

NEWSLETTER



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Letter from the President



Dear Members of the Fourth District,

Seasons greetings from the Fourth District. We have had a busy Fall in the district. In September, we had our Golf Outing and Continuing Education at the Hiland Country Club. For CE, we offered the mandatory NYS Infection control course. We had 70 attendees and 9 Sponsors set up inside the event space. In the afternoon, we had a great turnout of 18 golf foursomes, with some of the event sponsors having tables at various golf holes. It was a great event; so mark your calendars and plan to join us for next year's Golf

tournament and Risk Management CE course, for Friday, Sept. 19, 2025 next year.

Drs. Loren Baim and Katherine Guilfoyle offered a joint Upper Hudson and Saratoga branch meeting at Saratoga's the Wishing Well restaurant, with CE given on October 10th. Dr. Howe in Schenectady hosted a branch meeting on November 20th, and the Women Dentists' meeting was held at HVCC on November 14th. It is great to have our branches meeting and getting members out and informed.

I was thankful to attend the ADA meeting in New Orleans as your Alternate Delegate. The ADA continues to fight for us against insurance companies on the medical loss ratio and denial on non-covered services fronts. They recognize the need for access to care and are working on that. They see the drop in membership happening and will be rolling out membership level options that will be more affordable for new dentists. There will be no ADA dues increase for 2025.

Please, if you are a business owner, remember to talk with your financial consultant to see if you need to file the Beneficial Ownership Information due by January 1, 2025.

I can't believe how fast the year has gone. Thank you Fourth District for supporting me during my presidency, and for participating in organized dentistry. Together we are stronger.

I wish you all a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season, and a prosperous 2025!

Thank you,
John A. Milza, Jr., DDS

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Please contact the Fourth District office with changes to your home or office address, phone number, or email.

Upcoming Events save the date....

CE Schedule 2025 REGISTER HERE

January 31 Dr. Peter Auster (Embassy Suites in Saratoga)
February 12 Child Abuse Reporting Evening Webinar
March 7 Our local Panel of Oral & Maxillofacial Specialists Morning Webinar
March 31 Dr. Carla Tornator (Latham)

Saratoga Dental Congress– May 8 & 9 2025

Saratoga City Center, Saratoga Springs

**Annual CE & Golf Outing- Friday September 19th
Hiland Golf Course, Queensbury
Risk Management & Fall Business Meeting**

*****Change of Address for Fourth District Office*****

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Board Meetings

All members welcome to attend, call Lisa Hicks at the district and let her know if you are interested

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2025 Board Branch Representatives:

*****All branches have been slowly coming together and re-organizing post Covid. Branch events are a vital part of our district. Dr. Milza is encouraging all branches to select their representative to the 4th District Board (best vehicle for first hand information flow back and forth). Our 6 branch reps. (ADK, FHM, Saratoga, Schenectady & Schoharie & Upper Hudson) are crucial for the success of our district and quorum for doing business. Please select your branch rep. and contact Lisa at the office***

Recent 4th District Events:

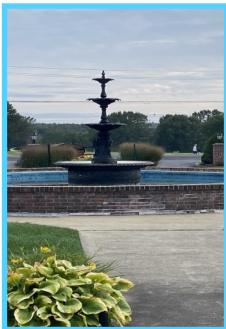
Shredding Event Sept 27, 2024



The District held it's first ever shredding event was held at the 4th District Dental Society office in Clifton Park. Participation reached near capacity in 3 short hours. This free event translated into almost \$200 in savings for each member that participated. We are anticipating this event to become an annual benefit for our members.

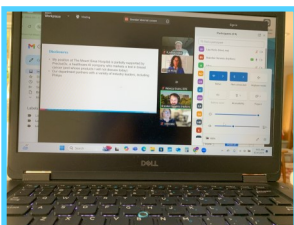
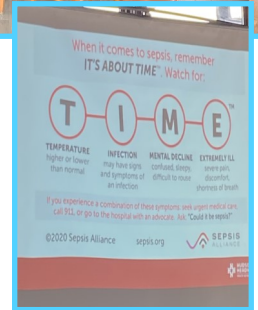
Annual Golf and CE September 20, 2024 Infection Control & Fall Business Meeting

In coordination with our annual Golf Outing on Sept 20th, the district hosted over 70 members to complete the mandatory Infection Control continuing education requirement. Thank you to Hudson Headwaters and speaker Debra Galatioto for sharing your expertise and information to meet this requirement. Following the course, and Fall Business meeting, members enjoyed lunch, dinner, and 18 holes of a friendly Golf Tourney, at the beautiful Hiland Park Golf Club, in Queensbury, NY. This year, the meeting coincided with the Queensbury Balloon Festival, decorating the fall spectacle above. The district would like to encourage new golfers, and of all genders, to participate in this tournament for members and vendors. (pictured below Shawn with Crane Dental Lab & Dr. Cocozzo, and Dr. Milza addresses the audience)



October 4 Webinar

Dr. Brandon Veremis gave an informative and complete overview of Artificial Intelligence and its infiltration into so many aspects of our everyday professional life.



Upper Hudson & Saratoga Joint Branch Meeting October 10, 2024

Wishing Well, Members welcomed from Southampton, NY, Dr. Robert Lovino, on the changing landscape of *Dental Professionalism*.. Members gathered for CE , dinner, and socializing.

New Dentist Mixer Meeting Oct 9, 2024 Our annual New Dentist Mixer was held at the Mill on Round Lake in early Fall ~ Although we had a few less in attendance than usual, the energy and atmosphere was electric. We are excited to usher in this next group of leaders...make plans to attend this mixer next fall!



Women Dentist Meeting @HVCC Nov 14

Drs. Kluth & Hwang organized a really special night at the HVCC Hygiene Clinic complete with a tour and student meet & greet. Thank you to our speaker, local speech pathologist Kate Chatigny for your informative lecture



Schenectady Branch welcomes Dr. Rohan George to their dinner meeting to speak on Management of Dental Trauma—Nov. 20

Congratulations to our newest 4th leaders ..voted by the members during the Sept. Business Meeting

NYSDA Delegate (4) : Dr. Rachel Hargraves, Dr. Fred Wetzel, Dr. Christina Cocozzo, Dr. John Milza, (Alternate Delegate): Dr.. Diana Sandu

4th DDS Board: President: Dr. Jennifer Kluth, President Elect: Dr. Edmund Wun, Vice President: Dr. Claire Kiehl, Secretary: Dr. Katherine Guilfoyle, Treasurer: Dr. Rachel Hargraves

At Large Director (2) : Dr. Michael Breault, Dr. Jonathan Schutze

Alternate to the Board (2): Dr. May Hwang, Dr. John McCambley

4th Rep to NYSDA Council on Dental Benefits: Dr. Rory Ogden

4th Rep to NYSDA Council on Dental Education & Licensure: Dr. Crystal Arpei-McHugh

New Members

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Welcome Doctors:

Leah Azar, Anthony Bogdan, Alexis Daniels
Eric Davis, April Downing, Rohan George
Domenic Godici, Christopher Goodemote
Rachel Knaust, Daniel McCarthy and
Victoria Taylor

In Memoriam

Dr. Uttam Gurme, & Dr. Michael F. Sheehan

Congratulations

Dr. John and Pat Schutze

Recipients of the Henry & Betsey Crandall Award. They have brought smiles not only to the Crandall Library patrons through support of their programs and services, but also to many community orgs through their guidance, knowledge and philanthropy...



Life Members

Recently Retired Members


Foundation Updates

New 2025 Foundation Campaign “HPV Awareness and Prevention“

The goal is to make dental providers more aware of the rising cases of oral and pharyngeal cancers, and the direct link with Human Papilloma Virus.

Check out the program on the [Foundation's site](#)...

2024 Summary Salute Vets with a Smile - We are saluting all of the 2024 “dental hero’s” on by sharing a video on “Randy’s Story”... one of the veterans who is receiving care. Snapshot: 134 Volunteer dentists pledged to care for 286 vets with 148 veteran cases connected to care.



SALUTE VETS WITH A SMILE *New York*


WILL YOU PLEDGE TO PROVIDE DENTAL CARE FOR ONE VETERAN IN 2024?

Through major acts of courage and simple acts of kindness, Veterans have protected Americans' rights and defended our freedoms. Yet millions of U.S. Veterans are going without much-needed, essential oral health care.

The New York State Dental Foundation is organizing a crew of dentists across New York State who will pledge to provide free dental treatment to one or more United States Veterans in 2024.

PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT TODAY

- Fill out the [pledge form](#). Your name will be added to our Internal directory of Dental Heroes.
- We will spread the news about New York's Salute Vets with a Smile program and connect Veterans in need with a Dental Hero in their area.
- Free toothbrushes and up to \$500 in funding for supplies will be provided to any components wishing to organize an additional Veterans event in their district.



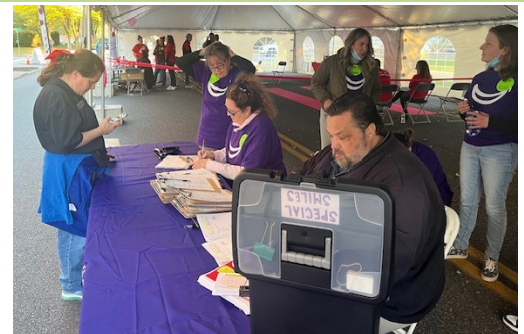
85% or about 7.8 million veterans enrolled in the Veterans Affairs health care system, are ineligible for VA dental benefits... in order to qualify for dental services, Veterans must either have a dental issue that is service-connected or qualify based on narrow criteria.

NYSDF
The New York State Dental Foundation

VOLUNTEER OUTREACH



Special Olympics & Salute Vets with a Smile

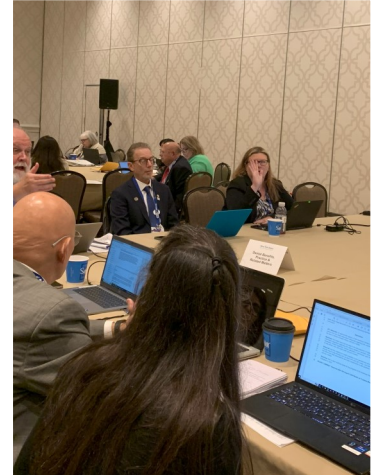


(Pictured above) Dr. Jonathan Schutze and staff members: Patricia Carota, Geri Feeder, and Trista Zawartkay.
(Pictured right) HVCC hygiene student, Malak Gawdat

2024 Special Olympics NY Fall Games– Friday, Oct 18, 2024

The event occurred in downtown Glens Falls, NY, on Maple Street, from 4:30pm-7:15pm, with volunteers conducting oral screenings and fluoride varnish treatments. Hundreds of athletes received access to care with the program’s mission to provide Inclusive Health. ****If you have interest to volunteer for the cause our [NYS Dental Foundation](#) has all the info and contacts**

ADA House of Delegates– October 19-22, 2024 New Orleans, LA



Honors Achieved: (pictured left) from ACD meeting Oct 16, 2024 in New Orleans. Dr. Korkosz was inducted as a new Fellow. Also inducted were Kendra Zappia Third District Immediate past President and Chris Arena Third Vice President

(pictured above middle): Trustee Dr. Korkosz

(pictured right): Dr. Cocozzo, Dr. Milza(4th President) & Dr. Krishnan (NYSDA president)



ADA House of Delegates– Continued

The ADA House of Delegates annual meeting was held in New Orleans, LA, Oct 19-22nd, 2024, and the Fourth District sent 2 Delegates and Alternates to represent our members' local area interests and state agenda. Thank you Drs. Korkosz, Cocozzo, Milza and Galati for volunteering your time, energy, and hard work over this long weekend. Great progress was done for the district, and some culture fun. Special thank you to Lisa Hicks, Executive Director, for her endless organization and Dr. Milza for representing the area.



(pictured left): Drs. Milza & Korkosz



(pictured right): Drs. Galati, Milza, Cocozzo, Korkosz and ED Lisa Hicks



CE Navigator– A NEW FORM OF CE CREDIT SUBMISSION

CE Navigator is a free member benefit from NYSDA—a better tracking system than the outdated Fax'd (or snail mail!) certificate. Of course, you can always keep your own home CE file.

CE Navigator empowers you to submit your CE quickly and easily through an enhanced online process. Set your own email and password, upload your CE certificates, download the app for instant access, and track your continuing education effortlessly.

No more guesswork or hassle – just more control over your CE records. Watch the [demo video](#) and [get started today!](#)

Seventh Letter from the ADA Trustee to the NYSDA Components **Dr. Brendan Dowd DDS**

Coming Soon: New Member Benefit

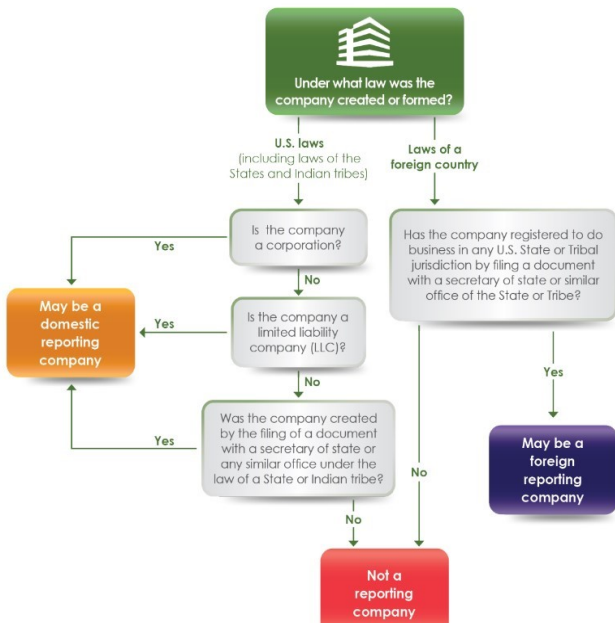
Coming January 2025: NYSDA's new Member Assistance Program! This benefit will provide members and their families with free access to mental health counseling, self-care, and work/life resources, courtesy of AllOne Health/Encompass—at no cost to members. [LEARN MORE](#)



Compliance Updates:

Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting Rule enacted under the federal Corporate Transparency Act affects many dental practices. Deadline to file January 1, 2025. The chart and [compliance guide](#) explains what must be reported about ownership of the business entities and for whom. Further information on the Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting Rule can be found at: <https://www.fincen.gov/boi>. ** Best practice is to contact your financial consultant to determine your compliance. This Act still in litigation...

Chart 1 – Reporting company definition



NYSDA President, Dr. Prabha Krishnan is proud to announce the launch of NYSDAPAC, New York State Dental Association’s Political Action Committee. Funded by member contributions, NYSDAPAC is designed to amplify the political influence of New York’s dental professionals with a professional management structure that ensures efficiency and impact. Contributions will be exclusively directed toward advocacy campaigns that matter most to the dental profession, helping to secure a stronger future for dentistry. Learn more about this important initiative at nysdental.org/NYSDAPAC or contact us at nysdapac@nysdental.org with any questions.

RADIATION REGULATION...DOH Has Proposed Changes: Apr 29, 2024

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has issued proposed regulations to completely overhaul its ionizing radiation regulatory scheme, including raising fees for regular dental office radiation installations from \$65 to \$100 and for cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) installations. The new CBCT regulations will impose new costs in that these units will have to be accredited within 18 months of the adoption of the new regulations and will be subject to annual quality assurance testing – the accreditation costs are approximately \$3,000 every three years, and the annual Quality Assurance (QA) testing will be \$800 to \$1,200 per year. You can read the NYSDOH notice of the proposed regulations published in the New York State Register today at pages 12-16: [April 10 NYS Register](#).

Phishing Alert: This fall, NYSDA informed it’s members of a reminder that this year’s dues notice from NYSDA would come through the office member portal via the ADA. Some members had reported a fraudulent email phishing scam appearing to be from a “Decker Morris.” NYSDA urged members not to click on any links or provide personal information to this email. As always, be vigilant and aware of links and companies requesting yours, practice, or patient information.

4th District Committees

In addition to the executive board, there are many members who dedicate their time to making the Fourth District tick! Thank you to all members who actively participate in our district by joining councils and committees. Your involvement is key to our success and needed to further strengthen the Fourth District. If you are interested to become involved, please reach out to any Council Representative, Officer or Board Member of the 4th district. If you would like to attend a board meeting, please contact Lisa at office@4thdds.org. Upcoming Meetings: March, April, June, November, December

4th District Branch Presidents and Representatives:

Adirondack Branch—Dr. Morris Feinberg
Fulton Hamilton Montgomery Branch—Dr. Sarah Fox,
Saratoga Branch—Dr. Katherine Guilfoyle
Schenectady Branch—Dr. Conrad Howe
Schoharie Branch—currently open
Upper Hudson Branch—Dr. Loren Baim

Current Council Representatives:

Continuing Education—Dr. Christina Cocozzo, Dr. Golaleh Barzani
Constitution & By-Laws—Dr. John McCambley
Dental Benefits—Dr. Rory Ogden

Dental Education & Licensure—Dr. Crystal Arpei-McHugh
Dental Foundation—Dr. Loren Baim
Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry—Dr. Laura Johnstone
Dental Practice—Dr. Diana Sandu
EDPAC—Dr. Frederick Wetzel
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Necrology—Dr. John Milza
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Newsletter—Dr. Crystal Arpei-McHugh
Nominations—Dr. Adrienne Korkosz
Peer Review South—Dr. Bettina Pels-Wetzel
Peer Review North—Dr. Anne Marie Spear
Substance Abuse & Well Being—
Dr. John McCambley
Relief—Dr. John McCambley



Licensed Dentists

New York State's Mandatory Continuing Education law requires that a dentist obtain at least 60 credit hours of CE every 3 years. The New York State Education Department ultimately decides which courses qualify.

Requirements for each three year registration period:

60 continuing education credit hours for every 3 year registration period. 18 out of the 60 credits can be home study

New York State Mandated Ethics and Jurisprudence course (once in your lifetime)

New York State Mandated Tobacco Cessation/Oral Cancer course (once in your lifetime)

New York State Mandated Child abuse course (once in your lifetime, but ALL must take new update by April 2025)

New York State Mandated Infection Control course (once every 4 years)

CPR course: you must maintain a current certificate (varies 1-3 years). CPR must be taken in person.

Practice Management courses are not accepted by the State Education Department and cannot count towards the 60 credit total.

More information about courses and requirements can be found online with the [New York State Education Department](#).