Season's Greetings to everyone!

It is always nice to be with family and friends this time of year, which would not be complete without a walk through Longwood Gardens to enjoy the spectacular display of lights and decorations (and the hot chocolate!). My wife and I also enjoyed the Brandywine River Museum Event in November organized by Stephanie McGann. We were so fortunate to have the granddaughter of Andrew Wyeth, Victoria Browning Wyeth, as our tour guide. She was simply amazing with her commentary on the art and her stories about her grandfather. We are lucky to have such talented artists in our own backyard.

On November 11th there was a GVAS (Give Vets a Smile) event and on December 2nd there was a well attended GKAS (Give Kids a Smile) event. There is always great enthusiasm from the volunteer dentists and the patients are so appreciative of the dental work performed. If you have not yet experienced one of these events, I encourage you to get involved and volunteer at these events.

Mark your calendars for March 8-10, 2017. The Greater Philadelphia Valley Forge Dental Conference has FREE Dental Continuing Education for 2nd District member dentists. This is a great opportunity to get your credits.

As we head toward February, it is very important to remember to vote in the PDA elections where the ADA Delegates and Pennsylvania ADA Trustee will be elected. I cannot stress it enough that you must have a valid email on file with the PDA in order to participate in the election - so please check that your email is correct. You will receive an email from the PDA regarding the ballot. The ADA Trustee candidates are Dr. Linda Himmelberger from 2nd District and Dr. Thomas Gamba from 1st District. Make sure that you respond to the e-mail from the PDA to vote and follow the directions so that your vote counts.

UPCOMING EVENT for the International Dinner at Margaret Kuo’s Restaurant in Wayne will be announced soon.

Wishing all the best for the Holidays and hoping to see new faces at our events in the New Year!

Dale E. Scanlon, D.M.D.
Executive Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2016
Dinner and Meeting at 6:30 PM

PLACE: Concordville Inn, 780 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA

RSVP: Dr. Stephanie McGann: shmcgann@gmail.com or 610-999-2526 by January 4th

Parking is available.

Upcoming Events

**PDU**
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - Springfield CC

Dr. DeWitt C. Wilkerson,
“Best Practice’ Principles for Success the Integrative Dental Medicine Model”

Registration 8:15 AM, Lecture 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

For more information, contact Dr. Barry Cohen: DKUdental@aol.com

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If you are not receiving email updates and notifications from the PDA, please take two minutes to submit your current email address to the Pennsylvania Dental Association through the website: www.padental.org. The PDA sends important information to the membership through email. If you do not have your email address registered with the PDA you will not receive these communications and other updates important to your practice and you as a member.

The entire PDA membership is invited to vote for officer and delegate candidates for both the PDA and the ADA through email. Please register your email so you can take part and support these members who give countless hours of their time to monitor and effect change in your profession. Your vote is important to those who are willing to guide your organization and represent you at all levels of the tripartite.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017
DR. MARTY JABLOW
AM–The 3 W’s of Direct Restorative Dentistry
PM–What’s New in High Tech Dentistry?
DR. JOSEPH MASSAD
Full Day–Latest in Dentures and Overdentures
DR. TOM VIOLA
AM–Top of the Heap–An Overview of the Most Frequently Prescribed Brand Name Medications, their Dental Considerations & their impact on Patient Care Planning
PM–Making Local Anesthesia Stick
MR. GARY ZELESKY
OPENING SESSION & AM/PM–The Passion Centered Practice & The Passion Centered Person

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
IMPLANT SYMPOSIUM–AM
★ DR. JOSEPH MASSAD
Prosthetic Driven Implant Treatment Planning of the Edentulous Patient
★ DR. JON SUZUKI
Surgical Implantology–Basic Approaches and Complications
IMPLANT SYMPOSIUM–PM
★ DR. MICHAEL FLING
Practical Tips for Implant Retained Crowns
★ DR. CHRIS SALIERNO
Taking Charge of Implant Hygiene
DR. SANDRA BOODY
AM–2017 Update: Treating and Counseling the Oncology Patient
PM–Clinical Approach to Treating Patients with Disease Induced and Medication Induced Xerostomia

DR. ELLEN GAMBARDELLA
AM–WOW Factor… Tips and Tricks Every Clinical Staff Must Know
PM–Infection Control for the Dental Assistant… OSHA UPDATE
DR. PAT LITTLE
AM–The Welletectomy: Embelishment in the Dental Office
PM–Who’s Spying on You and Your Patients?
DR. JOSEPH MASSAD
PM–HANDS-ON–Diagnosis and Prognosis of the Edentulous and Implant Retained Overdenture
DR. JON SUZUKI
PM–Contemporary Clinical NON SURGICAL Periodontology

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017
DR. MICHAEL FLING
AM–Methods, Materials and Madness
PM–Seven Steps of Restorative Sequence
MS. TRISH O’HEIR
AM–Achieve Health in Smm Pockets that Bleed
PM–The Impact of Mouth Breathing on Oral and General Health
MS. LACI PHILLIPS
AM–Dynamic Branding & Marketing… Bringing Your Story To Life
PM–The Three C’s of the Profitable Practice
DR. CHRIS SALIERNO
Full Day–How NOT to Fail Miserably in Private Practice (for new dentists only)
DR. JON SUZUKI
AM–Introduction to Periodontal Surgery
PM–HANDS-ON–Crown Lengthening Surgery–Pig Jaws

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**GKAS Thanks…**

**We would like to thank,** the dentists, hygienists, assistants, and staff members who donated their expertise to provide dental care and education for indigent children on Friday, December 2nd at CVIM in West Chester. The list of volunteer dentists includes Tami Brady, Dick Clark, Jyoti Dangi, Ron Heier, Linda Himmelberger, Heather Lenker, Bernie Logan, Patricia Sansaricq, Dale Scanlon, and Allen Yang. Twenty-nine children aged 1-18 received $14,930 worth of dental care.

Community partners CVIM, AAA, and Chester County school hygienists Tanya Phillips and Christine Robinson completed our team.

US Congressman Ryan Costello’s District Director Kori Walter came to see our group in action! Thanks to your efforts our GKAS Program continues to provide dental care and education to children who would otherwise not receive this integral component of their health and well-being.

With gratitude,

[Signatures]

[Photographs of volunteers and children]

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**ADA** American Dental Association
GVAS THANKS...

We also would like to thank New Member Dan Rolotti & Smile Exchange for hosting our inaugural Give Vets A Smile Day!! Nine deserving vets received $7,285 worth of dental care. Drs. Haddy Alrez, Tami Brady, Dick Clark, Nhat-Khai Do, Heather Lenker, Nicholas Lias, Bernie Logan, Gulia Omene, Ken Fordham, Jr. and Kristyn Rousseau joined Dan and lab guru Jim Bostelle to provide much-needed dental work and education. Drs. Nelson & Riggs donated dental supplies; Drs. Ken Fetter, Stephanie McGann, Greta Richter, Dan Rolotti, and Kristyn Rousseau will each provide a dental home for many of the veterans treated on Veterans Day, and Dr. Fred Wolanin will perform pro bono extractions. Dick Clark provided $7000-8000 worth of surgical treatment in his office for one of our vets, and Allen Yang provided an endodontic re-treat – thank you both!!

We learned a lot from our first GVAS event, and truly appreciate the support of Honorary Chair Warren Kampf, VA social worker Anthony Maruco, and VA Compensated Work Therapy Manager Susan Wieser!

With gratitude,

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THE DENTAL SOCIETY OF CHESTER COUNTY AND DELAWARE COUNTY, PA proudly presents

DKU Continuing Dental Education Springfield Country Club, Delaware County

Wednesday, February 8, 2017
DeWitt C. Wilkerson DMD – St Petersburg, FL – “BEST PRACTICE, PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS: The Integrative Dental Medicine Model” The opportunity to succeed in Dentistry has never been greater for those who apply “Best Practice” Principles. Dentistry is a medical specialty, a science, and an art—it’s time to replace guesswork with confident solutions. Checklists for Success provide easy to follow systems that result in predictability, profitability, and fun! Create Predictably Beautiful Smiles • Esthetics • Create Predictably Stable Bites • Occlusion • Protect the Comfort of the Joints & Muscles = TMJ • Establish a Healthy “Culture” = Bacteria • 5. Maintain Open Airways = Sleep Apnea • Counsel an Anti-inflammatory Diet = Nutrition. Learning Objectives: The participants will understand Dentistry as a medical specialty. The participants will receive checklists for evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment; The participants will leave the seminar with new ideas to implement that will increase practice success both clinically and financially. Dr. Wilkerson joined the Peter Dawson private practice group in 1982, where he actively practices today. He serves as a Senior Lecturer/Director of Dental Medicine at the Dawson Academy, and Adjunct Professor, University of Florida College of Dentistry. This presentation serves as a one day concentrated learning experience for the whole dental team. This course is supported by educational grants from Dodd Dental Lab, and Hayes Handpiece.

Thursday, April 6, 2017
Stanley Malamed, DDS – Los Angeles, CA – “10 Minutes to Save a Life: Emergency Medicine in Dentistry” Life-threatening emergencies can occur anytime, anywhere and to anyone. Such situations are somewhat more likely to occur within the confines of the dental office due to the increased level of stress that is so often present. In this course Dr. Malamed will discuss the areas which are considered vital to a proper understanding of emergency medicine: prevention, preparation, recognition and management. The first session will encompass a discussion of preparation involving the office and staff; including a thorough review of the office emergency kit (drugs and equipment). The second session will encompass the recognition and management of specific emergency situations and includes the management of unconsciousness, respiratory distress, seizures, drug-related emergencies and chest pain, including cardiac arrest and use of the AED. Doctor Malamed, a dentist anesthesiologist, graduated from the NYU College of Dentistry in 1969 and then completed a residency in anesthesiology at Montefiore Hospital. He is Emeritus Professor of Dentistry at the Ostrow School of Dentistry at U.S.C in Los Angeles. Dr. Malamed is a Diplomate of the American Dental Board of Anesthesiology. This course is designed for all members of the dental office staff, not just the doctor and chairside personnel. Everyone should be prepared! This course is supported by educational grants from Dodd Dental Lab, Health First and Hayes Handpiece.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
Kirk Behrendt – Overland Park, KS – “The top 7 secrets to make your practice thrive and inspire your team!” Some Dentists and Team members are working harder than ever for the same result. Bring your team to this inspirational lecture to see powerful secrets that you and your team can use for more opportunities to produce more dentistry and reduce the amount of open chairs in your office today. The opportunity to belong to practices that grow, adapt, build value and attract new patients with the right internal and external marketing tactics. Bring your team to this valuable lecture where we will show you what some of the best dental practices in the country are doing to attract more high quality patients with simple marketing tactics that are really working this year.

PDA's NCDHM volunteer group is open! Join the 2017 Lesson Plan, Activities, and statewide competition winners. Visit PADENTAL.ORG/NCDHM

Register on-line at DKUDental.com

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Staff members accompanied by a doctor will be $110 per course per person with reservation at least one week in advance, $130 per course per person at door.
Cancellations and Refund Policy - No refunds will be made without notice of at least one week prior to course date. (A $25 administrative fee will be deducted.)

For information please contact: DKU • c/o Barry Cohen, DMD • 4750 Township Line Rd • Drexel Hill, PA 19026 • 610-449-7062 • DKUDental@aol.com

The volunteer group on the Social Network is open to all members who would like to participate in choosing this year’s finalists. Please sign yourself up or suggest an interested colleague.

Visit PADENTAL.ORG/NCDHMGROUP by Jan 6, 2017.
Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger

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OFFICER REPORTS

Dr. Navok reported the current balances are as follows: Silver checking: $83,687.61, money market: $77,810.54, Gkas: $19,756.71. The following amendments were made, seconded and unanimously approved by the board:

1. Campaign contributions expense will be increased from $4000 to $6000.
2. Contribution to Dr. Andy Kwasny’s ADA President-Elect campaign was increased from $1000 to $3000.

Dr. Scanlon reported CPR registration is currently 37 attendees RSVP’s. The maximum for the course is 40.

Dr. McGann reported Dentist Night at the Museum will be held at the Brandywine River Museum on Wednesday, Nov 16, 2016. As of Nov 2 there are 43 paid attendees.

Corresponding Secretary’s report: From 9/9/16 thru 10/31/16 there were 16 calls to the Society. Twelve were sales, one for DKU, one for dental insurance/medicare question, one wrong# (Castor Dental) and one seeking information about CE that I will be calling back later this week since the staff person is away until 11/2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DENTAL PRACTICE AND ACCESS TO ORAL CARE REPORT:

Our first Give Kids a Smile Event of the season took place on Friday, October 7 at the office of Dr. Theresa Devine in Broomall. 18 children ages 4-20 received $5,050 worth of dental care. This was our 9th year at Dr. Devine’s office and the total treatment rendered is $52,190 over the 9 years. Representative Warren Kampf was present and served as Honorary Chair for the event.

Our first Give Vets a Smile Event will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 at Smile Exchange in Malvern. Warren Kampf is scheduled to visit the event.

We will be having a GKAS event at CVIM in West Chester on Friday, December 2, 2016. Volunteers are still needed.

Membership: There will be an International Dinner planned for 2017. Dinner will likely be at Margaret Kuo’s in Wayne.

NEW DENTIST COMMITTEE REPORT:

There will be a Diversity and Inclusion in Dentistry Event Friday, November 11, 2016, 6:00pm-9:00pm at Penn Dental, Schattner Center Atrium, 240 S. 40th Street, Philadelphia.

Join your colleagues for a casual evening of complimentary international food and drink while learning how the ADA, your dental organization, can benefit you both professionally and financially in your chosen career. Geared to dental students, postgraduate residents and new dentists, find out how membership in the ADA can provide valuable resources and partnerships aimed at ensuring a successful career in dentistry.

DKU:

DKU doing well this year. Sept course well attended and 5 more courses to go. Total checking, savings $122K. Next course Nov 9, Dr. Paul Feuerstein on “Technology in Your Dental Practice”. More sponsorship money coming over next few months.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

The newly designed website is up and running, now a smartphone/tablet friendly design. Other main feature is that we can feature multiple events all on the home page and only a click through one screen to get event info.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:

Nov. 1, 2016 was the last day of the year the legislature was in session.

RETROACTIVE REVIEW LEGISLATION:

HB 2241, introduced by Rep. Karen Boback, was moved up to third and final consideration on the Senate calendar (it passed the Senate Banking & Insurance Committee last week). The Senate voted on HB 2241 on Wed., Oct. 26. HB 2241 will place a time limit of 2 years on insurance companies to pursue retroactive denial of reimbursement. It is on the Governor’s desk for his signature.

OPIOID UPDATE:

SB 1202, legislation which establishes continuing education requirements for prescribers and dispensers in Pennsylvania in the area of opioid prescribing, addiction and pain management, is slated to pass the House. The primary sponsor is Sen. Gene Yaw.

PADPAC UPDATE: We don’t have pertinent numbers for Second District to report since dues season doesn’t begin until November 1. Please emphasize the importance of contributing hard dollars for this upcoming year. As you know, we must raise money by Dec. 31, 2016. Please note that we are working to raise hard dollars after an election year and so we can continue to effectively work on our advocacy efforts (UCCI, AoB, etc.). An email went out to full PDA membership, asking members to help us raise $6,000 by Election Day. Hard dollars can be contributed online or by contacting me at (rjclark3@comcast.net) Hard dollars are contributions made with personal credit cards or personal checks.

2ND DISTRICT UPDATE:

Minutes from the September 22nd, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting available upon request. (gomenedmd@gmail.com)

PDA UPDATE:

from Dr. Charlie Incalcaterra based on the October 7-8, 2016 Board of Trustees’ Meeting, PDA Headquarters, Harrisburg, PA. For official board minutes, please visit the PDA website.

Treasurer and Vice President Positions:

The BOT elected not to change the requirements for PDA Treasurer as had been discussed in July. Instead, the board voted unanimously to change the by-laws to allow for the treasurer to run for two consecutive three-year terms. This proposal will be sent to the COP a vote.

The board also unanimously voted to eliminate the position of PDA Vice President since the VP no longer plans the PDM and therefore has no official duties.

PA medical society opioid legislation concerns:

The PA Medical Society (PA Med) asked our opinion on some legislative initiatives, including the requirement that physicians and dentists applying for licensure be required to have had education on opioid addiction in medical or dental school. We opposed this legislation and also sided with PA Med in that we do not support legislation requiring practitioners to query the PDMP every time we write a prescription since pharmacists are already required to check this database.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:

Retroactive Review legislation is going to the Governor’s desk. We wanted less than two years for insurance companies to be able to review claims, but we can go back in the future and fight for a shorter time period if we wish.

Loan Forgiveness legislation will be a top priority in 2017.

Assignment of Benefits legislation is being held up at this point and we will introduce it again in 2017. We will work with Representative Saylor who is head of Appropriations next year.

Day on the Hill – We spend over $11,000 and a lot of staff time for this program, and
although it is a good program for members involvement our lobbyist does not feel that it does anything to move legislation. She suggested that it is too big and it would be more worthwhile to have a presence with a smaller group of dentists meeting with key committee people. We cut the budget for this event by $7,600.

PA Medical Society Physician’s Health Program: We have traditionally paid $25,000 to PA Med to allow a member or non-member dentist, hygienist or EFDA go through initial intake for substance abuse treatment using this program. This is an administrative fee that we pay, and the clients pay for their own treatment. There are 46 open cases and we don’t know how many non-members are involved. Attorney Tom Weber said that this is a for-profit subsidiary of PA Med and we may be the only group paying for this service. We decided to cut this funding and instead PDA will provide grant money for intake fees to members who wish to use with this program.

Budget:
With the current loss of dues income and the increasing expenses, we started the budget discussions with a shortfall of $402,000. Treasurer Dr. Sam Selcher and Executive Director Camille Kostelec-Cherry made cuts which decreased the shortfall to $362,000. We recommend a dues increase along with drawing money from reserves. Without taking money from reserves, we would need an $84 dues increase to balance the budget. I proposed a $30 dues increase and that we draw $174,000 from reserves. This passed unanimously. (Last year we passed a $25 dues increase and authorized $150,000 from reserves).

With this budget, we have approximately $2.53 million in reserves and expenses of nearly $3.0 million, so our ratio reserves to expenses are approximately 84%. Our policy is that reserves cannot decrease below 50% of expenses. During 2017 the board will be doing a deep dive into programs that the PDA provides and look at ways of cutting expenses. Drastic action must be taken and we cannot sustain annually drawing money from reserves. We continue to lose FTE dentist (down 231 this year).

IT Upgrade:
Software upgrades started at the end of August. Staff will be doing extensive testing on the integrated system, including on-line dues payment. The mobile responsive website is being tested during the week of October 10 on employee phones and i-pads. The target date to go live with all upgrades is November 10, so the entire site will be down between November 7 and 10.

Pennsylvania Coalition on Oral Health Update:
Dr. Bernie Dishler presented information on the upcoming PCOH workforce summit being held November 16 and 17. The purpose of the summit is to create a sufficient and effective dental workforce in Pennsylvania. We will have representation to let people know that mid-levels are not the answer.

Annual Meeting Steering Committee Report:
The Annual Meeting Steering Committee met on August 20, 2016, and discussed options for future meetings. The committee discussed a one day continuing education course on the Saturday of the April board meeting. PDA’s business meeting and the PDAIS shareholder’s meeting would be conducted during an extended 2-hour lunch. The CE course, business meeting and the April board meeting would move around the state.

PDA President-Elect Dr. Bruce Terry and PDA staff met with the planners of the MD Atlantic Dental. The planners would like to make this a large meeting with Maryland, DC, New Jersey, PA and Delaware involved. Through SoNet discussions, the board generally felt that we do not want to be a stakeholder in this meeting and we communicated that to the leadership of Mid Atlantic.

Campaign Guidelines: For full minutes regarding campaign guidelines please contact gomenemd@gmail.com

ASDA reps would like a seat on the BOT. Our governance structure does not allow this, but PE Terry made a motion to invite one ASDA representative from each of the four PA dental schools to attend a BOT meeting at their own expense. This was approved unanimously.

CEO Report:
ED Kostelec-Cherry reported that the PDA is entering into a contract with Philadelphia County Dental Society to run their CE program. There will be a small charge to the PCDS for this service.

The Department of Labor will enact new rules on December 1, 2016 regarding exemption for salaried employees. Attorney Weber is writing an article for the PDJ on this and will also have a pod-cast on the PDA website free for members.

Committee Reports:
Board Member Dr. Jim Tauberg reported that the New Dentist Committee met on-line in July. They discussed the various outreach programs throughout the state – Bites and Benefits, Speed Mentoring and student outreach programs. These programs have been well attended and well received. He reported that dental students are interested in business aspects of dentistry and how this affects how they make a living. It was suggested that this might be a good program for the NDC to develop. Finally, the NDC wants to put on a program about how to write a CV and how to interview for jobs and residency programs, including a mock interview demonstration.

ADA TRUSTEE REPORT BY DR. KWANSEY REGARDING A SEPTEMBER, 2016 ADA BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECAP
• Dr. Karen Hart, Chair of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) presented on their recent activities; an informational hearing to discuss the ongoing relationship between ADA and CODA will be held during America’s Dental Meeting in Denver.
• A coalition of groups from across the country continues to discuss the inclusion of a true dental benefit within Medicare; the board understands the controversy that this may cause and will participate in these discussions mainly to monitor and help influence the outcomes of any future activities;
• ADA Council on Communications has presented a resolution to the 2016 House of Delegates (HOD) seeking extensive funding over the next three years to drive higher utilization of dental services for ADA members; should the HOD approve this resolution, members will be able to monitor future ADA publications on the four specific parts of this program.
• ADA continues to advocate to Congress for another delay or elimination of the requirement for dentists to comply with the Medicare Part D regulation to opt in or out of the Medicare program.
• The Association continues to pursue licensure portability with numerous state dental boards; the Board has asked the State Public Affairs (SPA) Committee to include licensure reform a priority in the coming year in the awarding of grants to states in addition to other advocacy challenges.
• Innovation is a key driver to future ADA efforts; an example of this is the Credentialing Verification Service available to members on www.ada.org.
• A town hall meeting will take place at the annual session in Denver to discuss the proposed changes to the anesthesia guidelines concerning moderate sedation.
• Questions concerning these and other topics are welcome by contacting: kwasny@ada.org.

OLD BUSINESS: No Reports

NEW BUSINESS: No Reports

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Dr. Dan Rolotti is now a member, after his involvement in the upcoming Give Vets A Smile event.
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