



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

SDDS January/February 2020

New Year, New SDDS

2020 has brought some exciting changes to our society including a new format for the SDDS meetings. To add value for our members and attract new members, the Executive Board voted to host two, complimentary business meetings with continuing education courses, light fare and a social event to follow in lieu of monthly general meetings. The board is researching exciting venues and speakers for the months of May and September. Stay tuned for more information by checking into our Facebook page (@scrantondentalsociety), visiting our website (www.scrantondental.org) in the EVENTS section and checking your e-mail!

President's Holiday Dinner

What a wonderful time was had by all as we honored SDDS Past Presidents, Doctors Charles Scrimalli and Kurtis Wadsworth at a holiday reception on Friday, December 13, 2019 at Posh in Scranton.



Past Presidents Charles Scrimalli and Kurtis Wadsworth celebrate.



2020 President Samantha Abod smiles with 2019 President Mary Grace Rizzo Fryzel.



Kurt Wadsworth, Eli Stavisky, and Chuck Scrimalli catch up.



This year's officers take a moment to pose.



Thea and Alphonse Matrone pose with Gary Wadsworth and Mike Ratchford.



Enjoying cocktail hour.



Connie and Pat Hayes talk with Tom and Lori Langan.

SDDS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dr. Megan Azar

Board of Directors meeting was held at Scranton Country Club on 1/14/20. In attendance were Dr. Sam Abod, Cindy Cox, Dr. Chuck Scrimalli, Dr. Chas Dennis, Dr. Chris Kotchick, Dr. Richard Grossman, Dr. Jack Erhard, Dr. Megan Azar, Dr. Al Matrone, Dr. Joellen Drosinski, Dr. Tim McGurrin, Dr. Tom Langan, and Dr. Darlene Oleski.

First order of business was a discussion of the heartbreaking and untimely passing of Dr. Kristen Erk. All were in agreement that a donation will be made from the Society to a trust for her two young children if the family wishes. A brief discussion followed regarding a PDA program that could be offered to our members to learn about what to do in the event of an unexpected event. The board is following up on both items.

President, Dr. Abod reviewed the official assignment of roles and duties of the board members as per the SDDS bylaws.

Per our November meeting, the general meetings will be re-structured into 2 larger CE general meetings. Friday May 1st or 8th, and Friday, Sept. 25th. President-elect Tom Langan discussed his ideas for continuing education for the May meeting. He proposed a members only CE course offered by one of the implant companies, a half day course, lunch, and business meeting, or "meet and greet". It was decided that the Ben Shair awards could also be awarded at this event as well. Drs. Azar, Dennis, and Kotchick are looking into venues for this event in early May 1st or 8th.

Other events on the calendar were scheduled as follows: February 18, March 17, April 21, May 8, Sept 1, and Nov 10 for Board meetings, in which all members are invited. September 25 is Fall CE course/event, October is ADA meeting, Nov 6 is 3rd district Meeting, December 4 is Presidents dinner in honor of Chairman and outgoing President, Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel.

Communication with membership regarding the re-structured meetings will occur via email, postcards, and phone calls. Newsletters will continue to be mailed monthly. The newsletter and facebook/social media editing will be handled by Dr. Rizzo-Fryzel and her brother Dr. Nick Rizzo.

Dr. Joellen Drozinski discussed her role on a strategic planning committee with the PDA regarding midlevel providers. She was sorry to report that a lot of misinformation about the bill was sent out to lawmakers and not enough dentists are calling their representatives.

Dr. Alphonse Matrone discussed plans for a family bowling night for all members. He is organizing the evening at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes for a Friday evening in March.

Dr. Megan Azar and Cindy Cox confirmed dates for National Children's Dental Health Month events.

Dr. Chuck Scrimalli reviewed the Membership Campaign and Presidential Citation. He requested 1) All download the PDA-Go app to our smartphones, enable text notifications, and start communicating on the platform. 2) Asks

for all board members to call the non-member list of the SDDS. Personal communication is still the most effective in making meaningful connections.

Motion to adjourn made by Darlene Oleski, and second by Al Matrone. Next meeting is February 18th at 6:15 at Country club of Scranton. All membership is welcome.

2020 Officers

Third District President

Dr. Samantha Abod

Third District President Elect

Thomas Helfst

Third District Treasurer

Dr. Joseph Kelly

Third District Secretary

Dr. Darlene Oleski

Third District Trustee

Dr. Richard Grossman

SDDS President

Dr. Samantha Abod

SDDS President Elect

Dr. Thomas Langan Jr.

SDDS Vice President

Dr. Tim McGurrin

SDDS Treasurer

Dr. Jessica Falk

SDDS Secretary

Dr. Megan Azar

SDDS Board of Directors:

Dr. Joellen Drosinski

Dr. Charles Dennis/*Government Relations*

Dr. Brendan Langan

Dr. Michael Ratchford

Dr. Darleen Oleski/*Government Relations*

Dr. Alphonse Matrone

Dr. Andrew Brown

Dr. Kurtis Wadsworth

Dr. Charles Scrimalli

President's Letter

Hello and Happy New Year Scranton District Dental Society; I am excited and honored to serve as your president in the 2020 session! We truly need the involvement and support of all members to ensure our success! I know all of you are very busy with your families and practices, but if your schedule permits I encourage each of you to attend a board meeting. Active involvement will allow all voices to be heard and can only strengthen the mission and expand the purpose of our group.

I am thrilled to work with an amazing Board who wishes to share with you some of the changes we have voted on for the upcoming year. First off, after a decline in attendance at our monthly meetings which carried expenses and commitments from speakers, we have decided to consolidate our monthly general meetings into TWO all day continuing education and membership update sessions.

Our monthly SDDS board meetings will still be held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:15 PM usually taking place at the Scranton Country Club. All are welcome to attend the board meetings and reminders will be given before a meeting to attain a list of potential attendees.

We are looking forward to a series of wonderful events for NCDHM starting on February 1, 2020. We need all the help we can get, so please let a board member know if you can attend one or more of the events. A full list of event dates, times and locations may be found on page 2. Please reach out to Megan Azar if you need any NCDHM materials or "dental goodie bags" for the kids you will visit.

Sincerely,
Sam



Dr. Samantha Abod

National Children's Dental Health Month

This year's National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) has grown! Along with our traditional events, we have expanded our partnership with the Mueller Family McDonalds by including all 16 of their locations into our month-long celebration!

The kick-off event will be held in Center Court at the Marketplace at Steamtown on Saturday, February 1st, 1-3 PM. We will be providing free, children's dental screenings, hosting visits with the Tooth Fairy, offering coloring stations, and giving away bags filled with tooth brushes, tooth paste, McDonalds free fry coupons, and coloring sheets.

The following day, Dr. Brian Kerr will be leading our event at the Children's Library on Sunday, February 2nd 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 be on hand for story-time and photos as well.

In addition to the three McDonald's that have traditionally hosted Tooth Fairy Days,

Marketplace at Steamtown	February 1, 2020	1:00-3:00 PM
Children's Library	February 2, 2020	2:00 PM
Mountain Top McDonalds	February 3, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Shavertown McDonalds	February 4, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Tunkhannock McDonalds	February 5, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Clarks Summit McDonalds	February 6, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Wyoming McDonalds	February 10, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Keyser McDonalds	February 11, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
S. Bethlehem McDonalds	February 12, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Lehigh St. McDonalds	February 13, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Eynon McDonalds	February 17, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
South Side McDonalds	February 18, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
North Side McDonalds	February 19, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Carbondale McDonalds	February 20, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Old Forge McDonalds	February 24, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Hanover McDonalds	February 25, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Bell Mountain McDonalds	February 26, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
Honesdale McDonalds	February 27, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM

McDonalds locations in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Shavertown, Mt. Top, Old Forge, Clarks Summit, Dickson City, Eynon, Carbondale, Tunkhannock, Honesdale, Allentown and Bethlehem will join in the fun (see below for schedule). Not only will the Tooth Fairy be on hand, but Peppa Pig will also be there posing for photos.

Many volunteers are needed... particularly to perform simple exams at the Marketplace 2/1 during the hours of 1 and 3 pm. If you can help, please contact Dr. Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel directly at maryg91@hotmail.com or 570-343-4472.

Also, if you would like to reserve complimentary, dental health bags to distribute to schools, day cares or civic organizations, please contact Dr. Megan Azar at (570) 585-7111 or azarwalshdental@frontier.com. Simply alert her to the school you will be visiting and she will provide you with the information you need to get your bags. The bags go quickly, so they are on a first come, first served basis.

Welcome New President Dr. Samantha Abod

The Scranton District Dental Society is pleased to announce that Samantha R. Abod D.M.D., MMPH, has assumed the Presidency for the 2020 term. A native of Harvey's Lake, Dr. Abod has been practicing orthodontics in Northeastern Pennsylvania since 2008. She is currently serving patients at Quinn, Mariotti, Abod Orthodontics with locations in Scranton, Clarks Summit, Kingston, Carbondale, Honesdale, and Dingmans Ferry.

Dr. Abod earned her D.M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh where she studied biochemistry and also earned a Multidisciplinary Masters in Public Health and a Certificate in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics.

Dr. Abod lives in Shavertown with her husband Bryan Bellas and their children Eulina and Michael.

Upcoming Events

NCDHM Kick-Off	Marketplace at Steamtown	February 1, 2020	1 – 3:00 PM
Tooth Fairy Day	Scranton Children’s Library	February 2, 2020	2:00 PM
NCDHM McDonalds	Tunkhannock McDonalds	February 5, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
CE Course	Radisson Hotel	February 12, 2020	8:00 AM
<i>Feel Good Dentistry: Enjoy Your Practice and Feel Better About Yourself and Your Work</i>			
Board Meeting	Scranton Country Club	February 18, 2020	6:15 PM
NCDHM McDonalds	South Side McDonalds	February 18, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
NCDHM McDonalds	Carbondale McDonalds	February 20, 2020	5:00-7:00 PM
CE Course	Radisson Hotel	March 11, 2020	8:00 AM
<i>Geriatric Dentistry: The Fastest Growing Demographic in Dentistry</i>			
Board Meeting	Scranton Country Club	March 17, 2020	6:15 PM
CE Course	Radisson Hotel	April 1, 2020	8:00 AM
<i>A.M. Medically Complex Patients - P.M. Frequent Prescribed Medications</i>			
Board Meeting	Scranton Country Club	April 21, 2020	6:15 PM
General Meeting	TBD	May 2020	TBD
<i>CE & Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Award</i>			
PDA Annual Meeting	Mt. Airy Resort & Casino	April 25, 2020	8:00 AM
MOM-n-PA	Philadelphia	June 5 & 6, 2020	6:00 AM
Board Meeting	Scranton Country Club	Sept 1, 2020	6:15 PM
General Meeting	TBD	Sept 2020	TBD
<i>CE</i>			
Third District Annual CE	Mt. Airy Casino	Nov 6, 2020	8:00 AM
Board Meeting	Scranton Country Club	Nov 10, 2020	6:15 PM