



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Summer 2022

President's Dinner Scheduled

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6 pm for a special celebration honoring past presidents Samantha Abod, Thomas Langan Jr., and Mary Grace Rizzo Fryzel. Join us at AV Restaurant, 320 Penn Avenue, Scranton, for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dinner, and dessert. Watch your inbox and mail for an official invitation!



Welcome Dr. Alesia Walsh

The SDDS is proud to welcome Dr. Alesia Walsh to our close-knit Society! Born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Dr. Walsh currently lives in Moosic, PA and practices with Dr. Kady Schlosser at Sprout Dental.

Alesia attended college at the University of Scranton, with a double major in Neuroscience and Biology, Honors Program. She then went on to receive her Doctorate of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD) from the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. She completed her residency at Temple University Hospital, Northeast Division, with extensive training on oral conscious sedation. Alesia

conducted research on the efficacy of sealant retention with different isolation systems, and presented at String of Pearls session at AAPD conference in Chicago 2019. She is board certified in pediatric dentistry.

Alesia helped organize and establish a fully functioning dental clinic at an orphanage in Lima, Peru in the summer of 2014 and 2015; and attended a dental mission trip at an orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico in Winter 2015. She has also participated in several MOM-in-PA sessions while in dental school and residency, including Wilkes-Barre, PA.

In her spare time, Alesia likes to run. She has completed 5



half marathons and is currently training for the Chicago Marathon in October. She also enjoys cooking, reading, going to the beach, and spending time with family and friends.



President's Letter

Hello fellow Scranton District colleagues! What a wonderful summer we are experiencing. It has been great to recently see so many familiar faces and hear of stories of overdue adventures and travels. I commend everyone for your dedication to our profession and patients, as we have all learned to adapt to some new standards.

With that said, we started this year with an exceptionally well-attended general meeting at the Alter House in Clarks Summit. This was a long awaited, in-person affair. As summer began, we were blessed with a beautiful day for our annual golf outing and fundraiser. Due to excellent attendance, along with generous sponsors, the SDDS presented the ARC of NEPA with a \$2000 donation.

Not to rush into the fall, but I encourage members to mark their calendars for honoring our Past Presidents with a celebration being held at AV Restaurant in Scranton on Friday, October 28, 2022. A great way to start the holiday season!

We offer a congratulations to Dr. Rich Grossman, elected our new PDA President, and Third District President Dr. Darleen Oleski, elected as an ADA Delegate. We are fortunate to have two outstanding individuals to advocate on our behalf. Thank you for all your unconditional support!

On a heavier note, on behalf of all SDDS members, sincere condolences to the families and friends of the passing of our colleagues, Dr Jan C. Stampien and Dr Thomas J. Simrell

Jr. Their decades of dedication to dentistry and the patients will surely be missed.

Let's all be thankful for the opportunity to share in this wonderful profession and not take for granted the relationships we have made and those yet to be discovered. Special thanks to all members supporting our Society. Enjoy the remaining summer and see all of you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Alphonse Matrone, DMD
SDDS President



Arc-NEPA \$2,000 Donation

To demonstrate their continued thanks to The Arc-NEPA (The Arc), the Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) donated proceeds from our annual golf tournament to this worthwhile organization. Doctors Tomas Langan Jr., Jessica Falk, Alphonse Matrone, Darleen Oleski, Charles Scrimalli, Joseph Kelly, Jr., and William Dempsey presented them with a check for \$2,000 during the close of the tournament at the Scranton Country Club on June 15, 2022.

“Our on-going relationship with The Arc is very important to The

Scranton District Dental Society. For decades, we have partnered with them during National Children's Dental Health Month in February, as they assist us by filling thousands of bags filled with dental supplies for the children of our community,” states Dr. Matrone Golf Committee Chair.



Alter House Event

It was so nice to get together for an in-person, complimentary special event featuring CE credits, wonderful dinner, cocktail hour, and excellent company! We enjoyed a fabulous evening at the Alter House, 926 Lackawanna Trail, Clarks Summit, on Tuesday, May 3rd.

“The Keys to Locking Out Lawsuits for Healthcare Professionals,” was presented by Legally Mine and taught us how to structure our practices for lawsuit protection and prevention, how to protect our professional assets from lawsuits, reduce your malpractice insurance costs, and how to minimize vicarious liability for the acts of other professionals and staff members.



Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Thursday, March 24, 2022. Taken and submitted by Dr. Joellen Drosinski.

Attendees: Cindy Cox, Joe Kelly, Al Matrone, Michael Strobola, Katie Zafron, Kurt Wadsworth, Bill Dempsey, Tom Langan, Jessica Falk, and Joellen Drosinski

The following topics were discussed:

Scranton Area Foundation

- Todd Angelo Scholarship: \$3610
- Ben Shair Award: \$4860
- Award recipient: Brandon Loftus
- SDDS will contribute: \$1530; all attending the meeting are in favor
- Dr Engle of the University of Scranton retired; Dr Gabriella Jakobowska is the new pre-med/health advisor

Golf Tournament (June 15th)

- Tee times are limited, everyone is limited and everyone is welcome for dinner
- Sponsorships: Platinum, Gold and Silver, bronze: for sponsorship \$750, \$500, \$250, \$100
- Volunteer: Dr Zefron and Dempsey
- Putting competition?

ARC donations:

- \$2,500 (2019)
- \$300.00 (2020)
- \$2,000(2021)
- \$2,000 (2022). All attending the meeting are in favor

Treasury

- A discussion surrounding Investing occurred

President's dinner

- Dr Fryzel, Abod, Langan are honorees

- Constantino's or Glen Oak? AV? Live music: Joellen Drosinski will ask Neil Nacastro to perform
- Silent auction
- Tentative dates: Sept 16, 23, 30??

3rd District Meeting

- May 11th - board meeting (7:00 pm)
- Nov 11th: Westmorland Club - CE: all day event

Proposals to increase new member attendance:

- Invite new graduates and GPR residents to our events for free
- GPR residents from VA Wilkes-Barre
- Upcoming events
- April's general meeting: proposed date of April 26th or May 3rd
- Legally mine (free) - Bill Dempsey
- Alter House \$1,500 spending minimum: Tom Langan
- 6:00-6:30: cocktails, announcements, Awards

3rd District will sponsor a celebration to recognize Rich Grossman and Darleen

Ukraine

- St Vladimir's
- Medical supplies, clothing, money
- Collection point will be announced
- Create an Amazon wish list for donations
- \$1,000 donation from SDDS; all attendees in favor

Thank you to billboard donation

- SDDS purchased a \$100 thank you basket from Nibbles & Bits
- Next Board meeting – to be announced

Third District Annual Meeting & CE Courses

The Westmoreland will be our host for the annual meeting and continuing education course on Friday, November 11, 2022, 8 am – 4 pm. Earn 6 CDE hours, enjoy continental breakfast, lunch, and complimentary cocktail party. Valet parking is free (paid by the Third District Dental Society), so be sure to watch for registration information coming soon!

COURSES

Digital vs. Analog - Getting the Edge on Removable Technology

AGD Code: #670 Removeable Prosthodontics Type: Lecture CDE Hours: 1.5

Implant Dentures – The Protocol, Procedure and Getting Patient Acceptance

AGD Code: #690 Implants – Supported Restorations Type: Lecture CDE Hours: 1.5

The Irreplaceable Loss; A Young Dentist dies of Oral Cancer and Setting New Gold Standard for Oral Cancer screenings

AGD Code: #730 Oral Medicine, Oral Diagnosis Oral Pathology Type: Lecture CDE Hours: 1.0

Defining Strategies in Dentistry for Accelerating Growth

AGD Code: #550 practice Management and Human Relations Type: Lecture CDE Hours: 2.0

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting	Armetta's	Sept 13, 2022	6:30 PM
General Meeting	TBA	TBA	TBA
Past President's Dinner	AV Restaurant	Oct 28, 2022	6:00 PM
Third District Annual Meeting	Westmoreland Cllub	Nov 11, 2022	8:00 AM
