

4th Newsletter



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President's Letter



I am honored to serve as your 4th District President this year. Thank you to Dr. Milza for all his hard work last year as President.

As I began my term, I had a good friend tell me they were upset that the ADA had “partnered with Delta Dental” and they almost didn’t renew their membership. I suggest to anyone who may have similar reservations, that they delve deeper into the facts.

In late 2024 the ADA and the ADA Forsythe Institute announced a corporate partner program which included many industry leaders including Colgate, GC, Carestream, Henry Schein, Delta Dental and others, with a goal of enhancing global health and eliminating oral disease. This by no means changes the ADA leadership or

mission. The ADA remains committed to advocating for dentists and the health of the public. The ADA cooperates with corporations when appropriate, and they contest against corporations when appropriate. The ADA is in an ongoing 2019 class action lawsuit against Delta Dental alleging violation of antitrust laws.

The ADA did not create the laws and insurance systems that influence how our business is reimbursed. But they CAN and DO advocate on our behalf to make the best of the situation in which we find ourselves. On the ADA website there is a summary of ADA “Wins” in 2024. This includes: the introduction or advocacy of 150 bills to congress, 164 state level insurance reform laws (2018-2024), the introduction of 22 state dental loss ratio bills since 2023, and much, much more.

It is easy to wish we could find a simple solution to insurance reimbursement woes, supply company issues, Medicaid reform, hygiene and staffing shortages, employee health insurance plans and so

many other things that occupy too much of our energy outside the operator. The only way to chip away at these issues is together as a group. With a majority of dentists belonging to the ADA, we genuinely represent our profession. We have the lobbying power that the American Medical Association does not have, with less than 20% of physicians. The only way we will continue to have this power, is if we continue to be active in our own organization. I invite all of you to join us at a board meeting and get involved. We are lucky to be in a district that is welcoming and supportive of all dentists, specialties, and practice style organizations, seasoned or brand new. We welcome you to be involved!

~ Jenn Kluth, DMD
4th DDS President

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Upcoming Events

Schenectady Branch Meeting

Wed. April 23 6PM @ Turf Tavern, Schenectady CE: Avian Flu & Antibiotics with Dr. David Liebers [REGISTER](#)

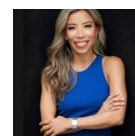
Saratoga Dental Congress Thursday May 8 & Friday May 9

The annual membership meeting will be in Saratoga again this year. Plan to attend a lecture, visit the exhibitor hall of more than 30 vendors, update your CPR and connect with members from across our district. [REGISTER](#)

Thursday ~ 4pm—8:30pm

4PM Vendor Hall opens
5PM 4th District Member Meeting
5:30PM Welcome Reception
6:30PM Dinner & Cancer Prevention Summit

Friday ~ 8am—4 pm



Dr. Tracey Nguyen
The Cost of Waiting:
Airway Management
for all ages 6CEs

Lunch & Learn



Dr. Susan McMahon
A New Generation for
Cosmetic Dentistry
6CEs

Saratoga City Center 522 Broadway Saratoga

April Board Meeting

Wed. April 9 6:30PM Hilton Garden Inn, Clifton Park

NYSDA House of Delegates Meeting

May 30 & 31 Uniondale, NY

Annual CE & Golf Tourney

Friday September 19
Risk Management 8AM....Golf tee time 1PM

Risk Management course and fall business meeting, stay for lunch, then head out to the second course of the day... 18 holes at the beautiful Hiland Park Golf Club. Risk Management [REGISTER](#)

ADA House of Delegates

October 24—28 Washington DC

Fall CE Webinar

Friday October 3 8AM "CBCT Interpretation" 3CEs Dr. Doug Smail

New Dentist Meeting — tbd Fall 2025

Women Dentist Meeting — tbd Fall 2025

Officer Installation Dinner

The enormous gavel changed hands again...and the 2025 Officers were installed at Cornell's, Little Italy in Schenectady. We look forward to another great year with Dr. Jennifer Kluth at the helm, supported by President -Elect Dr. Edmund Wun, VP Dr. Claire Kiehl, Secretary Dr. Katherine Guilfoyle and Dr. Rachel Hargraves, as your Treasurer.

Shout out to Dr. John Milza for a terrific 2024 & Dr. Kirk Gleason as our wonderful host & emcee.



Dr. Denning, Michael Bernardi & Drs. Korkosz, Johnstone, Guilfoyle, McCambley



Drs. Kluth & Milza



Dr. Sandman, Dr. Breault, Erin Sandman, Joe Carmola, Dr. Gleason, Dr. & Mrs. Galati, Dr. McCambley & Dr. PelsWetzel



4th District President Elect Dr. Edmund Wun at the table for the annual Welcome meeting at NYSDA hosted by NYSDA Pres. Elect Dr. Maurice Edwards

2025 Legislation Initiatives

NYSDA Leadership presented this year's legislative priorities: Workforce shortages, Dental Ins. Reform & Access to care...2025 meeting dates:

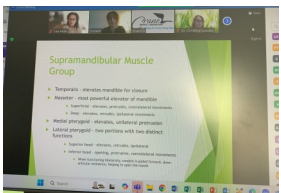
March 20: In-Person at the NYS Capitol: Workforce

April 30: In-Person at the NYS Capitol: Dental Ins. Ref

May 14: In-Person at the NYS Capitol: Access to Care

June 4: Virtual - Open to all members, no limit

Seminar Series Continuing Education



In late January we hosted Dr. Peter Auster at the Saratoga Embassy Suites to a full house and mid February we held a second Child Reporting course just in time for members to meet the April 1 deadline. We took it very local in early March and partnered with our Oral Surgeon members Drs. Barzani, Condry and Farren...thank you for sharing your information and supporting the District. Late March was the Pediatric Refresher held in person in Troy. Don't forget to attend Risk Management in September and our last CE for the year, the October webinar "CBCT Interpretation" with Dr. Smail.



Thank you to all our sponsors for making the Seminar Series a great success and supporting our members... Crane Dental Lab, DDS Match, TD Bank, Kettenbach, BonaDent, MLMIC, Pearl, Kuraray Noritake, Bisco, UltraDent & Jack Stevens Financial

We are excited to have the Foundation's Cancer Prevention Summit coordinated with our Saratoga Dental Congress event...[REGISTER](#) for either one or both

Cancer Prevention Summit

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9 to Thrive: HPV Vaccination for Cancer Prevention

2 Live Learning Credits

Almost all sexually active people will be infected with human papillomavirus (HPV) at some time in their lives. If HPV is not eliminated by the immune system it can lead to oropharyngeal, cervical, anal, or genital cancer. Fortunately, there is a vaccine against HPV.

Education Objectives

This course will discuss in detail what HPV is, how it is transmitted and its role in oropharyngeal cancer. The course will then focus on HPV prevention through vaccination **from age 9** and provide tips on how oral health care providers can effectively talk to patients about HPV, oropharyngeal cancer, and vaccination.

Outcomes

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Define what HPV is, how it is passed, diagnosed and prevented
- Detail the role of HPV in oropharyngeal cancer
- Describe why HPV vaccination is important for cancer prevention



Instructors



Jana Shaw MD, MPH, MS is a pediatrician and research scientist specializing in infectious diseases, with a focus on vaccine-preventable infections. She serves as a Professor of Pediatrics in the Departments of Pediatrics and Public Health and Preventive Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York.

Dr. Shaw is the Hospital Epidemiologist at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and the Chief Medical Officer of North Country Family Health Center in Watertown, NY. A graduate of Masaryk University Medical School in Brno, Czech Republic, Dr. Shaw completed her pediatric residency at SUNY Stony Brook, New York, followed by a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She earned a Master's in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Master's in Science from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Dr. Shaw's work centers on vaccine hesitancy, advocacy, and leadership to improve vaccination rates among children and adults. Her efforts have made significant contributions to advancing public health and addressing disparities in vaccine access and confidence.



Jennifer Frustino, DDS, PhD, is the Associate Chief of Service of the Department of Dentistry, Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Director of Oncology Research at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) in Buffalo, NY. She is Co-Chair of ECMC's Commission on Cancer Committee and the Chair of the Western NY HPV Vaccination Coalition.

Her areas of expertise include oral medicine; management of dental care to oncology patients; and screening, diagnosis and management of oral cancer and premalignant lesions. She is principal investigator on sponsored clinical trials and NIH/NIDCR funded research. She has an MS in Natural Sciences and a PhD in Cancer Pathology and Prevention from the University at Buffalo Roswell Park Division; a DDS from UB School of Dental Medicine; a Post-doctoral Fellowship in cancer prevention and population sciences and a GPR Certificate in Dental Oncology from Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Christine Ruh, PharmD, BCPS, CSP is the current Assistant Director of Pharmacy at ECMC. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2013. She completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the VA Western NY, where she then went on to complete a PGY-2 in Infectious Diseases.

She started out at ECMC as the Infectious Diseases pharmacist for 5 years, where she developed and implemented the ECMC antimicrobial stewardship program. After those 5 years, she transitioned to the Assistant Director of Pharmacy, overseeing the medication and vaccine management in the ambulatory care areas of ECMC to ensure the best patient outcomes.

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Budget totals</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Budget totals</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Budget totals</u>
Income		Expense		COMPENSATION*****	
3998 NON-PROFIT INCOME		6000 FULL 4TH DISTRICT expenses		6200 COMPENSATION Exec Dir	65520
4000 C E INCOME	25000	6120 COMMITTEES & BD OF DIRECTORS		6202 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMPENSATION	
400008 CE Income Child Abuse Course		6002 DENTAL HEALTH		6204 Pension expense employer match	
400009 CE Income Endo Course		6003 MEMBER RECRUITMENT		6205 MedicalReimbursement	
400010 CE Expenses	-15000	6031 New Dentist	1000	6207 Bonus Exec Dir	2000
400011 C E Sponsor/exhibitor	5000	60311 Income to offset expenses	-1500	6201 COMPENSATION Asst Exec Dir	
4010 DUES	44000	6032 Women Dentists	1000	6203 PAYROLL TAXES INS FEES	5000
4025 MISC INCOME	100	60321 Income to offset expenses	-1500	62031 Payroll Insurances	750
4022 INSURANCE REFUND		6033 BranchDevelopment debit/credit	2000	6505 Payroll Service	1000
4023 INTEREST INCOME	25	60331 Upper Hudson Branch		OTHER EXPENSES*****	
4024 PEER REVIEW INTEREST		60332 Schenectady Branch		6700 DIRECTORY	
4031 Restricted Funds Interest		60333 Saratoga County		6701 ACCOUNTING FEES	2400
4040 PROGRAM ENDORSEMENTS	11000	60334 Adirondack Branch		6712 HVCC Contributions*****	
4060 SARATOGA DENTAL CONGRESS		60335 FHM Branch		6716 HVCC HYG Clinic Fund	
4061 SDC EXHIBITORS/Sponsorships	20850	6037 Special events for Development		67161 Dr. Mark Bauman Scholarship	1000
40611 Future SDC Exhibitor/sponsorships		6005 AD HOC, BD OF DIR		67163 HVCC Hygiene Pin	1200
4062 SDC REGISTRATIONS	40000	60051 Other Bus Exp D&Oins		6722 HVCC WESTCOTT HONOR'06-10	
40621 Refunds for SDC Registration	0	6007 STRATEGIC PLANNING		6718 EQUIP AND TECH PURCHASE	
4063 SDC RAFFLE	1	6101 Install Officers & Bd. Mtgs	4000	6301 DEPRECIATION	
61121 SDC Annual Expenses		6102 Board Meetings debit/credit	1	6719 MAINT AND REPAIR OF EQUIP	
61031 Meal SDC	-15000	6123 FINANCE & INVESTMENT		6720 INSURANCE EXPENCE	2000
61041 Rentals SDC	-12000	6600 OFFICERS' EXPENSE		6731 MISC EXP	
61051 Speakers SDC	-16000	6601 PRESIDENT	100	VOID CHECK	
61131 Other SDC Expenses	-5000	6602 PresElect + 1 Alternate ADA Delegate	6000	6741 NEWSLETTER	1
61141 Future SDC Advance on Mtgs	-1	6407 4 NYSDA Alternate Delegates	2500	DONATIONS*****	
61151 Future or prior year speakers		6603 TREASURER	500	6711 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	
4065 OTHER 4th MEETINGS Income		EXECUTIVE DIR. Full Office expenses*****		6714 MEMORIAL - HONORARIA	1
40652 Golf Event Income	18000	6400 Mtgs/Auto REIMBURSEMENT		6717 SDC Raffle Donation	1
406521 Golf Event expenses	-10000	6404 Mtgs Exec Dir ada,nysda,branch	3000	6721 ADA Campaigns/NYSDA Hosting	1
4065211 Golf CE Course Income		6405 AUTO EXPENSE Reimbursement		66900 Reconciliation Discrepancies	
4065212 Golf Evenet Sponsorship		6406 AUTO EXP Exec Dir	500	69800 Uncategorized Expenses	
4065213 Golf Event Golf Registrations		6502 OFFICE EXPENSES	2500	Purchases	
49900 Uncategorized Income		6501 POSTAGE	350	RESTRICTED ACCTS EXP (Relief)	
Billable Expense Income		6504 SERVICE Charges CC Bank	5000	Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	
Markup		6506 RENT	0	Uncategorized Expense	
Sales of Product Income		6751 ISP+PHONE	2000	Total Expense	108675
Uncategorized Income-1		6752 WEB SITE DEVELOP AND MAINT	350	Other Expense	
Total Income	90975			Other Miscellaneous Expense	
Cost of Goods Sold				Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	
Cost of Goods Sold				Total Other Expense	0
Total Cost of Goods Sold	0			Total Net Income	-17700

4th District 2025 Budget Developed by the Finance Committee to be voted on at the general business meeting at the SDC, Thursday May 8 @ 5PM. Thank you to the Finance Committee Co-chairs: Dr. H. John Schutze & Dr. Fred Wetzel and committee members Drs. Cocozzo, Milza, Kluth, Galati, Hargraves & Wun



Thank you Drs. Adams, Cloke, Cohn, Milza & Schutze for another successful Stick It To Cancer Oral Cancer Screening event at the ADK Thunder Hockey Cancer Awareness Night last Friday...



The 4th District is honored to support Her Song ~ providing access to dental care for this vulnerable population. Her Song was created to help women who are survivors of human trafficking with residential support, programs and spiritual growth opportunities.

Capital Region: Rachael Marek Community Engagement Coordinator



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Fourth District Dental Society

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. Please reach out to any Council Representative, Officer or Board Member to become involved or attend a board meeting. *All members welcome.*

Branch Presidents and/or Representative

- Adirondack Branch**—Dr. Morris Feinberg
- Fulton Hamilton Montgomery Branch**—Dr. Sarah Fox, Dr. Gary DiSanto-Rose
- Saratoga Branch**—Dr. Katherine Guilfoyle, Dr. Laura Johnstone
- Schenectady Branch**—Dr. Conrad Howe, Dr. William Down (incl. Schoharie)
- Upper Hudson Branch**—Dr. Loren Baim, Dr. John Milza

Current Council Representative

- Awards**—Dr. May Hwang, Dr. Wayne Harrison, Dr. David Parsons
- Continuing Education**—Dr. Christina Cocozzo and Dr. Golaleh Barzani
- Constitution & By-Laws**—Dr. John McCambley
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- Dental Practice**—OPEN
- Ethics**—Dr. Loren Baim
- Finance**—Dr. Frederick Wetzel, Dr. H John Schutze
- Governmental Affairs**—Dr. Phong Chung
- Membership & Communication**—Dr. Erin Thompson
- Necrology**—Dr. John Milza
- New Dentist**—OPEN
- Newsletter**—Dr. Crystal Arpei-McHugh and Dr. Rachel Hargraves
- Nominations**—Dr. Christina Cocozzo
- Peer Review South**—Dr. Bettina Pels-Wetzel
- Peer Review North**—Dr. Anne Marie Spear
- Substance Use Disorder & Mental Health**—Dr. John McCambley
- Relief**—Dr. John McCambley

Welcome Newest Members

- Dr. Victoria Taylor
- Dr. Ritu Shah
- Dr. Robert Nelson



4th Leadership Drs.
Kluth, Guilfoyle, Kiehl
& Wun

Welcome Cooney & Tyner Orthodontics to Saratoga Springs



Congratulations Retired Life Members

- Dr. David Balestrini
- Dr. Eric Cottrell
- Dr. Stephen Dautel
- Dr. Michael Koslowsky
- Dr. David Parsons
- Dr. John Popielarski
- Dr. Robert Sharp
- Dr. Michael Spielberger
- Dr. Joseph Tychostup

...in Memoriam

Dr. Richard Reisman