

# NEWSLETTER



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## Letter from the President



To quote Theodore Roosevelt: Do what you can, with what you have, where you are...

Greetings Fourth District Dental Society. It is an honor to represent and serve you. Whether you are embarking on your career as a new dentist, already a seasoned dentist or contemplating the landscape of the sunset of your career, the NYSDA can be a valuable resource. Between the mentorship programs, continuing education courses, networking, as well as advocating for fair dental legislation, there is a plethora of resources for everyone.

I am here today as President of the Fourth District because of the encouragement and gentle push from fellow Union

College Alumna and mentor, Dr. Mark Bauman. Mark was a shining example of inclusion, dedication, and a listening ear. During many stages of my dental career, I had always felt I was too busy to contribute. We all struggle at times with the balance to care for our patients, our families, and our practices, never mind ourselves. I have decided to take President Roosevelt's advice and do what I can, with what I have, today.

Why belong to and volunteer to serve the dental society? Why give your time and money? I believe the NYSDA and EDPAC exist not only for the betterment of our members and our patients but ultimately for our communities. At some point, I hope all Fourth District members can devote their time to serve our chosen profession. I am in awe of some of our senior member's selflessness and contributions over the past few years. When everyone brings their individual strengths, viewpoints, and ideas to our table, positive changes and advancements occur.

As we continue to transition from the pandemic, there are several upcoming

events the Fourth District hopes you take advantage of this spring. These are opportunities to reconnect with peers, while making new connections. Personally, it has been rewarding to talk with old friends as well as make new ones at the highly attended Third and Fourth District continuing education lecture series.

The NYSDA House of Delegates meeting is hosted by the Fourth District once every 13 years. This year with Dr. Jim Galati as NYSDA President, it is headquartered at the Hilton in Saratoga Springs. Events span June 1-3 and include CE courses, social events and culminate in a dinner gala at the Hall of Springs. Also, all of our members are welcome to join the Fourth District dinner on Friday June 2nd at the Adelphi Hotel, and sit in on the meetings of the House of Delegates

Please join me in working together to serve our patients as well as protect and advance our profession.

Thank you and here's to a beautiful spring,

Christina Coccozzo-Moore

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**PLEASE NOTE: Fourth District Dental Society email is now [office@4thdds.org](mailto:office@4thdds.org)**

## Upcoming Events:

### NYSDA Advocacy Day — April 17-18

Visit with the legislators or staff at Hilton Albany and the Legislative Office Building in Albany, NY.

### Saratoga Branch Meeting — April 25

All dentists that practice in Saratoga County are invited to “Meet The Specialists” at Panza’s at 5:30 PM. There will be a meet-and-greet hour, dinner, an introduction of all the specialists and a short presentation on how to improve communications between the general dentists and the specialists to whom they refer.

### SDC 2023 — May 11 & 12, 2023

Plan to attend for some great CE, update your CPR, mingle with members from across our district, visit all our exhibitors and enjoy this 2-day event.

Speakers include: Dr. Hal Crossley, Dr. Len Tau, Dr. Arnold Weiss and Dr. Richard Madow. The Fourth District business meeting will be conducted on Thursday at 11:30AM and all members are encouraged to attend.

### NYSDA House of Delegates — June 1- 3, 2023

With local dentist Jim Galati serving as NYSDA President this year, the NYSDA House of Delegates meeting will be held locally in Saratoga Springs. This is a chance for the 4th District to shine! Delegates from across NY State will be gathered in Saratoga for the weekend’s events. Fourth District members are encouraged to attend the weekend’s events, and to observe the HOD meetings to see your organization in action.

### CE #4 & Fall Business Meeting — Sept 22, 2023

“Hiring For Keeps: Finding People That Fit” a webinar by Laura Nelson to follow our annual 4th District Fall Business Meeting. 3 CEs

### Annual CE/GOLF

Please note that this year our annual golf outing will coincide with the state meeting on June 1st, and there will not be a September outing.

### New Dentist Meeting — Fall, 2023

Date and topic will be announced via email.

### Women’s Meeting — Fall 2023

Date and topic will be announced via email.



# June 2023 House Of Delegates Weekend Events

## All Members Welcome



**CE—Thursday June 1st. 8 -11 AM** **\$130**  
**Saratoga Hilton, Dr. Ashly Clark presents “Common Oral Pathology”**



**CPR—Thursday June 1st. 8 -11 AM** **\$130**  
**Saratoga Hilton MedCourse offers CPR/BLS certification**



**Tennis—Thursday June 1st. 1PM** **\$75**  
**Saratoga Golf & Polo Club, Tennis Round Robin Tournament**



**Golf—Thursday June 1st. 1PM** **\$245**  
**Hiland Park Golf Club, 4th district annual Golf Outing, Lunch/Dinner**



**HOD Opening Session —Friday June 2nd. 12 - 3:30 PM** **\$0**  
**Saratoga City Center; Please contact the 4th District office to observe**



**Cocktail Reception —Friday June 2nd. 6 -8 PM** **\$0**  
**Saratoga Horse Racing Museum, complimentary for 4th members**



**FDSS Members Dinner —Friday June 2nd. 7:30PM** **\$100**  
**Adelphi Hotel, celebrating 4th district NYSDA Pres. Dr. Jim Galati**



**HOD Caucus Meetings —Saturday June 3rd. 8 - 11 AM** **\$0**  
**Hilton Hotel, Please contact the 4th District office to observe**



**Spouse Event —Saturday June 3rd. 11 AM - 2 PM** **\$85**  
**Chianti Restaurant**



**HOD Second Session —Saturday June 3rd. 1 - 4:30 PM** **\$0**  
**Saratoga City Center, Please contact the 4th District office to observe**



**Dinner Gala —Saturday June 3rd. 7PM - midnight** **\$185**  
**Hall of Springs, Awards/Dinner/Dancing/Black-tie Optional**

**\* If viewing this in a paper format, please see email/PDF version for links to RSVP \***



## Installation Dinner

With the start of a new year, the Fourth District ushered in new officers. On January 7 at Prime at Saratoga National Dr. Gleason graciously installed the 2023 executive officers. This year's reception was a slight change in format from a formal dinner, and was enjoyed by the Past Presidents and attendees. We extend our gratitude to Immediate Past President Dr. Robert Berls and welcome current President Dr. Christina Cocozzo.



(L to R) Dr. Hargraves, Wun, Kluth, Cocozzo and Gleason.



(L to R) Dr. May Hwang, H. John Schutze and Fred Wetzel.



Dr. Christina Cocozzo and her husband Mr. William Moore.



(L to R) Mr. David O'Neill, Dr. Rachel Hargraves, Dr. Jennifer Kluth and Dr. Jon Kluth.



(L to R) Dr. H. John Schutze and Dr. Edmund Wun.

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## Thank You To John Schutze

This year, Dr. John Schutze is passing the torch as Fourth District Treasurer to Dr. Rachel Hargraves. Dr. Schutze has served as the Treasurer of our district for the last 13 years, since 2010. He has held several other positions in the district, including President in 1992. Dr. Schutze had been serving as the Finance Committee Chairman since the 90's, until 2010 when Dr. Fred Wetzel became the Finance Committee Chairman to separate the Treasurer position from the Finance Chairman. His experience has guided our district over these years and kept our books balanced and our reserves in healthy standing. We appreciate the countless hours he has spent on behalf of the district, and we look forward to his continued input at our board meetings.



## The Special Needs Community Needs Your Help

As some of you may be aware, the only remaining program providing dental care in the operating room for patients with special needs in the Albany area is closing in June. Dr. Anthony Cavanagh has lead the program at St. Peter's Hospital for many years, and he will be retiring. One of the challenges that has caused the closure is the lack of an interested dentist to take on this greatly needed role. If you feel compelled to help revive this program, please reach out to Liz Kapral, the co-chair of the NYS Special Needs Dentistry Taskforce. She can be reached via email at [EKapral@ecmc.edu](mailto:EKapral@ecmc.edu) or by phone at (716) 898-1777.

### New Members

Dr. Melissa Mondesir  
Pediatric Dentistry  
Smile Lodge  
U of Alabama 2022

Dr. Sara Najam  
General Dentistry  
Sitwell Dental  
NYU 2017

Dr. Vidhi Patel  
General Dentistry  
1st Advantage Dental  
Boston Univ. 2020

Dr. Shannon Thomson  
General Dentistry  
Art & Science Dentistry  
(Brookbeam Dental)  
Texas A & M College of  
Dentistry 2021

Dr. Colin Wasacz  
General Dentistry  
Hometown Health  
NYU 2022

### Retired Life Members

Dr. Steven Wilson  
Dr. Mark Thomson  
Dr. Jeanne Grosso  
Dr. John McCambley  
Dr. Paul Howard  
Dr. Charles Archinal  
Dr. Richard Hoskinson

### Retired Members

Dr. Robert Scotto

## Schenectady meeting

The Schenectady branch meeting was held on March 22 at The Turf Tavern in Scotia. The members of Schenectady, Schoharie and Fulton/Hamilton/Montgomery were all welcomed back to an evening of learning and fellowship after a long Covid break. Mark Heiman from Henry Schein spoke to the group of nearly 30 dentists about dental technology. From scanning and CBCT to 3D printing, it is a changing industry with many exciting advancements on the horizon.



(L to R) Dr. Chung, Dr. Howe, Dr. Michalik, Dr. Khattak, Ms. Alecia Morgan and Dr. Markose.



Dr. Adrienne Korkosz and Dr. Wayne Harrison.



## Oral Cancer Screening

With support from NYSDA, the 4th District came to play at the annual Glens Falls Hospital "Stick It To Cancer" weekend at the ADK Thunder Hockey games March 24 & 25. Stick It To Cancer is a weekend dedicated to early detection, proper care and honoring those fighting the hard cancer battle. The 4th District had a dozen volunteer doctors screened over 100 attendees at the event. Thank you to everyone who came to support..."



Dr. Krishnan, Dr. Kaur, Dr. Heisinger, Dr. Perrino, Dr. Bronner, Betsy Bray (NYSDA), Dr. Cloke.

Dr. Cohn, Dr. Adams, Dr. Hyde, Dr. Galati, Dr. Krishnan, Dr. Kaur

## Dr. Nikki Byrne Volunteers in Africa

In March, Saratoga pediatric dentist Nicole Byrne spent two life-changing weeks in Uganda with the AOET organization to provide dental care to the students AEOT-sponsored schools in Jinja and Lira. She traveled with an interdisciplinary team, including her sister who is an OBGYN. Dr. Byrne provided dental education and treatment including extractions and application of SDF (silver diamine fluoride).



	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
4000 C E INCOME	25,000.00
400010 CE Expenses	-10,000.00
400011 C E Sponsor/exhibitor	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Total 4000 C E INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
4010 DUES	44,000.00
4025 MISC INCOME	350.00
4023 INTEREST INCOME	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total 4025 MISC INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
4040 PROGRAM ENDORSEMENTS	11,000.00
4060 SARATOGA DENTAL CONGRESS	
4061 SDC EXHIBITORS/Sponsorships	26,000.00
4062 SDC REGISTRATIONS	76,000.00
40621 Refunds for SDC Registration	<u>-1,000.00</u>
<b>Total 4062 SDC REGISTRATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>
4063 SDC RAFFLE	1.00
61121 SDC Annual Expenses	
61031 Meal SDC	-40,001.00
61041 Rentals SDC	-15,000.00
61051 Speakers SDC	-25,000.00
61131 Other SDC Expenses	<u>-7,000.00</u>
<b>Total 61121 SDC Annual Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 87,001.00</b>
<b>Total 4060 SARATOGA DENTAL CONGRESS</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
4065 OTHER 4th MEETINGS Income	
40652 Golf CE Income	18,000.00
406521 Golf CE expenses	<u>-12,000.00</u>
<b>Total 40652 Golf CE Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Total 4065 OTHER 4th MEETINGS Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$100,400.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$100,400.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
6000 FULL 4TH DISTRICT expenses	
6120 COMMITTEES & BD OF DIRECTORS	
6003 MEMBER RECRUITMENT	
6031 New Dentist	1,500.00
60311 Income to offset expenses	<u>-2,000.00</u>
<b>Total 6031 New Dentist</b>	<b>-\$ 500.00</b>
6032 Women Dentists	1,500.00
60321 Income to offset expenses	<u>-2,000.00</u>
<b>Total 6032 Women Dentists</b>	<b>-\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Total 6003 MEMBER RECRUITMENT</b>	<b>-\$ 1,000.00</b>
6101 Install Officers & Bd. Mtgs	3,000.00
6102 Board Meetings debit/credit	<u>1.00</u>
<b>Total 6101 Install Officers &amp; Bd. Mtgs</b>	<b>\$ 3,001.00</b>
<b>Total 6120 COMMITTEES &amp; BD OF DIRECTORS</b>	<b>\$ 2,001.00</b>
6600 OFFICERS' EXPENSE	
6602 PresElect + 1 Alternate ADA Delegate	5,000.00
6407 4 NYSDA Alternate Delegates	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total 6602 PresElect + 1 Alternate ADA Delegate</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>

6603 TREASURER	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total 6600 OFFICERS' EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
EXECUTIVE DIR. Full Office expenses*****	
6400 Mtgs/Auto REIMBURSEMENT	
6404 Mtgs Exec Dir ada,nysda,branch	2,500.00
6405 AUTO EXPENSE Reimbursement	
6406 AUTO EXP Exec Dir	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total 6405 AUTO EXPENSE Reimbursement</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Total 6400 Mtgs/Auto REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
6502 OFFICE EXPENSES	4,549.00
6501 POSTAGE	500.00
6504 SERVICE Charges CC Bank	600.00
6506 RENT	5,300.00
6751 ISP+PHONE	2,500.00
6752 WEB SITE DEVELOP AND MAINT	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total 6502 OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 13,549.00</b>
COMPENSATION*****	
6200 COMPENSATION Exec Dir	60,000.00
6207 Bonus Exec Dir	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total 6200 COMPENSATION Exec Dir</b>	<b>\$ 61,000.00</b>
6203 PAYROLL TAXES INS FEES	5,000.00
6505 Payroll Service	<u>750.00</u>
<b>Total 6203 PAYROLL TAXES INS FEES</b>	<b>\$ 5,750.00</b>
<b>Total COMPENSATION*****</b>	<b>\$ 66,750.00</b>
<b>Total EXECUTIVE DIR. Full Office expenses*****</b>	<b>\$ 83,299.00</b>
OTHER EXPENSES*****	
6701 ACCOUNTING FEES	2,400.00
6712 HVCC Contributions*****	
67161 Dr. Mark Bauman Scholarship	1,000.00
67163 HVCC Hygiene Pin	<u>1,200.00</u>
<b>Total 6712 HVCC Contributions*****</b>	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>
6720 INSURANCE EXPENCE	2,000.00
6741 NEWSLETTER	2,500.00
DONATIONS*****	
6721 ADA Campaigns/NYSDA Hosting	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>Total DONATIONS*****</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Total OTHER EXPENSES*****</b>	<b>\$ 14,100.00</b>
<b>Total 6000 FULL 4TH DISTRICT expenses</b>	<b>\$105,400.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$105,400.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$ 5,000.00</b>

The 2023 budget was developed by the Finance Committee: Fred Wetzel chair , Christina Coccozo, John Milza, Jennifer Kluth, Rachel Hargraves, Robert Berls, H. John Schutze, Jim Galati, Wayne Harrison, John McCambley. It will be voted on at the business meeting at the SD.



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