



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

February 2022

Meet Our New President



Please join us in welcoming Dr. Alphonse Matrone as the 2022 Scranton District Dental Society President! Dr. Matrone is a graduate of

Abington Heights High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University

of Scranton and his DMD degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts. Upon matriculation, he completed a residency at Idaho State University, specializing in all aspects of the profession, with a concentration in cosmetics and surgery, earning him an Advanced Education in General Dentistry certificate.

Dr. Matrone was drawn back to the east and furthered his

experience practicing in New England and finally returning here to his hometown in 2009. He is a member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and Pennsylvania Dental Association. He has established a family and cosmetic practice in Olyphant. Dr. Matrone has a passion for all things outdoors. He resides with his wife Thea, and children Alphonse and Alana in Waverly, PA.

Welcome Doctors Andrea Frantz & Michael Skrobola

The SDDS is proud to welcome Doctors Andrea Frantz and Dr. Michael Skrobola to our close-knit Society! Born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Dr. Andrea Frantz is thrilled to return home and serve as an orthodontist alongside her husband, Dr. Michael Skrobola.

Andrea attended college at the University of Pennsylvania. She then went on to receive her Doctorate of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD) and Masters in Public Health (MPH) degrees from the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. After graduating from dental school, she was accepted into the University of Rochester's Eastman Institute for Oral Health, where she completed her residency in Orthodontics and Dentofacial

Orthopedics. Professionally, Andrea is board-certified by the American Board of Orthodontics. She is a clinical faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches a course on Preventive and Interceptive Orthodontics.

Dr. Mike Skrobola grew up in nearby Middletown, New York, attended college at Lafayette University, and then received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS) from Buffalo University. Following dental school, Mike completed his residency in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health in Rochester, New York. Professionally, Mike is certified by the American Board



of Orthodontics. He is published for his research on growth and development of adolescents.

Mike and his wife Andrea recently opened their orthodontic practice, previously owned by Dr. Mitchell Cohen. They currently practice together in both Dickson City and Pittston.

Mike and Andrea live in Clarks Summit, and welcomed their first child, Michael, on November 23, 2021.



Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

The SDDS had planned to have an in person general meeting at the beginning of February. The meeting was going to be held at the Alter House in Clarks Summit. This was postponed due to the surge in COVID cases, but we will be rescheduling. We look forward to announcing a rescheduled date.

We plan on pushing forward with a CE event towards the end of Spring or beginning of Summer. Again, everything remains contingent upon COVID. This year will hopefully be better than the last couple, and

allow us to plan more events for our members.

Events for the whole family have been on hold, but we are optimistic this will be the year we can plan some of these events. Some ideas which have been discussed are a night at the bowling alley or attending a Rail Riders game. Family-friendly events are a way we can all get together and have some fun. The society has many roles, but building a strong community is one of, if not the most, important.

On another note, The Wright Center is looking for dentists to work either full time or part time. Please contact Nicole Miller at 570-591-5264 if interested. Also, Dr. William MacNamara is looking for a part time associate dentist for his dental practice in Clarks

Summit. The opportunity would be for Tuesdays. Please contact Dr. MacNamara at 570-510-3677 if interested.

Please take the time to vote for PDA President and other leadership positions.

I wanted to personally thank everyone for their hard work throughout the year. With and without the pandemic, the SDDS deals with its challenges. Without such a strong group, we would not be where we are today. I look forward to seeing you all soon, and thank you for your support this year! I am excited to see where this year takes us, and wish Dr. Al Matrone, our President, a wonderful year.

Sincerely,
Thomas Langan Jr.

Welcome Dr. Caitlin Libby

We are proud to welcome Dr. Caitlin Libby to our society! Caitlin grew up in the mountain state of West Virginia. She graduated from West Virginia University School of Dentistry, where she was awarded The American Prosthodontic Society's Student Award of Merit, The Dentsply Sirona Prosthetics Award for excellence in removable prosthodontics, and the Hanau Best of the Best: Excellence in Prosthodontics award. She then furthered her education by completing her prosthodontic residency as chief resident at West Virginia University School of Dentistry, where she earned her Master of Science in Prosthodontics. Dr. Libby is a member of the American Dental Association, Pennsylvania Dental Association, Academy of

Osseointegration, and the American College of Prosthodontics.

After residency, she and her husband Derek relocated to Pennsylvania. They are proud owners of their beloved German Shorthaired Pointer named Briar and enjoy long walks outdoors with him, traveling, attending WVU sporting events, camping, spending time with friends and family, and exploring national parks. She is happy to have joined Dr. Joseph Kelly Jr. in Clarks Summit and is excited to start the next chapter of her career in her new home state of Pennsylvania.



Dentists Needed

The SDDS has been notified of two opportunities for a part-time dentist. If you are interested, please reach out directly to the contact person(s) listed below.

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Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dr. Joellen Drosinski

The board meeting was held at Armetta's in Clarks Summit on Thursday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Doctors Michael Umerich, Darleen Oleski, Joe Kelly, Caitlin Libby, Al Matrone, Tom Langan, Bill Dempsey, Kurt Wadsworth, Samantha Abod, Jack Erhardt, Rich Grossman, Eli Stavitsky, Michael Strobola, and Joellen Drosinski.

The following new doctors were officially welcomed: Dr. Michael Umerich, Dr. Caitlin Libby, Dr. Michael Skrobola.

Treasury Report - Dr Falk (reported by Tom Langan) Treasury is stable. Expenses down due to no in-person general meetings.

The following list of 2022 officers was voted on and approved:

President - Dr. Alphonse Matrone
President Elect - Dr. William Dempsey

Vice President - Dr. Jessica Falk
Treasurer - Dr. Thomas Langan
Secretary - Dr. Joellen Drosinski
Board - Dr. Andrew Brown, Dr. Charles Dennis, Dr. Brendan Langan, Dr. Caitlin Libby, Dr. Darleen Oleski, Dr. Michael Ratchford, Dr. Charles Scrimalli, Dr. Kurtis Wadsworth, Dr. Michael Umerich, Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran

Dr. Richard Grossman

- Seeking the office of President Elect
- The vote will be electronic and is usually open for about 2 weeks. Voting will be held sometime shortly after Feb 14th
- PDA GO will send out a reminder
- Dr Samantha Abod was nominated to be the next trustee. Congratulations!

Dr. Casey is the chairman of the state board (not a PDA member) and has been making progress on developing an EFDA program at Luzerne

Dr. Oleski reported on the ADA Lobby Convention, saying dental collections are down 17% currently and female dentists are down 29%.

Dr. Kelly reported on the University of Pittsburgh CE program. He stated that CE is way off state-wide. Thoughts are that the free, online CE has gained popularity and there is no requirement for in person CE at this time. A new CE for our society was discussed:

- Idea for a weekend destination to gain multiple credit requirements
- Narcotics, radiology, child abuse
- Wednesday CE courses offered are no longer working
- Proposed timing is the Spring 2022

Dr. Erhardt proposed a billboard, commercial, and radio ad with the following ideas:

- A pledge of ethics: respect, knowledge, individualized care, fair regardless of social-economic, race, religion, truthfulness
- A healthy smile is worth looking for.....Look for this logo in your local dental office

2022 Officers

Third District Dental Society

President

Dr. Darleen Oleski

Treasurer

Dr. Joseph Kelly

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Dr. Irina Melnick

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Register for 2022 SDDS CE Courses

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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

Upcoming Events

General Meeting	TBA	Spring	TBA
Past President's Dinner	TBA	Spring/Summer	TBA
CE Course <i>Caring for the Old Isn't New</i>	Radisson Hotel	Feb 9, 2022	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Be Prepared: Path Happens</i>	Radisson Hotel	March 9, 2022	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Modern Endodontics: Biologic and Conservative</i>	Radisson Hotel	April 6, 2022	8:00 AM
PDA Annual Meeting	Harrisburg	April 29-30, 2022	8:00 AM
PSOMS Annual Meeting	Hershey	May 15, 2022	8:00 AM
Annual Golf Tourney	Scranton Country Club	June 2022	8:00 AM
Third District Annual Meeting	TBA	Nov 11, 2022	8:00 AM

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Attend the PSOMS Meeting

Join your colleagues at the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' annual 2022 Scientific Program to be held at the Hershey Lodge Sunday, May 15th. PDA members are invited to attend Sunday's course and will receive 8 credits. The course is entitled "The Prescription Opioid Crisis: Impact on Dental pain Management & OMS Pharmacotherapy: New Challenges and New Solutions" and will be presented by Karen Baker, MS.

Cost for the course is \$299 and special hotel rates are available at \$319, but going quickly. For more information and to register, click: <https://www.psomsweb.org/product/2022-annual-scientific-program/>

