



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

December 2021

Welcome New Dentist, Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran

The SDDS is proud to welcome Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran to our close-knit Society! A native of Browndale, PA, Dr. Zefran has



recently returned to the area after graduating from the University of New England's College of Dental Medicine in Portland, Maine. She is excited to be home providing care in the area, joining her father and sister in practice in Honesdale. Dr. Zefran has presented research at the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) and debated for the College of Dental Medicine at regional meetings, along with sitting on the Academic Affairs Committee that oversaw the school's curriculum. Currently, she is a member of the American Dental Association, American Academy of Women Dentists, Chicago Dental Society, Pennsylvania Dental Association, Scranton District Dental Society, the International Academy of Facial Aesthetics and the College of Dental Medicine's Admissions Committee. In her free time, Dr. Zefran enjoys playing golf, skiing, sailing, the outdoors and spending time with her English Springer Spaniel, Lady.

Third District Annual CE a Success!

It was great to be back "in person" for the Third District's Annual CE & meeting held Friday, November 5, 2021 at the beautiful Mt. Airy Resort and Casino. The day was filled with excellent speakers, terrific food, and most importantly, great fellowship! Special thanks to our sponsors: Benco Dental, DSG Muth & Mumma Dental Lab, Nobel Biocare, Miller Consulting Enterprises, LLC, and Patterson.



Dr. Joe Kelly, Jr., Tim Dempsey, Dr. Thomas Langan, Jr., and Dr. William Dempsey.



Dr. Samantha Abod, Dr. Richard Grossman, and Ward Blackwell, PDA Executive Director.



Dr. Joseph Gronskey, Dr. Frank DiNoia, and Darcie Schaffer, VIM Manager of Dental Clinic



The Crew from Quinn, Mariotti, and Abod.

President's Letter



Hello everyone!

Fall is upon us, and the SDDS has some exciting news about the upcoming year. The Third District CE course at Mount Airy Casino was very successful and safe. As the COVID news rapidly changes, it

seems as though we can safely host in person meetings moving forward. We are locking in a date for our first in person meeting in January.

In addition to an in person general meeting, we are also planning to host a full day CE course focusing on digital dentistry. Our survey results showed that digital dentistry was far and away the topic most of you would like to cover. This CE event will be provided by the SDDS as a member benefit. There will be no tuition, and will be a dinner and happy hour following the presentation. Details are still being nailed down, but it looks like this event will take place in the Spring of 2022.

If the CE event is a success we plan to host an event like this tuition free once or twice a year. Our

membership in the SDDS is very high, and we want to provide some additional value for your loyalty to the dental society.

The PDA is working hard on governance issues which affect day to day practice. Please stay informed, and contact the state senators to allow your voices to be heard. If anyone has any questions on these issues, please contact myself or Dr. Darleen Oleski.

Enjoy your holidays, and stay safe out there. We all anticipate a more normal 2022, and the SDDS hopes to make it and enjoyable and valuable. Thank you for being members, and being part of our close-knit group.

Sincerely,

Thomas Langan Jr.

PDA Offers Complimentary CE Courses

Once of the many benefits of belonging to the PDA is the ability to earn complimentary continuing education courses from the comfort of your office or home. Check out these online courses by going to padental.org (click "events").



- Child Abuse (ACT 31)
- HIPPA
- Infection Control
- OSHA
- Pain Management (ACT 124)

Register for 2022 SDDS CE Courses

Register before December 14, 2021 to take advantage of early bird pricing on the SDDS 2022 Continuing Education Courses! Register online at <https://www.scrantondental.org/ce-courses/>

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| 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 | |

For in-depth course descriptions and speaker biographies, go to www.scrantondental.org

Registration Deadline: January 1, 2022

All Courses are located at: Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, 700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton (570) 342-8300

Registration: 8:00 a.m. Course starts promptly at 8:30 a.m.



Board Meeting Minutes

Taken and submitted by Cindy Cox

The Board meeting was held on 11/11/21 at Armetta's in Clarks Summit and began at 6 PM. In attendance were Doctors Mike Ratchford, Chuck Scrimalli, Jessica Falk, Kaitlyn Zefran, Bill Dempsey, Jack Erhard, Tom Langan, Joe Kelly, Al Matrone, Samantha Abod and Cindy Cox.

President Tom Langan discussed ideas like hosting a new dentist mixer, restructuring our general meetings, and adding a family bowling event (coordinated by Al Matrone). He also mentioned two potential sponsors for January's general meeting. He is looking into the University of Scranton as the venue. A December meeting was discussed. Tom is checking into Camelot on 12/7 at 6 PM.

In-Person CE Survey Results

Thank you to all who completed our online survey, telling us what types of continuing education courses you'd like to see hosted by your SDDS! The top three were:

1. Digital Dentistry
2. Implant Dentistry
3. Restorative Techniques/Crown and Bridge

We are working hard to select top-level, well-respected speakers and locations. Keep an eye on our private Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/178351179259711>) and your email for updates!!!

Cindy Cox brought up National Children's Dental Health Month. The board decided not to do it this year. Jack Erhard may have some billboard ideas and will forward to Cindy.

Jessica Falk, Treasurer, reported that the SDDS has 3 years of expenses saved.

Chuck Scrimalli, representing the PDA membership committee, reported on its meeting held 11/10/21. The PDA is trying to increase "e-dues" participation (this is a monthly withdrawal

for the membership fee). The PDA is discussing offering a \$50 annual discount or gifting "dental drug handbook" in exchange for participation. Chuck also mentioned that PDA offers a mentorship program and the ability to file a complaint about an insurance company (go to "resources" on PDA site to file a complaint).

Darleen Oleski was unable to attend but submitted a comprehensive update. If anyone would like a copy, please email Darleen.

2021 Officers

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Proposed 2022 Officers

Members to vote at general meeting in December.

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Upcoming Events

Third District Board Meeting	Westmoreland Club	Jan 12, 2022	6:30 PM
General Meeting	TBD	TBD	
CE Course <i>RPD's – Principles and Myths. They Are Very Effective Alternatives to Implant Therapy</i>	Radisson Hotel	Jan 26, 2022	8:00 AM
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