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Letter from the President



November is a wonderful time of year. This is a month in which we reflect and give thanks for all that we have. We also

recognize our military veterans for their service, dedication and sacrifice. November 11th is Veterans Day. This holiday coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, holidays that are celebrated around the globe. November 11th is an important day in world history because it marks the end to hostilities on the western front of World War I. A congressional act was passed in 1938 declaring November 11th a national holiday in the United States, originally known as Armistice Day. Congress amended the bill in 1954 change the wording “Armistice Day” to “Veterans Day” to honor all veterans, not just those that fought in WWI.

I, like many of our members, have a long tradition of service in my family. My grandfather fought in World War II, my father fought in Vietnam and my wife and I both

served in the United States Air Force. I have a great respect for those that have worn or currently wear the uniform of our nation’s armed forces. They have fought and continue to fight to protect the freedoms that we so often take for granted.

We honor our veterans with various observances surrounding Veteran’s Day. As dental professionals, we offer a valuable service and we can choose to honor our veterans by improving their lives through dental care. There are many ways for our community to give back including the New York State Dental Foundation initiative, *Veterans Smile Day*. According to the NYSDF, the mission of this program is to “provide free dental care and support to military veterans as [a] small way of thanking them for their service. [The] hope is that in the process, veterans will find a permanent dental home for themselves and their families”. I applaud the Foundation’s focus on veterans and all of you who give back to our service members.

In closing, I want to thank all of the members of the Fourth District Dental Society for your support. We have accomplished much to the benefit of our members within the last year including a successful continuing education program, Saratoga Dental Congress, Golf/CE course, New Dentist Meeting and Women’s Dentist Meeting. Also, we have many great things planned for the year to come, as Dr. Richard Hoskinson assumes the office of President in January. Happy Holidays!

Best regards,
Seth Farren

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News Updates: Veterans Smile Day

The NYS Dental Foundation and the NYS Dental Association are supporting the first NYS Veterans Smile Initiative in which individual dentists screen and treat veterans in their offices coinciding with Veterans Day **November 11, 2016**. For information on participating, please contact the NYSDF office.

Saratoga Dental Congress 2017

This coming SDC will be held on **May 11—12, 2017** and will include presentations by Paul Feuerstein D.M.D., Rhonda Savage D.D.S, CSP, John Svirsky D.D.S., MEd, and Steven Acker D.D.S., as well as CPR/BLS.



Medicare Opt In / Opt Out Deadline

February 1, 2017 is the **new deadline** for dentists to have either opted in or out of Medicare.

New Opioid CE Requirement

A law has been passed requiring 3 hours of CE in pain management every 3 years for any health care provider who holds a DEA registration number. As the law currently stands, this course must be completed by **July 1, 2017**. Courses which fulfill this requirement are currently being developed.

Change in Electronic Prescription Regulations

You are no longer required to report all instances when you are unable to electronically prescribe, as was stated in the article in the previous newsletter. You may now simply note in the patient's chart that you were unable to prescribe electronically.

Electronic Prescription Exemption

The application for exemption to the electronic prescription program for practitioners writing fewer than 25 prescriptions per year can be found on the Department of Health website.



Website Directory

To include your photo in the Fourth District website directory, please forward a photo to Lynn at the district office.

Temporary Coverage

If you are able to provide temporary coverage for other Fourth District dentists during periods when they are unable to work at their office, please contact Lynn at the FDDS office.

Fourth District Golf Tournament and Risk Management CE

The 4th District's annual fall golf tournament was held on September 9, 2016 at the Highland Park Country Club in Queensbury. This successful event included "Risk Management" co-taught by Dr. Frederick Wetzell and John VanDenburgh, Esq., along with an afternoon of golf. There were 63 golfers this year.

GOLF PRIZE WINNERS:

- Longest Drive (Hole #10) – Tim Steingass
- Closest to the Pin (Hole # 3) – Bob Karsten – 5'5"
- Closest To Pin (Hole # 6) – Joe Potvin – 6'4"
- Closest To Pin (Hole # 11) – Nate Kemp – 4'5"
- Closest To Pin (Hole # 15) – Mark Roschinsky 3' 9"
- Closest To Line (Hole # 12) – Mark Roschinsky

GOLF TEAM WINNERS – FIRST PLACE

- Gary Swalsky -62
- Bruce Dedon
- Mike King
- Bruce Davis

Saratoga County Meeting

On Thursday July 14, 2016 Dr. Denise A. Trochesset, DDS gave an enthusiastic presentation about oral pathology entitled "The Tongue as the Gateway to the Body; Can You Diagnose this Tongue?" to a group of thirty local specialists, dentists, and staff at the Saratoga County Meeting. Dr. Trochesset is an Associate Professor of Oral Biology and Pathology at Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine, where she is Director of Oral Pathology. The evening meeting was at Longfellows in Saratoga, and an enjoyable and educational time was had by all.



Dr. Matt Battiste, Dr. Lindsay Battiste, Dr. Steve Bauman and Dr. Jamie Charland.



Dr. Ted Marciniszyn, Dr. Thomas Behlmer, and Dr. William Hassan.



Dr. Laura Johnstone, Dr. Joseph Denning, and Dr. Denise Trochesset.



Dr. John Turco and Dr. Richard Reisman.



Back row: Drs. Hassan, Weiss and Battiste.

Front row: Drs. Weiss, Battiste, Trochesset, Yucedal, Johnstone, Denning and Fuschino.

Upper Hudson Meeting

The Upper Hudson Branch of the Fourth District Dental Society held it's fall meeting at the Glens Falls Country Club on September 15. After a festive cocktail hour, members enjoyed dinner while Dr. Kirk Huffaker gave a stimulating and informative presentation entitled "Modern Clinical Endodontics". There were 18 members in attendance. The UHDS looks forward to returning to the Country Club in December for it's annual holiday event.

New Dentist Meeting

On Thursday October 13th, Dr. Chris Salierno gave the presentation “Taming the Overhead Beast” at the New Dentist Meeting to dentists who graduated within the last ten years. Dr. Salierno discussed how to analyze practice overhead and compare it to national averages. He also showed a method to analyze procedure cost for use in evaluating fee schedules. It was an informative and entertaining meeting.



Dr. Shchipkova and Dr. Johnstone.



Dr. Kluth and Dr. Rozdolski.



Dr. Chris Salierno.



Drs. Richard and Vera Salvatore.



Dr. Porcu and Dr. Lysenko

New Members

Dr. Jennifer L'Heureux

General Practice
University of Connecticut
Saratoga Community Health Center, Saratoga

Dr. Luke L'Heureux

Oral Surgery
University of Connecticut
Northeast Surgical Specialists, Queensbury

Dr. Kenner Misner

Orthodontics
Baylor College of Dentistry
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Kathryn Cuilla

General Practice
University of Maryland
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Women Dentist Meeting

The annual Fourth District Dental Society Women Dentist Meeting was held on November 3rd at Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park, NY. Joanne Denovio, RN, BS, CDE, gave an excellent presentation on “The changing world of Type 1 Diabetes Management” which included a discussion of and comparison between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes, and special mention of dental patient management considerations. Additional information and a personal perspective was given by Rachel Kimmelblatt from the local chapter of JDRF. There was a great turnout of 25 attendees, including a number of new members.



Rachel Kimmelblatt, Joanne Denovio RN, BS, CDE, Dr. Hwang, and Lynn Martin.



Drs. Kiehl, Nguyen, and Nevard.



Rachel Kimmelblatt discussing life with Type 1 Diabetes.



Drs. Llera, Fox and Cuilla.

- People with diabetes have nearly **3 times more periodontal pathology** than their non-diabetic counterparts.
- **Tooth loss** is up to **2 times** more frequent in people with diabetes.
- **Insulin pumps** can not be exposed to x-rays. Ask patients to **remove them for x-rays**, and promptly replace them as disruption in insulin delivery for more than one hour will result in hyperglycemia.
- **Mild hypoglycemia** should be treated with 15 grams of a **fast acting sugar**, such as 3 tsp glucose gel or 4 oz fruit juice. Retest blood sugar in 15 minutes. Never leave the patient alone.
- **Severe hypoglycemia** with loss of consciousness, inability to swallow, or seizure should result in a **911 call** and an **injection of glucagon**. Do not attempt to give anything by mouth.
- Schedule **long appointments after meals**. Ask your patient about when they last tested their blood glucose, when they last ate, and their typical symptoms of low blood glucose.
- **Educate your patients** with diabetes about the importance of **good oral hygiene** and **regular dental visits**, the increased risk of **oral infections**, the effect of periodontal diseases on **glycemic control**, and the impact of uncontrolled diabetes on oral **health and healing**.

2017 Life Members

Dr. Vikas Bapat
Dr. Allan Beal
Dr. Joseph Bialobok
Dr. Charles Dermody
Dr. Uttam Gurme

Dr. Michael Mintz
Dr. Shelly Nevard
Dr. Michael Spielberger
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