

SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

August/September 2019

MOM-n-PA a Huge Success!

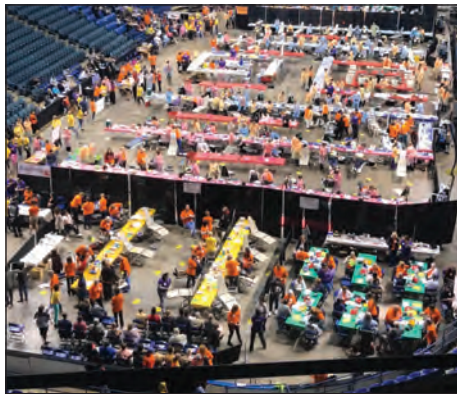
Special thanks to everyone who worked hard to make our first Mom-n-PA a success! Co-Local Leads, Doctors Chris Kotchick and Rich Grossman, worked tirelessly to make sure the Third District and in particular, the SDDS and LCDS, were well-represented. 817 people were treated Friday, June 7th and 815 were treated Saturday, June 8th. According to MOM organizers, Wilkes-Barre-Scranton had the highest number of volunteers of all the MOM events.



Dr. Chris Kotchick takes a minute to pose with Donna Denby, Director, Account Service, United Concordia Dental and Kathy McKenzie, Vice President of Community Affairs, Highmark after the press conference.



Dr. Joseph Kelly Jr. takes a moment to pose with a grateful patient.



A view from the top of the Mohegan Sun Arena.

September's Meeting - Dr. Alesia Walsh

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall for our fall general meeting. Dr. Alesia Walsh, pediatric dentist and new associate at Sprout Dental, will be the featured speaker. She will provide updates in pediatric dentistry, including a discussion about silver diammine fluoride. Dr. Walsh was born and raised in Scranton, and graduated from the University of Scranton with a B.S. in neuroscience and biology. She is

a graduate of Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry and worked at a pediatric office in Philadelphia. She did her residency for pediatric dentistry at Temple University hospital.

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.

2020 CE Courses Announced

The SDDS is pleased to announce our 2020 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.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 -

"Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" John Brewer

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 -

"Feel Good Dentistry: Enjoy Your Practice And Feel Better About Yourself And Your Work. A 'Sane' Approach To Esthetic Restorative Dentistry" Steven Weinberg

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 -

"Geriatric Dentistry: The Fastest Growing Demographic in Dentistry" Lou Graham

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Morning - *"Medically Complex Patients"*

Afternoon - *"Frequently Prescribed Medications"* Tom Viola

For 2020 CE Course materials and to register online go to Scranton District Dental Society's website at www.scrantondental.org or register by postal mail.

Golf Tournament & ARC Pizza Party

In another effort to show support and thanksgiving to The Arc-NEPA, the SDDS donated proceeds from our annual golf tournament to the organization. The SDDS presented them with a check for \$2,000 during the close of the tournament at the Scranton County Club on June 21, 2019. This is one of three donations to support The Arc for their continued dedication to assisting the SDDS with National Children's Dental Health month. "We are pleased to be able to continue the tradition of raising funds through our annual golf tournament in support of the Arc," states Dr. J.R. Karam, Golf Committee co-chair.

The SDDS also donated \$500 during a "thank you" pizza party hosted by the Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) for the consumers and staff of The Arc on Friday, May 24, 2019. Doctor Michael Ratchford presented them with a check for \$500. "The Scranton District Dental Society has worked with The Arc for 17 years, partnering with them to prepare dental health bags for National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) each February. Arc's consumers do an amazing job filling approximately 8,000 educational bags with children's coloring pages, crayons, tooth brushes, McDonalds coupons, and tooth paste," states Dr. Ratchford, SDDS board member.

On Sunday, September 15, the SDDS will be presenting the Arc with another \$1000 (the last of three donations) at the Arc's Annual Family Fun Fall Festival held at the Waldorf Social Club on East Mountain (see details in the article). Please join us as we support the Arc and have a fun filled day of delicious food, fabulous entertainment, and great kids' activities.



L to R: Colleen Durkin, Mike Williams (Program Manager, Arc Adult Day Services), Richard Haynos, Carl Hallock, Julieann Masters, Dr. Michael Ratchford, and Paulie Golden.



L to R: Chris Kotchick, Chuck Scrimalli, Tom Langan Jr., Brendan Langan, Pat Quinn (Arc), Kelly Peters (Arc), Megan Azar, Al Matrone, J.R. Karam, and Justin Burns.

ARC Festival

Mark your Calendar for Sunday, September 15th, 3 – 8 pm at Waldorf Park. Join us in celebrating the Arc's seventeenth annual Family Fun Fall Festival. Our very own Dr. Chuck Scrimalli's band, East Coast Trio, will be performing along with the Wannabees, and the SDDS will be making a formal

check presentation at 5 pm. Bring the family for delicious food (buffet served 3 – 6 pm and sandwiches served 6 – 7 pm), Kiddie Korner, gift basket raffle, Instant Bingo, bake sale and more. All proceeds benefit The Arc and advance tickets are only \$20 (Kids 4-12 are \$5) or \$25 at the door.

Minutes

Submitted by Immediate Past President, Chuck Scrimalli

- A board meeting was held at the Country Club of Scranton on 8-1-19. In attendance were Eli Stavisky, Tim McGurrin, Sam Abod, Joellen Drosinski, Jack Erhard, Rich Grossman, Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, and Chuck Scrimalli.
- The meeting, called to order at 6:40 pm, began with a group discussion about the PDA membership problem, as our membership numbers have been falling statewide. Dr. Abod brought up the idea of using social media in a smarter way, by boosting posts, for example, by highlighting membership and its benefits.
- Dr. Grossman talked about encouraging our members to participate in the PDA Congress meeting in Harrisburg. Following is the information posted on the PDA website: "Mark your calendars for this inaugural event that you won't want to miss. Join us to help shape the future of your PDA, when all members are invited to take part in the PDA Congress. Several of our key committees and advisory groups will meet that morning to discuss current projects and lay our three-year goals. We will then have lunch followed by a very important panel discussion, a frank and open conversation about possible future introduction of dental therapy legislation in Pennsylvania. We hope to explore all angles of the dental therapist issue and establish a direction for our leadership going forward to handle this potential legislation. The day will wrap up with a town hall open forum where you have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ask any questions. We need your input to help shape the future of your PDA. Please participate in the PDA Congress on Saturday, October 26."
- This event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Harrisburg. In order to

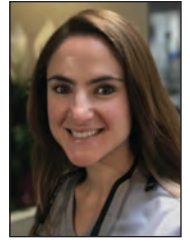
encourage participation, the board unanimously voted to pay for lodging for 3rd District members. This offer may be limited to a certain number of attendees as our budget will allow.

- Dr. Scrimalli spoke about the ARC festival which will take place Sunday September 15th from 3-8, a family/kid friendly event with live music, lots of great food and drinks, games, prizes, and loads of fun. The board unanimously voted to donate 1000.00 at the event, with the check presentation and media photo to take place at 5:00. This is a great opportunity for our public relations, as there are usually 600 or more people in attendance. All SDDS members are encouraged to be there to represent us.
- Dr. Abod and Dr. Rizzo-Fryzel have scheduled the next two general meetings for September 17th, and October 15th. Speakers to be determined. They also mentioned plans for a President's Dinner/Social possibly sometime in December.
- Dr. Zale and Dr. Kelly communicated via email that speakers and venue are all set for this year's Continuing Ed. The flyers are being made up and will be mailed shortly. The board expresses their thanks to you two for your very hard work in lining up some very impressive speakers.
- Dr. Erhard gave a brief PHDHP and Independent Regulatory Commission update, basically explaining why things are up in the air right now. He wants to encourage any members who have concerns to write letters to The State Board of Dentistry expressing your concerns about the safety issues, workforce and patient confusion that can be caused by expansion of PHDHPs (Public Health Dental Hygienist Practitioners) into private homes and medical offices. There will be a committee meeting and a public

President's Letter

Hello all!

I hope you had a nice and relaxing summer. I want to thank everyone who came out to MOM-n-PA at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre. I am especially thankful for our event chairs, Dr. Chris Kotchick and Dr. Rich Grossman, as well as the leads that helped organize and fundraise for the event. Without you, this would not have been possible. This event broke many records and brought so much joy to so many faces. I am happy to be a part of such a wonderful event.



I would like to welcome a few of our newest members to the Scranton District Dental Society: Drs. Eric Brazon, Daniela Campos, Sabrina Cimerol, Maria Genello, Krista Rebar, Ryan Rebar, Nicholas Rizzo, and Michael Umerich. Membership is so important to our profession and I encourage you to attend meetings and get involved. We truly have a great group of people who are here to mentor you in any way.

Our next board meeting is set for Thursday September 5th at Russels in Dunmore, and our next general meeting is set for Tuesday September 17th at The University of Scranton. Please plan on attending and invite a friend to tag along. Dr. Alesia Walsh will be presenting at her alma mater on updates in pediatric dentistry.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you all this Fall!

Sincerely,
Mary Grace

Minutes continued

meeting to be held September 13th at the Penn Center in Harrisburg. The Public meeting will occur from 8-10 am, and all of our interested members are encouraged to attend this very significant meeting, as it will potentially impact all of us.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Upcoming Events

SDDS Board Meeting	Russells	Sept 5, 2019	6:15 PM
Third District Board Mtg	Westmoreland Club	Sept 11, 2019	6:30 PM
ARC Festival	Waldorf Social Club	Sept 15, 2019	3:00 PM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	Sept 17, 2019	6:30 PM
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Third District Annual Mtg	Mohegan Sun Casino	Nov 1, 2019	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office</i>	Radisson Hotel	Jan 15, 2020	8:00 AM
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CE Course <i>A.M. Medically Complex Patients P.M. Frequent Prescribed Medications</i>	Radisson Hotel	April 1, 2020	8:00 AM
PDA Annual Meeting	Mt. Airy Resort & Casino	April 25, 2020	TBD