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Letter from the President



Dear Fourth District Members,

Wow and phew! I am glad the presidential election is over. 2016 was a particularly turbulent year socially and

politically in America. Whomever you voted for, we wholeheartedly hope for stability and success for our citizenry and country. In times of quiet reflection, I find comfort in the stability of dentistry as a profession and particularly the Fourth District Dental Society. I want to thank Seth Farren for serving as President of the Fourth District Dental Society this past year which was a very successful year. I also wish to thank Lynn Martin who has done a fantastic job as our Executive Director.

I am reminded of and thankful for the advocacy of past Presidents of the Fourth District Dental Society and the challenges they faced. Challenges facing dentistry today are different. Dentistry is currently challenged by an opportunistic and activist Governor and legislature, challenged by the insurance industry, and challenged by an increasing number of dental schools and graduates. This is best summarized by the current President of the New York State Dental Association, Dr. Richard

Andolina, "it is always necessary that we work to protect our profession from political foes and regulatory measures that threaten to damage or alter the livelihood of our colleagues". Those of us who have met Dr. Andolina know him to be a fierce advocate for dentistry and he encourages all of us to join him.

Please watch the NYS legislative agenda this spring. There will be another legislative push to extend the statute of limitations. Regarding this point, I need not be obtuse. This is motivated and driven by trial lawyers and will not improve dental care. This legislation will only drive up insurance costs for all of us while creating a huge industry for trial lawyers. The dental community motivation is best summarized by the mission statement of the Fourth District which begins "The mission of the Fourth District Dental Society shall be to encourage the improvement of the health of the public, to promote the art and science of dentistry......" With these words in our mission statement we hold the higher argument and on legislative issues such as this, we need to direct, lead, and guide.

You might ask what you can do to advocate for dentistry. First, I suggest getting familiar with the names, phone numbers, and addresses of local legislators. Dentists are smart, highly educated,

goal oriented individuals. As a group we are well respected community leaders and, I believe, will be listened to and acknowledged by our local elected government officials. What else can you do? Individuals can be more easily manipulated and controlled by insurance companies and regulations. As a politically active group we can be a force. Please get to know every other dentist in your town, community, and region. Attend local meetings, regardless of the topic, and get to know each other as individual practitioners facing the same pressures in our daily practice. Last, be sure to contribute to our political action committees, specifically EDPAC, ADPAC, and MLMICPAC. They are at the frontline and are the first to know and alert us of pending legislation. I am thankful for their vigilance.

In closing, I am reminded in this past presidential election year of the inauguration of our 35th President 56 years ago. Late in President Kennedy's speech his prose is especially poignant at this time ".....ask what you can do for your country." With a bit of a literary bridge this can apply to our profession today. Now is the time to join Dr. Andolina and become an advocate for dentistry.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Hoskinson, DDS

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News Updates: FDDS CE #2

On Friday March 3, 2017 at the Century House, Latham, Daniel Ward, DDS will present 'Uncommon Common Sense - What You Need To Know About Restorative Dentistry Materials'.

FDDS CE #3

On **Friday April 7, 2017** at the Century House, Latham, Zola A. Makrauer, DMD, MAGD will present 'The Nuts and Bolts of Implant Dentistry from Gaining Case Acceptance to Full Mouth Restorations'.

Saratoga Dental Congress 2017

Register now for the SDC on May 11—12, 2017 including 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 and a Friday Lunch and Learn.



New Opioid CE Requirement

Under a new Public Health Law, dentists in New York State who have a current Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number **must take** an opioid prescribing/pain management continuing education course **by July 1, 2017**. The course must be taken every three years, and it may be counted towards the 60 hours of CE required for licensure. NYSDF has developed a course which fulfills this requirement and is available to take online via their website at nysdentalfoundatiom.org/ce-courses

Golf Tournament

Save the date for our annual CE & Golf Event, **September 8, 2017**. The CE course will be decided soon. It will be held at the Hiland Park Country Club in Queensbury. Please watch for more details.

FDDS CE #4

On **Friday October 27, 2017** at the Fort William Henry Resort, Lake George, Jeffrey Horowitz, DMD, FAGD will present 'I've Got A Few Tricks Up My Sleeve! Tips To Make Everyday Procedures A Little Easier'.

Retirees

Dr. Patrick Esmond Dr. G. Kirk Gleason Dr. Randy McGowan

Fourth District Officer Installation Dinner

The annual Officer Installation Dinner was held on January 7th at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, the hometown of current FDDS President Dr. Richard Hoskinson. Dr. Kirk Gleason graciously emceed the evening, which was well attended by past and present members of the board, including an impressive seven Eagle Scouts. The new officers, Dr. Richard Hoskinson, President; Dr. Jacob Merryman, President-Elect; Dr. May Hwang, Vice President; Dr. Laura Johnstone, Secretary; Dr. H. John Schutze, Treasurer, were introduced and officially began their duties for the year.



Dr. Hoskinson outlined his goals for the coming year.



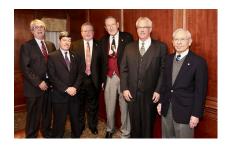
Dr. Gleason, Dr. Schutze, Dr. Hwang and Dr. Johnstone.



Dr. Hoskinson presents Dr. Farren with a plaque of appreciation for the outgoing President.



Dr. Hoskinson, Mrs. Lenore and Dr. Tom Lanka, Mrs. Erin and Dr. Doug Sandmann.



Dr. Richard Reisman, Dr. Michael Breault, Dr. Frederick Wetzel, Dr. Thomas Lanka, Dr. Wayne Harrison and Dr. Robert Liebers.



Mrs. Betsy and Dr. William Lancaster with Mrs. Kathy and Dr. Richard Hoskinson.



Dr. Laura Johnstone, Dr. Joseph Denning and Dr. Seth Farren.



Dr. Wayne Harrison and Dr. Lauren Baim.



Dr. May Hwang with Drs. Jennifer and Jon Kluth.

New Members

Dr. Rory Ogden General Practice Creighton University Hometown Health Center, Schenectady

Dr. Libertad Negron Endodontics University of Puerto Rico, DMD University of Maryland, Endodontics

tics Practices in Clifton Park

Dr. Rachel HargravesGeneral Practice

SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine Practices in Ballston Lake

Ethics Corner—What would you do? - Jonathan Schutze, Ethics Committee

"Dilemma" is defined as, "a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially equally undesirable ones." From presidential elections to fast food menus, we all find ourselves in these situations. In this "post truth" era in which we live, it seems appropriate to pause and give consideration to various ethical decisions we have to make as dentists. This is the first of a series of articles posing ethical dilemmas we are likely to face on any given day at the office. The purpose is to further the knowledge and understanding of dental ethics and provide a bit of the ethical "pulse" of our district members. The dilemma is adapted from one originally printed in the Texas Dental Journal.

What Would You Do?

Ms. Allen is a forty-five-year-old patient who, along with her three children, has been in your practice for ten years. Ms. Allen is in excellent health, exercises regularly, and is conscientious about her yearly medical and dental examinations. Her chief complaint was the space caused by the loss of her mandibular first molar twenty years ago. She has excellent periodontal health, a stable Class 1 occlusion, no evidence of bruxism, good esthetics and only a few small anterior and posterior restorations. Since she did not have dental insurance, she saved her money until she could pay for an implant and crown with an all porcelain occlusion to replace the missing molar. After implant integration, the abutment and crown were placed three years ago. She has been satisfied with the overall esthetics and function.

Last Friday, while Ms. Allen was eating a sandwich, she felt a hard object and, as she told your receptionist, "it's the tooth colored part of my implant." Your examination found that the buccal cusps of the implant crown had failed, leaving some bare metal and some porcelain on the buccal surface. Although she wasn't in pain, the esthetic deficiency was obvious and she was angry. As she explained the situation, she wants to know if you "stand behind your work" because she cannot pay for another crown. Although you explain to her that there are no guarantees for dental care, she still wants to know if you will "stand behind your work."

You are now faced with an ethical dilemma. Check the course of action you would follow and email, mail, or fax this page, or a note indicating your choice, as instructed below.

- 1. ___ Replace the crown at no fee.
- 2. ___ Ms. Allen should pay the laboratory fee only for the replacement.
- 3. Ms. Allen should pay 50% of the full replacement fee.
- 4. ___ Ms. Allen should pay the full replacement fee.
- 5. ___ Other alternative (please explain).

A discussion of the results will be included in the next article. There is no "right" or "wrong" answer. All responses will be kept anonymous. Send your response to Jonathan Schutze DMD, Schutze Family Dentistry, 453 Dixon Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 or fax to (518) 793-5695, or email at drjschutze@gmail.com

What would you do?

Let us know!

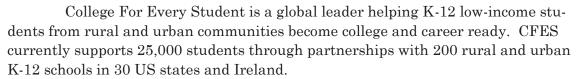
It's anonymous.

PAP May Save Your License - Jack McGill, Fourth District CDC representative

The NYSDA has a committee to help impaired dentists, and hopefully prevent the loss of his or her professional license. Our 13 districts each have a representative on the Chemical Dependency Committee (CDC) who is ready to assist any dentist affected by alcohol or drug abuse. The CDC has been in existence 33 years and will help a dentist enroll in the NYS Education Department's Professional Assistance Program (PAP), which was established in 1982 as a non-punitive, confidential alternative for professionals with addiction and substance abuse problems. The PAP's mission is to protect the public and support the professional in recovery, which is voluntary and confidential. For the first step to recovery call 1-800-255-2100 or 518-474-3817, ext. 480 or email pap@mail.nysed.gov

Fourth District, NYSDF Collaborate on Screening Project

A dental screening was held at the Crown Point Central School on January 24, 2017, in Crown Point, NY. The event was a collaborative effort that included College For Every Student, dental professionals from High Peaks Dental, and donations from the New York State Dental Foundation and the Fourth District. In all, 75 students were screened and children with caries were referred to local dental homes for treatment.











Dr. Michael Breault receives NYSDA Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has provided outstanding service and commitment to the New York State Dental Association. The Council on Awards unanimously recommended that the Distinguished Service Award be presented to Dr. Michael R. Breault. Dr. Breault has served the profession with distinction and honorable service for many years. He is a respected member of the county, district, state and national dental associations. His leadership as NYSDA president during a difficult period of transition exemplifies his distinguished service. During his presidential year and a half, Dr.

Breault led with firm resolve and judicious restraint, always ensuring that his Board worked above any personal disagreements and toward unification. Dr. Breault has been a mentor, educator, colleague and leader for many dentists, residents and auxiliaries throughout his career. He has served on numerous committees, task forces, and councils, including the ADA Council on Governmental Affairs, chair of the ADA Dental Quality Alliance, president of the NYS Society of Periodontists, and president of the Fourth District Dental Society.



Pemphigus and Pemphigoid: The Unique Role of Dentists - Patrick Dunn, International Pemphigus & Pemphigoid Foundation

Pemphigus and pemphigoid (P/P) are rare, autoimmune blistering diseases that affect a very small percentage of the population. The average patient with P/P sees five doctors over ten months in search of a correct diagnosis. The majority of P/P patients present with oral symptoms before the onset of skin lesions. Because of this, dentists have a unique opportunity to help shorten diagnosis times by identifying signs and symptoms when they are first encountered.

Consider a diagnosis of pemphigus or pemphigoid when a patient presents with a combination of:

- * Multiple ulcerated or erythematous oral lesions that don't resolve in 7-10 days
- * Lesions outside the mouth, including those on other mucosal surfaces and the skin
- * Lesions that develop following minor trauma (Nikolsky sign), such as gentle lateral pressure, which weakens the adhesion between epithelial cells and the underlying connective tissues

The International Pemphigus and Pemphigoid Foundation (IPPF) is the world's leading organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all people affected by pemphigus and pemphigoid. More information can be obtained by visiting the IPPF Awareness Campaign website at www.pemphigus.org/awareness or by contacting awareness@pemphigus.org

ADPAC Donation

On August 29, 2016, Dr. H. John Schutze DDS, Fourth District Dental Society board member and Treasurer, presented Elise Stefanik (R-NY21) with a check for \$2,000 on behalf of ADPAC, at a fundraiser at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs. Pictured are Paul Ryan (R-WI), Dr. Schutze, and Elise Stefanik (R-NY21).



FDDS By-Laws Vote at SDC Annual Meeting

Due to the changeover from the Board of Governors to the House of Delegates, the Fourth District Dental Society Board of Directors has proposed the following amendments to the District By-Laws. Language in green has been added; language in red has been deleted. The By-Laws changes will be voted on by the general membership at the SDC on May 11, 2017.

By-Laws, Section 180 Nominating Committee: A. Composition: This committee shall consist of a chairperson and nine other members. The Immediate Past President shall serve as chairperson and ex-officio member. The remaining members are to be selected as follows: the three most recent Past Presidents available, not seeking nomination to elective office, and one member from and elected by each of the Branch Societies in this society. Any member of this Society seeking nomination for elective office is ineligible to serve on the Nominating committee. 1. The Fourth District Trustee shall serve as Chairperson, there shall be six members of this committee and two alternate members: the three most recent past presidents, plus three active Fourth District members and a first and second alternate, all of whom have served on the Fourth District board. 2. No member of the Nominating Committee may be considered for any elective position.

By-Laws, Section 30 NYSDA and ADA Delegates: The required number of delegates to the NYSDA House of Delegates. Each delegate shall serve a one-year term. No NYSDA delegate shall serve more than 8 consecutive years. The ADA Trustee is automatically the First Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. The delegate having served the longest consecutive time in the NYSDA House of Delegates or the previous Board of Governors combined shall be nominated to serve as the SEC-OND Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. No ADA Second Delegate shall serve more than a total of 8 years. In the event there is not a solitary senior NYSDA Delegate, the position of nominee as the delegate to the ADA House of Delegates shall be filled by one of the senior NYSDA Delegates through the nomination process defined in Article VI of these bylaws.

FDDS Budget Vote at SDC Annual Meeting

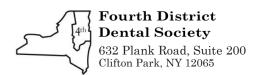
The FDDS 2017 Proposed Budget, on the opposing page, is presented to the membership in advance of the annual meeting at the SDC. The Finance Committee including Fred Wetzel, Chairman, Loren Baim, Jim Galati, May Hwang, Adrienne Korkosz, Dick Hoskinson, Seth Farren, John McCambley and John Schutze, met at the District office to review the financial results of 2016 in preparation for the 2017 budget. We recommend the adoption of this budget with the following:

- * Target FMH, Adirondack, Schoharie
 - ** Budget is for 2 ADA Alternates

FDDS Budget vs. Actuals 2017

4000 C E INCOME		32,750.00
400010 CE Expenses start 2016		-20,000.00
Total 4000 C E INCOME	\$	12,750.00
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4025 MISC INCOME		500.00
4023 INTEREST INCOME		50.00
Total 4025 MISC INCOME	\$	550.00
4040 PROGRAM ENDORSEMENTS		10,000.00
4060 SDC		
4061 SDC EXHIBITORS/Sponsorships		35,000.00
4062 SDC REGISTRATIONS		89,000.00
4063 SDC RAFFLE		1,500.00
61121 SDC Annual Expenses		,
61031 Meal SDC		-30,000.00
61041 Rentals SDC		-15,000.00
61051 Speakers SDC		-35,000.00
61131 Other SDC Expenses		-5,000.00
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