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Letter from the President



I am pleased to report the Saratoga Dental Congress went off without a hitch! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We had good food, great speakers, supportive vendors and a celebratory take home travel mug. I want to thank everyone who lent a helping hand! The meeting would not be such a success without the support and attendance of our members and staff. It was an absolute pleasure to listen to our speakers. The valuable knowledge they shared with us will hopefully keep us practicing better, living longer and out of prison! Over 400 people attended our meeting and we raised over \$1,200 for GKAS. Please help us make our meeting better. If you have any suggestions or critiques about the meeting, we would value your opinion. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

It is an honor for me to be serving as your president this year. We are celebrating our 150th

anniversary for our local district and NYSDA . We have a proud history of serving our members by meeting their needs in both the political and clinical arenas. I would encourage you to get involved with our component at least at some point in your dental career. Experiencing and serving with our group will not only give you an appreciation for membership but, and I truly believe this, it will make you a more well-rounded dentist. Our group is independent and strong but the only avenue to remain that way is in unity. As an autonomous profession we must approach issues in solidarity. Views and stances may vary but our diversity is a strength. It is a wonderful time to be practicing dentistry but nobody knows what tomorrow holds. So whatever challenges may arise I hope we will be able to face them together.

Sincerely,

Jacob Merryman, D.D.S.
Fourth District President



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News Updates:

CE and Golf – September 21, 2018

The CE and Golf outing is scheduled for Friday, **September 21, 2018** at the Hiland Golf Club in Queensbury. Bijan Anvar DDS will present a course on Cyber Security. After the morning CE course, our semi annual business meeting will be held. The afternoon golf tournament is open to your regular golf partners, staff, family and friends. Please direct inquiries to Lynn at the FDDS.

Course 4 – October 26, 2018

“A Sound Recession Proof Restorative/Hygiene Practice: Integrating the Team and Creating Value” presented by Lou Graham, DDS at Fort William Henry Resort, Lake George, NY.

New Dentist Meeting – Fall 2018

The New Dentist Meeting is anticipated for Fall 2018. Emails will follow with details.

Women Dentist Meeting – Fall 2018

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Veterans Smile Initiative

Established nationally by the ADA, the Veterans Smile Initiative is a program in which individual dentists screen and treat veterans in their office coinciding with Veterans Day **November 11, 2018**. See the NYSDF website for an application for funding.



Follow **NYSDA Volunteer Dental Demonstration Project** on Facebook to get updates on the upcoming projects.

Saratoga Dental Congress 2019

The next Saratoga Dental Congress is scheduled for **Thursday May 23 and Friday May 24, 2019**



Ethics Corner

We are still eager to hear your responses to last edition's ethics dilemma. The dilemma was that of a dentist who is asked by a current patient to stop by the nursing home to see her mother, a former patient, who has some apparent dental pain. When his assessment of caries and a fractured tooth are brushed off by the nursing staff and family, we are left contemplating how we would proceed. See the 4th district website for the complete newsletter article. Send your response to Jonathan Schutze DMD at drjschutze@gmail.com

2018 Saratoga Dental Congress

The 2018 Saratoga Dental Congress was held on May 10th and 11th, 2018 at the Saratoga City Center and The Hampton Inn. The meeting was attended by over 400 dentists, hygienists and staff, and there were over 45 corporate presenters. NYSDA President-Elect Brendan Dowd greeted the attendees on Thursday and welcomed everyone with his opening remarks. Thursday's program included renown occlusion scholar Dr. Jeffrey Okeson, who challenged us to consider the different possible problems with the TMJ before treating dysfunction. Participants were captivated by Dr. Tieraona Low Dog's presentation on nutrition and natural medicine. Friday's schedule included Dr. Roy Shelburne and Nancy Dewhirst. Dr. Shelburne's eye opening presentations on dental coding and avoiding prison time kept the audience's close attention. Nancy Dewhirst educated us about health risks to dental providers and practical knowledge about ergonomics. The MedCourse CPR course was also a thorough and engaging renewal of our mandatory requirement.



(L to R, Top to Bottom) 1. Resident Poster contest 2. Dr. Shelburne 3. Dr. Okeson 4. Dr Low Dog 5. Nancy Dewhirst 6. Dr. Adrienne Korkosz, NYSDA President-Elect Dr. Brendan Dowd and Dr. Jim Galati 7. Dr. Low Dog presenting about nutrition 8. Fourth District Dental Society 150th Anniversary cake 9. Fourth District historical materials 10. Dr. Jonathan Schutze and Dr. John Lawrence 11. Dr. Loren Baim and Dr. Diana Sandu 12. Ellis Residency residents Dr. Deanna Davidyuk, Dr. Matthew Rodda, Dr. Henry Perry-Friedman and Dr. Rahul Kallianpur 13. Lunch and Learn session.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

Baseball Tickets (Yankees v Red Sox): Dr. Kate Houtz

Gore Mountain Tickets: Dr. Robert DeLuke

iPad: Dr. Mark Roschinsky

Longfellows: Ms. Rita Theisen

Driving Day at Line Rock Park: Dr. Jules Comeau

Olde Bryan Inn: Ms. Judy Rosenzweig

COMPLIMENTARY 2019 SDC REGISTRATION:

Dr. Crystal Arpei-McHugh



Fourth District leaders at Washington Leadership Conference

On April 9th and 10th, 2018 the ADA held its largest, and one of the most successful Washington Leadership Conferences and Lobby Day with over 1200 Dentists and Dental Students from all over the country in attendance. The ADA Washington staff, key Congressional leaders, and political pundits spent the first day preparing the group to visit Senators and Congressmen to discuss the opioid crisis, student debt, and other oral health concerns.

Dr. Mike Breault is the ADPAC Action team leader for Congressman Paul Tonko, Dr. Mark Bauman is the leader for Congressman Elise Stefanic, and Dr. Kirk Gleason is the leader for Congressman John Faso. Through the years each have worked with all the local Congressmen and our two US Senators, even as the Congressional Districts have been redrawn and the Congressmen have been replaced. To be more effective they work as a team and have met with each Congressmen, both in Washington and in upstate New York. Thus they personally know these national leaders and are more readily welcomed to their offices.

This year the three dentists had the opportunity to visit all three Congressmen on the same day and spent very productive time with each. They also escorted several dental student representatives to the offices so they could personally discuss the student debt issue, and this was very well received by each of the Congressmen.

Drs. Breault, Bauman, and Gleason are also all on NYSDA's EDPAC Committee and work closely with NY State Assemblymen and Senators on behalf of the Fourth District members. They were also actively involved with NYSDA's State Lobby Day in February along with several other leaders from the District. And of course all members receive a letter from them each year encouraging you to join the Capital Club of EDPAC to further the important political action being done on your behalf to protect your profession and further oral health.



ADA leaders including Dr. Bauman, Dr. Gleason and Dr. Breault meeting with Paul Tonko.



ADA leaders including Dr. Bauman, Dr. Gleason and Dr. Breault meeting with John Faso.

New Member

Dr. Catherine Rode
Oral Surgery

University of Montreal and Indiana University
Practicing with Dr. Feinberg, Plattsburgh, NY

In Memoriam

Dr. Gary Zabel
Dr. Frank Parisi

Update Your Profile

The ADA® Find-A-Dentist tool includes all ADA members who see patients. A dentist who has an actual photograph is eleven times more likely to be selected than a dentist who has the generic image. To get started, you simply go to the following link and update your profile, including a headshot:

[https://
findadentist.ada.org/](https://findadentist.ada.org/)



Saratoga and Upper Hudson Joint Meeting

On March 15th, members from both the Saratoga and Upper Hudson dental societies came together for a joint lecture at Longfellows in Saratoga. Dr. Richard Lipscomb of Maryland presented “Mini Dental Implants, the Perfect Solution to Loose Dentures and More”. Attendees learned about the role of mini dental implants and how they can be integrated into specific clinical situations to help patients. It was a great event to bring members of both societies together for education and good company.



Dr. Jonathan Schutze, Robert Iuliano and Dr. Vince Fuschino



Dr. Loren Baim with speaker Dr. Richard Lipscomb

Tedisco Fundraiser

The Fourth District hosted a fundraiser reception for State Senator James Tedisco on April 26th at the Lighthouse restaurant in Schenectady. Senator Tedisco has been a long time friend to dentistry and during his 20 years in the Assembly, where he was Minority Leader, he often worked with NYSDA for the betterment of the oral health of New Yorkers. Now as a Senator his district includes Saratoga and Schenectady Counties and much of the southern Adirondacks and thus represents the majority of the Fourth District’s dentists.

Many of the Fourth District’s leadership and several past presidents, that are the Senator’s constituents, along with several of our officers had a unique opportunity to individually converse with the Senator. He also spoke with the group about the current state of both national and state politics. NYSDA’s lobbyist, Roy Laskey representing EDPAC, and a representative from MLMIC were also in attendance and helped with organization. After the excellent success of this event, we are considering a second reception to benefit politicians from the other half of our Fourth District and to put them together with members and leaders from Glens Falls and north.



(Left) Dr. Jacob Merryman, Senator James Tedisco, Dr. May Hwang



(Right) Mark Crow of MLMIC, Dr. Fred Wetzel, Senator Tedisco, Dr. Mark Bauman, Dr. Richard Hoskinson, Oksana Golovina

What is Laverne’s Law?

On January 31st, 2018, Governor Cuomo signed Laverne’s Law. This law amends the statute of limitations for medical, dental or podiatric malpractice cases involving negligent failure to diagnose cancer or a malignant tumor. Prior to Laverne’s Law, a patient had 2 1/2 years from the date of the missed diagnosis to pursue a claim for malpractice. Now, the statute of limitations is 2 1/2 years from the date that the patient discovered or should have discovered the missed diagnosis, up to seven years from the date of the last treatment. It is important to note that Laverne’s Law only applies to malpractice cases involving cancer.



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