



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

February 2016

## Ready for National Children's Dental Health Month

This year's NCDHM activities are over the top! With the addition of another McDonald's event, the month of February will be jam-packed with fun-filled, educational opportunities for the area's children.

Chairing this signature event for the third year, Dr. Kady Schloesser has seen consistent growth.

"New locations, dates and times have been added to this year's calendar and we have increased the number of goodie bags we distribute to 8,500. We are proud to serve our community by teaching good dental health in a fun-filled way!"

Dr. Schloesser is encouraging doctors to contact the ARC as soon as possible to secure goodie bags for educational events like school visits, library talks, and public outreach

presentations. Call the ARC at 570-346-4010 to let them know how many bags you'd like and when you are planning on picking them up. Hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

For a detailed schedule of events, see below. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Dr. Schloesser at [kady.schloesser@gmail.com](mailto:kady.schloesser@gmail.com).

### February 4th

South Side McDonalds 4-6 pm

### February 6th

Keyser Ave McDonalds 11 am – 2 pm

### February 11th

Carbondale McDonalds 4-6 pm

### February 20th

Tunkhannock McDonalds 11 am-2 pm

### February 21st

Albright Memorial Library 2:30 pm



*Above: Madeline and Noah Burns, along with Liam Kotchick have fun with the Tooth Fairy at McDonald's Keyser Ave.*

## February's Meeting

Join us for a special presentation by Dr. Lear Von Koch on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 PM at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall.



As always, dinner and cocktails are complementary for SDDS members. Please reserve your spot by calling or emailing Dr. Kurt Wadsworth's office at (570) 961-5522 or [kurtwadsworth@gmail.com](mailto:kurtwadsworth@gmail.com).

## Golf Tournament Slated

Mark your calendars for our annual golf tournament, benefitting The ARC of NEPA, on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. This year's tourney will again be held at the Scranton Country Club and will feature excellent golfing, terrific food, and (hopefully) a beautiful day! Start putting together you foursomes now!

Co-Chairs Doctors J.R. Karam and Fred Bonacci would like to remind you that sponsorships are available. Money raised goes to the ARC so please consider becoming a sponsor.



## SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Support the Scranton District Dental Society and mingle with decision-making dentists at the Annual Golf Tournament held **June 15, 2016** at the Country Club of Scranton

- \$500 Hole Sponsorship receive:**
- Sign at the hole featuring your logo
  - Logo featured on table tents
  - Recognition in our newsletter
  - 2 Tickets to the dinner

- \$250 Hole Sponsorship receives:**
- Sign at the hole featuring your logo
  - Logo featured on table tents
  - Recognition in our newsletter

- There are also sponsorships available for:**
- Longest Drive
  - Closest to the Pin

For more information, please contact Dr. J. R. Karam at [info@karamortho.com](mailto:info@karamortho.com) or 570-963-7700

The 2016 elections will be similar to the process used in 2015. PDA will email an electronic ballot to members who are in good standing. The electronic ballot will be from “PA Dental Association”, the subject line for the email will be “2016 PDA Election”. Upon receipt of the email, members will click on the link to open the electronic ballot, select their preferred candidates and submit the ballot. A few seconds after submitting the ballot, members will receive an email requesting that they confirm their vote. They must open the email, view the ballot and approve the ballot. After the ballot is confirmed members will receive a “Thank you for voting” email. The vote isn’t counted until after the ballot is confirmed.

Prior to sending the ballot PDA will send an email to members alerting them that voting is about to begin. After the electronic ballot is sent, PDA emails reminders to members encouraging them to complete the ballot. PDA also sends reminders to members who have completed the ballot but didn’t confirm their vote.

The ballot will list the office (ADA Delegate, PDA President-Elect and PDA Treasurer the 2017 ballot will list ADA Trustee) and the names of the candidates in alphabetical order. The name of the candidate serves as a link to their online candidate profile. So if a member wants to learn more information about the candidate they simply click on the name/link. The ballot will appropriately limit the number votes a member can make. For example, for ADA delegates each member is limited to 5 votes. In addition, the software will require a member to vote for 5

different candidates. In other words, a member can’t vote for any one person 5 times. Finally, the software is completely secure so all votes are confidential.

The 2015 eVoting process was very successful with over 500 members completing the voting process and only a handful of members who needed assistance with it.

If you would like to see a copy of the ballot used for electing 2015 ADA Delegates, go to [www.padental.org](http://www.padental.org).

## Medicare Part D Changes

On June 1, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin enforcing a rule that will deny Medicare Part D coverage of prescription drugs if the prescriber has not enrolled in Medicare or formally opted out. This enforcement date comes over two years after CMS issued the rule, which is based on a provision of the Affordable Care Act. At the request of the American Dental Association and other provider groups, the agency repeatedly postponed enforcement of the law at the request of the American Dental Association and other provider groups as they sought to inform their membership of enrollment requirement.

Meanwhile, the ADA continues to seek a legislative repeal of the requirement, arguing that the requirement would constitute an unnecessary burden on dentists, pharmacists and patients. Rep. Kenny Marchant (R-Texas) in November introduced the ADA-supported Protecting Seniors Access to Proper Care Act (H.R. 4062), which would remove the mandate for dentists and other health

care providers like optometrists, podiatrists and chiropractors. The ADA is urging its members to support the legislation through its Legislative Action Center.

## Without a legislative fix, what will happen on June 1?

If a provider fails either to enroll or officially opt out of Medicare, a Part D plan will deny coverage for any drug that that provider prescribes for a patient, although there will be a 90-day grace period before the first denial. To be exact, the first time a provider who has not enrolled or opted out writes a prescription for a patient with a Medicare Part D drug plan, the plan will give the patient a provisional supply of the drug and a letter saying that due to the provider’s Medicare enrollment status the drug will not be covered after the first three months. According to CMS, the Part D plan must also make reasonable efforts to notify the provider of the situation.

## Resources

The ADA Center for Professional Success offers resources for members to help them navigate Medicare requirements. (Some require a member ID to access.) These resources are found on the PDA’s website ([www.padental.org](http://www.padental.org)).

It is important to note that if a provider officially opts out of Medicare, his or her patients who are on Medicare will still receive their Part D drug benefits for the prescription the provider writes. However, the dentist will not be eligible to receive payments from a Medicare Advantage plan.

A provider must choose either to enroll or opt out. Only by doing neither does a provider put a Medicare patient at risk of not receiving coverage for prescriptions.

# President's Letter

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season. It is my honor to serve as your 2016 president of the Scranton District Dental Society. I hope to continue to build upon the work of past presidents.

I, personally, believe that we have a wonderful group of members that contribute so much in making our community a better place. Hopefully, everyone feels the same! To remain successful and vital, we must continue as a society to support our colleagues and reach out to our communities. As February approaches, please remember that it is National Children's Dental Health Month. Please get involved at some of the events that we have planned for the month! Your continued support is needed!

Someone gave this prayer to me when I started the Jesuit Volunteer Corps back in 1999. I still have it framed in my house to this day! At first, I thought it was about falling in love with a person, but when you listen to the words, it pertains to what you choose to do with your life. I feel like we all have made a commitment to our profession, communities, and families. If we didn't, then we would not come together as a society to try and do better.

## *Fall in Love*

Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

*Attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ (1907-1991)*

We need to be passionate in order to strive to do better! Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any question or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephanie Hanyon, D.M.D  
SDDS - President

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## Board Meeting Minutes

*SDDS Board Meeting, 2/11/2016,  
Carl Von Lugers, 6PM*

**Present:** Kady Schloesser, Cindy Cox, Chris Kotchick, Joe Kelly Jr., Kurt Wadsworth, Matt Zale, Sam Abod, JR Karam, Stephanie Hanyon, Justin Burns, Megan Azar, Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel

### **Children's Dental Health Month**

-Coming up again in February, check event listing for specific dates

### **Vote for the PDA president!**

-Make sure your email address is set up with the PDA

### **Golf Outing**

-Tentative date is June 15, 2016. Sponsor a hole!

### **From the ADA Meeting:**

- Possibility of a Letter of Obligation coming from the ethics committee of the PDA
- Motion to make capnography mandatory in all states (already mandatory in PA)

### **PDA Dues**

- Increased by \$30 for Active Life Members

### **3rd District Executive Meeting:**

- There will likely be a government mandate from the Department of Health and Human Services to obtain criminal background checks and FBI checks for staff.

### **Dr. Bernard Shair Award:**

March 15th, 2016

- Freshman and Sophomore University Of Scranton students will be invited

### **General Meeting Dates:**

2/16/16  
3/15/16  
9/20/16  
10/18/16

### **New SDDS dentists**

- Will be welcomed in the newsletter

SDDS will hold a social event in September honoring Dr. Eli Stavisky as he ends his term on the PDA board

# Upcoming Events

<b>NCHDM</b>	South Side McDonalds	February 4	4:00 - 6:00 PM
<b>NCDHM</b>	Keyser Ave McDonalds	February 6	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>CE Course</b>	Inn at Nichols Village	February 10	8:00 AM
<b>NCDHM</b>	Carbondale McDonalds	February 11	4:00 - 6:00 PM
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S (Brennan Hall)	February 16	6:30 PM
<b>NCDHM</b>	Tunkhannock McDonalds	February 20	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>Tooth Fairy Day</b>	Albright Memorial Library	February 21	2:30 PM
<b>CE Course</b>	Inn at Nichols Village	March 9	8:00 AM
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S (Brennan Hall)	March 15	6:30 PM
Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Dinner			
<b>CE Course</b>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 13	8:00 AM
<b>President's Dinner</b>	Colonnade	April 23	6:00 PM
<b>PDA Meeting</b>	Hershey Lodge	May 19-21	8:00 AM
<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S (Brennan Hall)	September 20	6:30 PM
<b>Eli Stavisky Dinner</b>	TBA	September	TBA