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## The SDDS Installation of Officers and Awards Luncheon Returns for 2022

by Stuart L. Segelnick, D.D.S., M.S., SDDS Bulletin Editor



SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. is sworn in by Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, the installing officer for the ceremony

New York City was packed with people on Sunday, April 3 as hundreds of Second District Dental Society (SDDS) members, dignitaries, friends and family made their way to the SDDS annual installation of officers in-person event – a gala event not seen in over two years and never before celebrated in April! With masks in hand and rain falling from the sky, the shell-shocked post-traumatic stress of the pandemic miraculously washed away from attendees as they entered the majestic University Club of New York in midtown

Manhattan. Trepidation transformed into wondrous festivity as fully vaccinated attendees were teleported to a pre-pandemic age of socializing without face coverings or social distancing.

While attendees basked under the beautiful fresco ceiling depicting the heavens above, SDDS Past President Dr. Reneida Reyes began with a healing invocation wishing continued health to our nation and peace in the world. New York State Senator Andrew Gounardes, who needs no introduction being the son of our esteemed past SDDS presi-

dent Dr. Steve Gounardes and a welcome part of the SDDS family, presented four awards. Senator Gounardes presented New York State Proclamations to Dr. Babak Bina, Dr. Paul Albicocco, and Dr. Alyson Buchalter for their amazing leadership during their presidencies in the preceding three years. He then called up Dr. Reneida Reyes and presented her

with a proclamation for receiving the SDDS Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Reyes is one of only 14 SDDS members honored to ever receive the SDDS's highest award.

Dr. Paul Leary, ADA trustee and candidate for ADA president-elect, said that the worst thing to do to dentists in the middle of a pandemic is to lock

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## Upcoming Events

Register online at [www.sddsny.org](http://www.sddsny.org)

FRIDAY  
JUNE  
10  
-  
SUNDAY  
JUNE  
12

Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY. Visit [nysdental.org](http://nysdental.org) for details.  
**2022 NYSDA House of Delegates Meeting**

THURSDAY  
JUNE  
16

Bedminster, NJ. Details TBA on [www.sddsny.org](http://www.sddsny.org).  
**RCDS 2022 Golf Outing**

FRIDAY  
JUNE  
24

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY, 9:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.  
**Continuing Education Course #2022-11**  
"CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" by Michael Kaliroff

FRIDAY  
JULY  
22

Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY, 9 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.  
**Continuing Education Course #2022-12**  
"CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" by Michael Kaliroff

FRIDAY  
AUG  
12

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY, 9:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.  
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us down, because dentists like to help. He thanked SDDS members for stepping up during this difficult time and thanked their spouses for being supportive. He also said he would not forget the SDDS for supporting him during his campaign for ADA president-elect.

New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) President Dr. Kevin Henner spoke quickly and eloquently, starting his speech while holding up a poster of SDDS Executive Director Bernard Hackett that read "Bernie's Place." Dr. Henner thanked Mr. Hackett for inviting him to the event, admitting that he did not always go around carrying the poster but that he keeps a wallet-sized picture in his pocket. He congratulated the SDDS officers, especially Dr. Babak Bina, for his leadership in these difficult times. Dr. Henner spoke about the sad passing of our friend, NYSDA Executive Director Dr. Mark Feldman, who will be honored and celebrated at the upcoming NYSDA House of Delegates meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY. NYSDA has appointed a search committee that is currently leading the search for a new executive director, while Mr. Michael Hermann serves as the interim executive director. Dr. Henner discussed his proudest project as president is the association's diversity, equity and inclusion initiative. He gave a brief legislative update along with future planned webinars to help our members.



*The 2022 SDDS officers are sworn in. From left to right: President-Elect Dr. Raymond Flagiello, Vice President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaile, Secretary Dr. Paul Teplitsky, Treasurer Dr. Valerie Venterina and Librarian Curator Dr. Phyllis Merlino*



*SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. delivers his inaugural address to the audience at The University Club*

Dr. Babak Bina gave his farewell address highlighting three events that no other SDDS president ever accomplished and may never be able to do. First, he was the only president to be installed in his own basement. Second, he was the only president to stand up the entire two-hour installation for fear he would somehow disconnect his Zoom connection. Third, he was the only president to go through his whole term in office without having

to set foot in the SDDS headquarters building. Dr. Bina then discussed his tough term as president when dentists had to learn how to exist both professionally and socially in a pandemic. "This virtual existence has taken a toll on our physical and mental well-being," Dr. Bina then spoke about the loss this past year of some of his mentors and colleagues. He was proud of the SDDS accomplishments of providing now over a million dollars

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to the student loan forgiveness program and the signing of the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) LLC agreement with New York County Dental Society (NYCDS). Dr. Bina then thanked the GNYDM committee along with the new GNYDM general chairman, Dr. Richard Oshrain, for putting together a great meeting under confounding circumstances. He also thanked his colleagues and his family for helping him throughout his presidency.

The installing officer, Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, who is NYSDA trustee and an SDDS past president, then installed our amazingly talented 2022 officers: Librarian Curator Dr. Phyllis Merlino, Treasurer Dr. Valerie Venterina, Secretary Dr. Paul Teplitsky, Vice President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille, President-Elect Dr. Raymond Flagiello and SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. They were sworn in amidst thunderous applause.

Dr. Michael Donato took the stage and gave an Academy Award worthy speech. He began by relating how nice it was to see everyone in person and not just Zoom heads, even joking about seeing Dr. Paul Albicocco with pants on his lower extremities. In response, Dr. Albicocco approached the stage and, harnessing his inner Will Smith, smacked Dr. Donato across his face. Laughter filled the hall as Dr. Albicocco was escorted out of the venue only to return shortly afterward to a standing ovation. Both Dr. Albicocco and Dr. Donato should receive an Oscar for their outstanding performance.

Dr. Donato, in all seriousness, continued by quoting Martin Luther King Jr., "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." He compared all our volunteers to the heart and soul of our society, for giving of themselves to the betterment of dentistry and society. He outlined his goals of

bringing new dentists and residents into organized dentistry by encouraging their involvement. One way they will see some immediate benefits is by taking advantage of the SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program, which has awarded 100 dentists with a total of almost one million dollars to date. Dr. Donato expressed that he was looking forward to offering in-person courses again and said that he would extend invitations to the dental assisting programs to join our educational meetings. He also will work with NYCDS and their president, Dr. Ioanna Mentzelopoulou, and the GNYDM Organization Committee and general chair to make an even greater post-pandemic GNYDM. Dr. Donato thanked Bernard Hackett for his over 30 years with the SDDS and the SDDS staff. Dr. Donato then spoke about his mentor, Dr. Robert Seminara, who was instrumental in his growth as a dentist and orthodontist. Some important lessons he learned from Dr. Seminara were professionalism, leadership, spirituality, humility and giving back to our profession. Dr. Donato told some heartfelt stories of their days practicing together in the office and the consummate Renaissance Man that Dr. Seminara is. Afterward Dr. Donato thanked his office staff from his three practices. He then thanked his family, his daughter Nicolle, who now practices with him, his sons Matthew and Michael III, and his wife, Elaine. Dr. Donato will undoubtedly lead the SDDS to the next level.

Awards were presented by Dr. Donato to Dr. Sandra Scibetta for serving on the SDDS board of trustees. Dr. John McIntyre received an award for his service as chair of the SDDS liability claims committee and on the NYSDA council of liability insurance. For their exemplary service as members of the GNYDM Organization Committee from 2019 through 2021, Drs. Lorna Flamer-Caldera and Dr.

Irvind Khurana were presented with Certificate of Recognition awards. Dr. James Doundoulakis also received an award for his two years serving as general chairman of the GNYDM.

An immense thank you goes to Dr. John Halikias, SDDS past president and past GNYDM general chairman, who worked diligently behind the scenes

to make our regal installation possible. We would also like to thank SDDS Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett, along with SDDS staff Ms. Christine Terrio, Ms. Stephanie Carter and Ms. Shayo Farinre, for their peak performance and tremendous efforts for the SDDS. We appreciate their dedication.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

### TRANSFERS

#### **DR. NICHOLAS M. VERMETTE**

*(General Practice; University of the Pacific, 2021)  
Transferred from San Francisco Dental Society*

#### **DR. MOSES ADLER**

*(General Practice; The State University of New York, Stony Brook University, 2020)  
Adler Dental Group, 5824 14th Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 11219  
Transferred from Suffolk County Dental Society*

#### **DR. TIARA BRYANT BROWN**

*(Pediatric Dentistry; Medical University of South Carolina, 2007)  
6321 18th Ave # 245, Brooklyn, NY, 11204  
Transferred from Coastal District Dental Society*

#### **DR. JOSEPH D. DAVIS**

*(Pediatric Dentistry; University of Pennsylvania, 2015)  
540 E New York Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225  
Transferred from Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society*

### GRADUATE STUDENTS/RESIDENTS

#### **DR. JUSTIN FELIX**

*(General Practice; Indiana University, 2020)  
Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center*

#### **DR. NADA ALI**

*(General Practice; Western University, 2021)  
New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital*

#### **DR. BRYANT K. LAU**

*(General Practice; University of Southern California, 2021)  
Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Center*

#### **DR. KATHY WONG**

*(General Practice; University of California – Los Angeles, 2021)  
New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital*

#### **DR. VAHID SAEIDI**

*(General Practice; Western University, 2020)  
Maimonides Medical Center*

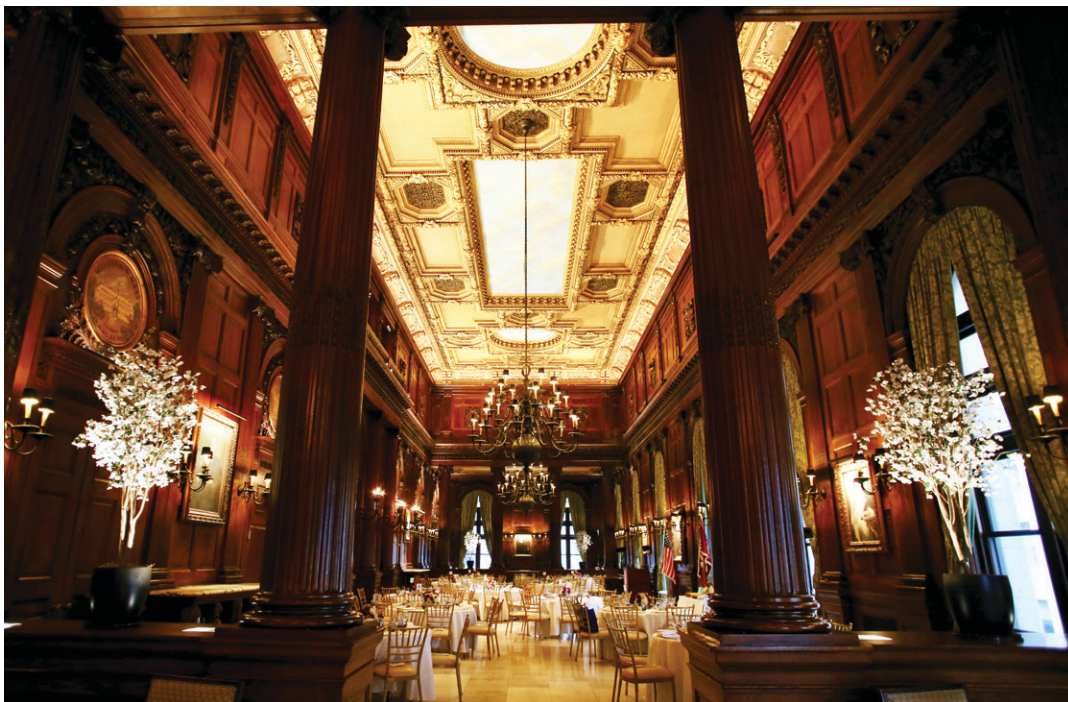
#### **DR. NABIL TAKAHIR MOUSSA**

*(Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Canada – Dalhousie Univ/Nova Scotia, 2015)  
Brooklyn Hospital Center*

#### **DR. ALEXANDER J. SUKYS**

*(General Practice; Tufts University School of Dental Medicine)  
NYU Langone*





A view of the dining room at the University Club



SDDS Immediate Past President Dr. Babak Bina delivers his farewell address



ADA Trustee Dr. Paul Leary addresses the audience



Left to right: New York County Dental Society President Dr. Ioanna Mentzelopoulou, Mrs. Diane Gounardes, NYSDA Speaker Dr. Steve Gounardes and SDDS Past President Dr. Mitchell Mindlin



SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. (right) presents a certificate of recognition and tokens of gratitude to SDDS Immediate Past President Dr. Babak Bina and his wife, Dr. Anna Shabtai



New York State Senator Andrew Gounardes presents NYS proclamations to SDDS past presidents (left to right) Dr. Babak Bina, Dr. Paul Albicocco and Dr. Alyson Buchalter for their leadership





Dr. Arin Abrahamian on left and Dr. Joseph Cipriano on right.



SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. (right) presents Dr. James Doundoulakis with a certificate of recognition for his service as general chairman of the Greater New York Dental Meeting



Left to right: SDDS Treasurer Dr. Valerie Venterina, Dr. Christina Klein, RCDS Secretary Dr. Bryan Pieroni, SDDS Librarian Curator Dr. Phyllis Merlino, Dr. Diane Klein, Dr. Michelle Giumena and RCDS Past President Dr. Edward Jastremski



SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. presents Dr. Lorna Flamer-Caldera with a certificate of recognition for her service on the Greater New York Dental Meeting Organization Committee



Clockwise from front left: Dr. Joanne De Leonibus, Dr. Lorna Flamer-Caldera, Mr. Kurt Flamer-Caldera, Mrs. Dahyana Sanchez, Dr. Jose Santana, Dr. Anne Marie Truncali, Dr. John Cavallaro, Jr. and Dr. John Demas



NYS Senator Andrew Gounardes presents Dr. Reneida Reyes a proclamation for receiving the SDDS Distinguished Service Award



SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. presents a certificate of recognition to Dr. John McIntyre for his service on the NYSDA Council on Professional Liability Insurance



RCDS President Dr. Sandra Scibetta receives an award from SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato Jr. for her service on the SDDS board of trustees in 2021



# Second District Nominating Committee to Meet in June

Members of the Second District Nominating Committee will meet this coming June to assemble its slate of candidates for the available elective positions effective January 1, 2023. Those positions are:

## **SDDS Board of Trustees**

8 slots, 2-year term

## **ADA Delegate**

3 slots, 1-year term each

## **ADA Alternate Delegate**

5 slots, 1-year term each

## **NYSDA Delegate**

5 slots, 1-year term each

## **NYSDA Alternate Delegate**

7 slots, 1-yr term each

## **NYSDA Council on Dental Benefits Representative**

1 slot, 4-year term (renewable)

## **NYSDA Council on Government Affairs Representative**

1 slot, 4-year term (renewable)

## **NYSDA Committee on Peer Review**

1 slot, 4-year term (renewable)

## **NYSDA Council of Nominations**

1 slot, 4-year term (renewable)

If any SDDS member should have an interest in being considered for any of these positions, he/she should send an email to [info@sddsny.org](mailto:info@sddsny.org) noting his/her interest, experience and if possible, a C.V. He/she may also contact any of the following members of the Nominating Committee members:

Michael Donato (718) 987-7688

Babak Bina (516) 466-5577

Paul Albicocco (718) 987-1777

Alyson Buchalter (718) 336-0450

Sari Rosenwein (718) 789-5700

Gabriel Ariola (718) 837-2737

Joanne DeLeonibus (718) 594-2229

John Demas (718) 745-4225

Phyllis Merlino (718) 761-2090

Mitchell Mindlin (718) 891-3782

Kirstin Wolfe (646) 844-4479

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## 2022 SDDS Nominating Committee

At the April 14, 2022 general membership meeting, the following SDDS members were nominated to serve on the SDDS Nominating Committee (in alphabetical order):

Dr. Joanne DeLeonibus

Dr. John Demas

Dr. Phyllis Merlino

Dr. Mitchell Mindlin

Dr. Kirstin Wolfe

These members, along with the five immediate past presidents, will comprise the 2022 SDDS Nominating Committee.



# CRESO CORNER- Spring 2022

by Martin Schnee, CRESO

If you have been having difficulty reaching the NYC Office of Radiological Health recently by phone, that is because they have changed their number. The new number is **(718) 786-6002**. The mailing address continues to be:

## **NYC Office of Radiological Health**

NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene  
42-09 28th St, CN-60  
Queens, NY 11101

The email address is:  
**ORH@health.nyc.gov**

The above address should not be confused with the address that is required on the insurance forms necessary to renew your permits. The certificate holder/requester is:

## **NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene**

125 Worth St, CN-17A  
New York, NY 10013

The Department of Consumer Affairs has changed their name to:

## **NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP)**

They maintain offices at:  
**42 Broadway, New York, NY 10004 (main location)**

and

**90-27 Sutphin Blvd, 4th Floor  
Jamaica, NY 11435**

The general phone number is  
(212) 487-4060 (call first; an appointment is necessary).

*Martin Schnee is a NYC CRESO and a past chief of the Radiation Equipment Division of the NYC Office of Radiological Health. Questions about this article may be directed to him via any of the following contact methods:*

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Big Apple Radiation Safety, Inc

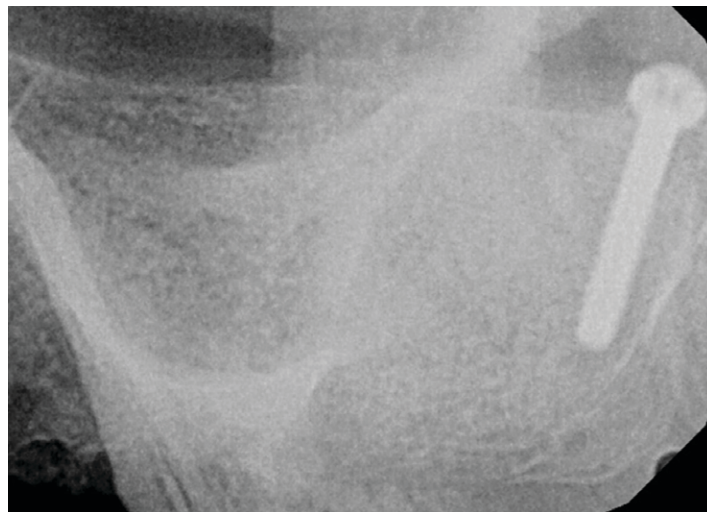
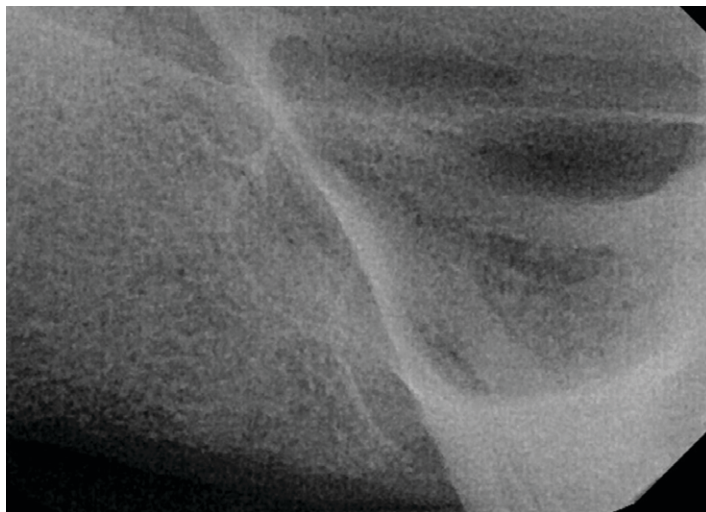
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## SDDS Radiographic Question Quandaries

by STUART L. SEGELNICK, D.D.S., M.S., SDDS BULLETIN EDITOR



X-rays showing maxillary left sinus prior to and after lateral window maxillary sinus lift surgery

A 57-year-old man has returned to your office for a lateral window sinus lift in preparation for dental implants. At the conclusion of the surgery a radiograph is taken to visualize graft containment. To your heart pounding surprise, a screw-like opacity is seen in the posterior portion of the sinus. See page 8 for the answer to what the radiopaque screw seen in his sinus is.

**See the answer on the next page >>**

**Answer:** The superimposed safety glasses worn by the patient to protect his eyes from inadvertent materials during dentistry and aid in providing comfort from the

bright dental operator lights or loupe/headlights. The screw was the portion of the safety glasses that connects the temple/arm to the rim/frame. Dentists should

be aware of this radiographic artifact that may be seen much more frequently when working on the maxillary posterior areas of the jaw. Recommendations of safety

glasses removal during X-rays or the use of different style safety glasses in your practice will solve this problem.



## 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 2023, 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. Raymond Flagiello, president-elect.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

- ☐ Board of Trustees
- ☐ Constitution and Bylaws
- ☐ Dental Benefits Programs
- ☐ Dental Health Planning/Hospital Dentistry
- ☐ Dental Practice
- ☐ District Claims

- ☐ District Relief
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- ☐ Finance and Budget
- ☐ Governmental Affairs
- ☐ Greater New York Dental Meeting
- ☐ Membership and Communications

- ☐ New Dentist
- ☐ Oral Health
- ☐ Peer Review and Quality Assurance
- ☐ Publications
- ☐ Richmond County Dental Society
- ☐ Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

A complete list of all SDDS standing committees can be found on our website, [www.sddsny.org](http://www.sddsny.org), or in your 2022 CE Program and Activity Guide. Send completed forms to SDDS via any of the following methods: mail to 111 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217-1418; fax to (718) 797-4335 or e-mail [bulletin@sddsny.org](mailto:bulletin@sddsny.org).





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# SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

## FEBRUARY 7, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

President, Dr. Michael Donato, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

**Motion Passed:** To accept the minutes of the January 3, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting as distributed.

**PRESENT:** Drs. Donato, Flagiello, Quartey-Sagaille, Teplitsky, Venterina, Merlino, Albicocco, Bina, Bongiorno, Buccigrossi, Buchalter, Butt, DeLeonibus, Demas, Flamer-Caldera, Libramonte, Meiselman, Mindlin, Mistretta, Richard, Rosenwein, Sager, Segelnick, Turchak and Mr. Hackett

**EXCUSED:** Drs. Wolfe and Merola

**GUESTS:** Drs. Gounardes, Ratner, Oshrain, Pasquale, Lieb, Sconzo and Halikias

### DECEASED MEMBERS:

Dr. Christopher R. Madison –  
New York University, 1976

Dr. Dino Pat DelGaudio –  
Marquette University, 1946

Dr. John Cavallaro, Sr. –  
New York University, 1959

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS

#### NEW MEMBERS:

(none)

#### REINSTATEMENTS:

Dr. Edward L. Espiritu –  
Northwestern University, 2000

Dr. Reham A. Dabiesh –  
New York University, 2016

Dr. Maritere Zamora –  
Nova Southeastern University, 2019

#### TRANSFERS:

Dr. Firas Fouad Marshah –  
New York University, 2006 (Transferred from New York County Dental Society)

Dr. Sumaya Ibraheem –  
The State University of New York, University at Buffalo, 2018 (Transferred from New York County Dental Society)

Dr. Tomer Madar –  
Columbia University, 2019 (Transferred from Bronx County Dental Society)

#### RESIDENT MEMBERS:

Dr. Kevin Yu –  
New York University, 2021 (Wyckoff Heights Medical Center)

**Motion Passed:** To elect the above-named applicants to Active Membership.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

See “Upcoming Events” calendar.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Memo from NYSDA dated February 2, 2022 re: Component Delegate allocation for ADA and NYSDA House of Delegates.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

##### **President — Dr. Michael Donato:**

- Reported on his attendance at multiple Zoom meetings of the GNYDM LLC Personnel Committee. The committee is exploring options for the future leadership of the GNYDM.

These may include a renewed contract with Dr. Edwab as executive director, identification of a successor to Dr. Edwab and/or hiring of an assistant to the executive director. The committee is considering the employment of an executive search firm to assist in this process.

Dr. Donato presented the following resolution to the Board:

**Resolution (passed): THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Personnel Committee of the GNYDM is authorized to critically evaluate options for future leadership of the GNYDM, and to undertake a search, directly and/or with the assistance of one or more search firms, to identify the most qualified candidate(s) to lead the Greater New York Dental Meeting in the future, and to negotiate proposed agreement(s) with such person(s), subject to the approval of the Members.**

Following discussion, a vote was held and the resolution passed.

##### **President-Elect — Dr. Raymond Flagiello:**

- Announced that Dr. Saad Butt has been appointed to serve as the Second District representative on the GNYDM Organization Committee effective 2023.

##### **Treasurer — Dr. Valerie Venterina:**

- Reported on the balances in the Chase operating and savings accounts and the Vanguard

Investment Portfolio. Asset allocation in the investment portfolio falls within our desired range.

##### **Executive Director — Mr. Bernard Hackett:**

- Discussed the correspondence received from NYSDA in which we were informed that there will be no change in our delegate representation. The Second District will retain ten delegates to the NYSDA HOD and three to the ADA HOD.
- We will begin live CE presentations again and our March 10 General Membership Meeting at Dyker Beach Golf Club will be live.
- There will be no CE vouchers issued for 2022. We plan to resume next year.
- Our CERP renewal application has been filed in Chicago.
- A property tax appeal has been filed with New York City.
- Two outstanding peer review cases which have been delayed due to the COVID-19 situation will be scheduled.
- The Loan Forgiveness Program is in progress.

#### NYSDA REPORTS:

##### *NYSDA Trustee — Dr. Mitchell Mindlin:*

- Reported that New York State has declared COVID-19 to be a disability. We must keep this in mind when treating patients because refusal to treat someone you suspect of having COVID-19 could potentially lead to a discrimination lawsuit.
- ADA lobby day is scheduled to be held live in Washington, D.C. from March 20 to March 22.
- The search for a new NYSDA executive director is progressing. A professional search firm is being utilized.

#### SDDS REPORTS:

##### *Greater New York Dental Meeting — Dr. Richard Oshrain:*

- A combination live/Zoom meeting of the Organization Committee took place on January 19.
- Contacting speakers and arranging the schedule for this year's Meeting is in progress.
- Deposits for 67 booth spaces have been received to date.
- A meeting of the Budget Committee was held.
- There will be no printed program guide, only digital.



# SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

*Richmond County Dental Society — (Mr. Hackett for Dr. Merola):*

- The RCDS Installation of Officers has been rescheduled for April 30.
- Dr. Merlino will be receiving the Lifetime Achievement award from the RCDS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (none)

**NEW BUSINESS:** (none)

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

- Congratulations to Dr. Stuart Segelnick and our SDDS staff for the award of 2021 Best Overall Newsletter.
- We also received the award for Best Humanitarian Article written by Dr. Shalom Benzaquen.
- Further congratulations to Dr. Segelnick for his appointment as president of the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists.
- Best wishes to Dr. Gabriel Ariola who is recovering from recent illness
- Condolences to Dr. Ariola and his family upon the loss of Dr. Ariola's sister.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

## MARCH 7, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

President, Dr. Michael Donato, called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**Motion Passed:** To accept the minutes of the February 7, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting as distributed.

**PRESENT:** Drs. Donato, Flagiello, Quartey-Sagaille, Teplitsky, Venterina, Merlino, Albicocco, Bina, Bongiorno, Buccigrossi, Buchalter, DeLeonibus, Demas, Flamer-Caldera, Libramonte, Meiselman, Merlino, Merola, Mindlin, Mistretta, Richard, Rosenwein, Sager, Segelnick, Turchak, Wolfe and Mr. Hackett

**EXCUSED:** (none)

**GUESTS:** Drs. Gounardes, Ratner, Oshrain, Lam, Pasquale, Sconzo and Reyes

**DECEASED MEMBERS:**

(none)

## **ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Dr. Viktoria Bounitch –  
The State University of New York:  
Stony Brook University, 2007

### **REINSTATEMENTS:**

Dr. Mirjeta Spirollari –  
New York University, 2002

Dr. Yakov Khaytin –  
New York University, 1993

Dr. Ralph Tarantino –  
Farleigh Dickinson University, 1990

### **TRANSFERS:**

Dr. Nicholas M. Vermette –  
University of the Pacific, 2021 (Transferred from San Francisco Dental Society)

Dr. Moses Adler –  
The State University of New York: Stony Brook University, 2020 (Transferred from Suffolk County Dental Society)

Dr. Tiara Bryant Brown –  
Medical University of South Carolina, 2007  
(Transferred from Coastal District Dental Society)

### **RESIDENT MEMBERS:**

Dr. Justin Felix –  
Indiana University, 2020  
(Woodhull Medical Center)

**Motion Passed:** To elect the above-named applicants to Active Membership.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

See "Upcoming Events" calendar.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

(none)

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:**

### **President — Dr. Michael Donato:**

- Reported on his attendance at several more Zoom meetings of the GNYDM LLC Personnel Committee during the past month. The committee is in the process of interviewing search firms.
- The Dr. Meryl Efron Memorial Lecture on February 25 was well attended.
- Reminded everyone that there will be a general membership meeting this Thursday night and it appears that it will be well-attended.

### **President Elect — Dr. Raymond Flagiello:**

- Announced that he is exploring venues for next year's installation luncheon.

### **Treasurer — Dr. Valerie Venterina:**

- Reported on the balances in the Chase operating and savings accounts and the Vanguard Investment Portfolio. Asset allocation in the investment portfolio falls within our desired range.
- A total of \$100,000 in proceeds for the 2021 Greater New York Dental Meeting has been received and deposited. This does not include \$100,000 received in January as repayment of an advance.

### **Executive Director — Mr. Bernard Hackett:**

- Upcoming committee meetings being scheduled include Peer Review, Dental Benefits and Liability Claims.
- A meeting of the LLC Transition Committee was held on March 2. A number of items that require immediate attention were reviewed. The next meeting has been set for March 30 for update.
- The GNYDM Personnel Committee continues to meet on a regular weekly basis to address the executive director search process.
- Our initial membership meeting will be held LIVE this Thursday at Dyker Beach Golf Club. Residents from the various Brooklyn and Staten Island hospital programs will be present. Nominations to the Nominating Committee will be taken from the floor that evening.
- The annual Dr. Irving Gruber Lecture will be held this Friday.
- The Installation of Officers will be held Sunday, April 3 at the University Club.

### **NYSDA REPORTS:**

#### *NYSDA Trustee — Dr. Mitchell Mindlin:*

- Reported that the search for the new NYSDA executive director is in progress. Mr. Michael Hermann will continue as the interim executive director until the search is completed.
- Our lobbyist, Mr. Lasky, gave his report. He continues to monitor the progress of the New York Health Act. It is a bill that would create a single payer, NYS-government run comprehensive health care program. He feels it has an uphill climb. He is more optimistic about the passage of the current dental hygiene and registered dental assistant bills up for consideration.

# SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

- The NYS Education Department shared with NYSDA proposed amendments to the education law relating to the practice of dentistry.
- Governor Hochul's proposed state budget for 2022-2023 includes funding for a transfer of oversight of many of New York's health care professions (including dentistry) away from the Education Department and to the Department of Health. This will be resolved in the coming months.

*NYSDA Medicaid Sub-Committee — Dr. Steven Backer:*

- Minutes were previously emailed

## **SDDS REPORTS:**

*Greater New York Dental Meeting — Dr. Richard Oshrain:*

- The first live meeting of the GNYDM Organization Committee was held on Thursday February 10.

- The grid for this year's meeting is almost complete.
- We are addressing the items that have been brought up by the Transition Committee.
- There will be a celebrity speaker this year.
- We are hoping to have the digital program guide online in mid-July.

*Adhoc Committee on LLC Transition — Drs. Flagiello, Quartey and Mr. Hackett:*

- The committee reviewed the rules and delineated a number of actions that need to be taken. They include lease change to the LLC, insurance documents and bank accounts under the LLC, a timely budget and biweekly payroll.

*Richmond County Dental Society — Dr. Joseph Merola:*

- The RCDS Installation of Officers is scheduled for April 30.

*Loan Forgiveness Program — Dr. Craig Ratner*

- We are well into our sixth application season.
- To date 25 applications have been started, five are complete.
- We hope to present recommendations to the Board in May.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (none)

**NEW BUSINESS:** (none)

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

- Congratulations to Dr. Lorna Flamer-Caldera and her daughter for being highlighted in an article in AGD Impact.
- Brooklyn dentist Dr. Shahram Shekib is president of the NYS Academy of General Dentistry for 2022.
- Dr. Buchalter encourages everyone to complete the survey on the NYSDA website regarding virtual credit cards.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

## SDDS Photo of the Month



SDDS President Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. (fifth from right) is flanked by SDDS former presidents at the recent SDDS Former Presidents dinner. From left to right: Dr. Stuart Segelnick, Dr. Constantine Pavlakos (in back), Dr. Richard Oshrain, Dr. Paul Albicocco, Dr. Babak Bina (in back), Dr. Alyson Buchalter, Dr. James Sconzo and Dr. Reneida Reyes



**\*IN-PERSON EVENT – Register online at [sddsny.org](http://sddsny.org)\***

**BROOKLYN DATES** ♦ SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY ♦ 9:30 A.M. – 3 P.M. ♦ MCEU – 3 HOURS

Course #2022-11 Friday, June 24, 2022

Course #2022-13 Friday, August 12, 2022

**STATEN ISLAND DATES** ♦ Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY ♦ 9 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Course #2022-12 Friday, July 22, 2022

## CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

Instructor: **MICHAEL KALIROFF**

*Certified Instructor, American Heart Association*

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

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

*\*This course may not fulfill the CPR certification requirements for staff/faculty of some hospitals/universities. CHECK WITH YOUR EMPLOYER BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE.\**

**Advance registration required for all listed events. Register online at [sddsny.org](http://sddsny.org).**

### #2022-18 "Head and Neck Anatomy Review:

#### Clinical Relevance"

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

**Beeren Gajjar, D.D.S., F.I.C.O.I.**

Friday, October 14, 2022

**Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn**

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

**MCEU – 6 hours**

Breakfast and lunch included

### #2022-22 "Extractions, Implants and Pathology:

#### Common Scenarios and Challenges"

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

**Sergei A. Kuznetsov, D.D.S., M.D.**

Friday, November 18, 2022

**Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn**

9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

**MCEU – 3 hours**

Breakfast included

### "CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office"

SDDS Members	\$160
SDDS Member's Staff	\$145
SDDS Residents	FREE
ADA Members/Staff	\$170
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$280
Federal Service Dentists	\$80

**Michael Kaliroff**

**MCEU – 4.5 hours**

**SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn**  
(9:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.)

**#2022-11** Friday, June 24, 2022

**#2022-13** Friday, August 12, 2022

**#2022-15** Friday, September 16, 2022

**Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island**  
(9 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.)

**#2022-12** Friday, July 22, 2022

**#2022-17** Friday, October 7, 2022

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NOVEMBER 25 - 30

JACOB K. JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER

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[WWW.GNYDM.COM](http://WWW.GNYDM.COM)

(You must register for GNYDM before signing up to volunteer.)

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT GNYDM

Tel. (212) 398-6922

Fax (212) 398-6934

e-mail: [info@gnydm.com](mailto:info@gnydm.com)

## GNYDM NEEDS YOU!

As a member of the sponsoring Second District Dental Society, you are personally invited to help facilitate the 98th Annual Greater New York Dental Meeting.

Please consider this invitation for you, your hygienist, assistant, or office manager to be a volunteer for this year's annual session.

Our volunteers play an invaluable role in the successful outcome of our Meeting. It is customary for volunteers to serve one full day, or two half-day sessions on different days. You may, however, volunteer for more or fewer sessions.

**Sign Up to Volunteer at [www.gnydm.com](http://www.gnydm.com)**

**QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT GNYDM VOLUNTEER MANAGER**

**MS. VICTORIA CALAS**  
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**FAX: 212-398-6934**  
**EMAIL: [VICTORIA@GNYDM.COM](mailto:VICTORIA@GNYDM.COM)**

# SDDS Job Board

## POSITIONS WANTED

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

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**PFT ASSOCIATE – BROOKLYN –** Implant Practice seeks full time associate. Experience a plus. No Saturdays. Available immediately. **Contact:** Dr. Simon Kappel | (718) 436-0202 | doctorsmileone@gmail.com

**PEDIATRIC DENTISTS - ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM –** Full Time position, Monday – Friday at Brookdale Medical Center (full benefits package and loan forgiveness eligibility), Wednesdays at Interfaith Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | (718) 613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

**ORAL SURGEON - NYP BROOKLYN METHODIST HOSPITAL –** Seeking part time oral surgeon to help with clinic and on-call coverage. You have the skills and expertise that these new dentists need. Compensation, free precious Park Slope parking, and the satisfaction knowing you have helped the new dentist be the best they can be. If interested please email your CV to Dr. Sconzo. **Contact:** Dr. Sconzo | jjs9014@nyp.org

**DENTAL CLINIC MANAGER - ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM –** Full Time: Monday – Friday at Kingsbrook Medical Center (full benefits package). **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | (718) 613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

**GENERAL DENTIST - ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM –** Part Time (3 days/week), Monday, Thursday and Friday preferred (full benefits package). Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | (718) 613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

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**ORAL SURGEON - NYU LANGONE BROOKLYN –** NYU Langone Health Brooklyn Dental Department is seeking for full time or Part time Oral Surgeon to supervise GPR and AEGD residents in our Brooklyn hospital

and their affiliated sites. Benefits includes retirement plan, and medical and dental insurance, Loan forgiveness eligibility, vacations and CE days. Interested individuals please email your C.V. **Contact:** Margaret | Margaret.mason@nyulangone.org

**GENERAL DENTIST - NYU LANGONE BROOKLYN –** NYU Langone Health Brooklyn Dental Department is seeking full time dentist to act as site directors in their Brooklyn satellite clinics. Benefits includes retirement plan, and medical and dental insurance, Loan forgiveness eligibility, vacations and CE days. Interested individuals please email your C.V. **Contact:** Margaret | Margaret.mason@nyulangone.org

**GENERAL DENTIST - NYU LANGONE BROOKLYN –** NYU Langone Health Brooklyn Dental Department is seeking general dentist for direct patient care in the Brooklyn hospital and their satellite clinics. Benefits includes retirement plan, and medical and dental insurance, Loan forgiveness eligibility, vacations and CE days. Interested individuals please email your C.V. **Contact:** Margaret | Margaret.mason@nyulangone.org

**GENERAL DENTIST - NYU LANGONE BROOKLYN (PT OR FT) –** NYU Langone Health Brooklyn Dental Department is seeking general dentist as full time or Part time to supervise our GPR and AEGD residents in our Brooklyn hospital and the affiliated sites. Benefits includes retirement plan, and medical and dental insurance, Loan forgiveness eligibility, vacations and CE days. Interested individuals please email your C.V. **Contact:** Margaret | Margaret.mason@nyulangone.org

**GENERAL DENTIST –** Well established private practice seeking a full time General Dentist to join our growing team. We are in search of clinically skillful doctors with great communication skills and an ability to build a rapport with our patients. 2 + years experience preferred. **Contact:** Dr. Anthony Pannone | (718) 979-2121 | jobs@oakwooddentalarts.com

**ORAL SURGEON –** We have excellent FT/ PT opportunities for an experienced, motivated Oral Surgeon to join our team. We are in search of an Oral Surgeon with a friendly demeanor, excellent surgical skills and the ability to establish trust and maintain comfort for all our patients. Please submit your resume/ CV for consideration. **Contact:** Dr. Anthony Pannone | (718) 979-2121 | jobs@oakwooddentalarts.com

**FULL-TIME LICENSED DENTIST –** Full-Time Licensed Dentist to take over patients as soon as possible. Hours and salary will be

discussed upon interview. **Contact:** Dr. Nicholas Mattia or Alyssa | 718-442-8440 | nmattiadds@gmail.com

**ORTHODONTIST –** Description: Full or part-time position, for a busy Staten Island general and multi-specialist practice. **Contact:** Jill | Jilldon310@gmail.com

**ENDODONTIST AND PERIODONTIST (STATEN ISLAND) –** Multi-specialty practice is looking for an endodontist and periodontist to join our team. Flexible hours. **Contact:** hwdentalcare@gmail.com

**GENERAL DENTIST –** Large dental practice on Staten Island looking for General Dentist. Flexible hours. **Contact:** Jill | (718) 494-0100 | jilldon310@gmail.com

**SEEKING PEDIATRIC DENTIST AND ORTHODONTIST (SUFFOLK COUNTY) –** Large established pediatric and orthodontic practice with multiple locations in Suffolk County is seeking a long term full-time/ part-time pediatric dentist and a part-time orthodontist to join our dynamic team. Candidates must be proficient in their field of expertise as well as energetic and team oriented. **Contact:** Lori | (631) 928-8585

**ASSOCIATE WANTED –** Busy cosmetic dental office in Brooklyn. Digital x-ray machine. Friendly and experienced staff. Minimum two years experience. Good compensation. Possible transition to ownership. Send resume by fax: (718) 376-7652 or by email. **Contact:** (917) 400-5073 | ustech@gmail.com

## Advertising in the SDDS Job Board

The SDDS Job Board is a free member-benefit program for all Second District members who are seeking employment and for all SDDS members who have positions available at their office address in Brooklyn or Staten Island. This member benefit is available only to Second District members in good standing. Please call Christine at (718) 522-3939 or send us an email for details on placing an associateship listing.



## Classifieds

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE:** Upscale Mill Island/Basin general practice. Looking to rent out, part time space, in 25+ year, practice, with possibility of my scaling back/phasing out in near future. Office consists of 3 computerized operatories, Dexis digital x-ray system, nitrous oxide system, and completely handicap accessible. Freestanding building w/plenty of street parking. Practice is 100% fee for service only (no insurance plans accepted in full) w/most specialty services referred out, w/no advertising and has great growth potential. Great opportunity for the right dentist. Call (917) 576-0625 and please leave a message.

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**OFFICE SPACE WANTED:** Dentist practicing 40 years on Ave O and West 9th Street in Brooklyn looking to scale down to 5-7 days per month. I would like to rent space and/or phase out in a dental practice in the Gravesend/Bensonhurst area. Terms flexible but would like to be done in two years. 200 active private patients before Covid. Equipment, supplies and staff are available. Email drd1053@gmail.com or (516) 647-7370.

**DENTAL OFFICE FOR RENT:** Midwood; 1500 sq. ft; private house; modern; 3 operatories; large waiting room; separate office, lounge and lab. Central air; alarm system and basement for storage. jamders@aol.com (917) 697-0671.

**STATEN ISLAND PRACTICE & BUILDING FOR SALE:** Established Staten Island practice offers perfect opportunity for new dentist starting out or existing practice looking to expand... 5 fully equipped ops! Please contact (917) 295-6027 for details.

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Please join Richmond County Dental Society for a great day of golf, food and festivities! Not a golfer? Join us for a fun-filled evening including the reception and awards dinner! Staff, family and friends are invited to attend!

### SCHEDULE

11 A.M.  
Golfer Registration

11:30 A.M.  
Lunch

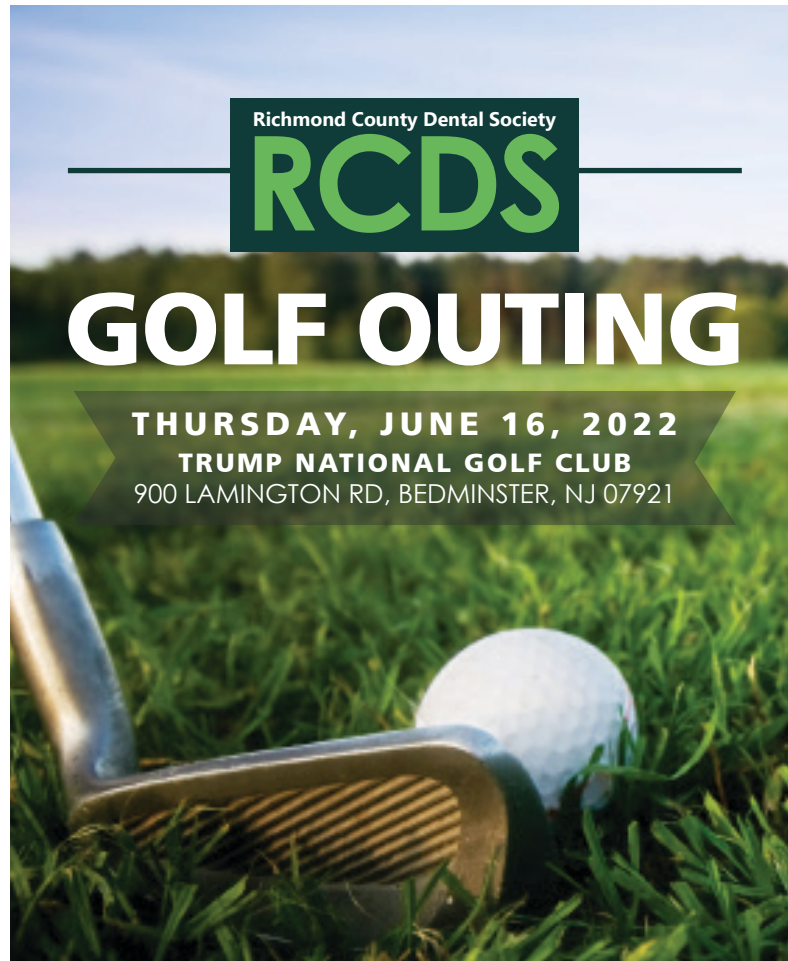
1 P.M.  
Shotgun start

6 P.M.  
Reception and Awards Dinner

For full details and registration information, please visit: [www.sddsny.org/rcdsevents](http://www.sddsny.org/rcdsevents)

*\*Golf registration is limited to the first 24 registrants.*

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Richmond County Dental Society  
**RCDS**

**GOLF OUTING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**  
**TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB**  
900 LAMINGTON RD, BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921



Second District Dental Society

# SDDS

111 Fort Greene Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11217-1418



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As a service to SDDS members, DATC has a placement service to help dentists find trained prospective employees. We will be happy to discuss your job requirements and help you find a mature, responsible and motivated dental assistant.

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