2019	8:00 AM
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S Brennan Hall	Sept 17, 2019	6:30 PM
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S Brennan Hall	Oct 15, 2019	6:30 PM