

President's Letter

Did you know that Scranton was recently ranked by Forbes.com as one of America's best cities to raise a family? Scranton also was named as the number one city in a list of the "10 Best Places to Start Over" by MSN Real Estate, ranking high in everything from job prospects to affordable housing. Whether you have roots and family networks here, moved to the area for a career opportunity, or simply may have chosen this area as one of the most affordable cities in the country, your vision and leadership now play an active role in shaping the environment in which we live and work.

It is in that context that the Scranton District Dental Society transitions to the work of opening our fall general session meetings. Dentists, as business professionals, healthcare advocates, and prominent community members, can and should serve as agents of change and help drive our city forward. The upcoming meeting on September 16th, 2014 will be held in Brennan Hall at the University of Scranton and will feature Robert Durkin, the new president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. I serve as a board member for the Chamber, having held that commitment for nearly three years. I am encouraged and excited by the leadership and directives introduced by Mr. Durkin and the Chamber staff over this past year, and it is with great pleasure that I can introduce him to the SDDS through his letter in this publication and at the podium at our next



general meeting. Specifically, I am inspired and motivated by the Chamber's commitment to a vital and sustainable economic climate, as evidenced by their initiatives related to workforce development and their current investigation into the city's financial position and operational plan.



I see the Chamber making a historically consistent and concerted effort to improve the city of Scranton, and I envision the SDDS playing a role as a catalyst for innovation in the scientific and medical fields.

Our September meeting in fact will kick off with a special private tour of a bioscience research laboratory at the University of Scranton named for the late Dr. Nicholas Saccone. This summer marked the one year anniversary of the loss of Dr. Saccone, a past president of the SDDS and one of Scranton's strongest leaders. At the general meeting, following our tour of the bioscience facility, Mr. Durkin will introduce to us the Chamber's workforce development project called the NEPA Regional Bio-Science Initiative.

Workforce development is only one small step to advance the vitality of our city. I encourage our membership to get involved with the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce in whatever way you feel can make a positive impact on the place you live and work. My wife and I witnessed firsthand the revitalization of the city of Pittsburgh as students and later as young professionals. Brownfields from a dying steel industry became vibrant arts, cultural, and commercial centers. Progressive educational institutions spawned tech startups and research hubs. I now have an office in downtown Scranton, near a project called "The Renaissance at 500." Again, we feel like eyewitnesses to an urban rebirth. As I walk the few short city blocks to get my afternoon coffee at Northern Lights, I admire the progress underway and imagine a vacant store front on Lackawanna Avenue becoming a local specialty foods market. Or, I look up and consider a potential fine dining establishment with a great view of the city from the top floor of one of the historic buildings around Courthouse Square. I would love one day to catch a train from Steamtown to the JFK airport or the PDA conference in Hershey.

How would you rank your city? Top ten places for young entrepreneurs? Best all-American vacation? One of the best places to pursue the American dream? We just may be America's best kept secret.

J.R. Karam, DMD
SDDS-President

Third District Annual Meeting

Please plan on attending the Annual Meeting of the 3rd District of the PDA on November 7, 2014 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort. There will be business meeting reports, honored guest speakers for organized dentistry, award presentations, and a CE course entitled, "Dental Traumatology, Concussions, and other Sports Dentistry Topics."

Lunch will be served as usual. All PDA members are invited to the Board meeting at 7:00 AM in the adjacent room. For more information, go to the PDA website (www.pdadental.org; Social Network; menu Group-3rd district, go to library).

Presenter Andrew D. Gould, DMD will speak on the following:

Sports Illustrated in 2014 printed that CONCUSSIONS are the most-widely-concerned topic of conversation in sports. No matter where you turn, or what sports page you read, you will see the word "Concussion". Parents are concerned about it. The athletes are concerned about them. And now, as a practicing dentist, there is new technology that proves that YOU should be concerned about the alarming increase of traumatic brain injuries. Learning how your private practice can incorporate concussion-prevention into daily practice will not only benefit your patient-athletes, but will also open a whole new rewarding side to dentistry.

QUICK FACTS:

Date: Friday - November 7, 2014

8:00 to 8:15 Registration

8:15 to 12:00 Presentation

12:00 to 1:00 Annual Meeting & Lunch

1:00 to 3:15 Presentation

Meeting Location:

Woodlands Inn & Resort

1070 Route 315

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18707

570-824-9831

Tuition: \$ 175.00 per Dentist

\$ 75.00 per staff member

\$ 300.00 per Non-ADA Dentist

Make checks Payable to:

Third District Dental Society

Mail Tuition Payment to:

Attn: Bob Albrecht

Muth & Mumma Dental Lab

1621 Sand Beach Road

Hummelstown, PA 17036

Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

The board meeting was held at Carl Von Luger on 8/18/14 at 6 PM.

Present:

Stephanie Hanyon, Amy Cravath, Mark Giallorenzi, Justin Burns, Chuck Scrimalli, Joe Kelly, Marty Bifano, Jessica Falk, JR Karam, Cindy Cox, Matt Zale, Kurt Wadsworth

Jess Falk:

- Expenses since last meeting
- Golf outing possibilities for next year and how to improve event

JR Karam:

- PDA personal liability coverage for directors & officers will be eliminated as of 9/30/14
- SDDS General session on 9/16
 - Bob Durkin from the Chamber of Commerce will be speaking
 - General meetings 9/16 and 10/21 will be held in Brennan Hall at the University of Scranton

Joe Kelly:

- Sponsors and dates for CE are to be announced
 - Will try to make Radiology CE before license renewal window closes

Stephanie Hanyon:

- Donated Dental Service
 - for patients over 65 or with disability
 - representative is willing to speak at a general meeting

Matt Zale:

- Continuing Education
 - Possibility of doing one in honor of Dr. Saccone (with tour of the lab named in his honor at the University of Scranton)
- 3rd District
 - Board meeting 9/3 at 6:30 P.M at Café Isabella
 - Annual meeting 11/7 (Dr. Gould will speak about sports dentistry)

Justin Burns:

- Speaker for 10/21 meeting- possibility of Donated Dental Services

Chuck Scrimalli:

- Membership drive
 - 72% membership in SDDS
 - PDAIS offers great insurance benefits to members
- Next board meeting
 - February 3, 2014 Cafe Classico

8:05 meeting adjourned
