The 2011 Second District Dental Society Installation of Officers and Awards Luncheon was held at The Water’s Edge in Long Island City, on January 9th, 2010. The day’s celebration saw the SDDS officers installed and some SDDS’s members presented with their certificates of Life Membership. The installation’s attendees were treated to a look back at SDDS’s last year’s accomplishments by outgoing SDDS President Deborah Pasquale. Also presenting from the podium were ADA President-Elect William Calnon and NYSDA President Robert Doherty. Dr. Steve Gounardes served as the installing officer to swear in the new slate of SDDS officers. Newly installed President Stuart Segelnick addressed those gathered. He spoke of his plans for the coming year and his thanks to those responsible for his involvement in organized dentistry. Dr. Segelnick received two more significant honors that day. Dr. Doherty presented him with the Bernard Tillis Award for outstanding writing in a society journal and NY State Assemblywoman Grace Meng presented him with a New York State proclamation commemorating the special day.

The afternoon’s festivities culminated with the singing of an original SDDS anthem that was written by Dr. Segelnick.

Membership to Vote: Revised Constitution and Bylaws

The bylaws of any society, professional or otherwise, should be reviewed and revised periodically. In September 2010, a special subcommittee was formed to examine the current SDDS Constitution and Bylaws and propose a revision. The reasons for the proposed revision were to:

1. Make the bylaws more current and make provisions in them to keep them current.
2. Bring them into alignment with recent major changes in the NYSDA bylaws and governance structure.
3. Update outdated concepts and policies.
4. Help SDDS run more efficiently and consciously of cost.

The subcommittee spent considerable time reviewing the bylaws line by line and presented the proposed revision to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. It unanimously consented to send to the SDDS Board. At its January meeting, the SDDS Board unanimously approved the transmission of these proposed changes to the membership.

The vote on the proposed revision will take place at the March General Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 10th. Any member may access the proposed revision to the SDDS Constitution and Bylaws on the SDDS website or by using the following URL: www.sddsny.org/uploads/pagesfiles/347.pdf

The new SDDS officers recite their oath of office.

(foto) to r) Drs. Constantine Pavlakos, Amrish Panik, Laura Medrano-Saldaña, Philip Buccigrossi, Jr. and Mitchell Mindlin.
Research and Scholarship: Communication in an Era of Mistrust

Charles Bertolami, DDS, DMDSc
Dean, NYU College of Dentistry

It won’t come as much of a surprise that I think research and scholarship are critical parts of both dental education and dental practice. I say this believing that what’s important in practice is the best guide to what needs to be taught. There are probably a lot of people who think it makes sense because nearly all our students come to dental school aspiring to be practicing dentists. They are excited at the thought that they too can achieve what most in the Second District Dental Society have already accomplished. But a disconnect can develop between academic life and the realities of clinical practice, so I’d like to begin with some principles I think are relevant.

First Principle: Though research and scholarship are closely related, they’re not identical. Research is all about generating new knowledge, doing so through valid, transparent, defensible, and widely accepted methodologies aimed at minimizing subjectivity and maximizing objectivity. No matter how fundamental the research, the ultimate intent in the applied biological sciences is to formulate new treatments, cures, and diagnostic methods for introduction into clinical practice. While all good research qualifies as scholarship, not all scholarship qualifies as research. Out-standing teaching, writing, analysis, even the expression of cogent and thoughtful opinion can qualify as scholarship. The dental profession needs both research and scholarship, whether within a university, a continuing education program, or an evidence-based clinical practice.

Second Principle: People bring to their occupation many different gifts—some through discoveries achieved by original research, others by disseminating what is already known through teaching (both inside and outside of universities), or through exceptional technical proficiency in direct clinical care. The important thing, though, is that the motivating driver for researchers, scholars, teachers, and practitioners is exactly the same, helping people through professional expertise.

Third Principle: Dentistry is both a learned profession and a caring profession. These two distinctive elements can’t be separated from each other; they are fully and completely integrated for all professionals, whether a teacher, scientist, or clinician.

These principles are foundational to the social contract between the public and a largely self-regulating profession like dentistry. Central to the contract is trust. Whatever our exact role in the profession, the public trusts that we know what we’re doing and that our motives are honorable—that is, that we really do care about patients as human beings. Certification, licensure, and advanced degrees like a DDS or DMD go only so far in ensuring such trust, especially if the public can see for itself that professionals don’t live up to their part of the bargain. It’s all about learnedness contextualized by authentic caring concern—period. I’m reminded continually that dentistry is a business as much as it is a profession. I agree. But the public’s trust does not come from our identity as a business; it comes from our identity as a profession. Therefore, dentists walk a fine line between maintaining the public’s trust and going broke. Dental practice succeeds in its balancing act between profession and business because of the public’s confidence that the dentist genuinely has the patient’s interest at heart.

Knowing what we’re doing based on unbiased scientific evidence is what the learnedness piece of the equation is all about. It’s achieved through an education colored by research, which cultivates in students a taste for complexity, for problems, and for problem solving. Dental schools need to help students acquire this taste. In doing so, they will generate a few scientists; but, more importantly, they will create out of every graduate a man or woman of science, namely, a sophisticated consumer of research. The primary repository of that research is the scientific literature, which the man or woman of science knows exists, can access, finds intelligible, can critique, and can adapt to clinical practice.

Accordingly, the man or woman of science does not rely only on salespeople, continuing education gurus, Google, or Wikipedia, fancy floor displays, or flashy packaging to know what to think. Only by becoming a person of science is there any hope that the practitioner can acquire, evaluate, and assimilate new knowledge adapting to the changes in practice and the profession that the future will inevitably bring. Ideally, the man or woman of science really delivers when it comes to both the knowledge and the caring components of the all-critical trust relationship. But, trust is in short supply, not because of anything unique to the dental profession, but because of broader forces of mistrust within society. The dental profession’s sin of omission is not to have noticed.

Yankelovich and Furth have observed that “[m]istrust has replaced trust, and people in positions of leadership can no longer assume that their words or actions will be given the benefit of the doubt.” Such mistrust extends beyond corporations and their gatekeepers—accountants, lawyers, and investment bankers—to the government and the news media, and threatens to spread to the courts, nongovernmental organizations, and institutions of higher learning.” Healthcare practitioners can be added to the list. The title doctor and the letters denoting the degree after your name no longer carry the weight they once did. Astonishingly, professionals do not seem to understand this—acting as if they still enjoyed the unalloyed trust of the public and not realizing the extent to which that trust has eroded. They behave as if they have the benefit of the doubt, not seeing how wary the public has become of the professional classes. Yankelovich and Furth conclude that in awarding the benefit of the doubt to themselves, professionals have become so far out of the ordinary as to believe that everyone believes them to be acting in good faith. Usually they are acting in good faith but—and this is the key point—they are not seen as doing so. Believing you have the trust of others when you don’t is a big mistake. For one thing, it prevents you from doing all the things you would do if you were conscious of the need to build trust.

In dentistry the trend of mistrust began with an expose published by Reader’s Digest in 1997, but it continues unabated today as evidenced by a November 30, 2010, article on the front page of The New York Times that expressed doubt over whether dentists know what they’re doing when exposing patients to radiation and whether they even care. Add innumerable pieces between 1997 and 2010, including reports of the death of a 12-year-old from dental disease in 2007, and perceived resistance of organized dentistry to caring for the underserved, and you have a potential firestorm of mistrust. The media do not depict the dental profession in a very favorable light, as they once did. The impact of the new storyline is what is known as capturing the narrative. At present, when it comes to dentistry, the only good news is no news.

Often, no one has to capture the narrative; we give it away—especially when science is disparaged in favor of anecdote. Professionals can’t afford to take this bait because it can eventually descend even further into a glibty, Las Vegas, Jersey Shore-style narrative. Nobody wants that when talking about your own health or that of your family. At those times we want the best that solid science can offer and we want it delivered by compassion-ate professionals that genuinely care. Dental schools need to encourage both.

Children’s Dental Health Month Events

February 2011

**NYSDA’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH CONTEST—NEW LOOK!**

2011 REEL SMILES VIDEO CHALLENGE

In celebration of Children’s Dental Health Month in February, the New York State Dental Association is sponsoring the “Reel Smiles Video Challenge” contest for children in preschool through 12th grade in New York State. The goal of the contest is to help children become more aware of the importance of oral health, preventive care, and the link between oral and overall body health.

**Guidelines:**

- Video entries must be between 30 seconds and two minutes in length and share a positive dental health message—brushing, flossing, mouthguards during sports, nutrition, regular dental visits, etc. Videos will be judged based on creativity and strength of oral health message. All videos must be original and free of copyright materials.

**Reel Smiles Video Challenge Categories**

**INDIVIDUAL (ages 7th – 12th grade)**

- First place: $100 gift card
- Second place: $75 gift card
- Third place: $50 gift card

**GROUP/CLASSROOM ENTRIES**

- Prizes in each category for classroom:
  - First place: $200 for class supplies/activities and oral care kits for each student.
  - Second Place: $100 for class supplies/activities and oral care kits for each student.

**Honorable mention:** Certificate of achievement and oral care kits for each student.

**For more information about the “Reel Smiles Video Challenge,” contact the New York State Dental Association at contest1@nysdental.org.”

**upcoming events**
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The Second District Dental Society, in conjunction with the Dental Auxiliary Training Center, is pleased to announce the 26th year of continuation of the comprehensive dental assisting training course offered for the auxiliary staff of the Second District membership.

COURSE NUMBER: 2D101-3 (Wednesday evenings) for 15 weeks

DATES: March 9 through June 15, 2011

TIME: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

VENUE: SDDS Headquarters, 111 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217

TUITION: $850 (Make checks payable to DATC/SDDS)

TEXT, LAB & INS FEES: $375 (Make checks payable to DATC. Will be collected on the first night of class)

Fundamentals of Chairside Dental Assisting Course

To meet the demand for trained dental assistants, the Second District Dental Society co-sponsors this course to assist interested students who have a desire to prepare and work in this exciting career field. Dentists interested in hiring DATC students register their dental assisting jobs and positions with DATC. The course is designed to train already employed dental assistants who have limited or no formal training and those who are interested in preparing to take the DANB Exam.

This comprehensive course will augment the on-the-job learning experience by giving the theoretical background of the profession of dental assisting and also provide hands-on training in a classroom setting. The course has been structured in such a way that the total time required for completion is only 15 sessions totaling 45 hours, plus a 15-hour independent study project. The course is a total of 60 hours. Topics covered include:

- Dental terminology
- Infection control
- Dental specialties
- 4-handed dentistry
- Dental office emergencies
- Charting
- Sterilization
- Anesthesia
- Dental materials
- Dental anatomy
- Disease transmission
- Operative dentistry
- Dental instrumentation
- Radiology
- Preventive oral hygiene

Course certificate of achievement will be granted upon successful completion of required course work, attendance and final exam. Enrollment is limited.
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**CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2011-05**

Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island

**Friday, February 25, 2011**

9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  MCEU - 3 HOURS

**Title:** “Minimally Invasive Dentistry: Use of Technology”

**Clinician:** Howard S. Golan, D.D.S., J.D.

Co-Founder, Center for Laser Education

**Synopsis:**

Minimally invasive dentistry is essential to building a practice today; patients want it and dentists want to do it. There are wonderful technologies in the marketplace that are essential if one wants to truly practice minimally invasive dentistry. This course will explain the elements of a minimally invasive practice and the technologies needed to create it.

Lasers, CAD/CAM and other important technologies will be discussed.

Upon successful completion of this course the attendee will learn:

- The applications of lasers and CAD/CAM
- Principles of minimally invasive dentistry and how they relate to technology
- Practice management and the value of internal marketing

**MARCH SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

**State Officers/Hospital Residents Night**

Gargiulo’s Restaurant, 2911 West 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**

Starts at 6:30 PM  MCEU - 1 HOUR

**Title:** “Oral Manifestations of HPV Infection”

**Clinician:** Joan A. Phelan, D.D.S.

Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, New York University College of Dentistry

**Synopsis:**

The relationship between human papilloma virus (HPV) infection and cancer of the vaginal cervix in women is well established. Patients frequently ask questions about the significance of HPV as a cause of oral cancer and there are many internet sites that discuss this subject. The role of HPV in the pathogenesis of oral cancer is not as clear as its role in cervical cancer. Studies are being reported that are providing information about HPV infection of the oral mucosa and the role of this virus in the pathogenesis of oral cancer.

This presentation will include an overview of HPV infection, the oral lesions known to be caused by HPV and the results of recent studies that have explored the role of HPV in the pathogenesis of oral cancer. Lecture attendees will:

- Understand the pathogenesis of epithelial infection with HPV
- Be able to list the oral mucosal lesions that are known to be caused by HPV infection
- Become familiar with the results of research studies that are exploring the role of HPV in the pathogenesis of oral cancer

VENUE CHANGE!

Due to ongoing renovations at the Fort Hamilton Community Club, several SDDS events have been moved to a different location. To find out which events have been affected by this change check the course listing in the SDDS Bulletin, visit our website at www.sddsny.org or look for details in upcoming flyers.
2011 SDDS CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTING

2011-03 “Successful Aesthetic and Cosmetic Dentistry for the Modern Dental Practice”
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 R. Calamia, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.
Friday, February 11, 2011
Gargiulio’s Restaurant
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

2011-05 “Minimally Invasive Dentistry: Use of Technology”
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00
ADA Member/Staff $60.00
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00
ADA Graduate Student $35.00
Howard S. Golan, D.D.S., J.D.
Friday, February 25, 2011
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
Friday, March 11, 2011
Barbara J. Steinberg, D.D.S.
ADA Graduate Student $ 60.00
Non-ADA Member/Staff $190.00
ADA Member/Staff $110.00
SDDS Member's Staff $ 85.00
SDDS Member $100.00
Friday, April 8, 2011
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

2011-07 The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture - “A Team Approach to Treating the Dental Patient With Medical Problems” & “Optimal Aging - Living to 100!”
SDDS Member $140.00
SDDS Member’s Staff $ 90.00
ADA Member $150.00
ADA Member’s Staff $100.00
Non-ADA Member $265.00
Non-ADA Member’s Staff $165.00
ADA Graduate Student $ 90.00
Barbara J. Steinberg, D.D.S.
Friday, March 11, 2011
Gargiulio’s Restaurant
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

2011-08 “Forensic Dentistry: Past, Present and Future”
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 P. Demas, D.D.S.
Friday, March 18, 2011
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

2011-09 “Achieving Ultimate Esthetics with Today’s All-Ceramic Restorations”
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00
ADA Member/Staff $60.00
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00
ADA Graduate Student $35.00
Carlos M. Magliarelli, M.D.
Friday, March 25, 2011
Gargiulio’s Restaurant
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
MCEU - 3 hours
Continental breakfast included

2011-11 “Alzheimer’s Disease: An Overview for Dental Professionals”
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00
ADA Member/Staff $60.00
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00
ADA Graduate Student $35.00
Alyson K. Buchalter, D.M.D.
Thursday, April 7, 2011
SDDS Headquarters
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
MCEU - 2 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

2011-12 “Posterior Composites: What Would G.V. Black Think?”
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
Mark S. Wolff, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Friday, April 29, 2011
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

2011-14 “What’s the Evidence? What A GP needs to Know for Practice!”
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
Mark S. Wolff, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Friday, April 29, 2011
Gargiulio’s Restaurant
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

2011-16 “Dentistry for Older Patients”
SDDS Member/Staff $50.00
ADA Member/Staff $60.00
Non-ADA Member/Staff $95.00
ADA Graduate Student $35.00
Arnold I. Liebman, D.D.S.
Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
MCEU - 2 hours
Continental breakfast and luncheon included

A NOTE TO ALL SDDS MEMBERS

Each year at this time the President-Elect begins the process of formulating appointments to the SDDS standing committees for the following year.
If you have any interest in serving on any of these committees in 2012, now is the time to notify SDDS headquarters. If you require further information or wish to be considered for appointment, please complete the form below and forward to SDDS headquarters to the attention of Dr. Constantine Pavlakos, President-Elect.

I am interested in serving the Second District and the dental profession. Please contact me with information about the following committees:

[   ] Other (please list): ____________________________________
[   ] Greater New York Dental Meeting
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[   ] Relief     [   ] Constitution and Bylaws
[   ] Governmental Affairs    [   ] Membership and Communication
[   ] Education and Licensure    [   ] Ethics
[   ] Dental Health Planning/Hospital    [   ] Dental Practice
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A complete list of all SDDS standing committees can be found on our website, www.sdds.org, or in your 2011 CE Program and Activity Guide. Send completed forms to SDDS no later than May 2, 2011. Mail to Second District Dental Society: 111 East Grove Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217-1490; fax to (718) 797-4335 or e-mail ho07en@dailydh.org.

Dr. Rahul Gulati
New York University, 2007

new members

Graduate Member

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December 6, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting

President: Dr. Deborah Pasquale, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT WERE: Drs. Pasquale, Segelnick, Medrano, Buccigrossi, Oshrain, Ratner, Sorrentino, Brustein, Costalos, J. Halikias, Lerner, Lieb, McIntyre, Mindlin, and Reyes.

EXCUSED: Drs. Pavlakos, Parikh, Albicocco, Ariosa, Cali, Gounardes, Rosenwein Sconzo, Seminara and Wesleye.

Motion Passed: to accept the corrected minutes of the November 1, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting.

Drs. Pasquale welcomed guests: Drs. R. Halikias, R. Edwab

A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased member:

Dr. Norman Lampner – New York University, 1949

Motion Passed: To approve the application of membership from the following:

TRANSFER:
Dr. Rahal Galatz – New York University, 2007
GRADUATE STUDENTS:
Dr. Ryan Galligan – University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, 2010
Dr. Masa Tsirgahlade – University of Connecticut, 2010 (Brooklyn VA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: See Calendar

CORRESPONDENCE: (none)

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:
President Dr. Deborah A. Pasquale:
• Spoke highly of her experience while serving on the GNYDM Committee
• Thanked the Board and staff for their support during the past year

Presented a token gift to Dr. J. Halikias for arranging the pre-meeting dinners for the Board
President-Elect Dr. Stuart Segelnick:
• Congratulated Dr. Pasquale for her year as President of SDDS
• Reminded all of the upcoming installation of Officers

Transferred:
Dr. Constantine Pavlakos (excused)

Secretary Dr. Amrish Parikh (excused)
Treasurer Dr. Lauro Medrano: Progress
Librarian Curtis Dr. Patrick Buccigrossi: Progress
Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett: Discussion of the upcoming installation. Noted that there are many items in the budget expected to extend including 25 new Life members. Reported on the ADA Council on Education and the necessity of the CERP Committee may change its operation so that commercial entities will no longer be approved as CERP providers. He noted that the formal proposal will be shared with “interested parties” including SDDS, and that there will be an extended comment period before a decision is made in late summer of 2011. He noted that the final decision does not rest with the House of Delegates, but rather, CERP and CDEL.

He distributed the new 2011 Activities guide to the Board while praising his staff for their creativity in the design. He discussed the current situation with National Grid and the current headquarters gas bill situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Dr. Halikias reported on preliminary results of the recently conducted Meeting. He noted that there was a very slight decrease in attendance from the previous year and that the exhibit space was sold out. Dr. Halikias also reported on the NY Stock Exchange ringing with the Marriott Corporation that took place the previous Friday.

Continued Education Mr. Hackett: (previously mailed) House Committee Dr. Lieb: (previously mailed) District Claims Committee Dr. Sorrentino: (previously mailed) Dr. Sorrentino thanked the Committee’s volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Peer Review Committee Dr. Galler: (previously mailed) Oral Health Committee Dr. Reyes: (previously mailed) Dr. Reyes also noted the strong presence of Second District volunteers during the CRESO Corner

By Martin Schnee

In my estimation as a New York State CRESO, about 10% of the existing active dental facilities in New York City are either not registered or have expired registrations. If you are operating in a new office – i.e. if you have not opened a new dental practice or taken over an existing dental office – you are required to register 30 days prior to starting. The fees can be $1000 to $2000 and more if you are found to be operating x-ray units without a valid registration.

REGISTRATION YOUR X-RAY UNIT:

If you are a new owner follow the steps below:
1-Hire a CRESO to perform an initial inspection and also a complete radiation protection survey of each x-ray unit.
2-Complete an application form requesting a new registration. Applications can be obtained from the New York Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
3-Have proof of Worker’s Compensation insurance for your office (form C-150 is best).
4-Have proof of Disability Insurance for your office (form DB-1201). The requesting agency will be the New York State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
5-Submit the above for review to:
NYS Dental Board:
New York, NY 10007
(212) 676-1552
You should receive notification of approval after two to three weeks. At which point you will be asked to mail a check for $100 for a two-year registration.
If you are an existing owner and have an expired registration or cannot find your registration for verification, follow the steps below:
1-Verify that your registration has expired by calling the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs at (212) 487-4060, 65 or 85. Give them your CAMIS # which can be found on your old registration or an old inspection report.
2-If your registration has expired, ask them to fax or mail you a renewal application.
3-You will need to obtain items 3 and 4 from above or the exemption form C-200. 4-Write a check for $100 or the amount owed to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. If you don’t know how much is owed contact the Department of Consumer Affairs to obtain that information.
5-Submit the above for review to the NYC Office of Radiological Health:
2 Lafayette Street
New York, NY 10007
(212) 676-1552
You should receive notification of approval after two to three weeks. At which point you will be asked to mail a check for $100 for a two-year registration.
If you don’t know how much is owed contact the Department of Consumer Affairs to obtain that information.
In either situation if you have not heard from the City after three weeks, you should call to inquire about the status of your application.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.

Motion Passed: (Lerner) That SDDS contribute $550 to the National Dental Museum.

Motion Passed: (Ratner) That SDDS recommend to the Benevolent Committee that the Benevolent Fund donation is $2500 to the NYS Dental Foundation’s “Gold Fund” in honor of the late Dr. Steve Gold.

GOOD & WELFARE:
Dr. Pasquale thanked Dr. Peter Costalos and Dr. Robert Sorrentino for their service on the Board of Trustees, life, graduate student or retired SDDS members who have volunteered for at least one full day, a half day of which must be on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, at the Greater New York Dental Meeting the previous year. This resolution only applies to courses sponsored solely by the Second District Dental Society and does not apply to CPR, Risk Management and/or those courses given at the GNYDM. Attendance for any continuing education course may be limited during the discretion of the Society for any reason.

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