

SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Fall 2024

General Meeting Featuring Dr. Carolyn Serio

Don't miss our informative general meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:30

PM at Camelot Restaurant & Inn, 17 Johnson Road, Clarks Summit, PA. Enjoy complimentary cocktails, delicious dinner and short presentation by Dr. Carolyn Serio of

Orthodontics Unlimited. Dr. Serio will be speaking on topics in orthodontics: labial frenum management & class III early treatment with facemask.

Carolyn G. Serio, DMD, MS, grew up in Northeast Pennsylvania and attended the University of Scranton, where she studied Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology and began pursuit of her dream of becoming an orthodontist. During her time there she was awarded the Bernard Shair award for greatest promise in the field of dentistry as exemplified by the late Dr. Shair. She went on to earn her DMD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 2021, where she also earned a Certificate in Public Health. This brought her to Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry, where she earned a Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics along with a Masters in Oral Health Sciences in 2023.



During dental school, she participated in a dental research study titled Prevalence of White Spot Lesions and Risk Factors Associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic, which was published in the Journal of the World Federation

of Orthodontists in August of 2022. During residency, she completed a Master's thesis research study on White Spot Lesions and Malocclusion Severity, which she presented at the annual AADOCR conference in Portland, Oregon.

She completed her requirements for Board Certification by the American Board of Orthodontics and was certified in May of 2024.

Currently Dr. Serio is an active member of the Luzerne County and Scranton District Dental Societies, of which she serves as the Secretary. She is also a member of the Medical Alumni Council of the University of Scranton and presented on Access to Orthodontic Care and Importance of Referrals for the 2023 Medical Alumni Symposium. She has returned to her hometown to serve her local community and provide the highest level of care possible! In her spare time she enjoys painting, soccer, dancing, and spending time with her family and her cat Nelly.

Third District Annual CE Course

If you haven't already registered for the Third District's Annual CE course to be held at The Woodlands Inn & Resort, 1073 PA-315, Wilkes-Barre, PA on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 8 AM, now is the time!

You will earn 6 CE credits and learn from two of the brightest minds in dentistry. The courses are:

• **Orofacial Myology:** A Crash Course for Dental Professionals presented by Angie Lehman, RDH, COM

• **Diagnosis and Management of Common Oral Lesions:** A Case-

based Review presented by Scott M. Peters, DDS

To register, simply go to www.thirddistrictdentalociety.org/annual-meeting/.



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Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Awards Dinner

The Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) is pleased to announce that it has selected Emma Zipprich as the 2024 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 Dr. Angelo'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.

Zipprich will graduate from the University of Scranton in May 2024 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. A resident of Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania, Zipprich is a member of the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society and serves as the Pre-Dental Chair of the University's Health Professions Organization (HPO). She is also a member of the University's Biology Club, Commuter Student Association, Physiology Club, and "Ready, Set, Brush!" (a community outreach program to young students about the importance of oral care).

Zipprich has also served as a Susquehanna County 4-H Leader and Second Vice President of the Harford Agricultural Society Youth Board. She is the daughter of Paul and Bonnie Zipprich and will be attending University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine.

2024 CE Courses

Register before December 16, 2024 to save! Go to <https://www.scrantondental.org/ce-courses/>

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Dental Re-Licensure Requirement Essentials: Child Abuse Reporter Training 2 hrs. & OSHA/Infection Control/HazCom/HIPAA 1 hr., Radiology 2 hrs (satisfies requirements for re-licensure*)
Presenter: Autumn Bupp

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

The Latest Material for Higher Quality and Faster Dentistry
Presenter: Mark McOmie, DMD

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Pain Management and Sedation in the Dental Offices (satisfies Act 124 training on opioids for re-licensure* 2 hrs)
Presenter: John Brewer, EMT

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Implant Complications from a Restorative Dentist's Perspective
Presenter: Carl Driscoll, DMD

For in-depth course descriptions, speaker biographies, and overview of state mandatory CE requirements, go to www.scrantondental.org



Winner Emma Zipprich poses with her fellow University of Scranton students



SDDS President Dr. Jessica Falk presents a plaque to winner Emma Zipprich

NCDHM

It was another successful year for National Children's Dental Health Month under the direction of Chair (and Third District President) Dr. Thomas Langan, Jr. Member dentists visited area schools and day care centers, educating the kids about the importance of good dental hygiene in fun, entertaining ways. Every child received a complimentary dental bag filled with coupons, toothbrushes, coloring pages, and more. In all, over 5000 bags were distributed!

In addition, three Mueller Family McDonalds restaurants partnered with the Dental Society by hosting special events featuring the Tooth Fairy and Poppy Troll. Visitors enjoyed FREE photos with the characters, arts & crafts, and a dental hygiene bag including a coupon for free fries!

The SDDS also continued its tradition of partnering with the Lackawanna County Children's Library to educate it's youngest

members and their caregivers on the importance of dental health. Our Tooth Fairy read stories about good dental hygiene, took photos with the children, assisted with their "tooth art" project, and played with them. She gave each child a free dental hygiene bag.

Throughout the month we saw a few hundred children among all the events. Linda Gjonaj, a pre-dental student in the Masters program at the University of Scranton, served as our Tooth Fairy.

"This is our Society's favorite event! Each year, it allows us to get into the community to meet and educate our children. Our goal is to make dental health fun and easy and to show kids that going to the dentist can be a really great experience. Our ongoing partnership with Muller Family McDonalds and the Children's Library has allowed us to bring these events to the children for decades!" states Dr. Thomas Langan Jr, NCDHM Chair.

Thank You to Our 2024 President Dr. Jessica Falk

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Jessica Falk, an orthodontist in Dickson City, who served as this year's Scranton District Dental Society president. She has been involved in the dental society for over 15 years; being the treasurer for 12 years. A former resident of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Jessica is a graduate of the University of Scranton, with a Bachelor of Science degree. While there, she was honored to receive the dental society's Bernard Shair Memorial Award.

Jessica graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry and completed her orthodontic residency at St. Louis University, Center for Advanced Dental Education, graduating with a Masters of Science in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. Although she loved the Midwest, she was drawn back to the Scranton area by her now husband, Dr. Corey Chmil.

Jessica joined Dr. John Gershey in practice and worked with him for 12 years before his retirement in 2020. Dr. Falk has since moved the practice to a larger, new office just down the street from the previous office.

Jessica and her husband, Corey have 2 children, a son named Cole and a daughter named Connolly Rose. They reside in Newton Township. The kids are very active in school and sports and that keeps her on the go! She is just like so many of us that look forward to spending time with her husband and children, and their dog, Storm, whenever possible!



President's Letter

Dear Friends,

2024 was a terrific year we had and as usual, it flew by! Our membership enjoyed fun events, delicious food and service from Armetta's for our board meetings and AV for our general meetings, and great fellowship. CE courses were fantastic, and I was especially impressed with the presentations from Kristen Frantz,

Brendan Matthews, Joe Legg II, Andrea Frantz, Michael Skrobola, and Caitlin Libby. Looking forward to hearing Carolyn Serio on November 13th! It's encouraging to see the new young general dentists and specialists getting involved in organized dentistry.

Looking forward to next year as Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran takes on the role of



President! If anyone would like to serve on the board or assume an officer position, please contact me. I will continue to serve as a board member in 2025 and stay involved. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season with family and thanks for all you do for organized dentistry!

Dr. Jessica Falk
SDDS President

Upcoming Events

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CE Course:

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Woodlands
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Nov 1, 2024

Nov 13, 2024

Jan 22, 2025

March 12, 2025

April 9, 2025

7:30 AM

6:30 PM

8:00 AM

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