RCDS Celebrates Its Centennial

Dr. Edward Jastremski

Installed as 100th President

On a cold, icy evening, only warmth and good cheer reigned as the Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS) marked its milestone 100th anniversary at the Richmond County Country Club in Staten Island. Dr. Vincent Frazzetto served as chairman of the event as well as its MC, a per-

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RCDS 2015 President Dr. Edward Jastremski, left, poses with SDDS 2015 President Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr.
RCDS President, Dr. Edward Jastremski

Dr. Edward Jastremski is a native Staten Islander who graduated, cum laude, from Wagner College with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1985 from the University Of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston. He has been practicing general dentistry for nearly 30 years, the majority of which have been on Staten Island.

In addition to being a member of the New York State Dental Association and the Second District Dental Society, Dr. Jastremski is also a member of the Texas Dental Association and the Capital Area Dental Society of Austin. He is also a member of Second District Dental Society’s peer review committee, as well as past president of the in-office support group. Additionally, he serves on both the SDDS Finance and Budget Committee and the Friday Morning Seminars Committee.

Dr. Jastremski was an appointed member of Congressman Michael Grimm’s Health Care Advisory Committee. He has been a passionate participant in the New York and Texas chapters of the Mission of Mercy, helping indigent patients regain their dignity with pro bono dental work. He plans to work diligently to increase the scope of these services in both New York and Texas.

In an excerpt from Dr. Jastremski’s inaugural speech given at the RCDS Installation of Officers Dinner on January 24, 2015, he relayed that “serving as your President will enable me to give back to a profession that has blessed me in so many ways. I vow to fight for this Society and profession and leave it stronger than when I found it. I will reach out to our approximately 250 members here on Staten Island and encourage more of our colleagues to attend our meetings and to get involved. I also plan to reach out to our recent graduates to come and attend our meetings. I hope to encourage our lawmakers to fund the New York State Mission of Mercy every year. At present, it is scheduled to occur every other year. This program is a great way for us to give back to the community and an exceptional opportunity for our profession to demonstrate to the public the largesse and nobility of our organization.”

Dr. Jastremski has been happily married for over 25 years to his wife, Phyllis and is a very proud father of two children, Elisa and Benjamin.
RCDS Installation of Officers and Centennial Celebration

RCDS members gather in 1940 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Society

RCDS members gather in 2015 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Society

formance greatly enjoyed by the nearly 200 attendees.

RCDS, the branch society of the Second District Dental Society, was recognized for its many activities benefitting the Staten Island community and its residents, as well as its members and the dental profession by New York Senator Andrew Lanza, who awarded a NYS Senate Proclamation.

The RCDS Lifetime Achievement Award, the Society's highest honor, was presented to Dr. Louis DeSantis, a most worthy recipient with many professional accomplishments that are too numerous to list here. Dr. DeSantis is a prosthodontist with a full-time practice in the New Dorp section of Staten Island. He also serves as a clinical associate professor in prosthodontics at New York University College of Dentistry.

The highlight of the evening was the installation of the 2015 slate of RCDS Officers including, President Dr. Edward Jastremski; President-Elect Dr. Ralph Costagliola; Vice President Dr. Ralph Attanasii; Treasurer Dr. Michael Costa and Secretary Dr. Valerie Venterina. Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr., president of the SDDS and a Staten Island dentist, was the installing officer.

by HOWARD I.A. LIEB, PAST PRESIDENT OF RCDS & SDDS
RCDS 2015 Installation Dinner and Centennial Celebration

RCDS President Dr. Edward Jastremski (far right) with his family (left to right): daughter, Elisa; wife, Phyllis; and son, Benjamin.

SDDS President Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr. (far left) with RCDS 2015 Officers (left to right) Drs. Valerie Venterina, Michael Costa and Ralph Costagliola.

Past RCDS President Dr. Vincent Frazzetto (left) with 2014 RCDS President Dr. Marc Meiselman (center) and his wife, Lori Meiselman.

RCDS President Dr. Edward Jastremski cuts a rug on the dance floor with his daughter Elisa.

Dr. Georgia Dellas (far left) with SDDS Board member Dr. Kristine Hassan (second from left), RCDS Past President Dr. Michael Donato (third from left) and SDDS Past President Dr. Renèda Reyes (far right).

Past RCDS President Dr. Vincent Frazzetto (left) with RCDS 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Dr. Louis DeSantis.
RCDS Presidential History: A Look Back at Dr. Charles G. Stiles, RCDS's First President

This is the illustrious 100th year anniversary of the Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS). We would like to congratulate not only the officers of the current and past boards, but all the dentists of Staten Island who have made the RCDS and the SDDS such a thriving and important dental society. Dr. Edward Jastremski is this celebration year's president. A biographical sketch of Dr. Jastremski appears in this Bulletin, but let's go back in time 100 years to see the RCDS's first president...

On February 10, 1915, according to an announcement in The Dental Cosmos (Vol. 57; Pg. 482, 1915), the Richmond County Dental Society was organized at a meeting held at the Hotel St. George. The Society was open to all practicing dentists for the “friendly relationship between members of the profession.” They elected that day C. G. Stiles, President; J. A. Smith, Vice-President (who went on the following year to become the second president of R.C.D.S); D. J. Machol, Secretary; L. A. Lamonte, Treasurer (who in 1918 became the fourth president of the RCDS). They scheduled monthly meetings on every second Monday of the month and had their first meeting on March 8, 1915, where “every practicing dentist of Staten Island, but one” attended.

Charles Gowdy Stiles, the first president of the RCDS, was born on October 12, 1881 in Lansingburgh, which is now Troy, (annexed by Troy in 1900) N.Y. in Rensselaer County. He was married on February 20, 1911 to Florence Lucille Kennedy. They had a daughter, Julianne Lawrence Stiles (born August 9, 1913) and two sons: Robert Livingstone Stiles (born on June 5, 1916) and Charles Gowdy Stiles, Jr. (born on May 1, 1921). Charles's parents were Robert Benoni Stiles and Ida Estralla Lawrence.

Charles's father, Robert, was born in East Windsor, Conn. and graduated from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. on July 1, 1870. He then went on to graduate from Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1871. Charles was introduced to politics by his father, Robert, who was elected in March 1876 to serve as magistrate of the town of Lansingburgh, N.Y. Robert was also corporation counsel for the Village of Lansingburgh starting in 1881, the year his son, Charles, was born.

Dr. Charles Stiles was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution through his mother's great-great-grandfather, Samuel Gowdy. Dr. Stiles' son, Charles Jr., enlisted in the marines at age 20 in March of 1942. He was a captain in the Marines Second Battalion Fourth Marines and Sixth Marine Division. Charles Jr. was part of the first American combat troop to enter Mainland Japan, landing on Futtsu Cape. He was wounded in action in January of 1945 and finished his tour with the marines in 1947.

Dr. Charles G. Stiles received his Ph.B. (Bachelor of Philosophy) degree from Union College in 1904, where his father attended and, later, his sons. Charles also had an early interest in music; he was in the Musical Association and was assistant manager and then manager for the class of 1904 at Union College. As per the Union College website, the college “is a private, non-denominational liberal arts college located in Schenectady, New York, United States. Founded in 1795, it was the first institution of higher learning chartered by the New York State Board of Regents.” The oldest college in New York is actually Columbia College, which was founded by a royal charter as King's College in 1754. Charles was in the fraternity Psi Upsilon and Delta Sigma Delta.

It is interesting that fraternities at American colleges and universities began at Union College with the organization of Kappa Alpha in 1825, Sigma Phi in 1827 and Delta Phi in 1872. There are three other remaining national fraternities that were established at Union college in the next 20 years, Psi Upsilon (where Charles was a member) (1833), Chi Psi (1841), and Theta Delta Chi (1847). Today Union College is known as being the “Mother of Fraternities.” As far as dental fraternities go, on November 15, 1882 the first dental fraternity in the world was founded in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After being asked to join Nu Sigma Nu (a medical fraternity), Lou Mitchell and Chas Howard, two dental students from the University of Michigan's dental school, decided that dentists should have their own fraternity. They took the initials D.D.S., changed their order to D.S.D. and then replaced the English words with Greek, which is how they created their new name, Delta Sigma Delta, another fraternity to which Dr. Stiles belonged.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1908, at the 152nd commencement of the University of Pennsylvania (University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine was founded in 1878 though it originated as the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, which was founded in 1852), Dr. C. G. Stiles received his D.D.S. degree. In 1911, in the journal called Oral Hygiene a journal for dentists (Vol. I, Number XII), Charles wrote a timely piece on how to help manage children and alleviate their fear of dentists.

Dr. and Mrs. Stiles donated a number of items to the Staten Island Historical Society. In their collection are two hand fans (one is from Machinery Hall, World's Fair, Chicago) and a blue velvet jacket that Dr. Stiles wore as a young boy! There are also about a hundred other family items such as an eagle pin with flag, beaded purse, leather cigar case and trundle bed. Currently, only the trundle bed can be viewed on the first floor of the Basket Maker's house in Historic Richmond Town. The fans can be viewed on their online database. It is pretty amazing that this year the Staten Island Historical Society has a special online gallery featuring Dr. Meryl Efron who was the first...
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Staten Island University Hospital Dental Department: How it All Began

Early in 1968, Louis Gianvito, MD, attended a monthly meeting of the Richmond County Dental Society and was an official representative of the Staten Island Hospital; he made a strong pitch for the development of an active dental department for the hospital. At that time the hospital was on Castleton Avenue. A search committee was formed by the dental society and Dr. William Lavori was selected to initiate and chair the program. Dr. Bernard McGivern was appointed director of residents. The first regular meeting of the department of dentistry was held on October 10, 1968; monthly meetings have continued since.

Some other key initial attendees who were very involved in the development of the program were Dr. Steve Ratner and Dr. Al Fressola.

On July 1, 1970 the general practice Residency started with one resident, Dr. Ira Camhi. On July 1, 1974, it expanded to two residents, and on July 1, 1977 it expanded to four residents. In April of 1979, the hospital moved to its present site on 475 Seaview Avenue. On July 1, 1986, Dr. William Lavori retired as director and Dr. Arthur Puglisi was appointed director of the department of dentistry. On July 1, 1989, the program expanded to 10 residents and the hospital’s name was officially changed to the Staten Island University Hospital.

The program expanded to 12 first-year residents and one second-year resident in 1992.

In 2003 Dr. Steven Schwartz, a specialist in pediatric dentistry, began the pathway for a certified pedodontic residency program. He was appointed director of the pedodontic residency program and on July 1, 2004, with full approval in hand, the program began with three residents.

In June 2005, Dr. Arthur Puglisi retired as chair of the department of dentistry. Dr. Donald Ratcliffe was appointed the new chairman and he maintains his position as director of general practice residents.

On June 30, 2006 the first class of pedodontic residents graduated. On July 1, 2012 the general practice residency program expanded to 14 first-year residents and three second-year residents with six residents in the pedodontic residency program.

Today, Staten Island University Hospital is now a full partner and an associated hospital of the North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital System.

by ROBERT A. SEMINARA, D.D.S.

(Editors note: Dr. Seminara, who is a past president of the RCDS and SDDS, was responsible for setting up the first orthodontic program at Staten Island University Hospital.)

The Auxiliary to the Richmond County Dental Society

When my husband Howard and I moved to Staten Island from Boston in 1974, we knew no one in the dental community. After Howard went to his first Richmond County Dental Society meeting, he was not only warmly welcomed into the dental community, but it was suggested that I attend a dental auxiliary meeting. The Auxiliary, as it was called then, was composed of the spouses of the dentists on Staten Island. I learned that this group of ladies held monthly meetings to get to know each other and also performed community service.

What kind of community service, you ask? It seems that the people who came before me—Gloria Seminara, Susan Gott, Faith Ratner, Florence Einhorn, Alice Goren, Toni Carter and Josephine Spinelli, to mention a few—created a puppet show. This puppet show was designed to teach children about dental health, the importance of caring for their teeth and how to brush their teeth. They would go to different schools, set up and perform this puppet show in the auditorium. Afterwards they would go into as many as six different classrooms and teach the children how to brush their teeth. It was a completely hands-on program. The ladies would set up the children’s desks while the students were in the auditorium. Each table had a toothbrush & toothpaste (provided to us by either P&G or Colgate®), a placemat, napkin and two cups—one with water and one without. When the children returned from class they sat down and with the use of large models, we instructed them on how to brush their teeth. They then proceeded to brush their teeth and rinse, taking water from one cup and spitting it out into the empty cup. We called this program a “Brush-In.” The children had a good time, the teachers loved the program and I still have so many of the thank-you notes from the children. As a matter of fact, I have one of the...
Dr. Charles Stiles, First President of the RCDS

Darby Dental Society
The Dental Surgery Sailor's Snug Harbor Hospital and home for children of destitute sailors (1910-1914)
Psi Upsilon (NYC) (second chapter was formed at NYU)
Phoenix Lodge no. 58
Livingston tennis and cricket clubs
Free and accepted Masons of Troy
Tyrian Chapter no. 219
Columbian Council no. 1 of NYC
Empire Commandery no. 66 of Knights Templar Staten Island, the local Masonic club
The Staten Island Club
The Staten Island Kiwanis club
The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Charles Stiles was very active in his community. He volunteered for and held memberships in many organizations, including those listed in the above chart.

female president of the Richmond County Dental Society in 1992. Dr. Efron served on the Staten Island Historical Society's board of directors and was first vice president and chair of its governance and collections committees. I would like to thank Sarah Clark who is Curator for the Staten Island Historical Society for her information on the Stiles collection; she has also invited our members to take a behind-the-scenes tour and presentation on selected dental related objects.

After finishing dental school, in 1909, Charles moved to 443 Bard Avenue, West New Brighton in Staten Island. Six years later Charles would assume the role of the first president of the RCDS. Shortly after moving to Staten Island he opened a dental office at 1593 Richmond Terrace West New Brighton, then moved to 36 Richmond Terrace and finally transferred his office to Hyatt Street at the newly built St. George theatre. Charles died at 73 years of age in June 1965 in Staten Island.

by STUART L. SEGELNICK, D.D.S.

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Auxiliary to RCDS

original scripts for this puppet show. We progressed from this play to short films, which were purchased from the ADA.

I quickly became involved in this program and more. Our Auxiliary did more than just visit schools a few times a month. As time went on and the use of gloves in the dental office became common, we created a program for students in the upper elementary school grades to teach them about sterilization and how germs are passed on. We had a toothbrush trade-in event at the Staten Island Mall during February's Dental Health Month. We sponsored a program which provided monetary awards to the top students in the dental assisting program at Staten Island Hospital & the College of Staten Island. The Auxiliary also provided small scholarships to dental students to help defray the cost of their books and gave scholarships to the dental hygiene program at NYC Technical College.

The Auxiliary had monthly meetings and an annual installation dinner. We also organized social events with our spouses, held fundraisers and wrote an award winning newsletter three or four times a year. We held huge garage sales in the driveway and garage at Alice Goren’s house. We had a dinner with an enormous quantity of raffle baskets, all donations from local vendors. I remember going around with Judy Gamm, Florence Einhorn or Rosalyn Birnbaum collecting gifts. We were raising money for our programs and having a good time in the process.

We were a member of the National Auxiliary (affiliated with the ADA) as well. Susan Gott represented us on the national level to the Alliance of the American Dental Association many times. In subsequent
Richmond County Dental Society: A Personal History

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS) and still in the afterglow of a fabulous celebratory dinner dance and installation of officers on Jan. 24, my friend Dr. Stuart Segelnick asked me to write an article about the history of the Society. When thinking of this task, I can only relate the Society’s history to my history as an active member.

In the fall of 1994, while a general practice resident at Staten Island University Hospital, my fellow residents and I attended a lecture about organized dentistry given by Dr. Arthur Puglisi, a past president of SDDS and RCDS. He explained that the ADA was our federal organization, leading to a New York State component which trickled down to a local component, our SDDS. But then he said something that interested me—he said that SDDS was comprised of Brooklyn and Staten Island. We all know that Staten Island is distinct and different from Brooklyn, so there was a “branch” society called the Richmond County Dental Society.

Well, now, as a native Staten Islander, I could relate. This branch society was started in 1915 by a group of dentists who wanted to form an organization of dentists who practiced and lived in Staten Island. In 1915, we were still a part of the SDDS but having our own branch and our own family of dentists here in Staten Island has been a valuable part of my professional career and the careers of many.

Thank you to all who have invited me, welcomed me, and supported me throughout my RCDS journey over the past 20 years. May I enjoy many more meetings, parties, continuing education and community outreach events in the years to come. May our next 100 years as a Society be just as great as the first 100.

My hope is that young dentists can come to realize the importance of organized dentistry and take the time to get involved—the rewards come back a hundredfold!

by PHYLLIS G. MERLINO, D.D.S., Past President of RCDS

JANUARY QUIZ ANSWERS

Q: Who held the position of Editor of the SDDS Bulletin for the longest period of time?
A: Dr. Robert Edwab

Q: Which editor of the SDDS Bulletin was also president of the American Dental Association?
A: Dr. C. Raymond Wells

Q: Which SDDS Bulletin Editor was also editor of the New York State Dental Journal?
A: Dr. Bernard Tiffels

Q: Which editor also served as Director of Dentistry and Chief of the Endodontic Service at the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital?
A: Dr. Joseph Obst

Q: Which editor was president of the SDDS and the New York State Academy of General Dentistry?
A: Dr. Herbert Horowitz

MARCH QUIZ

1) How many people attended this years 2015 installation of officers event?
A) 156 B) 200 C) 193 D) 268

2) At this years installation Dr. Paul Weseley received the SDDS Distinguished Service Award. Name the last three winners of the award.

3) At this years installation Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr. became our 2015 SDDS President. What year was Dr. Buccigrossi president of the Richmond County Dental Society?

4) What was the name of the president of the SDDS and what year was it when the installation of officers event had to be postponed due to inclement weather?

5) Who was the last president to be installed at the Windows on the World in the Twin Towers World Trade Center?

Email responses to editor@sddsny.org or call SDDS at (718) 322-3939. Answers will be published in a future issue of the Bulletin. The first member to contact SDDS with the correct answers will win a free SDDS half-day course!
SDDS MARCH 2015 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTING

SDDS HEADQUARTERS, BROOKLYN, NY (9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.)
#2015-05
Friday, March 6, 2015

CPR & Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
Micheal Kaliroff
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. Participants will receive a two-year certification card from the American Heart Association as well as continuing education credits. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department's requirement for licensed dentists.

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SDDS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
State Officers/Hospital Residents’ Night
Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY
Thursday, March 12, 2015 • 6:30 P.M. • MCEU - 1 HOUR

Avoiding Occlusal Nightmares
Featured Clinician: MARC B. GAINOR, D.M.D.
Visiting Faculty, Spear Institute

This lecture examine how attrition, abrasion and erosion affect prognosis and treatment planning; what centric relation is, why it is important and how to find it; and the components of a complete occlusal, muscle and joint exam and what positive findings mean. It will also examine muscle deprogrammers and occlusal appliances (when and which to choose) and simple ways to assess occlusal risk in patients requiring restorative dentistry.

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will understand “at risk” occlusal conditions and learn how to identify those patients who can or cannot be restored predictably.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2015-06
The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture
Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY
Friday, March 13, 2015 • 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. • MCEU - 6 HOURS

The Medical and Dental Implications of Your Patients’ Medications
Featured Clinician: HAROLD L. CROSSLEY, D.D.S., M.S., PH.D.
Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland Dental School

Patients are living longer thanks to their medications but many of the physician-prescribed medications they use have dental implications and side effects which can affect a dentist’s treatment plan. Some of these medications are the drugs of choice of “doctor shoppers.” One of these medications is the most prescribed medication abused by adolescents. Some medications are more likely to cause violent behavior, others can cause a “burning mouth syndrome” and in fact, others may cause sexual dysfunction. Should dentists use caution when prescribing NSAIDs with antihypertensives? Is antibiotic prophylaxis required for patients with orthopedic prostheses? And lastly, who sets the standard for healthy blood pressure, pap smears and cholesterol?

This presentation includes the indications, contraindications and side effects of the most commonly prescribed medications. Many of these medications were not approved the last time most dentists took a pharmacology course in dental school. These medications represent 30 percent of all prescriptions taken by dental patients and familiarity with these drugs will provide the dental practitioner with a better appreciation for the health profiles of their patients.

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will know:

• Which prescription, OTC medications and foods could adversely interact with dental drugs
• Why patients are taking their medications
• What oral side effects may be caused by these medications
• Maximum doses for commonly prescribed pain medications
• When not to prescribe NSAIDs
• How to manage patients taking some of the newer anticoagulant medications
• How to combine analgesics to maximize their effects
• Indications and contraindications for opiate analgesics

RCDS MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Bocelli Ristorante, Staten Island, NY
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 • 6 P.M. • MCEU - 1 HOUR

Common Oral Pathology in the Pediatric Patient
Essayist: PHYLLIS G. MERLINO, D.D.S.
Pediatric Dental Attending, Staten Island University Hospital

This lecture aims to be a comprehensive review of common pathology that can be encountered in the pediatric patient. Com-
mon acquired, developmental and congenital conditions will be discussed including candidiasis, primary herpetic gingivostomatitis, aphthous ulcers and discolored teeth. Diagnosis, treatments and need for referrals will be discussed. Upon successful completion of this lecture participants will learn to identify and treat common pathological conditions in children.

For additional information, contact Dr. Edward Jastremski at (718) 356-1043.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2015-07
Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY
Friday, March 20, 2015 • 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. • MCEU - 3 HOURS

Pulpal Therapy of the Immature Tooth
Featured Clinician: MARC KUNIN, D.D.S., M.A.
Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland Dental School

How do we treat the immature tooth that is in need of endodontic therapy? What if the pulp is vital? What if the pulp is necrotic? By reviewing the literature and clinical cases, we will arrive at appropriate treatment options. Topics to be covered include:

- The diagnosis of teeth with immature apices
- Indications, treatment planning, prognosis and goals for apexification/MTA apical barrier, apexogenesis/MTA pulpotomy, MTA partial pulpotomy and regeneration/revascularization

Step by step instructions on how to perform these procedures will be reviewed. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will be comfortable in treatment planning and treating immature teeth that are in need of endodontic therapy.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2015-08
Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY
Friday, March 27, 2015 • 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. • MCEU - 6 HOURS

The Future is Now: The Collaborative Team Approach
Featured Clinician: LEONARD MAROTTA, C.D.T., M.D.T., PH.D.
Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Biomaterials and Biomimetics, New York University College of Dentistry

Now more than ever, there are a multitude of options available to clinicians when it comes to treatment planning cases. This course will introduce the collaborative role of the laboratory and clinician across multiple disciplines. While there can be many different treatment plans there can only be one correct diagnosis. This course will allow clinicians to correctly diagnose a case and prepare the best possible treatment plan for their patient. Shade taking, surgical planning and implant restorations are more complex than ever, with multiple systems and materials available to the clinician. Participants will be introduced to the latest techniques and materials available to them and will learn how to effectively merge them with more traditional restorative options.

The main topics will include the materials and procedures available to the dentist in relation to stereolithography, surgical guides and CAD/CAM technology. A specific focus will be placed on utilizing CAD/CAM technology with implant bar fabrication, removable partial dentures (RPDs), dentures and implant abutments. It is imperative that dentists today are able to effectively communicate their needs with the surgical team and laboratory to ensure their treatment plan is followed. Lastly, a quick introduction of biomedical and cranial facial engineering will be presented.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will:

- Have an understanding of the laboratory staff’s role from pre-operative diagnostics to postoperative restorations
- Understand today’s dental technology and materials
- Learn how to utilize all the materials available to put together the best possible treatment plan for their patients
- Know how to effectively communicate patients’ needs with the surgical team and laboratory
- Learn how to maintain quality and standards utilizing today’s technology
- Understand the techniques and skills that go into CAD/CAM restorations
- Obtain a brief introduction to biomedical engineering

The Health Care Team: Dentist/Physician Collaboration
Featured Clinician: PAUL TEPILSKY, D.M.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor, SUNY Downstate Medical Center

In a hospital setting, the staff dentist is often called upon by physicians from a wide variety of departments to provide consultation and treatment services for their patients. The dentist functions as part of the comprehensive health care team and his/her expertise is invaluable in managing patients and achieving positive outcomes. However, this role is not limited to hospital inpatients. As an increasing number of medical procedures are performed on an outpatient basis or in an ambulatory care setting, dentists in private practice will encounter many of the same patients with diverse medical diagnoses.

The different types of dental consultations requested by various medical specialties will be reviewed and discussed. Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will:

- Understand the role of the dentist working in collaboration with physicians as part of the health care team
- Identify the types of consultation requests that may be made by various medical specialists
- Be able to appropriately respond and communicate findings and recommendations
- Provide adequate patient evaluations and treatments
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**Harold L. Crossley, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.**
Friday, March 13, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

#2015-07 "Pulpal Therapy of the Immature Tooth"

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

**Marc Kunin, D.D.S., M.A.**
Friday, March 20, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MCEU - 3 hours
Breakfast included

#2015-08 "The Future is Now: The Collaborative Team Approach"

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

**Leonard Marotta, C.D.T., M.D.T., Ph.D.**
Friday, March 27, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

#2015-10 "Medical Emergencies: Are You Prepared?"

- **SDDS Members/Staff**: $50
- **SDDS Resident Members**: FREE
- **ADA Members/Staff**: $60

**Jeffrey S. Burns, D.D.S.**
Friday, April 17, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MCEU - 3 hours
Breakfast included

#2015-11 "Dental Phobia and Oral Sedation"

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

**Louis I. Siegelman, D.D.S.**
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MCEU - 3 hours
Breakfast included

#2015-12 "Tips in Esthetic Restorative Dentistry"

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

**Ronaldo Hirata, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.**
Friday, April 24, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included


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

**Dale Rosenbach, D.M.D., M.S.**
Wednesday, April 29, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
MCEU - 2 hours
Beverage service only

#2015-14 "Esthetics and Laser Dentistry"

- **SDDS Members**: $100

**Kenneth S. Magid, D.D.S.**
Friday, May 1, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

"CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office"

- **SDDS Member**: $160
- **SDDS Member's Staff**: $145
- **SDDS Resident Members**: FREE
- **ADA Member/Staff**: $170
- **Non-ADA Member/Staff**: $280
- **Federal Service Dentists**: $85

**Jeffrey S. Burns, D.D.S.**
Friday, April 10, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
MCEU - 5 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY
(9 A.M. - 3 P.M.)

#2015-05 Friday, March 6, 2015
#2015-37 Friday, May 15, 2015
#2015-19 Friday, July 17, 2015

SDDS Board of Trustees Minutes

The SDDS February 2015 Board meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Consequently, the January 2015 meeting minutes have yet to be approved and thus cannot be printed in this issue. They will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin.
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years, I became a member—at-large and represented our interests as well. As it happened, there were no other Auxiliaries still in existence anywhere else in New York State, so in essence I represented New York State on the national level. The highest honor that the National Alliance to the American Dental Association ever bestows is the Thelma J. Neff Award and both Susan Gott and I were awarded that honor for our service.

Over time, the name of the organization changed, as Auxiliary came to represent other auxiliary service groups. We then became the Alliance to the Richmond County Dental Society.

I was president for many years, following some very inspiring people and preceding some dedicated leaders: Suzanne Radcliffe, Jill Kanner, Cathy Frazetto, Ruth Madison, Lucille Galligan, Annette Villa, Gerri Mosiello, Michele Otterbeck and Trudy Edwards. We were a very cohesive group. It was not just about the community service. It was more about the camaraderie of getting together. We were family, just like the Richmond County Dental Society. Our common bond was that all our husbands were dentists. As time went on, and more of us went back to work or to school, there were fewer of us with the time to volunteer and most of us had other higher priorities in our lives. But, the bonds that we developed are still there, because, WE ARE STILL FAMILY.

by JOYCE LIEB

SDDS Job Board

Positions Wanted
GENERAL DENTIST—Compassionate, competent and motivated general dentist seeks part time or full time associateship in private or group practice. Please call (714) 345-4253.

ORTHODONTIST—Experienced orthodontist available one day per week (Tuesdays). Phone (917) 647-3802.

PERIODONTIST—36 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.

Positions Available
PEDIATRIC DENTIST—Board-certified or Board-eligible Pediatric Dentist needed for Attending for pediatric dental residents. 1 day/week at our Brooklyn hospital. Includes OR privileges. Contact for additional details: ghenson@interfaithmedical.org or (718) 613-7383.

GENERAL DENTIST—Pleasant, busy, Boro Park Brooklyn office needs a GP for Fridays 9-2. Exp. preferred, Yiddish speaking helpful, good with molar RCTs, crowns and children. Reply to DDS7725@gmail.com.

GENERAL DENTIST—General Dentist preferred for Brooklyn, NY practice. Must be competent and motivated self-starter. Must be able to diagnose, provide Tx plan and treat most problems in a general dental practice. Part time, work any day Mon-Sat. Russian/English bilingual. NY State lic.#, Medicaid, DentaQuest provider# required. Great opportunity, incentive program and potential for buy-out. Submit resume to dianex@aol.com or fax to (718) 891-8949.

DENTIST—Brooklyn Heights, NY. PT position available for general dentist with general people skills, excellent clinical skills, and exceptional diagnostic and treatment planning abilities. Please email resume to drb@bellafiodrreds.com or fax to (718) 875-2630.

GENERAL DENTIST—Looking for a part-time General Dentist to work in a busy dental office located in Brooklyn NY 11209. We are looking for someone with at least two years experience, with NY state License and who has exceptional clinical skills and loves what they do. The General Dentist must be capable of diagnosing a patient, providing a treatment plan, and treating dental conditions. Applicants should submit their resumes to tibidental@yahoo.com or please call: (718) 491-6585 or fax it to: (718) 491-6586.

GENERAL DENTIST—At least 1 year experience. Medicaid provider is a must. Office at Ditmas Ave. in Brooklyn, NY 11218. Call (646) 662-2685 or e-mail dds@doctor.com.

ENDODONTIST—General Practice on Staten Island, West Brighton area, looking to obtain an endodontist to work within the practice. Please contact (718) 442-8440, email: nd5457@yahoo.com.

ENDODONTIST—Busy cosmetic dental office in Brooklyn. Digital x-ray machine. Friendly and experienced staff. Send resume by fax: (718) 376-7652 or by email: taladentala@gmail.com.

The SDDS Job Board is a FREE member-benefit program for Second District members who are seeking employment and for SDDS members who have positions available at their office address in Brooklyn or Staten Island. Available only to Second District members in good standing. Please contact Veronica Molina at (718) 522-3939 or vmolina@sddsny.org for details on placing an associateship listing.
Recent Court Decisions

The execution of a properly prepared written informed consent is widely understood to be necessary in the context of surgical procedures, but is often overlooked when treatment plans are being formulated. A review of case law and jury verdicts, however, makes clear that practitioners cannot rely on a simple written treatment plan to establish informed consent, and that it is necessary to secure proper informed consent before initiating any planned restoration.

In Harvin v. Roth, et. al., a patient was provided two options for treatment of loose front teeth and receding gums. The patient signed the written treatment plan, agreeing to the treatment option recommended by the dentist. Following placement of gold/porcelain inlays, the patient required root canal and sued the dentist alleging lack of informed consent for “unnecessary restorative treatment” and a failure to advise of the risks and complications inherent in the treatment. Assessing the dentist’s proof of informed consent, the court determined that there were issues of fact for the jury to decide.

Case law also demonstrates that pointing to a patient’s signature on a consent form which lists the risks and benefits of the procedure is not, by itself, enough to defeat claims for lack of informed consent where the consent form does not address alternative treatment options, and the patient testifies that alternative treatments were never discussed. See, e.g., Giambrone v. Farha, et. al.; Rojo v. Young, et. al.

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry predicts increases in the demand for veneer procedures and crown and bridge work. To protect against a corresponding increase in lack of informed consent claims, practitioners should take care to manage patient expectations for treatment outcomes and thoroughly communicate and document discussions regarding the necessity of treatment, the risks, benefits and cost of all treatment options, as well as the prognosis of proposed treatment and any refusal of preferred treatment.

Practice Points

**Focus:** Obtain proper written informed consent for all restorative treatment plans

- Provide patients with a WRITTEN TREATMENT PLAN identifying the necessity of proposed restorations, all known and foreseeable risks and benefits of the recommended treatment, and all treatment alternatives that are generally accepted among dentists in your community, inclusive of referrals to specialists.

- Obtain the PATIENT’S SIGNATURE to demonstrate their selected treatment option.

- IF RECOMMENDED TREATMENT IS REFUSED, determine whether it is appropriate to dismiss the patient. If it is acceptable to proceed, have the patient sign a statement that they are electing non-preferred treatment and document the reason (e.g. inability to pay cost of preferred treatment).

- DOCUMENT YOUR CONVERSATION IN THE PATIENT’S CHART and reiterate the necessity of treatment, the risks and benefits of the options, and – where preferred treatment options have been refused – the short term goals and likely prognosis.

- Secure a properly executed INFORMED CONSENT FORM that is tailored to the elected procedure.
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