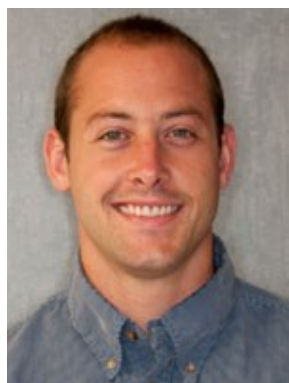


# NEWSLETTER



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## Letter from the President



I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend our Saratoga Dental Congress scheduled for May

10th & 11th, 2018. We've had a proud history since June 2, 1868 of providing our constituents with a local meeting where they can meet with vendors, pick up some great CE hours and have the opportunity to interact with fellow dentists. This year is especially exciting because we are celebrating both our Fourth District component and the New York State Dental Associations' 150th Anniversary!

Over the last half decade or so we have witnessed decreased attendance at dental meetings across the country. I think most of us attribute this to changing times and easily accessible online CE. With fewer in attendance at meetings, supporting vendors are less inclined to present at our functions. Without proper support our meeting suffers and is less beneficial to our patrons.

I hope to encourage everyone to

attend our local meeting. We are a relatively close community of dentists. Within my short span of about nine years in private practice I seldom see an unfamiliar face of a local dentist. We should be setting an example to our younger colleagues who have recently completed their dental training. They need to see the support they have, both from us and for each other. They need to know that dentistry is not about cut throat business/profit but collaboration with the patients' best needs at the heart.

So please attend the meeting. Come celebrate dentistry, whether generalist or specialist, and show your support for the dental community and those that work so hard to support you. In homage to those who embraced organized dentistry, please pick up your anniversary gift at registration.

Sincerely,

Jacob Merryman, D.D.S.

Fourth District President



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**News Updates:**

**Upper Hudson / Saratoga Meeting**

The Upper Hudson and Saratoga Dental Societies, in conjunction with Keystone Dental, will have a meeting on Thursday **March 15, 2018** at 6pm at Longfellows Restaurant in Saratoga. The featured speaker, Dr. Mariano Polack, will present “Keys to Implant Success” for 2.00 CEUs. RSVP to Lynn at the FDDS office.

**Course 3 – April 13, 2018**

*“Preventive & Restorative Dentistry Working in Concert for Best/Most Predictable Outcomes”* presented by Pamela Maragliano-Muniz, DMD at the Century House, Latham, NY.

**Saratoga Dental Congress 2018**

**Thursday May 10 and Friday May 11, 2018:**

- Dr. Jeffrey Okeson - “What Every Dentist Needs to Know About TMD”
- Dr. Tieraona Low Dog - “Medicalization of Life” and “Beyond Prevention”
- Dr. Roy Shelburne - “Do Dentistry, Not Prison Time” and “Maneuvering The Coding Minefield”
- Ms. Nancy Dewhirst - “Standing Up to The World’s Emerging Diseases” and “Ergonomics: The Balancing Act!”
- MedCourse Staff - CPR/BLS offered for two sessions on Thursday and one session on Friday. Seating is limited.
- Lunch and Learn on Friday “Laverne’s Law” will be one of the topics discussed. Seating is limited to 30.
- Business Meeting on Thursday with a chance to win a complementary registration to the 2019 SDC.
- Trade Show on Thursday and Friday.



**NYSDA HIPAA – May 31, 2018**

The New York State Dental Association is sponsoring a 3-hour HIPAA Security Compliance course developed by NYSDA’s Information Technology Committee from 8:30 am—11:30 am on Thursday **May 31, 2018** at the Saratoga Hilton. Contact Jacquie Donnelly at NYSDA to register (518)465-0044 or [jdonnelly@nysdental.org](mailto:jdonnelly@nysdental.org).

**CE and Golf – September 7, 2018**

Next year’s CE and Golf outing is scheduled to be held on Friday, **September 7, 2018** at the Hiland Golf Club in Queensbury.

**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.

# FDDS Officer Installation Dinner

The annual Officer Installation Dinner was held on January 6, 2018 at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. The members of the Board of Directors and past Presidents of the Fourth District welcomed the new officers of 2018. Dr. Kirk Gleason introduced the officers and entertained the attendees. Dr. Jacob Merryman was inducted as President, Dr. May Hwang as President-Elect, Dr. Laura Johnstone as Vice-President, Dr. H. John Schutze as Treasurer and Dr. Amanda Marx as Secretary.



Dr. Richard Hoskinson passing the presidential gavel to Dr. Jacob Merryman.



Dr. Gleason introducing Dr. Marx, Dr. Schutze, Dr. Johnstone, Dr. Hwang and Dr. Merryman.



Dr. May Hwang and Dr. Wayne Harrison



Dr. Amanda Marx and her husband Dan.



Dr. Doug Sandmann and Mrs. Erin Sandmann, Dr. Wayne Harrison and Mrs. Kathy Harrison, Dr. May Hwang and her husband Dr. John Stoutenburg.



Dr. John Milza and Mrs. Kimberly Milza with Dr. Jonathan Schutze and Mrs. Amy Schutze

## Retired Members

**Dr. Dean Bartlett**  
**Dr. Marshall Price**  
**Dr. Mark Roschinsky**

## New Members

**Dr. Holly Jafarzade**  
 Orthodontics  
 University of the Pacific  
 Bartlett & Alexander, Queensbury

**Dr. Reetane Singh**  
 General Practice  
 NYU College of Dentistry  
 Aspen Dental, Niskayuna

**Dr. Maya Gurme**  
 General Practice  
 University of Buffalo  
 Practicing with Dr. Uttam Gurme, in Amsterdam

**Dr. Samantha Nolte**  
 Pedodontist  
 University Of Montreal  
 North Country Pediatric Dentistry, Plattsburgh.



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

Dr. Abraham Woodhull has been in solo general practice for 20 years. He has enjoyed years of good experiences with many of the local residents. Anna Strong was one of his favorite patients. For the 10 years she was in the practice, Dr. Woodhull and the staff looked forward to her visits, her quick wit, and gregarious personality. Anna's daughter Sandra also joined the practice along with her family. Serious illnesses changed Anna's life from one of independence to residing in a local nursing home 6 years ago.

Sandra keeps Dr. Woodhull apprised of her mother's health changes during her recall visits. The head nurse at the nursing home informed Sandra 3 years ago that her 85-year-old mother has senile dementia, and while she has experienced a few fair days this last year, overall she is deteriorating and occasionally combative. Sandra graciously asks if Dr. Woodhull would please stop by and see if her mother has a dental problem, as she seems to hold her jaw during her visits.

Dr. Woodhull decides to visit Anna and finds her in bed, holding her right jaw while moaning softly. She does not recognize Dr. Woodhull. Anna is very cooperative and when asked to, quickly opens her mouth. Even in poor room lighting Dr. Woodhull observes food packed in the fractured distal of #28 along with gingival and occlusal caries on #29 and #30. She has had no apparent preventive care as she has generalized acute gingivitis. Dr. Woodhull is concerned that she may have possible acute or chronic apical periodontitis and leaves the room to talk to the head nurse.

Dr. Woodhull finds Sandra at the nurse's station and informs her that her mother needs a dental examination soon, as she has several cavities and is holding her jaw as if she is in pain. The head nurse tells both of them that Anna has been holding her jaw now, off and on, for 2 months and, "there has been no swelling and the staff is monitoring her daily." The nurse tells Sandra in the presence of Dr. Woodhull, "We will continue to monitor Anna and call you if there is swelling." Sandra agrees and says, "We don't want any unnecessary treatment for Mom at this time --- with her dementia she can't even feel pain."

Dr. Woodhull is now faced with an ethical dilemma. Check the course(s) of action he should take in this case and email, mail, fax this page, or send a note indicating your recommendations. What would you do if you were Dr. Woodhull? Some options include:

1. Dr. Woodhull should stay out of this discussion---he is not Anna's dentist now.
2. Dr. Woodhull should again instruct Sandra and the nurse about the potential complications from the decay and oral infection including pain and the need for a dental examination.
3. Dr. Woodhull was Anna's dentist for 10 years and should provide the care if possible.
4. Dr. Woodhull should contact the nursing home administrator and inform her of Anna's possible pain and infection that may have persisted for 2 months.
5. Dr. Woodhull should encourage Sandra to contact a dentist that has the equipment to treat patients in a nursing home.
6. Other alternative (please describe):

Send Your Response Attention:

Jonathan Schutze DMD, Schutze Family Dentistry, 453 Dixon Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 or fax to (518) 793-5695, or email at: drjschutze@gmail.com



### Update Your Profile

The ADA® Find-A-Dentist tool includes all ADA members who see patients. A dentist who has an actual photograph of him or herself is eleven times more likely to be selected than a dentist who has the generic image. The ADA campaign includes paid search and digital display advertising and will also be supported by Facebook. To get started, you simply go to the following link and update your profile, including a headshot: <https://findadentist.ada.org/>

## In Memoriam

**John Thomas (Tom) Lanka D.D.S.**, 81 years old, of Galway Lake, New York, formerly of Niskayuna, died peacefully Sunday, January 28th at home surrounded by his loving family. He attended the University of Illinois graduating from the College of Dentistry in 1961. Tom practiced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Schenectady from 1966-1998. He was an attending Oral Surgeon at Ellis and the former St. Clare's Hospitals. He served as Chief of the Medical-Dental Staff of St. Clare's from 1988-1993. He served as the Director of the Department of Dentistry and Oral Surgery for many years as well as being an instructor in the General Practice Residency Program. He was inspired as he worked with the young Dental Residents until his last hospitalization in August 2017. Dr. Lanka felt blessed to have been surrounded by wonderful people all his life. His motto was "Do a little good each day" and "Be kind to everyone you meet."

**Dr. Leo F. Nash**, 90, a longtime resident of Schuylerville, passed away Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. Dr. Nash was a graduate of University of Buffalo in 1948 and University of Buffalo Dental School in 1954. He had a family dental practice in Schuylerville from 1955 to 1989. He was a life member of the ADA, the New York State Dental Association and the Fourth District Dental Society, where he was also editor of the Fourth District News Letter, and was a member of the Saratoga County Dental Association.

**Edward James Kerr, Jr, D.D.S.**, 78, a resident of Queensbury, passed away peacefully on Nov. 17, 2017. Edward was a graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy and the University at Buffalo School of Dentistry. A veteran of the United States Army, he served as a captain in Germany from 1965 to 1968 with the 768th Medical Detachment.

Upon returning to the United States, Edward established a private dental practice in Glens Falls in January 1969, where he practiced until 2005. The professional collegiality of dentistry was an aspect of his work that Ed always enjoyed. In retirement, he often said what he missed most were his office staff and his patients. Edward also served as President of the Upper Hudson Dental Society and the Forth District Dental Society.

**Roy Darling D.D.S.**, 85, died on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017. Born in Nicholson, Pa., he earned his associates degree from Keystone Jr. College in 1952, where he played basketball for two years. Despite having only a 2-year degree, he attended the U. of Pittsburgh Dental School, graduating in 1956.

He was stationed as a Navy dentist in Japan from 1957 to 1958, and after discharge, studied orthodontics at the University of Buffalo, graduating in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army at Ft. Richardson in Alaska from 1960 to 1963. In 1963, he established his orthodontic practice in Schenectady, where he practiced for 39 years. Through his practice he improved the lives of hundreds of patients, and years later he would often meet adults who would remind him that he straightened their teeth when they were kids. He would often peak into their mouths on the street to check his results.

**Dr. Collyer Ralph Matousek**, 76, passed away on November 8, 2017. Dr. Matousek grew up in Schenectady, attending public schools, then graduating from Mont Pleasant High School. He attended Colgate University (Hamilton, NY) from '58-'61, Tufts University, School of Dental Medicine (Boston, MA) '61-'65, and began his residency at Albany Medical Center from '65-'66. Dr. Matousek began his career associated with the dental office of Dominick J. DeLuke, D.D.S., in Schenectady, from '66-86. He then went into private general practice on Fulton St. from '86-'99. His professional affiliations included Ellis Hospital, Schenectady ('66-95), where he performed over 100 hours of dental procedures in the operating room on autistic, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy patients and others unable to obtain treatment in a normal dental office environment. Dr. Matousek was with St. Clare's Hospital from '66-86 as associate and teaching staff professional, and former member of Cleft Palate Clinic at Sunnyview Hospital. Dr. Matousek was a life member of the American Dental Association.

## Ethics Responses

Responses from the last newsletter regarding Dr. Boley's ethical dilemma of an "old-timer" colleague who appears to be providing continually faulty treatment to his patients, which was noticed while covering for his emergency patients.

This dilemma is certainly one that most respondents could relate to. It is a difficult one for dentists because they must balance the dual responsibilities of preventing harm to patients with preserving professional integrity and relationships. Every respondent agreed that some action was needed. No one felt to recommend legal action. The option of using peer review was given and would be appropriate, though it is something that the patient would need to pursue, as a dentist cannot initiate peer review with a colleague. The general consensus was to begin with clear, yet non-judgmental communication of findings with the patient and the dentist.

"This is a tough one! I live this exact situation, over and over again. I must confess, I handle it differently each time . . . Sometimes I do nothing, sometimes I confer with a specialist, sometimes I try to talk diplomatically with the patient. It's a serious ethical dilemma. Usually I send a detailed report of my findings to the "offending" practitioners for whom I am covering, hoping to nudge them into more conscientious treatment."

"I would suggest that the patient voice her concerns to the older gentleman and at the same time contact the older doctor and voice my own concerns. My action at that point would depend on Dr. Leeds reaction when concerns were expressed. If taken well than I would offer my own services if he wanted a "consulting" dentist to aid him in any way. If not taken well, I would voice my concerns to the single patient, Ms. Wentworth, while trying not to disgrace Dr. Leeds. I probably wouldn't report Dr. Leeds in anyway."

The 2018 Budget for the Fourth District Dental Society is presented in advance of the business meeting on May 10, 2018 at the Saratoga Dental Congress. The Finance committee including Fred Wetzell, Chairman, Jim Galati, Seth Farren, John McCambley, Dick Hoskinson, John Schutze and Lynn Martin, ex officio met at the district office on Dec. 6, 2017. We reviewed the results of the 2017 P & L to develop a working budget for 2018. We recommend the budget as follows with the notes as listed.

<b>INCOME</b>	
4000 C E Income	35,000.00
400010 CE Expenses	-15,000.00
400011 C E Sponsor/exhibitor	1,000.00
<b>Total 4000 C E INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>
<b>4010 DUES</b>	
4025 Misc Income	100.00
4023 Interest Income	50.00
<b>Total 4025 MISC INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>4040 PROGRAM ENDORSEMENTS</b>	
4060 SARATOGA DENTAL CONGRESS	
4061 SDC Exhibitors/Sponsorships	30,000.00
40611 Future SDC Exhibitor/sponsorships	3,000.00
Total 4061 SDC Exhibitors/Sponsorships	\$ 33,000.00
4062 SDC Registrations	80,000.00
40621 Refunds for SDC Registration	-1,000.00
Total 4062 SDC Registrations	\$ 79,000.00
4063 SDC Raffle	1,500.00
61121 SDC Annual Expenses	
61031 Meal SDC	-20,000.00
61041 Rentals SDC	-15,000.00
61051 Speakers SDC	-30,000.00
61131 Other SDC Expenses	-6,000.00
Total 61121 SDC Annual Expenses	-\$ 71,000.00
61141 Future SDC Advance on Mtgs	-2,000.00
<b>Total 4060 SARATOGA DENTAL CONGRESS</b>	<b>\$ 40,500.00</b>
4065 OTHER 4th Meetings Income	
40652 Golf CE Income	15,000.00
406521 Golf CE expenses	-10,000.00
Total 40652 Golf CE Income	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total 4065 OTHER 4th MEETINGS INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 119,300.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 119,300.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
6000 Full 4TH District Expenses	
6120 Committees & Bd of Directors	200.00
6003 Member Recruitment	
6031 New Dentist	2,001.00
60311 Income to offset expenses *1*	-1.00
Total 6031 New Dentist	\$ 2,000.00
6032 Women Dentists	2,001.00
60321 Income to offset expenses *1*	-1.00
Total 6032 Women Dentists	\$ 2,000.00
6033 Branch Development debitvscredit	1,000.00
Total 6003 Member Recruitment	\$ 5,000.00
6005 AD HOC, BD OF DIR, Insurance.	1,500.00
6101 Installation of Officers	5,000.00
<b>Total 6120 COMMITTEES &amp; BD OF DIRECTORS</b>	<b>\$ 11,700.00</b>
6600 Officers' Expenses	
6601 President	100.00
6602 PREs.-Elect/ 2 Alternate Delegates *2*	8,000.00
6407 Mtgs NYSDA Alternates (4) *3*	4,000.00
Total 6602 PREs.-Elect/ 2 Alternate Delegates	\$ 12,000.00
6603 Treasurer	500.00
<b>Total 6600 OFFICERS' EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 12,600.00</b>
Executive Dir. Full Office expenses	
6400 Mtgs/Auto Reimbursement	0.00
6404 Mtgs Exec Dir ada,nysda,branch	1,000.00
6405 Auto Expense Reimbursement	600.00
Total 6400 Mtgs/Auto Reimbursement	\$ 1,600.00
6502 Office Expenses	1,500.00
6501 Postage	750.00
6504 Service Charges CC Bank	300.00
6506 Rent	5,000.00
6751 ISP+Phone	2,600.00
6752 Website Develop & Maint	1,000.00
Total 6502Office Expenses	\$ 11,150.00
Compensation	
6200 Compensation Exec Dir	45,000.00
6202 Employee Benefits Compensation	5,000.00
6204 Pension expense employer match	1,700.00
6207 Bonus Exec Dir	5,000.00
Total 6200 Compensation Exec Dir	\$ 56,700.00
6203 Payroll Taxes Ins Fees	5,000.00
6505 Payroll Service	350.00
Total 6203 Payroll Taxes Ins Fees	\$ 5,350.00
Total Compensation	\$ 62,050.00
<b>Total EXEC DIR FULL OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 74,800.00</b>

Other Expenses	
6701 Accounting Fees	3,200.00
6720 Insurance Expense	750.00
6731 Misc Expenses	1,000.00
6741 Newsletter	1,500.00
Donations	
6712 HVCC Hygiene Pin	1,000.00
6714 Memorial - Honoraria	250.00
6716 HVCC Hyg Scholarship *4*	1,000.00
6717 SDC Raffle Donation	1,500.00
Total Donations	\$ 3,750.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,200.00</b>
<b>Total 6000 FULL 4TH DISTRICT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 109,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 109,300.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Net Income Going to/from Reserves *5*</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>

Notes:

\*1\* Shows potential offset of expense by sponsors

\*2\* Shows budget for 2 alternate delegates which may include the President-Elect if they so choose to go

\*3\* Budgets for up to 4 NYSDA Alternate Delegates

\*4\* Budget for a HVCC Scholarship through the Adirondack Branch

\*5\* Shows potential surplus which may be used for a contribution or put into reserves



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