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September's General Meeting

Dr. Amid Ismail, Dean, Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple, was the keynote speaker at September's general meeting. Dr. Ismail spoke about "creating a new culture of service" at the dental school and said that within the next five years, the focus will be on six things: patient-centered care, curriculum innovation, community engagement, international programs, research programs, and accreditation.

The Society invited a number of Pre-Dental students from the University of Scranton and their advisor, Dr. Mary Engle, to be our guests for this informative evening. The students were personally introduced to Dr. Ismail and the Vice Dean, Dr. Gray. Dr. Ismail strongly encouraged the students to apply to Temple. The Scranton students enjoyed themselves immensely and really appreciated being invited.

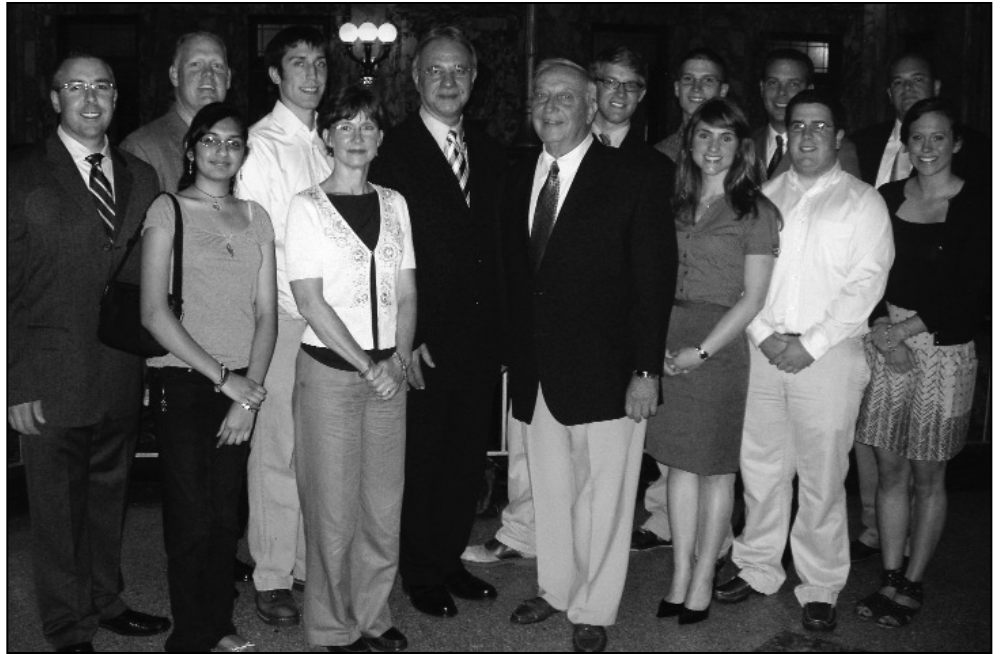


Photo Caption: Pictured L to R (first row): Ektaa Nichanti; Dr. Gray, Vice Dean; Amid Ismail, Dean; Dr. Eli Stavisk; Mary Grace Rizzo; Brendon Langan; and Victoria Lombordo. (back row): Dr. Gary Kopesky; Dr. Joseph T. Kelly; Justin Savitski; Martin Berger; Kevin Demko; Dr. Todd Angelo; and Dr. Mark Giallorenzi.

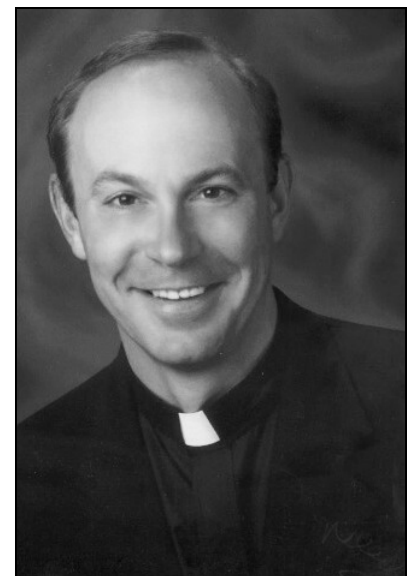
U of S President to Speak at October's Meeting

Don't miss the October 20th meeting at the Radisson featuring Father Pilarz, University of Scranton President. Father Pilarz, widely recognized as an excellent speaker, is sure to be informative, engaging, and insightful.

The U. of S. presented plans for the largest capital project in its 121 year history – an approximately 200,000 sq. ft. unified science center. The facility incorporates today's most innovative science teaching techniques into a dynamic, modern design. It includes inviting spaces for students/faculty collaboration, visible glass walled laboratories, and efficiencies of using shared instrumentation.

The leadership skill of Father Pilarz was recognized through his inclusion among the 38 successful individuals profiled by Ronald Shapiro in The New York Times bestseller *Dare to Prepare: How to Win Before You Begin*. All past recipients of the Ben Shair award will be invited to hear Father Pilarz speak as our distinguished guests. During the general meeting, we will vote on the proposed slate of 2010 officers.

As a member of the SDDS, dinner and the meeting are always complimentary. To reserve your spot, kindly contact Dr. Mark Giallorenzi by calling 346-7301, faxing 346-7575, or e-mailing markgiallo@comcast.net.



Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Ph.D.

Welcome New Doctors!

The SDDS would like to extend a warm welcome to the following three new members:

Dr. Fred Bonacci



As a native of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Bonacci graduated from the Scranton Preparatory School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Scranton.

To attain his Doctorate of Medical Dentistry degree, Dr. Bonacci attended Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts, and in his final year as a student dentist, he participated in the Middlesex Clinical Honors Program.

Dr. Bonacci did a one-year general practice residency at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and practiced general dentistry in Northeastern Pennsylvania for two years. However, in further pursuit of specialty training, Dr. Bonacci returned to Boston to receive his specialty certificate in Periodontology from Tufts University, where he trained under some of the most accomplished faculty in the field of Periodontology.

Upon completion of his residency, he and his wife relocated once again to

their home in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bonacci has been certified by the American Board of Periodontology. He is a member of the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Dental Association, the Pennsylvania Dental Association, and the Scranton District Dental Society. Dr. Bonacci currently holds dental licenses in the states of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New York.

He is a current member of the Carbondale Chapter of UNICO National, an Italian-American service club whose motto is "service above self." Dr. Bonacci specializes in the treatment of periodontal disease, dental implants, and oral medicine and practices with Dr. Bryan Frantz. He resides in Blakely, Pennsylvania with his wife Susan and son Christopher.

Dr. Joseph R. Karam



Joseph R. Karam, D.M.D., is a resident-trained specialist in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. Born in Scranton, Dr. Karam is a graduate of Abington Heights High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience in three years of study from the University of Pittsburgh. He continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, earning his D.M.D. degree and graduating valedictorian.

Dr. Karam was inducted into the prestigious Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor society and received several more honors, including an award from the American Association of Orthodontists for excellence in the study of craniofacial growth, an award from The International College of Dentists for outstanding leadership and professionalism, and an award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy for exemplary moral and ethical service to the community and profession.

Dr. Karam went on to complete a three-year residency and earned a Certificate of Advanced Study of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). He has received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and has published scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Karam has been trained with the latest advances in clear orthodontic aligner technology, is certified by Invisalign®, and recently has authored two papers for publication specifically on clear "invisible" orthodontic align-

ers. Currently, Dr. Karam is active in orthodontic appliance design and has patented an orthodontic bracket system.

His professional affiliations include the American Association of Orthodontists, the Mid-Atlantic Society of Orthodontists, American Dental Association (ADA), and the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA). During his dental training, Dr. Karam served as the president of the American Student Dental Association and as a student delegate to the house of representatives of the ADA and PDA. At the University of Pittsburgh, he founded the student chapter of the American Dental Education Association.

Dr. Karam currently practices orthodontics with Dr. Gary Roebuck in Milford, Dr. Janet Golaszewski in Hazleton, and has opened a private practice on Lackawanna Avenue in downtown Scranton. He and his wife enjoy traveling and exploring new cultures, cooking together, and outdoor sports. They are expecting their first child this fall, and are thrilled to be home in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Welcome New Doctor, Dr. Tom Hart

Doctor Tom Hart is a 1992 graduate of the University of Arizona, with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and French. While at the University of Arizona Dr. Hart was on the Dean's List and was President of the French Club.

After completion of his undergraduate work Dr. Hart attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. He received his Doctor of Dental Medicine in 2001. While at Pittsburgh he was a member of the American Student Dental Association. He did his pediatric externship at Hossana House, in Wilkesburg, PA.

Upon completing his studies at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Hart completed his residency in advanced hospital dentistry at the VA Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. He was then Director of the General Practice Residency program at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr Hart's Memberships/Affiliations include the Academy of General Dentistry and Continuing Education through the Dawson Academy. He currently practices in Hamlin at the Hamlin Dental Center.



Dr. Bryan Frantz Named VP of American Academy of Periodontology Foundation

The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation (AAPF) has named Dr. Bryan Frantz of Perio Health & Dental Implant Professionals as its Vice President at its annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

The AAPF is a philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the periodontal and general health of the public

through increasing public and professional knowledge of periodontal diseases and their therapies, stimulating basic and clinical research to generate new knowledge, and enhancing educational programs to create opportunities in periodontal education and practice.

Dr. Frantz was also recently appointed to be an examiner for the

American Board of Periodontology. In this capacity, he administers and reviews the exams of periodontists seeking to become board certified.

Dr. Frantz practices with Dr. Fred Bonacci and has three offices located in Scranton, Honesdale, and Dingmans Ferry.

Third District Meeting

Don't miss this year's Third District Dental Society's Continuing Education seminar on Friday, November 13, 2009.

Held at the Woodlands Inn & Resort beginning at 8:00 a.m., the featured speaker of the day is Lance Kisby,

D.M.D. He will be speaking on pediatric dentistry.

Tuition is \$149 per dentist, \$50 per staff member, and \$200 per non-ADA dentist. Special notice: all first year PDA members receive FREE tuition!

To reserve your spot, make checks payable to:

Third District Dental Society
Attn: Bob Albrecht
Muth & Mumma Dental Label
6360 Flank Drive, Suite 500
Harrisburg, PA 17112

New Antibiotic Guidelines for Joint Replacements

A new statement has been issued by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons on antibiotic prophylaxis for bacteremia in patients with joint replacements.

Given the potential adverse outcomes and cost of treating an infected joint replacement, the AAOS recommends that clinicians consider antibiot-

ic prophylaxis for all total joint replacement patients prior to any invasive procedure that may cause bacteremia.

The statement recommends a prophylactic antibiotic of 2 gm PO of cephalexin, cephradine or amoxicillin be administered one hour prior to any dental procedure. The antibiotic regi-

men is recommended regardless of the healing time the joint has been placed.

A full copy of the statement can be found at www.aaos.org/about/papers/advistmt/1033.asp.Ferry.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting <i>Father Pilarz, U of S President</i>	Radisson	October 20, 2009	6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill	October 26, 2009	6:30 p.m.
Third District Annual Meeting	Woodlands Inn	Nov. 13, 2009	8:00 a.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill	December 7, 2009	6:30 p.m.
General Meeting <i>Dr. Fred Bonacci</i>	Radisson	January 19, 2010	6:30 p.m.
CE Course <i>"Oral Mucosal Disease: An Update"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	January 20, 2010	8:00 a.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill	January 25, 2010	6:30 p.m.
CE Course <i>"A Potpourri of Dental Challenges and Their Current Protocol of Care"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	February 10, 2010	8:00 a.m.
General Meeting <i>Dr. Potter-Hanyon</i>	Radisson	February 16, 2010	6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill	February 22, 2010	6:30 p.m.
CE Course <i>"Advancements for Endodontic Success"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	March 10, 2010	8:00 a.m.

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