



# SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

April 2017

## Dr. Bernard Shair Award and Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced

The Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS) is pleased to announce that it has selected Corey Smigiel as the 2017 recipient of the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship and Carolyn Serio as the 2017 recipient of the Dr. Bernard Shair Award.

The Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship is a cash gift funded by the SDDS, The Scranton Area Foundation, and private donations in memory of Dr. Todd Angelo who suddenly passed away in November 2011. The scholarship is administered by the Scranton Area Foundation and presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and who shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry. This award serves as a reflection of Todd's dedication, service and love of dentistry.

The Ben Shair Award is a cash gift funded by the SDDS and an endowment fund founded by the family of Dr. Bernard Shair (who passed away in 1982) and administered by the Scranton Area Foundation. It is presented to a University of Scranton student who has been accepted by a dental school and shows tremendous promise in the field of dentistry.

Corey Smigiel, the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship winner, will graduate from the University of Scranton in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry.

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*Kurt Wadsworth, SDDS President; Kathleen Graff, Board Member, The Scranton Area Foundation; John Serio, Carolyn's father; Rachelle Serio, Carolyn's mother; Carolyn Serio, Dr. Bernard Shair award winner; Corey Smigiel, Dr. Todd Angelo award winner; Tammy Czarkowski, Corey's mother; Vincent Smigiel, Corey's father; Dr. Chuck Scrimalli, SDDS President-Elect.*

Smigiel is a member of the Biology (Beta Beta Beta), Chemistry (Phi Lambda Upsilon), and Health Pre-Professional (Alpha Epsilon Delta) honor societies.

Currently, Smigiel served as University of Scranton Programming Board Co-Chair, Orientation Assistant, Student Government Class of 2017 Senator, and member of the Health Professions Organization. He is also a retreat leader for Campus Ministries and volunteers at St. Francis Soup Kitchen. He will be attending the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry in the fall.

Carolyn Serio, winner of Dr. Bernard Shair Award, will graduate from the University of Scranton in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology.

A resident of Archbald, Pennsylvania, Serio, is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta National Health Professions Honor Society and Phi Lambda Upsilon National Chemical Honor Society. She actively participates in numerous University clubs and organizations: Health Professions Organization (Pre-Dental Chair), Commuter Student Association (member), University of Scranton College Republicans (member), Students for Life (member), intramural soccer (captain), intramural volleyball (participant). Serio volunteers with Ready, Set, Brush, a nonprofit organization, as a mentor and volunteer; and serves as a nursery worker at Grace Bible Church, Dunmore, PA. She will be attending The University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in the fall.

The SDDS is a voluntary organization comprising approximately 150 local member dentists. It is a constituency of the American Dental Association (ADA), the largest and oldest national dental society in the world, and the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA). The SDDS oversees activities like Children's Dental Health Month, public education, school visitations, and continuing education for dentists.

The mission of the SDDS is to provide dentists with a forum to discuss pertinent issues that relate to the practice and regulation of dentistry as it pertains to the health and general well being of the communities we serve.

# Don't Miss our Last General Meeting



You won't want to miss hearing Dr. Scheinman, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine's new Dean, at our

final general meeting before summer on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30 pm at the University of Scranton.

Dr. Scheinman joined Geisinger Commonwealth in September 2012 as president and dean. Prior to coming to Scranton, he was professor of medicine and pharmacology and served for eight years as its senior vice president and dean of the College of Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology, Dr. Scheinman has earned international prominence for his research into the genetics of inherited kidney diseases and kidney stones.

He has published more than 80 peer-reviewed articles, reviews, and book chapters on topics related to kidney disease and genetics. For

most of his career he was principal investigator on grants funded by the NIH, American Heart Association, and other agencies. He has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international meetings and a visiting professor at many prominent universities across the United States and abroad.

Dr. Scheinman has served on review boards for the National Institutes of Health, American Society of Nephrology, American Federation for Clinical/Medical Research, American Heart Association, and National Kidney Foundation, among others. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and of the American Society of Nephrology, and is an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He was a gubernatorial appointee to the New York State Council on Graduate Medical Education, and has served on a number of national boards related to medical education.

He will continue to serve on the board of the National Resident Match Program. Dr. Scheinman is an advocate on healthcare workforce issues and matters affecting medical schools.

Dr. Scheinman holds an A.B., summa cum laude, from Amherst College in Massachusetts and received his medical degree with honors from Yale University. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital; was chief resident in internal medicine at Upstate; and completed fellowships in nephrology at Upstate Medical Center and Yale-New Haven Hospital. He was an attending physician at University Hospital, Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital and Veterans Administration Medical Center in Syracuse, New York.

As always, cocktails and dinner are complimentary for members. Please reserve your spot by calling or emailing Dr. Chuck Scrimalli at 570-689-2449 or [chuchmarias@yahoo.com](mailto:chuchmarias@yahoo.com).

## **PDA** News Pennsylvania Dental Association

### **Join PDA's Grassroots Network**

A strong grassroots network is essential for securing the political clout necessary for dentists' voices to be heard. Any successes that PDA and ADA have in the legislative arena are directly attributable to the grassroots lobbying efforts of their members. Action Team Leaders and contact dentists play key roles in informing Pennsylvania state and federal lawmakers about how health-care legislation affects the dental profession and patients' access to quality care.

### **Contact Dentists — The Homefront**

PDA contact dentists act as liaisons between PDA and state legislators by developing and maintaining a personal

relationship with representatives in their district. Responsibilities of contact dentists include:

- Relay PDA's position to state legislators on dental-related issues approximately five times a year.
- Attend campaign fundraisers on PDA's behalf.
- Act as a source of information and promote participation in the grassroots network to dentists in their districts.

### **Action Team Leader — The Feds**

The American Dental Association established a grassroots program that enables contact dentists to effectively communicate with members of the United States Congress. The ADA Action Team Network consists of a team leader who

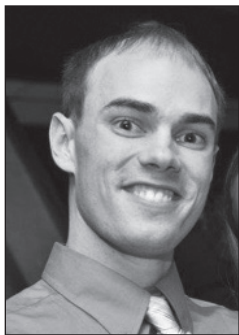
coordinates legislative grassroots activities with other dentists in his or her legislative district. Action Team Leaders are asked to perform the following duties:

- Act as a liaison between ADA and federal legislators.
- Develop and maintain relationships with their federal legislators.
- Relay ADA's position to federal legislators on dental-related issues approximately five times a year.
- Activate and monitor the Action Team's grassroots responses to action alerts.
- Attend campaign fundraisers on ADA's behalf.

Sign up today to become a part of PDA's grassroots network. Contact PDA at (717) 234-5941 for more information.

# President's Letter

Dr. Kurt Wadsworth



Spring is finally here, and there is a lot to look forward to in the coming months. At our next general meeting, we will be hosting Dr. Steven

Scheinman, Dean of the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. Additionally, we will be inviting the members of the Lackawanna County Medical Society in hopes of developing a collaborative relationship. LCMS is currently planning an

informative magazine to distribute to our community with the goal of educating our patients and improving the quality of healthcare they receive. They are looking for any dental health submissions. If interested, please contact me for further information. This magazine will be a great way to enhance our impact on the community.

Our next big event is the annual golf outing to be held on Wednesday, June 14th. The proceeds will benefit ARC, who continues to help us year after year in assembling the thousands of bags distributed during National Children's Dental Health month. Please consider sponsoring a hole or putting together a foursome to support this great cause. Thank

you to Drs. Karam and Bonacci who are again planning the event. Hope to see you on the links!

At our last meeting, we honored Carolyn Serio and Corey Smigiel, winners of the Dr. Bernard Shair and Dr. Todd Angelo scholarship awards. Congratulations to our winners and their families. Wishing them the best of luck in dental school!

We're off to a great start in 2017! Thanks again to all of our members and volunteers who support our society. Let's keep the momentum going. Hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Kurt Wadsworth D.M.D.  
SDDS- President

## Annual Golf Tourney

If you haven't received your invitation for the SDDS annual golf tournament on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Scranton Country Club, be sure to contact either J.R. Karam or Fred Bonacci. They are in the midst of organizing another amazing tourney featuring excellent golfing, terrific food, and (hopefully) a beautiful day!

As is our custom, this tournament benefits The ARC of NEPA, our partner in National Children's Dental Health Month for years. If you'd like to become a sponsor or simply make a donation to the ARC, please let J.R. or Fred know right away. J.R. can be reached at (570) 963-7700 or drjkaram@gmail.com. Fred at (570)846-2300 or Info@bonacciperiodentalimplants.com.



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### Annual Golf Tournament Registration June 14, 2017 - The Country Club of Scranton

#### Golf Details:

- Captain and crew format. Make your own foursome or we'll pair you up!
- Fees: Cart, \$22; Green, \$75. Pay your fees at the Pro Shop.
- Blue tees for men, red for women, white for those over 60.

#### Dining Details:

- Lunch provided on the course after nine holes of golf.
- Beer and soda available on the porch all afternoon (cashbar with dinner).
- Dinner is \$60 and begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Menu includes clams, butterball steaks and all the trimmings.

Rainout Policy: We will honor the Country Club of Scranton's policy. Clambake will still proceed and all prizes will be given out as door prizes.

#### SDDS Annual Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the Clambake/Dinner. My check for \$60 per person is enclosed.

I plan to play in the golf tournament. I will be playing with (list 3 people)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

I want to play golf. Please pair me up.

I'd like to request the following tee time: \_\_\_\_\_ (approximately 12:00 - 1:40).

(Requests will be honored in the order of paid registrations received.)

Mail this form and your check payable to the SDDS to Dr. Fred J. Bonacci, D.M.D., Waterfront Complex, 672 N. River Street, Suite 209, Plains, Pa 18705

# Upcoming Events

<b>General Meeting</b>	U of S – Brennan Hall	April 18, 2017	6:30 PM
<b>CE Course:</b> <i>Dr. Satish Kumar</i>	Radisson Lack Station	April 19, 2017	8:00 AM
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Scranton Country Club	June 14, 2017	8:00 AM
<b>Third District CE</b>	Mohegan Sun	November 10, 2017	8:00 AM