



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Spring 2026

## NCDHM A Smashing Success!

February's National Children's Dental Health Month celebrations were an absolute hit across Lackawanna County! With Chair Dr. Thomas Langan, Jr. leading the way, SDDS delivered a fun, high-energy series of community events that helped kids—and their caregivers—learn the importance of good dental hygiene in engaging, memorable ways.

Our partners at Mueller Family McDonald's restaurants welcomed our Tooth Fairy (along with Poppy

Troll) to locations in South Scranton, North Scranton, Carbondale, and Keyser Oak. Families enjoyed FREE photos, arts & crafts, and a dental hygiene giveaway bag—plus a coupon for free fries!

We also continued our cherished tradition of partnering with a local library to reach the youngest members of our community. At the Carbondale Library, the Tooth Fairy read stories about healthy smiles, took photos

with children, and helped them create a fun “tooth art” project. Every child received a free dental hygiene bag to take home.

“National Children's Dental Health Month is one of our favorite traditions,” said Dr. Thomas Langan, Jr. “For decades, SDDS has helped lead the charge in educating children and their caregivers about the importance of dental health—and we truly love doing it. Seeing families learn together and leave smiling makes every bit of effort worth it.”

### Fun Facts

- 3,500 dental health bags (toothbrush, toothpaste, and a McDonald's coupon for FREE fries) were distributed to area children
- 5 Tooth Fairy community events were held throughout Lackawanna County
- Hundreds of school-aged children and caregivers were introduced to proper dental care and hygiene



## President's Letter

Hello everyone—happy spring! I hope you're all enjoying the warmer weather, longer days, and the much-needed sunshine that this season brings.

I'd like to remind everyone that our annual Dr. Bernard Shair/Dr. Todd Angelo Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at AV Restaurant. This special evening will celebrate two recipients of the Dr. Bernard Shair and Dr. Todd Angelo Memorial Scholarship awards, and we look forward to recognizing their achievements together. I encourage all of you to attend, help us honor the recipients, and support their bright futures in dentistry!

I also want to share an update regarding the President's Dinner

honoring past president Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran. This event was canceled and will be postponed until next year. In 2027, we look forward to hosting a combined celebration honoring both Dr. Zefran and myself. It will truly be 'double the fun,' with a lively evening planned featuring a live band, a delicious dinner, and an even greater opportunity to celebrate together! The date and venue for this event are still to be determined, and we will share those details as they become available.

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual SDDS Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the Country Club of Scranton. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just along for the ride, it's sure to be a "tee-rific" day!!



Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in the Scranton District Dental Society. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!!

Caitlin Libby  
SDDS President

## Save the Date: Annual Golf Tournament – June 17, 2026

Mark your calendars—our annual Golf Tournament is returning on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at the beautiful Country Club of Scranton! This is always one of SDDS's most anticipated events of the year—great golf, great company, and a great cause.

This year's proceeds will again benefit The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania (The Arc of NEPA), supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families right here in our community.

Watch your mail and email in the coming weeks for the official registration and sponsorship flyer, including tournament details, sponsorship levels, and ways to get involved. Whether you golf, sponsor,

donate, or simply come to support, your participation makes a meaningful impact.

We can't wait to see you on the course!

### 2026 Officers

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# Wonderful Kick-Off Meeting!

SDDS kicked off the new year at our February 2nd General Meeting at AV Restaurant with an engaging, practical presentation focused on the one “instrument” we use all day—our bodies. Guest speakers, father and son team Doctors Paul J. Mackarey and Paul John Mackarey shared evidence-based strategies to help dentists reduce strain and stay comfortable in practice. They reviewed simple, career-saving adjustments to posture, positioning, operatory setup, and daily movement habits that can make a noticeable difference over time—especially for common trouble spots like the neck, shoulders, and low back. Members enjoyed cocktails, dinner, dessert, and a great discussion to start the year strong.



Guest speaker Dr. Paul John Mackarey, PT, DPT, shared practical, evidence-based ergonomics and movement strategies to help dentists work smarter and reduce strain.



Dr. Frank DeNoia led the group in grace before dinner—congratulations on your retirement, Dr. DeNoia, and thank you for your many years of service to the Scranton District Dental Society.



SDDS members gathered at AV Restaurant for cocktails, dinner, and an informative presentation to start the year.

## Dr. Bernard Shair/Dr. Todd Angelo Awards Dinner Slated

Don't miss our annual Dr. Bernard Shair/Dr. Todd Angelo Awards Dinner to be held April 23, 2026 at AV Restaurant. This is a highly attended event and is not to be missed.

Reservations are REQUIRED by emailing [revenue@comcast.net](mailto:revenue@comcast.net) no later than 4/17/26.

\*\*\*Please note that AV cannot accommodate anyone who does not make a reservation.

Meeting Details:

Date: 4/23/26

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: AV Restaurant, Scranton (320 Penn Ave, Scranton, PA 18503)

## Let's Make a Difference.

### 2026 MOM-n-PA Dental Mission

Agri-Plex at the Allentown Fairgrounds | Friday May 29 & Saturday May 30



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## 2026 Schedule of Events

<b>PDA Dental Meeting</b>		April 17-18, 2026	8:00 AM
<b>Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Awards Dinner</b>	AV	April 23, 2026	6:30 PM
<b>MOM-n-PA</b>	Agri-Plex Allentown Fairgrounds	May 29-30, 2026	8:00 AM
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	SCC	June 17, 2026	8:00 AM