Delegates representing dentists from all over the country converged on Honolulu, Hawaii this year for the ADA Annual Meeting. The beautiful locale did not deter the attendees from debating and deciding on scores of resolutions dealing with issues facing our profession and our organization.

The hotly contested issue of a dental benefit in Medicare was debated. There were those who see this as an issue we will be forced to confront in the coming years and want to prepare for it. There were those who cannot see any good coming from this type of government program and want nothing to do with it. A compromise resolution was reached, directing the ADA president to appoint an ad hoc committee to address the broader issue of elder care, including Medicare. A list of parameters that a dental benefit in Medicare should minimally include was listed, in the event Medicare legislation does come forward.

The issue of dues increases is always important to our members.

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The ADA board had proposed a dues increase of $22. They also proposed a special assessment of $58 to fund the last pilot year of the Find-a-Dentist program. If passed, this would have meant an $80 increase next year. The delegates felt this increase was too big a burden on the membership. The house approved the $22 increase but directed the board to take the funding for the Find-a-Dentist program from reserves.

Numerous ADA policies were revised. Issues regarding increasing preventive coverage in dental benefits, taking a stand against direct-to-consumer dental laboratories, standardizing the goal of non-live patient licensing examinations and opioid prescribing standards were all discussed.

The delegates also made a groundbreaking decision in selecting Dr. Chad Gehani as their choice for the new ADA president-elect. Dr. Gehani has been a prominent figure in the local dental community. He is a former president of the Queens County Dental Society. He served as president of the New York State Dental Society and is our outgoing trustee to the ADA Board of Trustees. He is the first immigrant to be elected to lead our national organization. Dr. Paul Leary from Suffolk County was sworn in as the New York trustee to the ADA Board.

The Second District was represented by caucus members Drs. Paul Albicocco, Philip Buccirossi, Jr., Steven Gounardes, Lauro Medrano-Saldaña, Mitchell Mindlin and Tricia Quarty-Sagaille.

Dr. Howard Lieb, a past president of both the Second District Dental Society and Richmond County Dental Society, completed his term as general chairman of the ADA Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings.

Dr. Mitchell Mindlin is a past president of Second District Dental Society and an ADA delegate.
Getting Involved, Giving Back and Paying Forward

by HOWARD I.A. LIEB, D.M.D.

Having the good fortune of being a member of the dental profession affords us many positive experiences throughout our careers, some tangible and others less tangible, but nevertheless equally as important.

We begin with the very tangible and quite real experience of starting or entering a dental practice in the hope of being able to provide an excellent service to the community through educating and motivating the public while providing excellent dental care. Being a member of one of the most highly respected of the healthcare professions is an honor and privilege and we always try to better our best whether it be through ongoing education, continuously upgrading our equipment, materials and techniques or through the less tangible method of volunteering.

While I have volunteered in my community on a number of levels, most of my volunteer efforts have been through organized dentistry. I have served in many capacities at the local level through my component society, the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) and its branch society, Richmond County Dental Society. I also served as a volunteer at the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM), eventually serving as general chairman for two years and subsequently serving on its Advisory Committee through the present day.

As time passed, I had the opportunity to serve our constituent society, the New York State Dental Association, and finally, our national organization, the American Dental Association, the latter as a member of the board of directors of the ADA Foundation and most recently as general chair of the 2018 ADA Annual Session in Hawaii.

All the above experiences have added to who I am in far more ways than I can describe or even understand. The people we meet, the goals we help achieve and those we mentor or guide in their own quests add to us, enrich us and help us grow. By being given the opportunity to be a member of this noble profession, I believe we are obligated to give back to society, whether it be through our practices, volunteering for Missions of Mercy or similar events or going on missions abroad, as well paying it forward to future colleagues by providing continuing education, teaching in dental schools or residency programs, mentoring or simply representing the very best of our profession.

I return from Hawaii exhausted from the many hours of flying as well as the diverse and multitudinous duties I had to perform as general chair. Nevertheless, I am energized as I review the last few weeks. The American Dental Association, through its annual session, provided many varied educational programs for its attendees, contributed to the dental health of the local Honolulu community through a Give Kids A Smile Event and made a substantial environmental contribution via the Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative, greatly reducing the carbon footprint of our meeting lasting far into the future.

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**SDDS 2018 Loan Forgiveness Recipients…In Their Own Words**

Earlier this year, 10 Second District Dental Society members were awarded grants totaling $100,000 as part of the SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program. These recipients were selected from a pool of applicants who completed the submission process by the April 30 deadline. Applications were reviewed by the SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program Committee through its program consultants, International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS).

We asked all 10 recipients to share their thoughts about being selected and about organized dentistry. Here’s what they had to say.

**Christen Carute:**

“I was so shocked and excited that I had won the award. I never win anything! It was so amazing to think that some of my loans would be forgiven just because I was a member of the SDDS and I filled out an application!

“The impact to my life is huge! I really have been trying to put almost all of my income towards paying these loans back as quickly as possible. The award made a large dent in the remaining balance and I can see a light at the end of the tunnel. Maybe owning a home and having a family isn’t so far away after all.

“Being a part of such a supportive community as organized dentistry has been great! Some of my jobs have been a result of interacting with other members. It is always nice to be able to ask questions or for advice and having someone genuinely care about you and the wellbeing of your patients.

“I have been enjoying working with and learning from other dentists that have been in the dental field for so many years. I am hoping to continue working on Staten Island and giving people in the community the care that they feel comfortable with.

“I look forward to continuing to be an active member in SDDS and hopefully being a role model and mentor to new dentists, like the dentists that I have been lucky enough to meet through the dental Society.”

**David Dayan:**

“When I first learned that I won the award, I was ecstatic! I immediately told my wife and she was extremely happy as well. It is a very special feeling to be recognized and supported by colleagues and mentors in my community. The overall feeling of acceptance is astonishing.

“I received the news of the award shortly after my second child was born. My family believes children are blessings and the manner and timing in which I received the award is testimony to that. The SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program has eased the hardship of allowing me to continue to grow my family.

“Organized dentistry is the manifestation that the whole is greater than the combined sum of its parts. By working together to advance the profession we, in turn, are able to provide better care to our patients. Those of us who hold positions in organized dentistry truly portray a selfless love of the profession. With all the changes going about in dentistry, I think it is important for newer generations of dentists to interact and be involved with organized dentistry in order to appreciate how the profession was preserved for us.

“I plan to continue to grow my family-oriented practice in Brooklyn. My team and I have seen a positive change in our patients’ smiles and lives and we are excited to continue to get to know more of the families in our community. We pride ourselves in our warm treatment environment and first-rate delivery of care. We look forward to seeing our patients when they come in and they look forward to seeing us as well. Nothing could be more gratifying.

“All SDDS members that I have met to date have been extremely kind, informative, supportive and giving of their time. I plan to continue to be involved with SDDS as my career progresses and I look forward to advancing the society and the profession in any way that I can.”

**Elliot Haber (second-time winner):**

“Since receiving my last award, I have attended three days of the Greater New York Dental Meeting and taken advantage of the wide array of CE courses offered by the SDDS, many of which were complimentary for our members. I believe we are lucky that the services available to us are far more numerous than at most other dental district societies.

“I still practice full-time at a Federally Qualified Health Center in Brooklyn and part-time in private practice. I enjoy alternating between both environments and putting my skills to use. I still plan to open my own office soon so that I can use my own unique methods for quality patient care.

“The advice I would like to give to recent graduates about organized dentistry and the Loan Forgiveness Program is ‘Contact your district dental societies and join’. Membership dues are at a major discount when you first graduate and there are so many services available to you to help you advance and grow.”

**Angelica Iancu:**

“I can really say that [winning the SDDS Loan Forgiveness award] was a pleasant surprise. I never won anything before this time.

“[The award] is a drop in a bucket, nevertheless, it helped with such a huge investment (loan) that we dentists end up carrying, especially a new graduate. Receiving this award helps to decrease the burden of the loan and is sincerely appreciated.

“Organized dentistry is an important aspect of our profession. It allows colleagues to come together, learn from one another, and provide protection for our field as a whole.

“[My future plans in dentistry are] to continue to provide dental care for my patients and to hopefully have the opportunity to become more involved in organized dentistry. If time allows, I would also enjoy being able to teach dental students on a part-time basis.

“I would like to attend more [SDDS] meetings and learn how the organization functions, and how I can fit into the organization and provide a helping hand.”

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'I am Lucky to Have Spent Time with Two of the Best'
by PHYLLIS G. MERLINO, D.D.S.

In June of 1994, I started my new life as an actual dentist. I was no more a student dentist, or so I thought. When I stepped into the dental clinic at Staten Island University Hospital as a GPR resident, I was confident but scared and naïve at the same time. And then, the learning really began. I started to meet the attendings, a new word for me. They were the teachers who would shape me and my dentist-self beyond anything I could have imagined. Last October was a difficult one for me. I lost two dentists who not only taught me how to be a good clinician but whom I truly loved and respected as dentists, colleagues and friends. I may have lost the ability to be with them physically but their words of wisdom and what they mean to me will be in my heart forever.

Dr. Steven Ratner

Dr. Steven Ratner was a very special man. He joined Staten Island University Hospital’s dental department in 1970 at the start of its residency program. He was a consistent and friendly face in our clinic until his retirement in 2015. He served on the hospital’s medical board as a representative of our department and was both the assistant director of the department and the director of special patient care. Steve was a compassionate dentist loved by his patients and all those he touched. He was my Aunt Rosanne’s dentist and she was thrilled when I told her he was going to be one of my teachers at the hospital. She told me to pay attention to him because he was going to teach me a lot, and she was right.

Steve’s son Craig and I went to high school together and Steve knew that I was a Staten Islander. From the very beginning he was supportive and inviting. He wanted to get me involved with Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS) and Second District Dental Society (SDDS). He knew then, as I do now, that life as a practitioner with the support of your colleagues is a must. We shared many a meeting together over the years. He certainly knew how to be an active member — what to bring up when, how to form a committee, who should be the chair, what was old business, what was new business and how to take a vote on the discussion at hand. His expansive knowledge and professional made me a more confident member of the Society. His guidance when I was RCDS president was welcomed, for sure.

Clinically, the time I remember learning from Steve the most was as a GP resident during a removable prosthetics session. Border molding was an enigma to me — I just couldn’t get it right. And then, he walked in, picked up that green stick, warmed it to the perfect drippy consistency and layered it onto the impression tray. He border molded with a smile on his face and told me I could do it too. And guess what??? I did. His kind and happy demeanor was all I needed. As far as I am concerned, he was the KING of border molding. Everyone has a story and a special time that they shared with Steve and I hope yours is as special as mine. He was a shining star. Thank you, Dr. Ratner, for the years of friendship and knowledge and the tremendous impression you left on me. May you rest in eternal peace.

Dr. Steven S. Schwartz

Dr. Steven S. Schwartz, signed as “SSS” on his e-mails, was a man like no other and a fantastic family man with a personality of gold. On the day I met him, I had no idea what an important role he would play in my life. In fact, when I first met him, I thought he was nuts to want to do dentistry on children every day, and boy, did I learn a lot from him in that department. It didn’t take long for Steve to become my teacher, my confidant, my question-answerer, my go-to guy and most of all, my friend. Our relationship was 24 years long and I loved every minute of it. He was always in my thoughts as his words of wisdom would resound in my head often, especially when I was treating an uncooperative patient. He had a way of staying calm but strong through the storm and I admired that. He once told me that by the time some patients have gotten to you, as the pediatric specialist, they have been to one or more other practitioners. His advice was to treat their experience as if it was their last stop and let them know that you are going to take care their dental needs. “Be confident,” he said, “just like when you are riding a horse. The kids will know that you know what you are doing.”

A most special memory of Steve’s guidance was a day when I was in private practice as a general dentist and was still a dental novice. A four-year-old patient presented with a severe toothache and had been up all night with pain. I determined that the tooth needed a pulpotomy and got to work. As I began to prep the tooth and expose the pulp, the patient became uncontrollable in the chair. Treatment had to be stopped and I felt defeated. My first phone call after the patient left was to Steve. What had happened? What had I done wrong? He explained to me that the tooth was too “hot” to be treated that

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Drs. Phyllis Merlino and Steve Schwartz in June 2017
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day and I should not have attempted it but instead, given the patient an antibiotic and waited a few days. Sometimes, he told me, it’s the antibiotic that is the real treatment. He followed up his advice to me with a joke about how he wouldn’t be a cooperative patient either if he hadn’t had a good night’s sleep. That conversation has never left me and plays over in my head when I treat a patient who was up all night in pain.

Steve encouraged me to specialize, to start my own practice, to get involved in organized dentistry and to ascend the ladder of the Dental Society — all just like he had before me. He was a pediatric dentist like no other, a pioneer. He was the first pediatric dentist with a private practice in Staten Island (1976), the first pediatric dentist at our hospital, the first pediatric dentist to take children to the OR in Staten Island (he learned that at his program in Brooklyn), the first director of our esteemed specialty program at Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH), which opened in 2004, the first attending to play “PEDO Jeopardy” with the residents…. the list can go on. It is his leadership and expertise as an educator that graduated so many fine pediatric dentists from SIUH. Steve shared with me his love of educating young dentists and led me on the path to do the same. I would not be the person, the pediatric dentist or the teacher I have become without him. I loved him very much and I know he loved me too. We all loved him and he loved all of us right back. I will miss our time together. He was a truly special person and I am all the better for knowing and working with him. May you rest in peace, “triple S”.

Dr. Phyllis Merlino is a trustee and past president of Richmond County Dental Society.

In Memoriam
DR. RALPH G. ATTANASI
Columbia University, 1994

Getting Involved, Giving Back and Paying Forward

I was thrilled to be a part of our Society’s enormous efforts to give back and pay forward, all at one time in one place.

I would be remiss if I didn’t thank the Second District Dental Society for its support and encouragement, as well as the Greater New York Dental Meeting for the lessons I learned from years spent planning the largest annual meeting in the nation. While the ADA annual session is quite different from the GNYDM, with an inordinately large segment devoted to governance, a different location each and every year and complexities I didn’t see in New York, having served locally enabled me to lead a successful national event. The icing on the cake was the election of the ADA New York trustee, Dr. Chad Gehani, as president-elect of the ADA. Congratulations to Dr. Gehani and to us all for providing such an extraordinary candidate to lead the profession forward in the coming years.

Second District Dental Society has a national representation in organized dentistry far greater than our numbers. Our district is held in extremely high esteem nationally, a reputation earned through the hard work of our colleagues through the years. I urge you all to consider getting involved, giving back and paying forward. You will reap rewards far greater than the efforts you give and be far better for having done so.

Dr. Howard Lieb is the general chair of the ADA Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings. He is a past president of both Second District Dental Society and Richmond County Dental Society.

RCDS President Dr. Michael Costa wrote the following about Dr. Steven S. Schwartz and the events leading up to his last lecture for Richmond County Dental Society:

“I want to share with you my thoughts about Steve, who gave our lecture [on October 16] at RCDS. He had agreed to do this lecture for me over a year ago and sadly, his medical condition had deteriorated during the last year. I had contacted him before the lecture date and he didn’t tell me anything other than he had ‘a minor procedure recently’, and that he ‘might need a chair to sit in’ during the lecture. The day before, his wife told me what was really going on. He was in bad shape but refused to cancel his lecture. It was on his calendar, and it was going to happen. He was honoring his commitment.

“Steve, against the advice of his doctors, his family and even me, decided that he was still doing his lecture despite being in hospice care. Earlier that day Steve went to his doctor and got enough steroids to get him through the evening. He spoke for an hour and a half, and gave us a great lecture and an effort that was nothing short of heroic. We were able to get many of his past residents to come out and see him. My meetings this past year usually got 20 people, tops. Steve being there got over 50! His wife told me the next day that he was very happy when he got home that night.

“It was an honor to know him and learn from him, and I am forever grateful for the good he did for me over my short career and for the dental community as a whole. You all knew him, and hearing this shouldn’t surprise anyone. It’s the type of guy he was.

“I just wanted you all to know.”

Mike Costa, D.M.D.
2018 RCDS President
I moved to Brooklyn when I was five years old and grew up and was educated here. I met my wife, lived, worked and raised two children in Brooklyn. This borough was the center of my professional and private life for the last 80 years. I graduated from New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD) in 1960. Dr. George Buckley, chairman of the department of removable prosthodontics at NYU, asked me if I would like to be an instructor in the department. I accepted his offer and joined the faculty in 1960 fresh out of school. I would stay on staff and train and teach until 1977. At the time of my departure from the faculty, I was assistant clinical professor. Also, in 1960, I was approached by Dr. A. Norman Cranin, whose practice with his father, Dr. Samuel Cranin, was down the block from my small apartment practice on Quentin Road and Ocean Avenue and invited to join the newly formed department of dental and oral surgery at Brookdale University College of Dentistry.

I opened my first dental office in an apartment building on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Quentin Road. My wife and I lived on Dahill Road and looked for apartments in which to live and open an office. I used $2,100, which was a large sum at the time, saved from our wedding gifts and built the office. It had one Norleo dental unit. It was a stand-up unit, as no one sat down to treat patients back then. It had both air rotor handpieces and belt-driven handpieces. The air rotor and water handpiece had recently been invented and was taught to us during operative clinic in 1958, my second year of dental school. It was a general practice. Right out of school, I joined Second District Dental Society (SDDS), understanding the importance of organized dentistry and the benefits of networking with other professionals. Over the years I received many referrals, educational benefits and long-lasting collegiate friendships from the SDDS.

My wife and I were married in 1959. We were a great team and she helped me do everything. The dental practice was both our office and our home for three years. My wife was a teacher in the Brooklyn public school system and over the years, she worked up to finally retire as a school principal, all in the same school, David A. Boody on Avenue S and West 4th street.

During these early years, I was teaching at the dental school and at Brookdale and working to grow my practice. I taught in the department of removable prosthodontics. I taught full and partial dentures and related techniques to the undergraduate dental students. Over the following years at the dental school, as the administration felt that specialty certification was required to teach, I finished my prosthodontics certificate there, acting as teacher to the undergraduate students and postgraduate students in prosthetics. I later added the subspecialty of prosthodontics to my practice.

After three years living and working in this office apartment combination, we bought a house in the newly growing neighborhood of Bergen Beach, Brooklyn. The house was still being built by Max Mintz, who was developing the whole neighborhood. What was farm land all around the new house is now all developed and redeveloped. The area and neighborhood have changed over the years but our home and practice have been there to witness it all. Once completed, we moved in and started the conversion of the basement to my new dental office. This office had the waiting room with reception area, small lab, and one operatory. The dental equipment from the Ocean Avenue office was moved in and I opened the practice, later adding a second chair, and in June 1969 we started construction to expand the building. Just for some historical perspective, in July of that year Neil Armstrong walked on the moon!

It was time to work to grow the new practice but I would still be teaching at the dental school two days a week and attending the dental clinic at the hospital one day a week. The dental clinic at Brookdale started out on the first floor. It was also a very small office with only two chairs, one assistant and a fairly busy general practice, treating the needs of the surrounding community. The dental clinic at Brookdale moved around the hospital and finally landed on the first floor in room 123 and was expanded. In 1977, I left the dental school faculty but continued as staff at the Brookdale dental department, where I was the chief of the division of prosthodontics through 2016.

While living in Bergen Beach my wife and I had two sons, Adam and Bruce. Both sons were educated at Poly Prep Country Day School in Dyker Heights. Adam went off to the Boston University six-year MD program and now practices ophthalmology in Brooklyn on Utica Avenue. Bruce followed my career and went into dentistry, graduating from New York University’s seven-year BA/DD program. Both children grew up and watched my passion for healthcare and entered the health professions. Bruce was also a resident and then chief resident at the Brookdale GPR which, in his time, was a mandatory two-year comprehensive training program, under the chairmanship of Dr. A. Norman Cranin. Brookdale was a very unique training program in many ways and it was one of the few mandatory two-year programs at the time.

In the early years of the Brookdale program, there was a significant amount of integration between the dental department and the rest of the hospital’s medical community. We were able to give our residents experience in all aspects of oral care and dento-facial trauma care. There was a vigorous prosthetic program which included fixed, removable, complete and partial dentures, and even the treatment of head and neck cancer patients with maxillofacial prosthetics in conjunction with the head and neck surgeons.

Bruce continues to attend the Brookdale dental department, mainly in the OR, treating special needs patients with the residents. He maintains the private practice in the same house he grew up in on the corner of East 73rd and Avenue T in Bergen Beach. I am now 82, recently fully retired from our private practice in Bergen Beach and spend most of my time with my four grandchildren. It has always been all in Brooklyn and it will continue to be here.

Dr. Jerome Lish practiced prosthodontics in Brooklyn for over 50 years.

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Jennifer Katz:
“I was absolutely thrilled [when I won the SDDS Loan Forgiveness award]! It was such an honor to be selected by this organization and it makes me excited to move forward as a member of SDDS and the Brooklyn community. [This award] makes it easier to start paying off my student debt and allows me to use the money that would have gone directly to my loans to further my career in dentistry in other ways, like taking more CE.

“Organized dentistry means being a part of a community. Starting as a new dentist I have so many questions about dentistry, not just clinical but also about politics, business, etc. Organized dentistry is where I can go to get those answers.

“My future plans are to continue to better myself as a dentist through additional practice, learning and community engagement.

“I plan on staying very active in the SDDS. I am already on one committee, plan on joining more committees and hopefully become a board member one day to pass on the knowledge that I have gained from SDDS to the next generation of dentists.”

Jacqueline Pierre (second time winner):

“SDDS is a wonderful community and I’ve enjoyed participating in the Greater New York Dental Meeting yearly. I plan to volunteer with SDDS where needed at this year’s Meeting. I will continue to participate in SDDS activities including continuing education courses, committees and volunteer opportunities, now and into the future. The SDDS community is like no other and is a community that really cares about the growth and development of new dentists.

“Each year in practice, my passion for dentistry grows exponentially. The most important aspect of dentistry for me is providing quality care for my patients, and enriching their lives through dental education, quality treatment, empathy and compassion. My goal is to provide patients with the tools they need to be proactive about their dental health and embrace their smiles.

“My advice to new graduates would be to participate in organized dentistry. Surround yourself with mentors and opportunities to learn and grow in the profession and as an individual. There is always something to learn from others, and your learning should never stop. I encourage you to volunteer wherever you can. The SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program provides us with an extraordinary opportunity to relieve loan burden so new dentists can focus on continuing education and on providing quality care to their patients. Thank you, SDDS!”

Jesse Wright:

“I felt ecstatic and deeply thankful [when I won the SDDS Loan Forgiveness award]. It was such a welcome surprise to be given the award and I was humbled to have been chosen.

“The SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program will make a big difference in my professional plans moving forwards. Dealing with substantial dental student loan debt is quite a burden, so I know that this will help speed up my transition from associating to partnership or ownership.

“The strength that comes from many people working together for a common goal is part of the reason why I am so strongly in support of organized dentistry. Particularly in this day and age, when it seems that clinicians are facing additional hurdles in providing care to their patients, it is important to have a strong group to advocate and empower us as oral health professionals.

“I plan on moving towards partnership or ownership in a dental office or group. I am looking forward to continuing to apply my specialty training in orthodontics and in pediatrics, ideally in Brooklyn.

“Organizations like the Second District Dental Society, which selflessly helps its members through networking events, continuing education, financial awards, and advocacy, play an integral role in our development and success as clinicians and people. I am eager to build on my past experiences in dental student government and hope to contribute in meaningful ways to the SDDS and to the communities where I practice.”

Mitchell Zientz (second-time winner):

“Since my last award, “I volun-
teeded for a handful of courses at the Greater New York Dental Meeting and as usual, it was a blast. I also typically attend all of the general membership meetings when held in Brooklyn. It is always nice attending those — catching up with friends and attendings from residency [and enjoying] a nice lecture and a solid meal. Mr. Hackett also recruited me for a committee and I am excited about the prospect of engaging in that arena.

“We’ve continued to enjoy steady growth and are moving forward in the right direction at my practice. We welcomed four new team members, added another dentist and have our sights set on a second location. [I am] still fervently working toward a multi-location setup in the future. My wife and I had our first child, a son, in December. It has been the most incredible and life-changing experience filled with overwhelming joy. My goal is to continue to keep a healthy balance between home and work life (although I’d love to just hang with the little guy 24/7).

“I think it is really important to show up to everything you can from the get go after [dental] school. Seeing firsthand what value there is [in organized dentistry] and what everyone is working for is what helps from becoming complacent and just assuming all of those things are being done by someone or some large group of individuals. Our profession is amazing and provides so much opportunity in life. We all need to contribute to cultivating and preserving what we have. Just look at what has been done with the loan forgiveness program — I am so thankful for the investment made in our generation and am determined to in turn be a good steward of that. I would advise anyone to be engaged in organized dentistry in some capacity; there are a lot of folks who are wise and fun to be around hanging out there too.”

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The 2019 event will feature a Casino Night theme with live table gaming. All guests will start the evening with a bankroll of play money (sorry, no cash bets allowed) to exchange for chips used to play at various tables throughout the evening. Try your luck at blackjack, roulette and craps tables, all staffed with professional dealers! At the end of the night, chips will be tallied for great prizes! Please join Richmond County Dental Society for this great and entertaining event!

For details and reservations, contact Dr. Michael L. Costa at (718) 442-3982 or michaelcostadmd@live.com
Please return form with payment by December 14, 2018 to:
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active members of SDDS and organized dentistry and have more than $50,000 in documented dental school loan debt. The award is a one-time grant. Past recipients may reapply in subsequent years and are eligible to receive up to three awards as long as they meet current program criteria. The grants are paid directly to the loan provider on the awardee’s behalf.

The application, which may be found at https://aim.applyists.net/SecondDistrictDental, asks candidates to fill out demographic information, send dental school transcripts and complete three essays that will distinguish themselves to the program committee. The application also asks the applicant’s current Brooklyn / Staten Island employer(s) to complete a directed recommendation form to illustrate the candidate’s character and leadership skills and commitment to the Brooklyn — Staten Island area.

The application period for this year’s program will open on January 1, 2019 and will close March 31, 2019. The Loan Forgiveness Program Committee through its program consultants, International Scholarship and Tuition services (ISTS), will sort through the completed applications and select the 2019 recipients for presentation to the SDDS Board for final approval. The awardees will be notified by the end of April 2019.

So, if you are a new dentist who has been licensed for five years or less, have completed your residency, are practicing the majority of the time in Brooklyn and/or Staten Island, have more than $50,000 in dental school loan debt, are a paid active member of the SDDS and would like to pay up to $10,000 less to your loan provider, please complete an application at https://aim.applyists.net/SecondDistrictDental by March 30, 2019. It is our sincere hope that you will be one of the selected award recipients!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

NEW MEMBERS

DR. ALEXANDRA AMES (General Practice; New York University, 2016)

DR. GREGORY BALAES (General Practice; Rutgers University, 2017)

TRANSFERS

DR. CHEERAG AMIN (General Practice; Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health, 2017) 57 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10301
*Transferred from Queens County Dental Society

DR. ALAN PERNIKOFF (Periodontics; New York University, 2014) 1174 E 24th St, Brooklyn, NY 11210
*Transferred from New York County Dental Society

Classifieds

DENTAL PRACTICE FOR SALE: Doctors Row Bay Ridge Brooklyn, three operatories, seventy year practice, part time practice grossing $600,000 yearly. If interested email vvalentino48@yahoo.com

STATEN ISLAND, NY — Established general practice for sale: high traffic, great visibility, 3-5 ops, sterilization station, darkroom, lab, waiting room, reception area. 1500-2,200 square feet. Looking to pass on quality care to patients. Please forward all inquiries to, ddsstatenisland@gmail.com

FOR SALE - CANARSIE, BROOKLYN — Long-established private/PPO general practice. No Medicaid or capitation. Fully equipped, turn-key situation. Ideal for recent grad or seasoned practitioner. Prime corner location on main thoroughfare. 700 square feet. Street level. 2 large operatories, large reception room, business office, lab, darkroom and bathroom. Basement storage. Alarm system. Enough space for addition of a 3rd operatory. Near public transportation and Belt Pkwy. Call (917) 589-1583 or email: doctornld@aol.com


SELLING YOUR PRACTICE? — Any general practice retiring; relocating; looking to sell practice records for easy transition in Bay Ridge? Please call Dr. D. at (917) 658-4954 or email docs@amendentalsmiles.com

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SDDS DECEMBER 2018 - EARLY MARCH 2019 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTING

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY (9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.)
#2018-24 Friday, December 14, 2018
#2019-01 Friday, February 8, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY (9 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.)
#2019-05 Friday, March 29, 2019

CPR & Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
MICHAEL KALIOFF
Certified Instructor, American Heart Association

This course provides dentists and their staff members with the knowledge and skills needed to properly respond to cardiopulmonary and other medical emergencies which can occur in dental offices. The specific advantages and disadvantages of performing CPR within the dental operatory will be discussed. This program utilizes hands-on practice sessions for all participants. Topics to be covered will include heart attacks and strokes (signs and symptoms), sudden cardiac arrest/defibrillation, airway obstruction (choking), respiratory emergencies, anaphylactic reactions, emergency drug kits, and more.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to administer CPR safely and effectively. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department’s requirement for licensed dentists.

*This course may not fulfill the CPR certification requirements for staff/faculty of some hospitals/universities. Check with your employer before taking this course.*

*ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER EARLY!!!*

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2019-02
The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture
Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY
Friday, March 8, 2019 • 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. • MCEU - 6 HOURS

Single Tooth Replacement 2019 — Options, Limitations and Solutions
Featured Clinician: DAVID A. GARBER, D.M.D.
Professor, Department of Periodontics, University of Augusta, Georgia

The current “real world” of clinical dentistry involves using new clinical techniques, together with an ever-evolving group of innovative products, technologies and now the digital arena. In today’s economic climate, clinicians have needed to change procedural techniques to reduce treatment time and increase predictability while decreasing cost. In replacing single teeth, there are alternative forms of bridges as well as a plethora of implant systems. Each comes with specific limitations and then the need to make different clinical decisions based on the individual needs of the patient. This program will update the clinician on current techniques and materials in restorative clinical practice, extractions and implants within a dramatically changing “digital world.”

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:
• Replacing single missing teeth — decision making 2019
• Bridges versus implants versus resin-bonded retainers?
• Impressions 2019 — traditional versus digital
• Incorporating the restoration of dental implants into your practice
• Restorative ceramic decision-making in 2019
• Dealing with external root resorption cases, fractured teeth and implants
• Essential evolving restorative techniques 2019
• Partial Extraction Therapies (PET) — Key component to esthetic restorative dentistry
• The importance of the “pink” component in restorative dentistry

Every dentist dreads the dropping pitch of a pulse oximeter signaling oxygen desaturation. In those vital moments when appropriate intervention can reverse a lethal downward trend, accurate diagnosis and decision making are paramount. This lecture will focus on the sedatives we routinely use to help our patients tolerate dentistry, and the management of hypoventilation that is part of their pharmacological profile.

Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will learn:
• The pharmacology of benzodiazepines, opioids and their reversal agents
• The compounding factors that may lead to inadequate ventilation during a routine dental sedation
• The management of an inadequately ventilated patient

Reversal Agents: Quick Enough to Count?
Featured Clinician: JOHN T. HANSFORD, JR., D.M.D.
Former Chief of Dental Anesthesiology, Interfaith Medical Center

SECOND DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY IS A RECOGNIZED SPONSOR BY THE N.Y.S. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ADA CERP AND THE AGD.
Dentistry is changing at the fastest pace in history. Some practices are thriving while others are not. What sets one practice on a path of success while another struggles? The difference stems from the decisions and actions that dentists take in the 21st century to continue to grow and protect their futures. Every practice today needs a growth and success plan, and it is easier than you think. This seminar is dedicated to showing dentists and their teams the right way to accelerate practice growth and success in a vastly more challenging environment. Dr. Levin has advised practices ranging from start-ups to large dental groups and will teach the proven methods and strategies that create a high level of sustainable success. He will showcase comparative studies of practices in similar situations where one practice has double the production and profit of another in the same geographic area.

Many dentists today are frustrated because they lack the business background to implement the right changes in the right way for today’s more competitive environment. This seminar cuts through the clutter and theory and goes right to the heart of what needs to be done and how to do it. This highly practical presentation is excellent for both doctors and dental team members and will take your practice to the next level. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will learn:

- Strategies to increase production ASAP
- Ten statistics that will determine their futures
- Six customer service strategies that “WOW” patients
- Six things great leaders do effectively
- Six changes in dentistry that can make or break a practice
- How to properly bring in new patients
- Five things to do when greeting every patient
- How to work 5-10 fewer years
- How to improve scheduling by 20 percent

This program will provide an overview of cardiovascular disease and the medications used in its treatment. Using case scenarios, special emphasis will be given to developing patient management strategies essential for successful treatment planning and proper care of our medically complex dental patients.

Upon successful completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the family of cardiovascular diseases and the complex interplay with systematic inflammation and co-morbid diseases
- Review the classes of medications used in the treatment of hypertension along with their pharmacologic effects, adverse reactions and dental implications
- Discuss the mechanism of action of anticoagulants and anti-platelet agents including their adverse reactions and patient care considerations
- Describe the treatment modifications and care planning strategies recommended for dental patients with cardiovascular disease

The purpose of this program is to review the essentials of bone biology, focusing on bone healing and repair. It will also discuss osseous conditions of interest to oral health clinicians including congenital disturbances and acquired conditions such as medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaws (MRONJ) and osteoradionecrosis, as well as bone infection and neoplasms affecting the jaws.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the clinical and radiographic manifestations of osteoporosis, osteonecrosis, osteoradionecrosis and osteomyelitis
- Discuss current, evidence-based management protocols for cancer patients facing H&N radiation and those about to begin anti-resorptive medications
- Develop an algorithmic approach to patients using anti-resorptive medications for osteoporosis fracture prevention
- Identify primary bone malignancies and metastatic lesions that target the jaw
**#2019-02** The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture: "Single Tooth Replacement 2019 — Options, Limitations and Solutions"

- SDDS Members: $140
- SDDS Member's Staff: $90
- SDDS Residents: FREE
- ADA Members: $150
- ADA Member's Staff: $100
- Non-ADA Members: $265
- Non-ADA Member's Staff: FREE
- Federal Service Dentists: $70

**#2019-07** The Dr. Meryl J. Efron Memorial Lecture: "The Successful 21st Century Practice: Why Some Practices are Successful and Others Aren't"

- SDDS Members: $100
- SDDS Member's Staff: $85
- SDDS Residents: FREE
- ADA Members/Staff: $110
- Non-ADA Members/Staff: $190
- Federal Service Dentists: $50

**#2019-03** David A. Garber, D.M.D.

- Friday, March 8, 2019
- Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn
- 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
- MCEU - 6 hours
- Breakfast and lunch included

**#2019-08** Hillel D. Ephros, D.M.D., M.D.

- Friday, March 22, 2019
- Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island
- 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
- MCEU - 3 hours
- Breakfast included

**#2019-09** Donald R. Tannenbaum, D.D.S., M.P.H.

- Friday, April 5, 2019
- Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn
- 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
- MCEU - 3 hours
- Breakfast and lunch included

**#2019-10** Marvin A. Fier, D.D.S.

- Friday, April 12, 2019
- Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island
- 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
- MCEU - 6 hours
- Breakfast and lunch included

**#2019-11** Andrew Koenigsberg, D.D.S.

- Friday, May 10, 2019
- Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island
- 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
- MCEU - 6 hours
- Breakfast and lunch included

**#2019-06** "TMD/Orofacial Pain Problems: Recognition and Solutions"

- SDDS Members/Staff: $70
- SDDS Residents: FREE
- ADA Members/Staff: $60
- Non-ADA Members/Staff: $95
- Federal Service Dentists: $25

**#2019-05** "Predictable and Profitable Restorative and Esthetic Procedures: Less Stress, Better Results and Happier Patients"

- SDDS Members/Staff: $100
- SDDS Members/Staff: $85
- SDDS Residents: FREE
- ADA Members/Staff: $110
- Non-ADA Members/Staff: $190
- Federal Service Dentists: $50

**#2019-04** "Bones, Moans and Groans: Conditions and Medications Affecting the Maxilla and Mandible"

- SDDS Members/Staff: $50
- SDDS Residents: FREE
- ADA Members/Staff: $60
- Non-ADA Members/Staff: $95
- Federal Service Dentists: $25

**#2019-08** "CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office"

- SDDS Member/Staff: $160
- SDDS Member/Staff: $145
- SDDS Resident Members: FREE

**#2019-07** "Restorative Dentistry Update 2019"

- SDDS Members: $100
- SDDS Member's Staff: $85
- SDDS Residents: FREE
- ADA Members/Staff: $110
- Non-ADA Members/Staff: $190
- Federal Service Dentists: $50

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Second District Dental Society is pleased to announce that our ADA CERP provider status has been renewed through December 31, 2021! As an ADA CERP provider, Second District is approved to provide mandatory continuing education credit, which means all of our courses offer credit toward NYS licensure (except where noted).
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GENERAL DENTIST AVAILABLE — Experienced general dentist proficient in all phases of dentistry especially molar r.c. Available for you, Tuesday and Wednesday. Lost office during Sandy. (917) 364-8755.

PERIODONTIST — 40 years experience in high-volume insurance and union-oriented NYC offices seeks PT associateship with general practice in Manhattan or Brooklyn. Excellent references. Very productive. Call (212) 679-2472.

GENERAL DENTIST AVAILABLE — Experienced General Dentist available 1-2 days/week and alternate Saturdays. Bay Ridge area, Park Slope, North Brooklyn and Staten Island. (917) 301-4436.

POSİTİON S AVAILABLE

Oral Implantologist and Perio-dentist wanted! Looking for a motivated person who specializes in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of periodontal disease, and in the placement of dental implants. The position is located in Staten Island, New York. Please contact the office at (718) 442-8440 or our email Nmattiadds@gmail.com. Thank you.

Drs. Nasso, Olsen and Napolitano — Staten Island, NY

GENERAL DENTIST — Our state-of-the-art dental practice is searching for a skilled and experienced Dentist with excellent communication skills to join our professional team. The ideal candidate for this position has worked with patients of all ages, is proficient in performing regular checkups and complex dental procedures and is committed to the highest quality of patient care. Must be available to work evenings and weekends. DDS or DMD and current license to practice dentistry required. Interested candidates should call (718) 948-5111 or email sofian@nasso-olsen.com

GENERAL DENTIST — General dentist wanted for general and multi-specialty dental practice with locations in Brooklyn and Staten Island. 3 years experience recommended. Proficient in C&B, endo, implant restoration, and Invisalign, all with an eye towards cosmetics. Days/hours flexible for the right person. If you have a positive attitude and are a team player, send your resume to dentalexcellence@aol.com or call Dr. Venterina at (917) 689-3911.

FT/PT EXPERIENCED DENTIST (BROOKLYN) — Modern, fast paced private practice in Brooklyn is seeking a FT/PT EXPERIENCED DENTIST proficient in performing all phases of dentistry, including molar root canal therapy, surgical extraction, and cosmetic dentistry. If you are looking for a career opportunity with unlimited professional growth potential on a partnership track, as well as a friendly and supportive work environment, please submit your resume to familysmiledental@gmail.com or call (718) 332-4060 (Tanya). Applicants should be committed to high quality patient care and excellent customer service. Russian speaking and familiarity with EagleSoft software are pluses.

RETIRED DENTIST — Queens practice is seeking a retired Dentist for our new state of the art TMJ, Sleep (Apnea) wellness, and teeth whitening Practice. This position also requires coverage for Dentist on vacation, doing treatment plans, clinical exams of emergency patients, new patients and hygiene department. Please send resume to: drelanogid@gmail.com

GENERAL DENTIST — Busy cosmetic dental office in Brooklyn. Digital x-ray machine. Friendly and experienced staff. Send resume by fax: (718) 376-7652 or by email: ustech@gmail.com or call (917) 400-5073.

STATEN ISLAND — Two dentist, very successful (ins/pvt) practice. Paperless, digital. Great patients and staff. Looking for personable, honest, energetic associate potentially leading to full partnership. Send resume by fax to (718) 356-7943.

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RISK MANAGEMENT ALERT

DENTAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE UPDATE

Topic: Managing the Risks of Maxillary Molar and Premolar Extractions

Professional Advice

Maxillary molars and premolars are located in proximity to the maxillary sinus, and their extraction can result in a perforation and oral antral communication. Although rare, the potential for a fracture of the maxillary tuberosity must also be considered before initiating an upper molar extraction. To help manage the risks associated with maxillary posterior extractions, a thorough pre-operative examination should be performed, inclusive of a review of diagnostic radiographs and an updated medical history. A sober assessment must then be made regarding a referral to a specialist.

A referral should always be made to an oral surgeon if the tooth to be extracted is impacted, there is significant curvature or angulation of the roots, it is severely infected, bone appears thin, fused to roots or ankylosed, roots are in the sinus, and/or the sinus lies low. A referral should also be made if the general practitioner lacks skills necessary to perform a complex surgical extraction, and does not have immediate access to a specialist. For, it is not uncommon for a posterior maxillary tooth to appear capable of a simple extraction, but turn out to require root sectioning or significant bone removal.

As a matter of routine, practitioners recommending an extraction should document the rationale for the procedure, and note any pain complaints and symptoms. The patient chart should also reflect that informed consent was obtained and that the risks of the extraction were discussed and alternative treatment offered. At minimum, patients contemplating a maxillary molar or premolar extraction should be advised of the following risks: pain; swelling; bleeding; fracture of the tooth and/or surrounding bone; possible injury to adjacent teeth and structures; sinus perforation and complications; infection; dry socket; and the need for further treatment.

In the event of abnormal movement suggestive of a tuberosity fracture, the practitioner should immediately stop the attempted extraction and refer the patient to an oral surgeon. A referral to an oral surgeon and an ENT should also immediately follow identification of a sinus communication, or any suspicion of same.

Practice Points

Focus: Before undertaking an extraction of an upper posterior tooth, a general dentist should determine that a referral to an oral surgeon is not indicated, and that informed consent is properly obtained and documented.

 ✓ DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHIC STUDIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO A PRE-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT, and should be liberally utilized. Patients should be referred for outside testing as needed.

 ✓ PROTOCOLS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TO ASSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ORAL SURGERY REFERRALS ARE MADE. General dentists should not perform an extraction if they have any reservation regarding its complexity, or their ability to respond to unanticipated complications.

 ✓ EVEN THE MOST SKILLED GENERAL DENTISTS SHOULD ADVISE PATIENTS OF THE OPTION TO HAVE AN EXTRACTION PERFORMED BY AN ORAL SURGEON, and the option of a referral should always be reflected in the patient chart.

 ✓ BOTH VERBAL AND WRITTEN CONSENT SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED.

 ✓ IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE PATIENT IF A COMPLICATION IS ENCOUNTERED AND MAKE ALL APPROPRIATE REFERRALS.

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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

President, Dr. Sari Rosenwein, to call the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes of the September 17, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting were adopted as distrib-uted

PRESENT: Drs. Rosenwein, Buchalter, Bina, Demas, Segelnick, Bongiorno, Buccigrossi, Halikias, McIntyre, Meiselman, Mindlin, Oshrain, Quartey, Sconzo, Teplitsky and Turchak

EXCUSED: Drs. Albiccocco, Donato, Flagello, Artola, Venterina, Butt, Lieb, Medrano, Ratner and Hassan

GUESTS: Drs. Steven Gounardes, Jennifer Katz, Reneida Reyes, Gisele Richard, Constantine Pavlakos, Stephen Scotto, Kirstin Wolfe, Sydney Hofer (Resident-Methodist), Avasa Jagan (Resident-Interfaith), Jack Lam (Resident-Interfaith), Janet Mark (Resident-NYU Langone), Lauren Moses (Resident-NYU Langone), Nadav Ben-Loulou (Resident-NYU Langone)

DECEASED MEMBERS:
Dr. Frederick Zatz – New York University, 1956

NEW MEMBERS:
Dr. Sanaz Harounpour – University of Southern California, 2017
Dr. Tarica Homchand – New York University, 2017
Dr. Xuxin Zhang – New York University, 2017

REINSTATEMENTS:
Dr. Mirjeta Spirollari – New York University, 2002

TRANSFERS:
Dr. Wilson Duong – New York University, 2012 (from New York County)

Motion approved: To elect the new members to membership (as presented)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
See “Upcoming Events” calendar

CORRESPONDENCE:
(none)

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:
President — Dr. Sari Rosenwein: Progress President Elect — Dr. Alyson Buchalter:
• September 16 fundraiser for Todd Kaminisky, who is running for re-election for state senate, was a great success
Executive Director — Mr. Bernard Hackett:
• The November Board meeting will be held Monday, November 5
• Our last membership meeting of the year will be held Thursday evening, November 8 at Dyker Beach Golf Course. Our special guest that evening will be NYSDA President-Elect Dr. Payam Goudarzi
• The volunteer recognition dinner for GNYDM will be held at the Marriot on Tuesday evening, November 20
• We have scheduled two more email blasts to go to our members between now and the GNYDM promoting special programming and pushing registration
• We will be running a solicitation in our November Bulletin and possibly an email blast to identify individuals that are interested to serve for the 4-5 years required as a member of the GNYDM Organization Committee
• An email was sent to all members directing them to our website for all information regarding State and City legislation on mandatory sexual harassment policies and training that are now required. Special links will take members to readily downloadable policies, posters and other items.
• The Guide book for 2019 is in its final production stages and is expected to be in the hands of our members in early December.
• Funding up to $15,000 acquire and install a new exam room chair and cabinets for the peer review exam room and touch up room with a new floor covering and wall paper.
• Funding up to $7,000 for upgrading fluorescent lighting to LED fixtures as part of a Con Edison incentive program.

NYSDA REPORTS:
Council on Ethics — Dr. Paul Teplitsky:
(Previously emailed)
Council on Membership — Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagalle:
(Previously emailed)
Council on Dental Practice — Dr. John Demas:
• The Council met on Friday September 28, 2018
• New York Dental Hygienists’ Association proposal to expand the scope of practice. The Council will forward a resolution to the NYSDA House:
  Resolved, that NYSDA support the expansion of the scope of dental hygiene practice to include the administration of block anesthesia for all dental procedures; and be it further
  Resolved, that the administration of block anesthesia by dental hygienists be performed under the direct supervision of a dentist; and be it further

Resolved, that block anesthesia only be administered by those dental hygienists who have completed additional training and certification established by the NYS Education Department
• NYSDA HOD Resolution 5: Dental Care for Patients with Alzheimer’s Disease: The council discussed Resolution 5 and focused specifically on concerns about the ability of patients with Alzheimer’s disease to give informed consent for treatment. The council agreed that NYSDA should include guidelines for informed consent to its membership in any related continuing education or publications in response to this resolution. The limited discussion that took place focused on the ethical and legal implications of having a patient who was in no position to give informed consent and the fact that often the person accompanying them does not have the authority to speak for the patient
• Antibiotic Overprescribing and Antibiotic Resistance: The council cited the over-prescribing of antibiotics for dental treatment following artificial joint replacement by orthopedic surgeons. The chair stated that he has changed the way he prescribes antibiotics because of recent research and reporting. We had been asked to read a study published in the May JADA regarding antibiotic usage. The study was based on prescriptions written (as documented via an Express Scripts database) with no contextual information (and that limitation was acknowledged by the authors). Nothing earth shattering, but what was disturbing was that the report stated that “in a survey of dentists about the American Heart Association (AHA) recommendations for antibiotic prophylaxis before dental procedures, approximately 70% of dentists reported prescribing antibiotics for prophylaxis outside the AHA guidelines.”
NYSDA Trustee — Dr. Mitchell Mindlin:
• Presentation of a company called Five Lakes that evaluates and helps to negotiate PPO contracts. We’re negotiating to get their services at a reduced rate for our members
• Reviewed ADA resolutions
• Followed up on NYSDA House of Delegates resolution from June:
  • Evaluation the options of course work for treating Alzheimer and Dementia
  • Advocating for Medicaid coverage for Silver Diamine and fluoride varnish treatment
• Surveying members regarding the interest in print versus digital versions of the NYSDA Journal

• Voted to invite the chair of the New Dentist Committee to be a non-voting observer on the NYSDA BOT
• We will be meeting with a buying group in Hawaii that has been working with the California State Dental Society to give their members a 12-15% discount on dental supplies
• Discussion of CVS selling Smile Direct kits and at the same time promoting products with the ADA seal of approval and promoting ADA dentists
• Thanked Drs. Ratner and Gounardes for guidance in the first meeting

SDDS REPORTS:
Greater New York Dental Meeting Finance and Budget — Dr. Steven Gounardes:
Adopted: 2019 budget as presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
(none)

NEW BUSINESS:
(none)

GOOD & WELFARE:
• Mr. Bernard Hackett — Condolences to Dr. Craig Ratner on the loss of his father. Dr. Steve Ratner was a longtime board member of the district
• Mr. Bernard Hackett — Thanked Dr. Quartey for working on organizing the new dentist function that will be held most probably on the second or third Sunday in December
• Dr. Gounardes — Congratulated Dr. Mitch Mindlin as the new NYSDA trustee and Dr. Craig Ratner as the new NYSDA vice president.
• GNYDM is looking for volunteers to serve as presiding chairs.

ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.
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