

# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Fall 2021

## SDDS Donates to The Arc-NEPA at Annual Golf Tourney

To demonstrate our continued thanks to The Arc-NEPA (The Arc), the Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) donated proceeds from the annual golf tournament to this worthwhile organization. Doctors Thomas Langan Jr., Jessica Falk, Samantha Abod, Alphonse Matrone, Darleen Oleski, and William Dempsey presented them with a check for \$2,000 during the close of the tournament at the Scranton County Club on June 23, 2021. This is the one of three donations to support The Arc for their continued dedication to assisting the SDDS with National Children's Dental Health month.

"The Scranton District Dental Society has had a wonderful relationship with The Arc for decades. We enjoy partnering them during National Children's Dental Health Month each February, as they assist us by filling thousands of



L to R: Tomas Langan Jr. (SDDS President), Jessica Falk (SDDS Treasurer), Maryclaire Kretsch (Arc Executive Director), Amy Craig (Arc CPS Coordinator), Erica Francis (Arc Coordinator of Community Vocational Services), Samantha Abod (Third District Dental Society President), Alphonse Matrone, (SDDS President), Darleen Oleski (SDDS), and William Dempsey (SDDS).

bags filled with dental supplies for the children of our community," states Dr. Matrone Golf Committee Chair.

### Special thanks to our Golf Tournament Sponsors

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## 2022 SDDS CE Courses

Mark your calendars and be sure to register before December 14, 2021 to take advantage of early bird pricing on the SDDS 2022 Continuing Education Courses! Register online at [www.scrantondental.org/ce-courses/](http://www.scrantondental.org/ce-courses/)

### Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Dr. Carl Driscoll, RPD's – *Principles and Myths. They Are Very Effective Alternatives to Implant Therapy*

### Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Dr. Ed Cheppa, *Caring for the Old Isn't New*

### Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Dr. Joanne Prasad, *Be Prepared: Path Happens*

### Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Dr. Frank Setzer, *Modern Endodontics: Biologic and Conservative*

# Register for the Third District CE & Annual Meeting

Register now for our IN PERSON continuing dental education program on Friday, November 5, 2021, 8 AM - 4 PM. Earn CE credits, reconnect with fellow professionals, enjoy complimentary continental breakfast and lunch, and participate in the business meeting which starts at 7:00 AM. Nominations for 3rd District officers are now open and will be discussed during the business meeting. Please send them with the subject line "PDA Third District Office nominations" via email to Dr. Samantha Abod (abod@qmaortho.com) or the PDAs social network prior to the meeting.

Attendance is limited to 250 so please register promptly. Go to [www.thirddistrictdentalsociety.org/ce-courses/](http://www.thirddistrictdentalsociety.org/ce-courses/)



## *It's Time To Come Together... In Person!*

3rd District of the PDA Annual Meeting & Convention

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mount Airy Casino Resort Spa

8 AM – 4 PM\*

\* Complimentary cocktail hour immediately after scientific session has ended



### **Courses**

- OSHA / Infection Control Updates, including COVID Emergency Temporary Standard and Mini Respiratory Program (2 CE hours)
- Workplace Harassment Training (1 CE hour)
- The Current State of Medical Marijuana and Dental Implications (2 CE hours)
- Marketing Your Practice (1 CE hour)

## President's Letter

Hello everyone!

I hope you all are enjoying your Summer. Our SDDS annual golf tournament was held on June 23, and was a great success. I would like to thank Al Matrone for his efforts in putting the event together at The Country Club of Scranton. This year we added "hole in one" insurance to the event, and although no one made one, it added a nice competitive wrinkle to the event. In the future we will put together a small golf tournament committee to offset some of the work from just a few members, and continue to grow our outing.

At the golf tournament, we were able to give our annual donation

of \$2000 to Arc. We are happy to be able to continue to help Arc with our donation, and they are appreciative of our efforts as well.

Also at the tournament, we were able to present the award for our Dr. Bernard Shair Award, and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial scholarship. Peter Heckman won both awards, and he was well deserving of both. Peter will be attending Temple University Kornberg School of dentistry in the Fall. Wishing Peter the best in dental school and moving on from the University of Scranton.

We plan to resume in person meetings in the Fall. The schedule is still fluid, but we will monitor closely and decide as the dates get



closer. If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns please feel free to contact me. Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

Sincerely,

Thomas Langan Jr.



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



*Dr. Thomas Langan, SDDS President; Dr. Jessica Falk, SDDS Treasurer; Maria C. Pacyna; Peter Heckman, winner; Colleen A. McGoff, mother; Dr. Samantha Abod, Third District Dental Society President; and Dr. Darleen Oleski, SDDS.*

The Scranton District Dental Society is pleased to announce that it has selected Peter Heckman as the 2021 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.

Peter Heckman graduated from the University of Scranton in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in biochemistry. A resident of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, Heckman was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society), Pre-Dental Chair of Health Professions Organization (HPO), treasurer of Ready, Set, Brush! (a community outreach program to young students about the importance of oral care), and president of the Fencing Club.

Heckman has volunteered with University Community Engagement as a club officer where he offered assistance to various on-campus service events, including book fairs conducted by the Weinberg Memorial Library, a yearly Safe Trick or Treat event, and semesterly Street Sweep events.

He has also participated in service retreats conducted by Campus Ministries and served as a teacher's assistant in the general biology lab.

Heckman enjoys spending time with family, reading, drawing, learning to play the guitar, playing sports (intramural volleyball, club fencing, pickup basketball), and listening to music. He is attending Temple University School of Dentistry.

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## 2021 Officers

### Third District Dental Society

#### President

Dr. Samantha Abod

#### President Elect

Dr. Darleen Oleski

#### Treasurer

Dr. Joseph Kelly

#### Secretary

Dr. Irina Melnick

#### Trustee

Dr. Richard Grossman

### Scranton District Dental Society

#### President

Dr. Thomas Langan Jr.

#### President Elect

Dr. Alphonse Matrone

#### Vice President

Dr. William Dempsey

#### Treasurer

Dr. Jessica Falk

#### Secretary

Dr. Joellen Drosinski

#### Board of Directors:

Dr. Andrew Brown

Dr. Charles Dennis

Dr. Brendan Langan

Dr. Darleen Oleski

Dr. Michael Ratchford

Dr. Charles Scrimalli

Dr. Kurtis Wadsworth

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## Upcoming Events

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| <b>SDDS Board Meeting</b>             | Cafe Classico       | Sept 14    | 6:30 PM |
| <b>Third District Board Meeting</b>   | Zoom                | Sept 15    | 6:30 PM |
| <b>The Arc-NEPA Picnic</b>            | Waldorf Social Club | Sept 26    | 2:00 PM |
| <b>IN PERSON SDDS General Meeting</b> | TBD                 | TBD        | 6:30 PM |
| <b>Third District CE Meeting</b>      | Mt Airy Casino      | November 5 | 8:00 AM |

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