The recovery from Super Storm Sandy is ongoing for many of our Second District colleagues. Six months after the disaster, dozens of our members are still putting the pieces together in their offices and homes. It has been a slow and tedious process at best, but there have been some success stories. Some offices are reportedly beginning to reopen their doors with patients slowly making their way back. Perhaps the long dark winter has finally passed for many. Spring is indeed in the air.

Second District played an instrumental role in directing many of our members toward obtaining financial relief that was made available through the ADA Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, the New York State Dental Foundation and from Second District. With generous help from individual donors, component and state society donors, and corporate donors, the three organizations stepped up to the plate and administered an unprecedented grant program for the most seriously deserving applicants. While the final number of recipients and total dollars granted by the ADA is not yet known, it was projected to approach $200,000. The NYS Dental Foundation, which received an initial donation of $50,000 from Second District in the first weeks after the storm, has completed its program where 101 recipients received in the neighborhood of $450,000. A little over 50 recipients were from Brooklyn and Staten Island. Second District, looking to do more than its initial donation of $50,000, issued another $200,000 in grants to 43 dentists. All relief funds at Second District and the NYS Dental Foundation have since been exhausted. Staff at the NYS Dental Foundation and Second District spent countless hours sorting through the overwhelming amount of paperwork and answering countless calls from members. It was a difficult undertaking but it did accomplish a great deal of good as evidenced by the letters of thanks received at SDDS Headquarters. Perhaps it was best said by one member who wrote “Superstorm Sandy was an extremely traumatic event in my life. Obviously no amount of money can undo that day. But the concern of family and friends and you, my dental colleagues, has gone a very long way to mitigate the trauma. I have learned that recovery is a slow process but it is moving forward every day.”

Bravo to all the donors and the tripartite for coming to the aid of their membership. While the grant program could never be expected to help everyone who incurred a loss or, make every recipient “whole” for their financial losses, it succeeded in lending a hand to the many of our local colleagues who in some cases lost everything. Let’s hope it will be a long time before disaster ever strikes again.

We are asked many times from our members and non-members, “What does organized dentistry do for us?” A common and important answer is advocacy. All three levels of organized dentistry monitor the ever-changing landscape of legislative and political reform as it relates to our profession and fight for dentistry. Recently, we scored a significant victory on the state level with regard to dental Medicaid.

As part of Governor Cuomo’s efforts to present a balanced budget without raising taxes, one area that has been in the crosshairs of many legislators for further spending reductions is the optional adult Dental Medicaid program. The Medicaid global spending cap has clearly impacted the Dental Medicaid program and our members who participate. As part of the effort to control ever increasing Medicaid costs, the state has transitioned Medicaid to a managed care system in order to continue to provide care for an expanding Medicaid population with limited overall funds. This fiscal crunch has always had the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) on guard for the potential removal of adult dental services from Medicaid, something that has occurred across the country with many state Medicaid programs.

However, through a combination of lobbying and grassroots efforts, we scored a significant victory in the ever-evolving Medicaid landscape. We are proud of this accomplishment and believe it signifies the power of organized dentistry. As we move forward into 2014, we must continue to fight for all levels of the Dental Medicaid program. Further cuts to the program are not acceptable and will not occur. The goal is to preserve this program for the many New Yorkers that rely on it for care. The Legislative session starts on April 3 and we will continue to work with our friends in the Assembly and Senate to protect this important program for all New Yorkers.

Looking for an Associate? Seeking Employment? See the SDDS Job Board on Page 8.

RICHMOND COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY
2013 GOLF OUTING

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

VENUE
Fort Hamilton Golf Club
150 Roseland Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11223

SCHEDULE
11:30 AM Lunch & check-in
1:00 PM Shotgun start
5:00 PM Dinner & awards

QUESTIONS
Contact Francesco Frazzetta
at (718) 494-7160

RSVP
Golf@RCDentalSociety.org
RSVP by May 8, 2013

Significant Medicaid Victory
Advocacy and Grassroots Efforts Bear Fruit

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MAY

Thursday 2
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #13-13
Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
“Critical Factors for Success in Periodontal and Implant Therapy”
Michael Zirrie, D.D.S.
Friday 3
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #13-14
SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
“CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”
Michael Kalioff, Certified Instructor
Monday 6
SDDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
7:00 PM
Friday 10
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #13-15
Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
“Update in Ceramic and CAD/CAM Dentistry”
Andrew Koenigsberg, D.D.S.
Friday 17
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #13-16
Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY
9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
“Local Anesthesia Review: Update and Clinical Pearls for Daily Use”
Edgar P. Fayares, D.D.S.
Tuesday 21
RICHMOND COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY Membership Meeting
La Fontana Restaurant, Staten Island, NY
6:00 PM
“An Primer on the Functional Matrix”
Robert A. Seminara, D.D.S.
Friday 31
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #13-17
Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY
9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
“Occlusion Simplified for Everyday Practice”
Marc B. Gainer, D.M.D.

JUNE

Monday 3
SDDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
7:00 PM
Friday 14
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #13-18
Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
“Risk Management”
Leslie Seldin, D.D.S.

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NYSDA Grassroots Efforts Yield Legislative Victories

two very significant victories in this year’s State budget that you should be proud of as members of the association. First, the Governor has defined in statute the inclusion of adult dental services in Medicaid as the benchmark Medicaid benefit for the upcoming New York State Health Benefit Exchange. This statute mandates that dental services, otherwise considered optional, must be offered by Medicaid plans through the Exchange. This is a very significant victory for NYSDA and oral health in New York.

Second, there was a strong push from the New York State Senate to place an across the board 5% cut on Medicaid services, otherwise considered optional services under Medicaid. Adult dentistry is an optional service and would have been impacted by this cut. Thanks to a very strong coordinated lobbying effort that included significant grassroots support from many NYSDA members across the state, NYSDA’s lobbyist, and the NYSDA Council on Governmental Affairs team, this proposal did not make it into the final budget proposal — another very significant win for NYSDA members.

A recent NYSDA email urging members to call the leaders of the State Senate and Assembly stated, “YOUR GRASSROOTS VOICE COUNTS: YOU MUST MAKE IT HEARD!” NYSDA members made their voice heard and scored two significant victories for oral health. These are battles we are sure to see again in future years. Local governments exerted enormous political pressure on the Senate to do something for them to relieve some of the cost burdens of Medicaid and the Senate is responsive to that powerful constituency.

NYSDA made its case this year — but those powerful forces seeking cost relief are not just going to go away. NYSDA and SDDS will continue to be vigilant in this area. In order to keep our side strong, we must keep our membership rolls up, our political action committee funded, and our grassroots efforts ever vigilant. We must also point out to our detractors significant victories such as this, so they can also see the value of membership.

The 2013 SDDS Nominating Committee

At the April General Membership Meeting, the following members were elected to serve on the SDDS Nominating Committee:

Alyson Buchalter, John Hallias, Howard I.A. Lieb, John McIntyre and James Sconzono

These five nominees will join Past-Presidents Constantine Pavlakos, Stuart Segelnick, Deborah Pasquale, Richard Oshrain and Craig Ratner to comprise the 2013 SDDS Nominating Committee. This committee is charged with the task of recommending nominees for all of the SDDS elected positions for the coming year.

Greater New York Dental Meeting Volunteer Assignment Sign-up Form

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Address:

City: __________________ State: ______ Zip:

At what phone number can we reach you?

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[ ] Cell Fax

At what email address can we reach you?

Email Address 1: __________________________ Email Address 2: __________________________

Which committees would you like to be assigned to?

[ ] Seminars [ ] Workshops [ ] Essays/Poster Sessions [ ] Registration [ ] Entertainment [ ] Live Dentistry

How many half-day sessions do you want to volunteer for?

[ ] 1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ] 6 [ ] 7 [ ] 8 [ ] 9 [ ] 10 [ ] 11 [ ] All

For which sessions are you available to volunteer?

[ ] Friday AM [ ] Friday PM [ ] Saturday AM [ ] Saturday PM [ ] Sunday AM [ ] Sunday PM [ ] Monday AM [ ] Monday PM [ ] Tuesday AM [ ] Tuesday PM [ ] Wednesday AM [ ] Wednesday PM [ ] Wednesday All Day [ ] Thursday AM [ ] Thursday PM [ ] Thursday All Day

What other languages do you speak?

[ ] French [ ] Spanish [ ] Italian [ ] Other

Are you a member of NYCCDS, SDDS or any other dental organization?

[ ] New York County Dental Society [ ] Second District Dental Society [ ] Other

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- The important components of a complete occlusal evaluation
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- How to perform a complete joint and muscle exam and what positive findings mean
- Techniques to improve the accuracy of impressions and model mounting
- How to take C.R. and protrusive records with efficiency and consistency
- How to use the leaf gauge and Lucia jig to safely load test the TMJ, deprogram muscles and take bite records
- How to make sense of occlusal appliances: when and which to choose
- Why, when and how to perform an occlusal equilibration

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will learn the various principles of occlusal evaluation and treatment and how to employ these principles in everyday practice.
Staten Island University Hospital Receives NYSDF Give Kids a Smile Award

Staten Island University Hospital’s (SIUH) Department of Dentistry will receive $4,875 from the New York State Dental Foundation (NYSDF) to provide treatment to pediatric patients for conditions that can be corrected or significantly improved by early interventions for the guidance of eruption, space maintenance and interceptive orthodontic treatment. The 15 patients who will benefit from the SIUH’s Dental Department focuses on community service assuring that the community’s population receives quality dental care to patients regardless of their ability to pay and without regard to race, creed, sex, age, disability or national origin.

Michael D’Anna, Director of Orthodontics and Diane Gonzalez, Associate Vice President of Ambulatory Services.

NYSDA Trustee Craig Ratner presents the NYSDF Give Kids a Smile Award to SIUH Dental Department. (l to r) Dr. Donald Ratcliffe, Director - SIUH Dental Dept., Donna Proskie, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Steve Schwartz, Director - Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Craig Ratner, Dr. Michael DiAnno, Director - Orthodontics, and Diane Gonzalez, Associate Vice President of Ambulatory Services.
March 4, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

President: Dr. Amrish Parikh, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

PRESENT WERE: Drs. Parikh, Buccigrossi, Mindlin, Ariola, Rosenwein, Pavlakos, Ratner, Meiselman, Albicocco, Bina, Bongiorno, Brustein, Buchalter, Flagliolo, Lieb, Merlino, Oshrain, Palacios, Reyes, Scozno, Segelick and Wesely.

EXCUSED WERE: Drs. Medrano-Saldaña, Halkias and Seminara.

GUESTS WERE: Dr. Parikh welcomed Drs. Alman, DiMango, Gourdie, Harris, McIntyre and Spencer.

Motion Passed: To accept the minutes of the Febru-
ary 4, 2013 meeting

DECEASED MEMBERS: Dr. Meryl Efron – New 
York University, 1983

Dr. German Gelb – New York University, 1993

Dr. Benzon Kraupa-
University of Pennsylvania, 1981

Dr. Aleksander Myny-
York University, 1931

Dr. Elana Nogid - New 
York University, 2001

Graduate Students: Dr. Adam Weiss – State University of New York at Stony Brook, 2008 (Brook-
lyin Hospital Center)

Associate Members: Dr. Nathan Kern – New York University, 1980 (NYCDs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: See “Calendar.”

CORRESPONDENCE: • Letter dated February 26, 2013 from Dr. Alyssa Buchalter re: Relief Grant.

• Letter dated from Dr. Arnold Lieb-
man re: Relief Grant

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND CAFE:

Dr. Parikh – President: • Announced NYSDA House of Delegates meet-
ing begins May 31st at the Grand Hyatt in New York

• Discussed bill to repeal taxation of dental devices.

• Discussed proposed bill to fund pro bono dental work for the needy.

• Discussed dental insurance Fairness bill.

• Announced Mr. Hackett for his participation in the celebration of life program for Dr. Meryl Efron.

• Dr. Mindlin – Secretary:

• Progress.

• Dr. Ariola – Treasurer:

• Reported account balances.

• Progress.

• Discussed Relief Grant – Execu-
tive Director:

• Announced District Claims committee met to evaluate four cases. Two new mem-
bers participated.

• Discussed that NYSDA Councils will be meeting.

• Urged SDDS Delegates to the NYSDA House of Delegates to register.

• Asked the Board to fund expenses for representa-
tives to the ADA Leadership Conference.

• Board to allocate money for residents’ social gathering.

• Motion approved: That $5000 be allocated for a residents social event.

• Discussed that Dr. Galler will be giving a Peer Review refreshing, date TBA.

• Informed the Board that SDDS Hurricane Sandy relief grants were sent to 41 Second District members.

• Efforts by the NYS Dental Foundation for their relief efforts.

• Discussed GNYDM pen-
sion plans and progress being made to rectify these issues. Legal counsel is being sought. They will be interviewed and selected by representatives of both Boards leadership.

• Discussed progress with both GNYDM partnership agreement and funding of reserve fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: GNYDM – Dr. Oshrain:

• Presented the Board on progress in filling the grid.

• Announced that the audit report has been submitted.

• Informed the Board that there is a potential sub ten-
ancy.

• Discussed relief grants.

• Announced that analysis figures are underway to better target marketing efforts.

• Mentioned that at this time, Botox workshops will not be scheduled.

Finance and Budget Commi-
dee – Dr. Gourdie: • Announced that the Com-
mittee met with a representa-
tive from Vanguard. The committee recommended altering the asset allocation of the society’s holdings. Motion submitted to change allocation to a 50%-50% split between equities and fixed income.

• Motion Passed: That the reserve fund portfolio be switched to the new refreshing mix so that 50% is in fixed in-
come, 50% is in equities.

• Reviewed unaudited fi-
nancial balance sheet of the society.

Constitution and Bylaws Commit-
tee – Dr. Buccigrossi:

• Presented the proposed amendment (as attached) to the Constitution and Bylaws addressing term limits.

Motion Passed: To make constitutional change to the membership at the March membership meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE: • Drs. Segelick, Scozno and Buchalter thanked the Board for their consider-
ation and generosity in issuing the disaster relief grants.

• Congratulations to Dr. Oshrain on being named treasurer of the GNYDM.

• Speedy recovery wish-
efs offered to Dr. Ariola’s mother.

• Dr. Scozno thanked Drs. Reyes and Mr. Hackett for their efforts in putting toget-
er the Atlantic Center Mall screening program.

• Drs. Gourdie reassured the Board that the resi-
dency programs do not appear to be at risk from the upcoming state budget cuts.

• Dr. Gourdie discussed fund raising efforts for fundraising events. The Board recommended that efforts be put in place so that 50% is in equities.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.