



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

April 2019

## Dr. Bernard Shair Award and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Winner Announced



*University of Scranton Pre-Dental Students gather with winner Cecilia Horchos to celebrate. L to R: First Row: Linda Gjonaj, Yonkers, NY; Sabrina Ketterer, Dix Hills, N; Minabil Sami, Jessup, PA; Cecilia Horchos, West Chester, PA; Katie Blozusky, Frackville PA; Rachel Kerr, Archbald, PA; Julia Khalil, Clarks Summit, PA. Second Row: Kerim Kerimoglu, Moosic, PA; Paul Brown, Greenville, DE; John L. Check, Clarks Summit, PA*



*Dr. Richard Grossman, Third District Trustee; Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, SDDS President; Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO of The Scranton Area Foundation; Dr. Carolyn Horchos, Mother; Cecilia Horchos, winner; Dr. Carl Horchos, Father; Conrad Horchos, Brother; Dr. Samantha Abod SDDS President-Elect; and Dr. Charles Scrimalli, SDDS Immediate Past President.*

The Scranton District Dental Society is pleased to announce that it has selected Cecilia Horchos as the 2019 recipient of both the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship 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 Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship 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.

Cecilia Horchos will graduate from the University of Scranton in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience and a minor in biochemistry. A resident of West Chester, Pennsylvania, Horchos is a member of the Nu Rho Psi Honors Society and University of Scranton Honors Program.

Horchos has volunteered at Leahy Community Health & Family center food pantry for the last four years. Since 2017, she has been the Volunteer Executive Coordinator for the food pantry and office volunteers of the Leahy Clinic. She also serves as Secretary for Ready, Set, Brush! which is a community outreach program to young students about the importance of oral care.

Horchos is a founding member of the Polish Cultural Society and is a member of the University's Health Professional Organization, as well as Ready Set Brush! Pre-Dental Society.

Horchos enjoys hiking, skiing, knitting/sewing, historical reenacting (colonial & 19th century). She will be attending University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in the fall.



*The Tooth Fairy visits with Peppa Pig and fans at the Carbondale McDonalds.*

## NCDHM

What an amazing year for National Children's Dental Health Month! This year's Kick-Off event on February 2nd at the Viewmont Mall featured FREE dental exams for children; the Tooth Fairy; costumed character, Peppa Pig; dental bag giveaways with toothbrushes, toothpaste, coloring pages and stickers; and several coloring stations. It was followed by four other events including "Tooth Fairy Day" at the Albright Memorial Children's Library where kids enjoyed a magic show hosted by Dr. Brian Kerr, dental hygiene presentation, visit from The Tooth Fairy, face painting, storytelling, and gifts; as well as events at three area McDonald's Restaurants: Children had photos taken with the Tooth Fairy and Peppa Pig, and received bags filled with coupons, toothbrushes, coloring pages, and more.

"The Scranton District Dental Society has participated in NCDHM for over 30 years. The events of NCDHM are central to our mis-



*Dr. Brian Kerr works his magic at the Children's Library.*

sion of serving the community. By partnering with the ARC of NEPA ([www.thearcnepa.org](http://www.thearcnepa.org)) to assemble 8,000 dental giveaway bags, we also support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are pleased to work with such a wonderful agency that allows us to touch so many children's lives through the events of NCDHM," states Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, SDDS President.

## 2019 Officers

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## Mom-n-PA Volunteer Registration Open!

If you haven't done so already, please go to [www.mom-n-pa.com](http://www.mom-n-pa.com) and register to volunteer for this year's MOM-n-PA event at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre June 7 & 8, 2019. 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.



There is also a great Facebook page to follow. Go to Facebook search and type in: @MomnPaDentalMissions.



# President's Letter

Hello all and happy spring! Thanks to everyone who came out for the Dr. Bernard Shair and Dr. Todd Angelo awards presented at the University of Scranton in March. Congratulations to Cecilia Horchos and good luck in your endeavors in dental school this fall.



April 1st kicks off volunteer registration for the MOM-n-PA at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Please grab your friends, family, coworkers, staff and anybody who might be interested in volunteering. We need 800 volunteers to make this a success. You can sign up at [www.mom-n-pa.com](http://www.mom-n-pa.com).

Congratulations to the new Third District officers, including Dr. Richard Grossman; and a huge thank you to Dr. Matt Zale for your time and hard work for us as trustee.

We welcome new members and encourage you to get involved. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next general meeting April 16th at the University of Scranton. Have a happy and blessed Easter!

Sincerely,  
Mary Grace

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## April's Meeting

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall for our last general meeting before the summer.

As always, attendance at our general meetings is complimentary and includes the speaker, dinner, and pre-dinner cocktails. Please let Dr. Samantha Abod know that you're coming by calling her at (570) 342-3556 or emailing at [abod@qmaortho.com](mailto:abod@qmaortho.com).

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# Minutes

*Submitted by Immediate Past President, Chuck Scrimalli*

- A board meeting was held at the Country Club of Scranton on 3/12/19. Present for the meeting were Doctors Sam Abod, Jack Erhard, Irina Melnick, Joellen Drosinski, Kurt Wadsworth, Darleen Oleski, Al Matrone, Jessica Falk, Rich Grossman, and Chuck Scrimalli.
- Dr. Abod spoke about plans for the scholarship/awards general meeting to be held on 3/19 at the U of Scranton. We had one applicant for both awards this year. Sam said she and Mary Grace were arranging the presentation of the awards for next Tuesday.
- There was a discussion among the group concerning a lack of young dentists returning to our area citing several possible reasons for it. Dr. Matrone suggested that some SDDS and 3rd district members offer to advise pre-dental students at the U of S and other local Universities. The idea of contacting the deans of the Pennsylvania dental schools was mentioned, possibly to discuss this problem and look for solutions.

- Dr. Grossman introduced himself as our new 3rd District Trustee. He encourages our members to contact him with any concerns or suggestions. He said plans for MOM-n-PA are going well, commending Chris Kotchick for all his hard work. He asks all our members, staff and friends to volunteer for MOM once sign-ups begin on April 1st.

He also suggests sending an email concerning license renewal to all our members warning about the dangers of letting our licensure lapse.

- Dr. Erhard brought up the idea that a complimentary CPR course be offered through PDA online. He also suggested that instructions for signing into the PDA website and the SDDS website ([Scrantondental.org](http://Scrantondental.org)) be placed in our newsletter on a regular basis. The board unanimously agreed.
- Dr. Drosinski says she will be in touch with Fortis and LCC regarding volunteers for MOM, as well as the possibility of getting a CPR course for our members through Fortis.
- Dr. Oleski gave her report on PDA Government relations. Recently, she met with representatives to discuss student loan forgiveness/refinancing, as well as the Assignment of Benefits issue.
- Dr. Falk gave a treasury report citing that we are in a good financial position this year greatly due to our successful CE program.
- Dr. Scrimalli gave a report from the PDA membership committee emphasizing the new Clowder app for PDA. This new PDA app (called "PDA go") is scheduled to go live at the end of April. Its success is totally dependent on our membership participation. This app will likely be our primary communication tool for the PDA in the near future, with push notifications, forums, events calendars, and much more.

# Upcoming Events

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<b>PDA Annual Meeting</b>	The Gettysburg Hotel	April 6, 2019	8:00 AM
<b>CE Course</b> <i>"Treatment of the Anterior Fractured Tooth &amp; Posterior, Cervical and Incisal Composites"</i>	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> <i>Volunteer TODAY by going to <a href="http://www.mom-n-pa.com">www.mom-n-pa.com</a></i>	Mohegan Sun Arena	June 7-8, 2019	8:00 AM
<b>Golf Tourney</b>	Scranton Country Club	June 19, 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