



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

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2006 Presidential Dinner and Holiday Party Honoring Dr. Brian C. Kerr

Join us for a night to remember! The Scranton District Dental Society is holding its annual Presidential Dinner and Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at the Scranton Country Club.

We are sure to enjoy an evening of fine dining and classic entertainment. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$125.00 per couple.

Dr. Steven Solfanelli will serve as toastmaster for the evening, while the band Exact Change will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

There will plenty of time for you to get on the dance floor!

We hope to see you on December 9th as we honor Dr. Brian Kerr and welcome our new president Dr. Miriam O'Malley. Please join us!



Invitations will be arriving via the mail soon, so be sure to return your response card by November 22nd. Seating requests may be made on the reverse side of the card.

November's General Meeting to Include One Hour Continuing Education Credit

On Wednesday, November 21st, Renee Magnotta, an investigator with the Attorney General's Office, Division of Narcotics, will discuss prescription drug abuse, its importance with HIPPA law, and how her division may assist with complaints.

She will present during the regularly scheduled general meeting at the Hilton in Scranton. By attending, members will receive one hour of continuing education credit.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting and presentation following immediately. There is no charge for members.



Join us in welcoming Renee Magnotta on November 21st as she discusses prescription drug abuse.

We Need Your E-mail Address

In order to better serve you, we are gathering e-mail addresses. We will utilize your e-mail address to send you reminders about upcoming events, meetings, continuing education seminars and more.

Please be sure to submit your e-mail address today! Send your address to Cindy Cox at revenue@adelphia.net.



Scranton District Dental Society General Meeting Minutes



Dr. Al Giallorenzi, Dr. Mark Giallorenzi, Dr. Gordon Pringle, and Dr. Charles Dennis take a moment to talk before Dr. Pringle's presentation.

The October 17th general meeting of the SDDS featured renowned speaker and teacher Dr. Gordon Pringle. Dr. Pringle, an oral pathologist from Philadelphia's Temple University, spoke on bisphosphonates and their association with osteonecrosis of the jaw.

Dr. Pringle's discussion was of great value to our membership since bisphosphonates are very widely used in both intravenous and oral

forms to treat various diseases such as osteoporosis and cancer.

New information and study of these drugs changes the guidelines on how to manage these patients and has a direct impact on everyone's practices.

According to Dr. Brian Kerr, "I really enjoyed Dr. Pringle's presentation. It was extremely informative. I learned a lot." We hope to see you at the November meeting!

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Scranton District Dental Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The executive board met on Monday, October 30th. The meeting was called to order by Dr. O'Malley.

Dr. O'Malley proposed the February general meeting be held on February 14th during the continuing education course at the Inn at Nichols Village. This would replace the regular Tuesday night meeting time. The proposal was put up to a vote and approved by the full committee.

Dr. Hitt discussed the Access to Care Taskforce meeting that he attended in Harrisburg recently. Dr. Hitt reported that multiple possible ways to address access to care issues were dis-

cussed and that the meeting was very successful.

The 3rd district meeting on November 15th at the Woodlands was brought up by Dr. Dinoia. The meeting will be a 'Day of Technology' with three nationally recognized speakers. Dr. Dan Walting will be honored for his service to the 3rd District.

The treasurer's report was given by Dr. J. Kelly Jr. and he added that the continuing education meeting with Dr. Mersky in October was attended by over 40 dentists.

Discussion was made to honor Bill Donovan at the Christmas formal for

the many years of public relations service he provided to the society.

The Christmas formal will be on December 9th at the Country Club of Scranton, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. The executive committee voted on and accepted this idea and agreed to an appropriate award for Bill.

The budget for Children's Dental Health Month was voted on and approved. The November general business meeting will again be held at the Hilton. The guest speaker will be Renee Magnotta from the Attorney General's office.

2007 Continuing Education Seminars

Classes for the 2007 series on Continuing Dental Education are now open for registration. A total of 24 credits may be earned by the University of Pittsburgh's Off-Campus Program.

Register early and save! Those registering by December 1st for the 2007 classes qualify for the early registration discount.

The registration deadline is January 1, 2007. All classes will be held in the Scranton area.

Scranton District Dental Society members would benefit from attending these seminars. If you have any further questions about the 2007 seminars, please call Dr. Charles Potter at (570) 654-6745 for more information.

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

"Nutrition and Nutraceuticals"
Dr. Nasir Bashirelahi

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

"Oral Surgery for the General Practice"
Dr. William James Hall

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

"Conservative Anterior
Esthetic Dentistry"
Dr. Howard E. Strassler

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

"Restoration of the Dental Implant"
Dr. Steve J. Kukunas

Register Today for a 2007 Continuing Education Seminar!

Urge Your Senator and Patients to Support HB1588!

HB 1588, the Community Water Fluoridation Act was voted against by the Senate majority in October.

The Pennsylvania Senate may reconsider the bill in the next few months. HB 1588 requires Pennsylvania's public water suppliers to provide an optimal level of fluoride. Every dollar spent on fluoridation saves our patients and our state \$38 in dental expenses.

Have a voice in improving oral health in our state and ask your Senator and your patients to support HB 1588 today!



Dr. Charles Dennis: Children's Dental Health Month Chair

We're proud to announce that this year's Chair of Children's Dental Health Month is Dr. Charles Dennis.

This is Dr. Dennis' first time chairing our signature event. He will work closely with The Alliance to the SDDS as they prepare the activities and events for the month of February.

Please contact Dr. Dennis at his Clarks Summit office (587-4031) for your packet or more information.

National Provider Identifier Compliance

The 2006 compliance deadline for the NPI is May 23, 2007. NPI enumeration is free to all eligible health care providers.

Dentists are required to have NPI's. In the technical sense, it is dentists who use HIPAA standard electronic health care transactions that will be required to use NPI's.

However, there is not much certainty about how much a paper based

dentist will need to use NPI's. Some health plans may require the NPI for paper claims, but many may not for now.

It is a real possibility that claims submitted electronically without an NPI on or after May 23, 2007 will not be paid. More information about the NPI is on ADA.org or scrantondental.org.

Nominations for 2007 Officers

We are pleased to announce that the following dentists have been nominated as officers of the SDDS for 2007.

President: Dr. Miriam O'Malley
 President Elect: Dr. Christopher Kotchick
 Vice President: Dr. Mark Gialloenzi
 Vice President: Dr. Matthew Zale
 Treasurer: Dr. Joseph Kelly
 Secretary: Dr. William Hitt
 Bulletin Editor: Dr. Kenneth Zenker
 Directors: Dr. Frank Padula, Dr. Lawrence Gallagher, Dr. Kristin Paoli, Dr. Charles Dennis
 Delegates: Dr. Kenneth Miller, Dr. John Erhard, Dr. Brian Kerr
 Alternate Delegates: Dr. Miriam O'Malley, Dr. Joseph Perrotti, Dr. Matthew Zale

Remember to sign up for your NPI number! It's free, but must be done by May 23, 2007. For more information and to register, go to our website, www.scrantondental.org.

From the President

Hello everyone. I'm typing this on my laptop outside; it's 68 degrees! I hope you are enjoying this last glimpse of warm weather.

The October general meeting was given by Dr. Pringle and it proved to be a very pertinent lecture. Thanks again to Dr. O'Malley for lining up the speakers. Elsewhere in the newsletter is next month's speaker; hope to see everyone there. We also announced the proposed slate of officers for 2007. Any other nominations can be submitted prior to our general meeting on November 21st. Please see the nominations listed in this newsletter.

Don't forget, the SDDS still needs the general membership's input for the website. If you have any news or information that you feel our members would benefit from, please

contact Cindy Cox or e-mail it to info@scrantondental.org.

Well, October has come to an end and the year is winding down fast. As you are aware, the SDDS is busy preparing for the President's Dinner on December 9th. Drs. Solfanelli and Kelly along with Cindy Cox are organizing the festive event. I too have a few tricks up my sleeve for the evening. Check your mail for the invitations in the next week.

I would also like to welcome back Dr. Christopher Berezna and Dr. Charles Dennis to our board and general meetings. Dr. Dennis will be the Chairperson for National Children's Dental Health Month this February.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brian C. Kerr DMD



President,
 Dr. Brian Kerr

Upcoming Events

PDA Third District Meeting	The Woodlands	November 15, 2006
General Meeting and C.E. Credit	Hilton	November 21, 2006
Board Meeting	La Trattoria	November 27, 2006
Alliance Holiday Dinner	Radisson	December 2, 2006
President's Dinner	Scranton Country Club	December 9, 2006
Continuing Ed Seminar "Nutrition & Nutraceuticals"	Hilton	January 10, 2007
General Meeting	Hilton	January 16, 2007
General Meeting* and C.E. Credit, "Oral Surgery for the General Practice"	Inn at Nichols Village	February 14, 2007
National Dental Health Month		February 2007

**Tuesday evening meeting will not be held.*

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