Another Fantastic Success for Second District’s Children’s Dental Health Month

It was another banner year for the school children of Brooklyn and Staten Island as Second District’s Oral Health Committee, led by Chairperson Dr. Reneida Reyes reached an unprecedented number of children. The committee worked tirelessly throughout the month of February at the various schools throughout the Second District. Additional educational and screening programs were held at Grand Army Plaza, NY Methodist Hospital, and the New York City College of Technology Division of Dental Hygiene among other venues.

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Dr. Lily Chou, Bhoomi Parikh, Yehuda Benjamin and Yasemin Kilical - New York Methodist Dental Residents

Brendan Wheeler, Stephanie Etienne, DA, Dr. Reyes and Julia Mitchell, DA preparing for Oral Health presentation @ NYMH. Dental Medicine on Give Kids A Smile Day.

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A Message from SDDS President Deborah Pasquale:
The Diversity Dental Forum in the Dominican Republic

I had the honor of representing Second District Dental Society at the 2010 Diversity Dental Forum held in the Dominican Republic March 4th through 7th. Present were representatives from the following dental societies and associations: Bangladeshi, Persian, Dominican, Indian, Hispanic, Chinese, Hellenic, Suffolk County, Second District, Queens County, Bronx County, Puerto Rican, American Hispanic Medical and Dental, National Hispanic and NYSDA. Representatives from corporate sponsors were also present. The goal of this forum is to “lead organized dentistry’s efforts to encourage and include diversity within the framework of its membership.” The Forum began on Thursday night with a welcome dinner so that all of the participants could meet and begin to establish the rapport needed for a successful forum. Friday’s Forum was educational and stimulating. The day began with the leaders of various ethnic groups discussing with the representatives from NYSDA, the day-to-day issues that affect diversity in our organization.

Representatives from the New York City Public School System presented strategic plans to encourage students from junior high school to high school to become dental professionals. This was followed by the Higher Education forum where faculty of various medical schools and residency programs discussed how to encourage and motivate students from various ethnic groups to pursue residency programs and/or academic careers in dentistry. Representative from Henry Schein discussing how their organization contributes to help H.S. students become dental professionals.

All participants came out of the meeting with a greater understanding of the trials and tribulations certain ethnic groups face and the seeds for their solutions were sown with the representatives of NYSDA. Most importantly, participants gained an increasing sensitivity to the issues of other ethnic groups and found a lot of similarities in their situations.

Friday’s Forum left all of the participants energized and anxious to continue the following day. During the evening, a dinner was held to honor Dr. Chad Gehani who is considered by the organizational committee of this forum to be the “father of diversity in dentistry.” His motto: “United We Stand.” Saturday began with representatives of Henry Schein giving a presentation of various community programs they have sponsored and informed all present these programs that are available to all of their clients. These programs help them from the day they get their license until the day they retire; the Reach Program, the Business of Dentistry Seminars and the Practice Management Survey. Representative of the New York State Government also attended the forum: Lillian Perez, the Chief of Staff of Senator Eric Spiegelman, and Assembly members Adriano Espaillat and Carl Heastie. They discussed how they work together and with organized dentistry to solve problems and how they plan to continue these efforts. Tips were given on how to bring issues forward and personal contact with our individual senators and government representatives was stressed.

The Forum was wrapped up by allowing participants to share any final words, thoughts and/or questions they may not have expressed previously. The attendees felt this was a wonderful Forum and have committed to continue to work together to see if there that there is diversity and more importantly, unity in our profession. I would like to extend my thanks and admiration to the organizational committee of the 2010 Diversity Forum. They worked tirelessly throughout the forum and took time away from their practices, family and friends for the year prior to this event in order to ensure it run as seamlessly as it did.

Personally, I had the pleasure of meeting new colleagues and was able to rekindle relationships with old ones. I also had the opportunity to build ties that will enable me to better serve SDDS and increase my effectiveness as your President. As always please feel free to contact me.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Human diversity makes tolerance more than a virtue; it makes it a requirement for survival.

Rene Dubois

A Message from the SDDS Board:
William R. Calnon, DDS
For ADA President-Elect 2010

Every year the American Dental Association selects an individual who will serve as its President and lead the profession in its endeavors to protect the interests of its members so they can continue to provide the highest level of oral health care. New York has a history of sending strong candidates to the highest position at the ADA. This year is no different. The New York State Dental Association is pleased to support Dr. Bill Calnon, a Rochester dentist and a successful and well respected leader throughout the ADA tripartite. Bill is a familiar face to us at Second District. Many of you have met him at our installations of officers. He has also presented at our scientific meetings at Fort Hamilton and worked hand in hand with SDDS leaders at every level of the tripartite. Bill knows dentistry. He understands our issues. That’s why we, the Second District’s board of trustees, wholeheartedly support his candidacy and why we’re asking you to do the same. In order to assure that Bill can bring his message to ADA members around the country, we are asking for your support. Please consider joining your fellow Second District Dental Society members in making a pledge.

Pledges can be paid by check or credit card to: Calnon Campaign NYSDA 20 Corporate Woods, #602 Albany, NY 12211 800-255-2100

We appreciate your help and look forward to a good turnout of New York members at the ADA annual session in Orlando this October.
National Children’s Dental Health Month
2009 Photographic Highlights

Dr. Constantine (Gus) Pavlakos performing oral exam on Colgate’s Bright Smile Bright Future Dental Van @ P.S. 335 Give Kids A Smile Day Program.

P.S. 335 Students enchanted by Dr. Rabbit (Natalie Maio).

Dr. Angel De Bartolo, Radmila Avulova (Dental Hygiene Student), Dawnna Kulian.

Stephanie Etienne, Brendan Wheeler and Julia Mitchell preparing for Oral Health Presentation during Give Kids A Smile Day.

The kids just love Dr. Rabbit.

Dr. Lily Chou reviewing procedure with patient during New York Methodist Give Kids A Smile Day Program.
Common X-Ray Questions

There are 5 contributing factors in making an x-ray image. They are kVp, mA, time, processing and SID (source to image distance). Quickly, mA and time or mAs have a direct relationship to output or the optical density on an image. The kVp has an indirect relationship where the rule of thumb is for a 15% increase in kVp you will almost double the output. Film processors can affect the image depending upon temperature, length of time and strength of chemistry in the developer solution. With digital images the type of sensor and software setup is the key. SID affects radiation due to the inverse square law. I would like to address the effects of time and kVp in this article. I have run into some dental facilities that have upgraded the type of film (from D speed to E/F speed) used or going to digital sensors but have not made the proper adjustments of lowering their timers. Part of the problem is that the dental assistants are placing the cone too far from the patient (SID). The law requires that the end of the cone be within 1cm. or .4 in. from the patient’s skin. The FDA has set limits on the entrance skin exposure for a adult bitewing exam based on the kVp rating of your x-ray unit and the type film being used. No guide has yet been printed by FDA for digital use. NYC Health Department recommends that for digital sensors entrance skin exposures be no more than in the F speed film range. As a quick guide when using a 70kVp unit with a kVp, D speed film, for an adult bitewing exam you should be set at no more than 30 pulses or .5 sec. For those facilities using E/F speed film, the setting should be no more than 15 pulses or .25 sec. Those who are using direct digital systems (wire from sensor to computer) no more than 10 pulses or .16 sec. If you have the indirect PSP or CR system’s rated level is usually not at the manufacturer’s rated level. I have seen 70 kVp units firing at anywhere from 50-90 kVp. What does this mean? If your unit is at 50 kVp then you will need to increase your timer setting to get a good diagnostic image at a lower setting. I find that when timer settings are not in the above ranges your unit’s kVp is usually not at the manufacturer’s rated level. If your unit is firing at 90 kVp then you will need to lower your timer to get a good diagnostic image. To correct the kVp setting, you will need a technician to adjust the rheostat or resistors in your x-ray machine (not all units are adaptable). If your unit is firing at the higher kVp no corrections are necessary, but if your unit is firing at or near 50 kVp you will need to make the adjustment. While we are on the topic of timer settings please don’t forget that for children 10 years or younger use a timer setting 30-50% lower than for an adult.

If you have any questions concerning this topic I would be happy to answer them. My cell number is (718) 986-4996. My email address is Scientist004@aol.com. My web page is www.NYCRESO.com

They will be missed...

Dr. Vincent L. Branda  
Dr. Alexander A. Esposito  
February 22, 2010

Dr. Estelle Natelson  
February 15, 2010

Dr. Raymond Shapiro  
February 19, 2009

Dr. Steven Weisberg  
February 11, 2010

A complete list of all SDDS standing committees can be found on our website, www.sddsnj.org, or in your 2010 CE Program and Activity Guide. Send completed items to SDDS no later than April 30, 2010. Mail to Second District Dental Society: 111 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217-1490 (fax to (718) 797-4335 or e-mail bulletin@sddsnj.org.)
Dr. Jeffrey Galler Receives NYSAGD Lifelong Learning Award

The New York State Academy of General Dentistry honored our own Dr. Jeffrey Galler with the 2009 Recipient of Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition Award. Dr. Galler is a general dentist who has maintained a private, fee-for-service practice in Brooklyn, New York for over 35 years, and attributes his success to his office manager, who is also his wife, best friend, and harshest critic. He has lectured internationally and authored over 50 articles in various dental journals. Dr. Galler is Chairman of the Peer Review and Quality Assurance Committee of the Second District Dental Society, an active member on the Friday Morning Clinics Committee and the Publications Committee, and is a visiting lecturer at the Staten Island University Hospital and the New York Tech School of Dental Hygiene. He is a Master of the Academy of General Dentistry, a Fellow of the American Society of Dentistry for Children, a Fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, a Member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

It is a black tie affair. Dr. Barbara should be called for reservations • he also reminded everybody for SDDS installation

SDDS COMMITTEE REPORTS: Greater New York Dental Meeting Dr. John Halikias - Progress NYSAD Trustee Report: Dr. Craig Ratner Dr. Craig Ratner provided the Board with a very detailed Power Point presentation of NYSAD’s New Governing structure which was originally put together by Dr. Peskin, the NYSAD Speaker of the House.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE: Dr. Ratner congratulated Mr. Hackett and editorial staff for their achievement as noted in the recent edition of the American Association of Dental Editors (AADE)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Peninsula Hospital Dental Society 2010 Seminar Schedule

April 23, 2010
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
“Implant Prosthodontics: From Comprehensive Treatment Planning to Implementation”
Dr. Keith Progebim

7 CEU’s given by New York State Education Department and AGD

(All seminars will be held at the Sands, Atlantic Beach, New York. Breakfast and buffet luncheon included.
To register call Ms. Laurel Wigram at (718) 734-2773.)

GREATER NEW YORK DENTAL MEETING 2010 SUBCOMMITTEE SIGN UP

The Greater New York Dental Meeting is sponsored by two components, the Second District Dental Society and the New York County Dental Society. It provides an opportunity for its members and their hygienist’s and office managers to be part of the largest Dental Meeting in the United States. Our success is attributed to the many people involved in the production and the administration of the Meeting.

If you or your hygienist or office manager would like to volunteer to be on a Committee for the 2010 Meeting scheduled for Friday, November 26, 2010 through Wednesday, December 1, 2010 please complete the information below and fax to (212) 398-6934, mail (Greater New York Dental Meeting, 570 Seventh Avenue, Suite 800, New York, NY 10018), or scan and e-mail (info@gnydm.com) the form to our office. Every volunteer who serves a minimum of two half-day sessions will be entitled to a free half-day seminar awarded on a different day from the one that they volunteered and they will be pre-registered. (Workshops and Invisalign are not included). We will pre-register you, your staff and family for the Meeting in advance of general registration.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name Dr./Ms./Mr.
Address Tel. 
City State Zip Code Fax # E-mail

☐ Second District Dental Society ☐ New York County Dental Society ☐ Other

DAY:
Please check ONLY the day and time you would like to serve. If you plan on volunteering for multiple sessions, please number the second session 2, the third session 3, etc. Please note: This is NOT for alternative sessions, but for additional sessions.

☐ Saturday, November 27, 2010 AM PM
☐ Sunday, November 28, 2010 AM PM
☐ Monday, November 29, 2010 AM PM
☐ Tuesday, November 30, 2010 AM PM
☐ Wednesday, December 1, 2010 AM PM

COMMITTEE CHOICE:
Please number your first choice 1 and your second choice 2. First come first served will be utilized for appointments.

☐ Entertainment ☐ Essays/Table Demonstrations
☐ Registration ☐ Seminars
☐ Workshops

☐ I speak and am willing to assist international guests.

Don’t forget to visit our website at www.gnydm.com and register your staff and family. There is never a pre-registration fee at the Greater New York Dental Meeting.

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM IF YOUR HYGIENIST OR OFFICE MANAGER WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2010-14

Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island

Friday, April 16, 2010
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

MCEU - 6 HOURS

Title: "Learning the Principles to Functional Esthetics"

Clinician: Jay M. Lerner, D.D.S.

Senior Clinical Instructor, The Rosenthal Institute for Aesthetic Dentistry at New York University College of Dentistry

Synopsis:

This lecture will present an evidence-based approach to saving teeth with little or no clinical crowns. The evidence-based techniques to be discussed are based on a library of 100,000 slides and digital pictures taken during the past 56 years. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will learn:

- Step by step technique on veneer fabrication
  - The art of smile design
  - Preparation design for feldspathic and pressed veneers
  - Take full arch impressions predictably
  - Provisional fabrication: Direct vs. Indirect. Use of laboratory matrices
  - Photography and laboratory communication
  - Step by step veneer cementation and clean-up technique

Full mouth rehabilitation
- Multiple cases presented to illustrate the use of porcelain veneers
- How to evaluate complex cases
- Complex case treatment planning
- Restorative material choices

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## 2010 SDDS CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTING

**2010-14 “Learning the Principles to Functional Esthetics”**  
SDDS Member $100.00  
SDDS Member’s Staff $ 85.00  
ADA Member/Staff $110.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $190.00  
ADA Graduate Student $ 60.00  
Jay M. Lerner, D.D.S.  
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
MCEU - 6 hours  
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

**2010-15 “Forensic Dentistry: From 9/11 to Bite-mark Identification - What Every Dental Professional Needs to Know”**  
SDDS Member $100.00  
SDDS Member’s Staff $ 85.00  
ADA Member/Staff $110.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $190.00  
ADA Graduate Student $ 60.00  
Kenneth W. Ascheim, D.D.S.  
Fort Hamilton Community Club  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
MCEU - 6 hours  
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

**2010-16 “The Unpleasant Business of Dental Malpractice”**  
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00  
ADA Member/Staff $60.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00  
ADA Graduate Student $35.00  
Robert A. Fitch, Esq.  
David P. Turchi, Esq.  
Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
SDDS Headquarters  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
*CEU - 2 hours  
Beverage service only  
*Will not provide credit toward New York State dental relicensure requirements

**2010-17 “The Dentist As An Expert Witness”**  
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00  
ADA Member/Staff $60.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00  
ADA Graduate Student $35.00  
Leonard B. Goldstein, D.D.S., Ph.D.  
Friday, May 7, 2010  
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn  
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  
MCEU - 3 hours  
Continental breakfast included

**2010-18 “Updates in Dentoalveolar Management”**  
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00  
ADA Member/Staff $60.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00  
ADA Graduate Student $35.00  
Boris Zatz, D.D.S.  
Wednesday, May 12, 2010  
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
MCEU - 2 hours  
Beverage service only

**2010-19 “Effective, Efficient and Contemporary Implant Restorations”**  
SDDS Member $100.00  
SDDS Member’s Staff $ 85.00  
ADA Member/Staff $110.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $190.00  
ADA Graduate Student $ 60.00  
John S. Cavallaro, Jr., D.D.S.  
Friday, May 14, 2010  
Fort Hamilton Community Club  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
MCEU - 6 hours  
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

**2010-20 “CT-Guided Dental Implant Surgery”**  
SDDS Member $100.00  
SDDS Member’s Staff $ 85.00  
ADA Member/Staff $110.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $190.00  
ADA Graduate Student $ 60.00  
Alex M. Greenberg, D.D.S.  
Friday, June 4, 2010  
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
MCEU - 6 hours  
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

**2010-21 “Pre-Restorative Periodontics: Natural Teeth to Implants”**  
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00  
ADA Member/Staff $60.00  
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00  
ADA Graduate Student $35.00  
Robert S. Schoor, D.D.S.  
Friday, June 11, 2010  
Fort Hamilton Community Club  
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  
MCEU - 3 hours  
Continental breakfast included

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2010-42**  
**SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY**  
Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
*CEU - 2 HOURS  
Title:  
“The Unpleasant Business of Dental Malpractice”  
Speakers:  
Robert A. Fitch, Esq.  
Partner, Rawle and Henderson LLP  
David P. Turchi, Esq.  
Associate, Rawle & Henderson LLP  
Synopsis:  
At some point in their careers all dentists, regardless of their skills, education or experience, will face the threat or reality of a dental malpractice lawsuit. This lecture will provide dentists with the information they need to cope, including fears and misconceptions about the legal system, what to expect during the litigation process and tips on how to minimize their chances of being sued. Participants will get an in-depth look at the anatomy of a lawsuit, from process service to deposition and trial or settlement. Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will be better equipped with the knowledge needed to deal with the mess and aggravation of dental malpractice lawsuits.  
*This presentation will not provide continuing education credit toward New York state dental relicensure requirements. Space is limited so register early.*
FOR RENT – Office for rent one or two days/week with two chair operatory in centrally located Brooklyn Heights orthodontic office; spacious waiting room, modern equipment, ensuite powder room. Prefer periodontist; (718) 852-1551.

DENTAL PRACTICE SALE! – Bronx County – Pediatric Practice – Spacious, beautifully appointed pediatric practice 8 years young! Located in stable growing area of the Bronx – 3 + 1 ops, 1300 s/f leased space, low rent. Rev $370K. Call Donna at (800) 988-5674.

DENTAL PRACTICE SALE! – Hudson County, NJ – Wonderful, Cosmetic, General, 8 ops. Rev. $1.8M. Call Donna at (800) 988-5674.

ASSOCIATESHIP WANTED IN STATEN ISLAND – General dentist with 23 years private practice experience in Brooklyn seeking P/T associate position in Staten Island practice with possible future buy-in. Please call (888) 837-1225.

ASSOCIATESHIP WANTED IN BROOKLYN - Our unique office offers excellent opportunity for a highly skilled individual who is motivated, a team player, and dedicated to providing superior patient care. Seeking someone interested in a long term commitment. Please e-mail resume to JFerriola@optonline.net or fax to (718) 975-0323. Principals only, please no recruiters.

FOR SALE – Established dental practice for sale in Brooklyn, Ocean & Church Ave. Will sell practice alone or both office space and practice. Tel: (917) 400-5300 or (917) 400-5073.

HELP WANTED - Seeking dentist for temporary part-time position to replace dentist on maternity leave May-June. Monday, Tuesday and possibly Fridays. Experience required. Contact Dr. Weiss. Call: (718) 435-6858 or (718) 651-6155; fax (718) 435-5017 or (718) 533-8704; or e-mail docmw18@aol.com.