



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Winter 2025

NCDHM Activities Scheduled



hygiene bag including a coupon for free fries!

We will also be continuing our tradition of partnering with the Lackawanna County Children’s Library to educate it’s youngest members and their caregivers on the importance of dental health. Our Tooth Fairy will read stories about good dental

National Children’s Dental Health Month activities have been scheduled and giveaway bags are ready! Once again, under the direction of Chair Dr. Thomas Langan, Jr., this year’s events promise to educate kids about the importance of good dental hygiene in fun, entertaining ways.

Our partners, Mueller Family McDonalds restaurants, will be hosting our Tooth Fairy (along with Poppy Troll) in their South Scranton and Keyser Oak locations. Visitors will enjoy FREE photos with the characters, arts & crafts, and a dental

hygiene, take photos with the children, and assist with their “tooth art” project. Each child will receive a free dental hygiene bag.

We are working the The Arc NEPA to fill over 5,000 bags so if you or a member of your staff plan on visiting a school or educational facility during February, contact The Arc directly with the number of bags you are requesting. You will pick them up at their location, 115 Meadow Ave, Scranton, PA. Contact Erica at 570-499-7112. Bags will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Celebrate Dental Health Month with
POPPY TROLL AND THE TOOTH FAIRY
at Mueller Family McDonald’s!

**\$2.99 HAPPY MEALS
FREE DENTAL HEALTH
TREAT BAGS
AND FAMILY FUN!**

**McDonald’s on
Keyser Avenue
February 27, 2024
5-7 PM**

Brought to you by Mueller Family McDonald’s and
the Scranton Dental Society!

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**McDonald’s in
Southside Scranton
February 25, 2024
5-7 PM**

Brought to you by Mueller Family McDonald’s and
the Scranton Dental Society!

2024 CE Courses

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

The Latest Material for Higher Quality and Faster Dentistry

Presenter: Mark McOmie, DMD

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Pain Management and Sedation in the Dental Offices (satisfies Act 124 training on opioids for re-licensure* 2 hrs)

Presenter: John Brewer, EMT

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Implant Complications from a Restorative Dentist’s Perspective

Presenter: Carl Driscoll, DMD

To register or see in-depth course descriptions, go to www.scrantondental.org.

Welcome Our 2025 President Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran as our 2025 President. Dr. Zefran graduated from Forest City Regional High School in 2012. Following high school, she continued her family legacy by attending the University of Scranton, graduating with a BS in Biochemistry and a minor in History in 2016. Having a passion for population health, she enrolled in Thomas Jefferson University's accelerated Masters in Public Health program, completing course work in 2017 and graduating in 2018. After living in Portland, Maine, Dr. Zefran graduated from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine in 2021 and returned home to practice with her father and sister in Honesdale.



Dr. Zefran is very involved in the community and sits on the Community Advisory Board for Wayne Memorial Hospital, Greater Forest City Industries and the Forest City Outdoor Town Action Team. She is a member of the American Dental Association, Chicago Dental Society and Pennsylvania Dental Association. In her free time, Dr. Zefran enjoys playing golf, skiing, upland bird hunting with her English Springer Spaniel, Lady and traveling with her fiancé, TJ Murray.

President's Letter

Happy New Year! I am honored and excited to be the President of the Scranton District Dental Society. This is an exciting and ever-changing time for organized dentistry. The Pennsylvania Dental Society is in the process of transitioning from a four tiered to a three tiered system. As a result, one of my goals for this year as President is to encourage more engagement in our local society. Our spring general meeting is set for May 8th at AV. 5:30-6:30 will be a recent graduate (within the last 10 years) mixer. Grab a friend or two and mingle with colleagues! You never know who you can add to your network.

We have some terrific CE classes planned for the spring along with social events. Our President's Dinner will be held at The Ridge at Maiolatesi on March 22nd celebrating Dr. Jessica Falk and Dr. William Dempsey at 6 o'clock. The Ben Shair/Todd Angelo award dinner is April 16th at AV at 6:30. The annual golf outing will be held at the Country Club of Scranton again this year. If you are interested in sponsoring or helping with the golf tournament, please contact Dr. Al Matrone.

It has been wonderful seeing so many people come back to Northeast Pennsylvania to practice. Thank you to all our recent graduates for your fantastic presentations over the last year at meetings. Thank you to the board and fellow officers for keeping the Scranton District Dental Society going strong. If you have any suggestions to improve the value of your membership, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Stay warm and looking forward to seeing everyone this spring.

Katie Zefran
SDDS President

Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Awards Dinner Scheduled

Mark your calendar for the The Scranton District Dental Society's presentation of Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship Awards to be held Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM at AV Restaurant.

The Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship is a cash gift funded by the SDDS, The Scranton Area Foundation, and private donations in memory of Dr. Todd Angelo who suddenly passed away in November 2011. The scholarship is administered by the Scranton Area Foundation and presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and who shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry. This award serves as a reflection of Dr. Angelo's dedication, service and love of dentistry.

The Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship Award is a cash gift funded by the SDDS and an endowment fund founded by the family of Dr. Bernard Shair (who passed away in 1982) and administered by the Scranton Area Foundation. It is presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry.

Cocktails and dinner are complimentary, however **reservations are REQUIRED** and must be made by April 9, 2025 by emailing Cindy Cox at revenue@comcast.net.

Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dr. Carylyn Serio

Board meeting occurred on January 9, 2025 at Bar Pazzo. Present: Katie Zefran, Cindy Cox, Joe Legg, Mike Umerich Jr., Joe Runco, Tom Langan, Kurt Wadsworth, Caitlin Libby, Carolyn Serio, Joe Kelly

Treasurer Update (Tom Langan):

Third District is being dissolved and divided into 2 new districts: Greater Lackawanna county and Luzerne county. Hazelton will get folded into Luzerne. Scranton district will include Wyoming, Pike, Wayne counties

- Active locals required to maintain membership
- Good amount of money going towards MOM-n-PA
- Volunteers in Medicine- supported also

Katie Zefran:

- Have to maintain a strong voice in organized dentistry. For my dinner, I'd like to return to "the dental prom" and invite everyone, even if they aren't in the dental society. This will be a strictly social even. Looking to have it at the Scranton Country Club or perhaps Beaumont Inn. Aiming for January 2026
- Katie is working on getting reduction in health care costs for our employees

May 8th Details:

- Mixer for those 5 years out of school 5:30-6:30 before the next general meeting at AV
- networking event
 - Would also serve as an opportunity to invite to the dental prom
 - Katie and Carolyn to call personally
 - Quarterly roster can be obtained from PDA by district secretary
 - Will obtain list of all members that have joined within the last 5-10 years
 - Membership fees this year at \$1500
 - Will forward list to Katie and Cindy to invite new dentists to meeting
 - Phone calls, follow up emails

Golf Tournament Details:

- Wednesday historically, we will consider a Monday
- Shotgun (11 am) instead of tee off (1 pm)
- Huntsville (confirming for 2025) Elk view, Glenmaura, Fox Hill, Scranton
- Plan to rotate every year around clubs with which someone in SDDS is a member
- Whoever is the member of the club for the year will serve as co-chair
- Co-Chair will be responsible for reaching out to sponsors and collecting money
- This year's Co-Chair: Caitlin Libby

- Will invite dentists from Luzerne county
- Cocktail hour 4:30-5:30. Dinner after
- Rotate it around the clubs each year

MOM-n-PA Details:

- Chair: Rich Grossman
- Next meeting: Jan 21st 7 pm on zoom
- We still need leads

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2025. We are working to secure the venue.

Reminder!

Pennsylvania dental licenses renew on April 1 of each odd-numbered year. Please note that clearances are a separate requirement from license renewal and in addition to the Act 31 mandatory CE requirement.

Dentists and dental office staff who have contact with children must obtain the following three clearances **every five years:**

Child Abuse History Clearance

Go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

- 1) Choose option: An individual 14 years of age or older applying for or holding a paid position as an employee with a program, activity, or service
- 2) This can take up to 2 weeks or more to get back results
- 3) They will mail you the original, however, you may be able to PRINT a copy from your emailed receipt.

There is a fee to obtain this clearance.

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

Go to <https://epatch.pa.gov>

- 1) Select New Record Check
- 2) Click on 'Submit a New Record Check', then chose that you are checking as an individual
- 3) *** Follow the instructions to PRINT your result from the email receipt you receive

There is a fee to obtain this clearance.

FBI Fingerprinting - Go to www.identogo.com

- 1) Enter your zip code into the box labeled Find the nearest Identogo Center
- 2) Select the location most convenient to you (you will have a chance to change this later in the process)
- 3) Click 'Schedule an Appointment' located in the blue box on the right hand side of the page. An appointment is not required, but is highly recommended.
 - a) Click on 'Digital Fingerprinting' on the lower left side of the page
 - b) Enter the service code for 'an employee who works to provide services to children' - 1KG738

There is a fee to obtain this clearance.

2025 Schedule of Events

CE Course:	Radisson	Feb 12	8:00 AM
Tooth Fairy Day	Children's Library	Feb 25	10:30 AM
NCDHM/Tooth Fairy	McDonalds Southside	Feb 25	5-7 PM
NCDHM/Tooth Fairy	McDonalds Keyser	Feb 27	5-7 PM
CE Course <i>Pain Management and Sedation in the Dental Offices</i>	Radisson	March 12	8:00 AM
President's Dinner	The Ridge, Maiolatesi Winery	March 22	6:00 PM
CE Course <i>Implant Complications from a Restorative Dentist's Perspective</i>	Radisson	April 9	8:00 AM
Shair/Angelo Awards	AV	April 16	6:30 PM
General Meeting <i>Dr. Joseph Runco</i>	AV	May 8	6:30 PM
Golf Tournament	Scranton Country Club	June	8:00 AM

2025 Officers

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Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran

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