Suffolk County’s Own Dr. Kevin Henner takes the oath as NYSDA President Elect 2020

The New York State Dental Association’s House of Delegates pivoted during this unprecedented time to hold a “virtual” HOD meeting on Sunday May 31, 2020. Picture inset l/r—NYSDA Officers - President - Craig S. Ratner, President Elect - Kevin Henner, Vice President- James Galati, Secretary-Treasurer - Frank C. Barnashuk, Speaker - Steven Gounardes. Not pictured Executive Director - Mark J. Feldman, Immediate Past President- Payam Goudarzi.

Also note—May 31, 2020 is also the same day the Governor of NY succumbed to NSYDA, ADA and your local components pressure to allow NY State Dental offices to safely resume all dental procedures.

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“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times…”

Charles Dickens is one of the world’s best-known authors and his novel, A Tale of Two Cities, has been read and studied by many. The opening line can be referenced for all types of situations including the circumstance that our nation and the world has been enduring since the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019.

The Worst of Times:
Our Profession has struggled nationwide due to the Pandemic. We are all familiar with the uncertainties that followed the national and state mandates that were imposed. Leadership, dentists and patients struggled to get a grip on the situation. We provided necessary urgent and emergent care. There were, and still are, so many unknowns. This invisible enemy is deceiving, and we all know someone who has been ill or has succumbed to complications from this virus. In this bulletin we have recognized our members who have passed away, including our longtime board member, Dr. Lloyd Simonsen.

The ADA, NYSDA, and SCDS worked from the beginning to bring the needs of dentists to the forefront. They provided quick access to the EIDL and PPP loans, worked with the CDC, FEMA, OSHA and other government agencies, prepared a comprehensive “Return-to-Work toolkit” and most importantly had Governor Cuomo recognize the need for us to return to work. These issues were new to everyone and rest assured that all leaders, from every level of the tripartite, worked diligently, and in a completely new Virtual Reality, the ZOOM work environment, to get the job done!

The Best of Times will return again:
We are resilient and our profession is rebounding as we adapt to a “new normal”. The ADA has followed the metrics of dentists across the nation and their most recent findings show that within 3 weeks of reopening, most dental practices were up to 38% of their pre-COVID production.

Personal Protective Equipment is being produced and an Interim Guidance for PPE is available at www.ADA.org. In addition, NYSDA has compiled a list of vendors to help us find what we need.

During this time, we had the opportunity to obtain a lot of Continuing Education credits from many on-line sources, including the ADA, NYSDA, SCDS and GLIDM. Many of these webinars offered mandatory courses including the “Responsible Opioid Prescribing.”

I hope you were able to use some of this time to reflect the positives in your lives. Several of our members welcomed new babies into their families. Parents were suddenly thrust into the role of teacher, giving them the opportunity to spend quality time with their little ones. We had Zoom “happy hours” and spent time with family and friends that we are unable to see often. You may have taken this time to catch up on projects that you didn’t have time for. Maybe you learned a new skill or revisited old ones. I learned how to make masks and surgical caps. No matter what you did, I hope you were able to focus on some positives in your lives. I truly wish all our members success and health as we move forward. Please know that we are here for you.

Finally, I don’t know about you, but I still have not run out toilet paper.

Claudia Mahon-Vazquez, DDS / SCDS President

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June 1, 2020. By order of the Governor of the State of New York, Dental practices have been reopened to provide all levels of care following guidelines offered by the ADA Toolkit, the NY Health Department, and great efforts by our NYSDA executive director, Dr Mark Feldman, our Attorney Mr Lance Plunkett, and our Lobbyist Mr Roy Lasky. The NYSDA staff and our local Component Executive director Mr Bill Panzarino, and Carol Deerwester provided a conduit to information changing on a daily basis and held the fort while the enemy crashed at our doors. A sincere thanks needs to be expressed to all those who continue the fight to keep us open and viable as a Profession!

So, the question all of us have circling our brain, “Is it Safe?” I’m dating myself to the Dustin Hoffman movie “Marathon Man”, required viewing for anyone in our profession and that question was asked for entirely different reasons. I pose the question to address something that I want to make very clear to all practicing dentists. The past 3 months have been unique in ways I cannot begin to describe that would reach the level of each of your experience. This was not a vacation. This was not a pause where the world stood still and all we needed was the clearance to open. We needed to prepare.

Our patients seek our care for many reasons. We provide that care following very strict infection control protocols that have protected them, us and all our staff. Suddenly we are faced with an enemy at the gates that has no rival. Science is trying to catch up to this but never works its deliberate process when speed is of the essence. What we, and the entire world has suddenly been exposed to, is the science of public health. Much of the modeling and recommendations are based on evidence gathered over many years dealing with other medical dilemmas and how they worked out. After each one, careful study evolves into a discipline that helps us predict trends, possibilities, outcomes, and strategies to deal with the crisis in front of us. These models rely on the moving target of forecasting. So many inadequacies of the models occur because the factors that contribute to any crisis always present with different variables.

We have passed through many doors on our way to establish new protocols for effectively delivering our care but there is one that I will bring to your attention that may be hiding behind your N95 mask.

What has this pandemic done to you as a professional? A person providing this care? A team leader helping to bring your team together when there are still questions in your scientific mind that are not answered? I bring these up because the issue of wellness and support is one we often disregard or overlook because we are, of course; able to handle it. I beg to differ. If you’re feeling thoughts of being overwhelmed, depression, finding it hard to realize the same drive you brought to your work, you are not alone. I want you to pause if your reading this and ask yourself: am I OK? Ask your close friends if they notice you reacting a little different? Understand that being the source of many answers and treatment for your patients is a passion many of us share. Indecision and fear may creep into that bravado and undermine the person you are. That great person that has a fault or two, which may be flamed by the indecision of practicing in the environment where there are still unanswered questions. We reopen with some strategies that may seem extreme.

Please reach out for an assist, call a friend or express this feeling. You are not inadequate, you are human. It is that humanness that makes all of this life worth living so take a deep breath, understand that our position to take care of people can be best realized when we take care of ourselves. Thank you for everything you do to raise the standard and take care of our fellow humans who are trying to fight back into a world with this new virus in it. Make sure you find the sunset, the rainbows, the kids and the comedies that make us laugh. Give the politics a vacation and remember that your view of yourself is the ground from which all healing comes.

Paul R. Leary, DMD / ADA Trustee
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Suffolk County Dental Society’s Nominating Committee will meet this summer to screen and select candidates for elective office at the local, state and national levels. Please watch your emails for more specifics, regarding deadlines of submitting nominations.

To be eligible for any elective office a member must have served on our governing Board of Directors for at least three of the past five years. Other restrictions may apply for state and national positions.

Nominations are invited for the following positions for 2021, to be considered this summer:

Officers of the SCDS: **President: Dr. Patricia Hanlon** (as President-Elect 2020, automatically advances)
To be elected:

- **President-Elect: Dr. Craig Smith**
- **Vice President: Dr. Radha Munk**
- **New Secretary**: (one year term - usually advances through the other officer positions).
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- **NYSDA Trustee**: (four year term – Dr. Paul Markowitz completed the remainder of Dr. Henner’s term; he is eligible for 1 additional term)
- **NYSDA Delegates**: No new delegates or alternates will be elected this year. Those individuals who had been elected to serve in 2020 will be allowed to serve in 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Virtual meetings in 2020 will not count for determining years of service.
- **ADA Delegates**: No new delegates or alternates will be elected this year. Those individuals who had been elected to serve in 2020 will be allowed to serve in 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Virtual meetings in 2020 will not count for determining years of service.

Nominations for SCDS Directors for 2021 will be invited in the Fall of 2020.

Members in good standing are invited to submit nominations to SCDS, 150 Motor Parkway, Suite 105, Hauppauge, NY 11788 or by email to Contact@SuffolkDental.Org Eligible candidates may nominate themselves by sending a letter of interest along with a copy of their curriculum vitae.
Thought you’d seen it all?

There is no question we have gone through something most of us never thought we would experience in our lifetime. Indeed, we are still going through it and there is still uncertainty as to how it plays out. It’s scary first and foremost for our health and that of our loved ones, and it’s frightening and potentially devastating financially.

Everyone has been affected in some way, and certainly some much more significantly than others. Close to home Covid-19 has taken a beloved board member and friend. Many members contracted and combated the disease head on. Many of us lost other friends and family to the disease.

Then there’s the economic and business impact that is ongoing and continues to evolve. When I think back to late March and April, I think of the ensuing chaos that dominated life here. Hospitals that were overrun and the desperation that existed there. I think about all the information and disinformation that was bombarding us on all fronts. And trying to understand how do we navigate this economically, is there anyone we can look to for some guidance.

I have to thank the ADA and NYSDA for helping to protect and guide the business of SCDS. We too are a small business, we too could see there would be far reaching financial impact of not being able to run our major money making face to face events. But, we had guidance, we didn’t hesitate, we followed along, got our EIDL grant, applied for our PPP loan/grant. These things we may not have understood or done without the guidance and clarity that the ADA and NYSDA provided. It cannot be overstated that our listening along to all those conference call and virtual meetings for the benefit of our members had a direct benefit on the business of our own society.

There were and continue to be so many facets (Governmental, Regulatory, Health, and the hearts and minds of the public) to this very complex war that is being waged. By the middle of May I was seriously bewildered by the sentiment of some members who were very harshly critical of the value that they were deriving for their membership. It reminded me of “footprints in the sand” the allegorical religious writing in which there are two pairs of footprints in the sand, but during a devastating time there is only one pair of footprints. The person assumes they were abandoned during that difficult time, completely unaware that it was during that period of time they were carried.

For this reason I ask you to read the Dr. Mark Feldman’s note I reposted on pages 14 and 15 of this bulletin.

There is little question in my mind that Oral Health will continue to be a critical part of overall health and the profession of dentistry will continue to evolve and thrive. Exactly what it looks like we shall all help to shape; the same for the Society.

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Virtual Reality

Virtual Reality has now become the norm. We had our first SCDS Board meeting in April on a Zoom platform. Then on May 6th, we had our first General Membership Meeting on Zoom. Three Residents from the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine gave presentations on Oral Surgery, Orthodontics and Periodontics. There were more than 250 members that participated. It was the best attendance at a General Membership Meeting to date. Feedback from this event gave us food for thought: A virtual meeting provides access to members who cannot attend due to office responsibilities, family responsibilities or other personal restrictions. This format gives other options to our members and may provide a viable alternative for future events.

On Sunday, May 31st, NYSDA held the annual House of Delegates in a virtual format. It was a very successful meeting. We are truly grateful to our outgoing NYSDA President, Dr. Payam Goudarzi, for his leadership during this difficult time. We also want to welcome Dr. Craig Ratner as our incoming President, Dr. Kevin Henner as our President Elect, Dr. James Galati as our Vice President, Dr. Frank Barnushuk as our Secretary-Treasurer and Dr. Steve Gounardes as Speaker of the House. Our representation included Dr. Paul Leary (ADA Trustee 2nd District), Dr. Paul Markowitz (NYSDA Trustee) and our Delegates, Drs. Jonke, Snyder, Guariglia, Kilimitzoglou, Hanlon, Vazquez, Dominger and Vittoria. I just want to commend the officers and staff of NYSDA who worked tirelessly for the benefit of all dentists during this crisis.

At the NYSDA HOD Dr. Maria Maranga announced her candidacy for 2nd Vice President of the ADA. We want to wish Dr. Maranga the best of luck for a successful campaign. The election will be held at the ADA House of Delegates meeting in October.

Our Committees continue to meet on a Virtual Platform and we are planning a number of our upcoming events in that format. Our New Dentist Event took place by Zoom on June 8th. Attorney Philip Weiss reviewed Associate Employment Contracts and answered questions regarding employment, salary structure, restricted covenants, and other related topics. Our New Dentist Chairperson, Dr. Alex Sanchez, and his committee are planning a number of future events for this year.

The Dean, Faculty, and Students at The Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine went to extraordinary lengths in order for the students to complete their requirements and graduate. I am very happy to announce that on May 22nd the School held a Virtual Commencement and all of the students completed their program! We also held a Virtual Signing Day to have each of these graduates join us as ADA members. We wish our new colleagues a bright and successful future!
All face to face events will be under constant review and are subject to change in terms of Venue, Medium, Date and Time. Please check the website and watch for our Email Updates.

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In Memoriam

Our Dear Friend, Gone Too Soon...

We mourn the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Lloyd Simonsen, lost to Covid-19. Lloyd was a fixture in our dental community, practicing in Smithtown for 35 years, and an SCDS Board Member for 30 years. Other than his time upstate at Utica College and then SUNY Buffalo (his familiar license plate "UB85 DDS" spoke to his feelings there), Lloyd was a lifelong resident of Ronkonkoma. He loved Long Island, never imagining that he’d live anywhere else. He was a loving and devoted husband to Laura, and father to Kristina and Cheryl, beloved by all.

Lloyd was an active member of the Suffolk County Dental Society serving on the Board of Directors and as an Alternate Delegate, on several committees such as the Education and Golf Committees, and was also the catalyst in creating our first ever Cruise and Learn. He was a member of the Suffolk County Dental Forensics Team volunteers that worked on the Flight 800 tragedy. He rarely missed a Dental Society meeting. He was a regular at the Seminar Series, always in the back row, but we still might catch him dozing off and jokingly rib him about it. The course topic didn’t matter; he was there because he loved being a part of something.

Lloyd was unique. There was simply no one else like him. He was like our own personal cartoon character and a brother at the same time. He didn’t fit anyone’s preconception of a dentist. He went to work dressed like he was going to a ball game, wearing an Islanders jacket that was always open, in the dead of winter. A patient made up business cards for him that read, "Old Doc Simonsen, meat and potatoes dentistry for good God fearing folk," and he wore that description with pride. He looked forward to the Installation Dinners even though he was the least formal person you’d ever meet. He played in every SCDS golf outing in a foursome that was a perennial contender for worst score, exalting in the rare glorious shot, and loving every minute of the round.

The highlight of every workday was always lunch with his buddies, "the entertainment portion of our day." And every lunch ended with Lloyd’s lament - "I don’t wanna go back..." But he loved being a dentist; he loved being "captain of my own ship."

Lloyd wasn’t a great golfer, he nonetheless relished in the planning and anticipation of golf and casino trips with his buddies. Lloyd just lived for the camaraderie of these trips, and their legendary dinners. So many memories... To share just one: Lloyd snored like the "midnight train to Georgia just pulled in," and eventually no one would room with him. After a brutal night rooming with Lloyd, an SCDS luminary (who shall remain unidentified to protect his reputation) arrived at breakfast looking uncharacteristically worse for wear (to put it charitably). When advised by a well-meaning friend: "Don’t worry, you’ll feel better after you’ve showered," looked up through his bloodshot eyes and honestly answered, "I showered 45 minutes ago." Lloyd loved that story. He laughed as much at himself as anybody, never took offense, gave as good as he got, and loved to make his buddies laugh. And God he was funny, an endless source of movie quotes, he remembered every line from every television show ever made, and came up with something to fit any situation.

We have all lost a good, fun loving comrade in Lloyd, "the future ain’t what it used to be." We'll miss him at the next golf outing, the next card game, the next Super Bowl party, the next seminar, the next weekday lunch. Rest in peace, friend.

Dr. David Wiener, Dr. Robert Wagner, and Dr. Laurence Schwartz
NYSDA was there for its Members and will be in the Future

Mark J. Feldman, D.M.D.
NYSDA Executive Director

Thank you for your letter, Dr. Denning. We appreciate all input – positive and negative – from our members as we strive for continuous improvement at NYSDA. I know you wrote out of some frustration, but also out of passion for the Association and the profession of dentistry. The seven weeks that dental offices were open only for urgent and emergency services were difficult for all of us, but all the while, NYSDA was advocating continuously on your behalf. The work was tenuous and delicate on many occasions, and we chose to keep our communications with state, regional and local leaders somewhat quiet so as not to confuse or threaten any of the progress being made. I take your point that we could have been more transparent throughout the negotiation process. Let me try to partially remedy that by sharing the steps that, ultimately, led to a successful reopening on June 1.

Beginning on March 16, when Gov. Cuomo issued an executive order limiting dentists to only “emergency and urgent” care, NYSDA got right to work advocating on behalf of our members. Our primary focus was always on speeding up the adoption of state guidelines and laying out the quickest possible timeline for dentists to reopen their offices. All the while, we advocated non-stop against phased reopening and on behalf of a broad statewide reopening.

Behind the scenes, we were in constant contact with the governor’s and lieutenant governor’s offices, the Speaker of the House, the Deputy Majority Leader of the Senate, the Health Department, health policy leaders in the administration, legislators across the entire state, and other elected officials at the county and local levels, as well as the governor’s “Reopening New York” advisory task force, on which Dr. Amarilis Jacobo serves. Over the course of our discussions, we learned that these decision makers held many misconceptions about the dangers of dental offices, which we were able to counter very effectively, while emphasizing our long-standing record of safety.

In the meantime, our Association began daily communications with you, our valued members, about resources available to you – PPP, EIDL and other small business loans, tax ramifications, PPE availability, and the Cares Act, to name a few. We also extended to members who needed it a grace period on their dues. Although the NYSDA team is working at home and communicating remotely, our employees put in long hours, fielding 3,200 calls, responding to over 5,000 emails, filling our website and social media with relevant news and sending out over 35 messages updating members on any new developments. In addition, we provided “how-tos” and “FAQs” from our own headquarters, as well as from organizations like the ADA and the SBA. We also offered webinars on all aspects of management, including furloughs, layoffs and benefits. In preparation for reopening, we helped develop our “back-to-work” guide, which supports CDC, OSHA and ADA directives, and made a comprehensive reopening toolkit available to all of our members.

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While we waited – increasingly impatiently – for the guidelines and timeline to be issued, we achieved a number of big and small victories. We advocated for, and were successful in getting, the DOH to move the status of dentists from “emergency only” to the inclusion of “urgent” care. With ADA guidance, we were given more latitude in using our professional judgment to define urgent care and to make decisions about treating conditions that could advance to emergency level if left untreated. Also, with the assistance of the ADA, we managed to move dental practices up on the FEMA priority list, from seventh to fourth, and, now, to first priority to receive PPEs. We helped secure PPE, vetted vendors and educated members on the availability and usage of PPE.

In early May, we decided the time was right to garner more public and media attention to our cause, and many positive stories and public communications resulted. We also coordinated a grassroots campaign helping our members deliver letters to over 6,800 legislators. We can quibble as to whether that operation should have started earlier and, perhaps, we were too conservative, but we chose not to overplay our hand on that front.

Now that dental practices have reopened, there are still many steps we will take to help you work successfully. We will continue to translate what governmental actions mean to your practices. We’ll help further increase the supply and reduce the prices of PPE. We will assure that you have the ability and the right equipment to administer point-of-care testing when it comes online. As new programs, funds, loans, tax write-offs and other forms of relief become available, we will help you navigate through them.

We will continue to answer your questions, find resources for you, and do everything we can to help you and your teams succeed, as we do our best to put the COVID-19 pandemic behind us.

I firmly believe that all of our efforts paid off with the governor’s announcement that dentists across the state – not phases – could reopen on June 1. Given all of the decisions and actions in play, it was understandable that this declaration wouldn’t be made overnight, but we agree that it took far too long. That said, I will argue that without NYSDA’s constant advocacy, the process would have taken even longer.

Going forward, we will heed your advice to be more open and transparent about the efforts we are taking and the progress we are making as we focus on the future.
TAX TIPS FOR DENTISTS
by Stuart A. Sinclair, CPA

July 15, 2020 is not only the due date for 2019 personal income taxes, but it is also the due date for 2020 estimated tax vouchers one and two. If you are not ready with your 2019 personal income taxes by 7/15/2020, there is a three-month extension available until 10/15/2020. However, you must pay in what you owe by July 15, 2020 or get late charges.

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An Ode to Stony Brook’s Outgoing Dean Mary Truhlar & New Interim Dean Allan Kucine

Many may not know this, but the relationship between myself and Dean Truhlar actually began long before my time entering Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (SDM) as a student in 2016. During the early 2000s my mom was having some dental problems and in dire need of a reliable dentist. Upon hearing this, a good family friend who worked at Stony Brook Hospital and went to the SDM for treatment recommended she become a patient at the dental school--specifically recommending that she see her own dentist...‘Dr. Mary Truhlar.’ Thus, my mom went and met with Dr. Truhlar who assisted to ensure she received the adequate care and treatment needed, and whether I knew it or not at the time, my long standing connection to the SDM and professional relationship with Dean Truhlar took form.

My decision to attend Stony Brook University (SBU) as an undergraduate and then further involvement with the Predental Society, Discover Dental School Summer Scholars Program, and Lead Researcher on the President’s Council for Student Advisors is where Dr. Truhlar and I began working more closely with one another. Attending University Council Meetings, the Stars of Stony Brook Gala, Stony Brook ‘40 Under 40,’ and a myriad of other events together where we would often connect, ask each other how one another’s families were doing, and review whatever the topic of the meeting was. Simultaneously, I also met Dr. Allan Kucine and initiated collaborations with him; orchestrating oral surgery suturing and informational sessions with him and his OMFS residents for the predental students of Stony Brook.

It was during this time when Dr. Truhlar took on her new role as the sixth Dean of Stony Brook Dental School (but the first female Dean the school had seen) and over the course of the last 6 years has worked to increase the size of dental school classes, modernize many of the educational facilities within the School, launch the Center for Implant and Digital Technology (CIDT) in 2019 (a digital dentistry workspace), and cultivate philanthropic support of the School. On the national stage, Dean Truhlar has held officer positions within the American Dental Education Association’s Council of Deans—a group focused on meeting the technological challenges faced by dental schools around the country.

Between the summer and fall of 2015 I applied and interviewed for dental school, and then on that fateful December 1st morning I received my acceptances, but most importantly the phone call which I felt I had been waiting my whole life for; an acceptance to Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. The decision was an easy one for me, having spent 4 years at SBU and very aware of the quality of education which SDM provided its students, I made my deposit and never looked back!

During the last 4 years I have had the great privilege to work very closely with Dean Truhlar and Dr. Kucine as a result of serving as my Class President in addition to other local and national leadership positions within the school, ASDA, and ADA. In my first year we realized there were numerous outdated portions to the school and collaborated with one another to review different systems within the SDM and update such facilities. Entering my second year it became apparent that although there were a plethora of student clubs and
Ronald Wroblewski, DDS – Dr. Wroblewski of West Babylon, a retired general dentist, passed away March 2, 2020 at the age of 82. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1961 and was an ADA member for 59 years and an SCDS member for 40 years.

Alfred Sforza, DDS – Dr. Sforza passed away on March 31, 2020 at the age of 80. He was a retired general dentist from Huntington who graduated from New York University in 1965, and was an ADA member for 55 years and a member of SCDS for 32 years.

Paul Sullivan, DMD – Dr. Sullivan of Huntington, a retired general dentist, passed away at the age of 68 on April 28, 2020. Dr. Sullivan, who graduated from Tufts in 1977, was an ADA member for 42 years and a member of SCDS for 40 years.

Lloyd Simonsen, DDS – Dr. Simonsen of Ronkonkoma, a general dentist in Smithtown, passed away on May 11, 2020 at the age of 62. Dr. Simonsen graduated in 1985 from SUNY Buffalo, and was an ADA and SCDS member for 35 years.

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organizations the necessary funding and financial support for such wasn’t always there, and so we worked to restructure how budgeting could be restored. Moreover, during this year I had the pleasure, and right-of-passage, of having Dr. Kucine as an instructor for the vast majority of our oral surgery, pain control, emergency, and family medicine didactic courses and was able to see first hand the wit and intellect he held!

Across my third year Dr. Truhlar and I examined the ‘Global Oral Health Programs’ and Outreach trips students went on. Although the opportunity for such was present to everyone, the funding for them were met with concerns; therefore a committee was formed to rethink fundraising and philanthropic initiatives and this yielded my Class leading the most successful Outreach fundraising at the SDM. Additionally, Dean Truhlar, Dr. Kucine, and I worked closely on the School’s CODA Standards for Re-Accreditation, devising the new Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan. Over the course of my fourth year the school’s facilities were again under examination, however this time it was in the form of our predoctoral clinics. Thus, through Dean Truhlar and the Administration, I had the opportunity to help advise and provide insight on the brand-new state-of-the-art clinic bays and CIDT which have been built over the last year to help better serve our students, faculty, staff, and (most importantly) patients.

Although this just scratches the surface of the cumulative projects we have worked on together, I feel fortunate to have been mentored by Dr. Truhlar from watching on the sidelines to then playing on the field during her legacy as Dean. I want to thank Dr. Truhlar on behalf of all the students for her many years of dedicated service to the SDM and everything she did in that time to help advance the school’s reputation from clinical, research, educational, and philanthropic standpoints. I wish her the best as she rejoins the Department of General Dentistry to work to advance interprofessional healthcare programs within all of Stony Brook University’s Allied Healthcare Schools, and look forward to our continued support of one another now as colleagues in dentistry.

Furthermore, I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to Dr. Kucine on his selection as the new Interim Dean. Having learned from him in the classroom, practiced with him in the clinics, and worked with him on the aforementioned tasks I know he will continue to build and sustain Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine’s legacy. The faculty, staff, and importantly students are fortunate to have someone like Dr. Kucine with his auspicious nature in such a role and I only foresee positive things to come!

Jack Lupfer DDS, MBA, MPH SB’20
As we resume to open our practices following this pandemic with consternation, there are so many new guidelines regarding infection control that we need to fully evaluate and then implement for the safety of our staff, patients, our families and of course, ourselves. Preparation will be the key. The ADA, NYSDA and our own SCDS have been instrumental in advocating for our profession and return to practice in a safe manner for all. We will do everything necessary to instill the confidence that our office infection control policies are most current with the CDC and OSHA guidelines. It would be most appropriate to list all the updated enhanced protocols on your website. Some of these options include: Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR), UV Light Sanitizers, High Volume Evacuators (HVE), HEPA filtration units and Disinfectant Fogging machines to name a few. However, you should not overstep your communication with these new changes in that it may mislead the public and create a level of superiority from one office to another. This would be unethical to advertise in such a way. Social media marketing is a necessary tool in this digital age to create and maintain successful practices. Please inform your marketing consultants that you need to follow our Code of Ethics regarding your new infection control strategies moving forward when advertising as such.

Of our 5 core principles, Section 5 Principle: Veracity (Truthfulness), states "...the dentist's primary obligation include respecting the position of trust inherent in the dentist-patient relationship, communicating truthfully and without deception, and maintaining intellectual integrity." Additionally, "...no dentist shall advertise or solicit patients in any form of communication in a manner that is false or misleading in any material aspect." It would be a violation of our Code of Ethics to make any claim that one office is superior to another based on infection controls as long as the dentist has followed all appropriate and listed infection control guidelines since the pandemic has begun.

Our Code of Ethics is a living and always evolving document since its introduction in 1866. Though no-one could have accurately predicted this pandemic, our Code is an instrument to help the member dentist navigate through these most uncertain times. Remember, we continue to learn the science behind the Covid-19 each and every day. CDC, OSHA and ADA guidelines should be referenced here.

The Preamble in our Code says it best. The ethical dentist strives to do that which is right and good. Following the Code will provide the guidance needed in the decisions we make on a daily basis.

{Dr. Jonke is the Past Chair of the NYSDA Council on Ethics and is currently serving on the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs.}

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The 2020 NYSDA House of Delegates meeting was a very unique experience. No one was sure how it was going to work out and there was much trepidation moving into a digital Zoom format. Unfortunately, many things needed to be modified or simply removed to compress what is usually a three-day meeting into a few hours. The biggest disappointment for me was the removal of the alternate delegates from participating. Also missing from the meeting were numerous other guests and dignitaries, including many Council Chairs, representatives from other dental organizations and various other guests.

Other notable omissions were the usual number of resolutions that are normally discussed at these annual meetings. In addition, not having our usual reference committees to fully discuss the issues prior to the actual meeting of the House was disappointing as well. Consequently, it was impossible for our local Caucus to refine and improve our positions based on what was presented at those reference committee hearings.

One of the greatest benefits of the typical three-day meeting is all the available time to meet representatives from other parts of the state. This gives us all the opportunity to renew old friendships and start new ones. It also is a great opportunity to network and learn from others who have similar backgrounds and experiences but may have dealt with them in different ways.

However, given all these negatives, the meeting went very smoothly. Speaker Dr. Steve Gounardes maintained order and the delegates all acted respectfully. Speeches from the officers and NYSDA executive director, Dr. Mark Feldman, were all easy to hear. Annual Awards were presented, outgoing Officers, Trustees and Council Chairs were acknowledged, incoming Officers and Trustees were elected. I am proud to announce that our own, Dr. Kevin Henner, was elected to become the President-Elect, and Dr. Craig Ratner ascended to serve as President.

Because there were not as many resolutions as usual, there was time for discussion on those resolutions which required it. Voting worked out well, without any questions of impropriety.

In his President’s Address, Dr. Ratner encouraged all members of the HOD, as well as the officers and staff of the local components to spread the word to our membership about the tireless and effective efforts that NYSDA’s leadership and staff performed throughout the past few months to aid the dental profession through these very difficult and challenging times. We all owe them a debt of gratitude and heartfelt thanks for their work on our behalf. He also is planning on having more frequent meetings with the officers, BOT, as well as component presidents and executive directors throughout the year to help us all work together as we all continue to deal with the ongoing pandemic.

On a personal note, I would like to thank ADA Trustee Dr. Paul Leary, NYSDA President-Elect Dr. Kevin Henner, Executive Director Bill Panzarino, the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for their support and preparation to make this meeting a successful, but unique, one.

Sincerely,
Paul Markowitz, DMD
NYSDA Trustee - SCDS

Delegates
Martin Dominer, DDS
John Guariglia, DDS
Patricia Hanlon, DMD
Gunter Jonke, DMD
Dimitrios Kilimitzoglou, DDS
Steven Snyder, DMD
Ivan Vazquez, DDS
Nick Vittoria, DMD

Alternate Delegates
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“Lesson 1 - Hindsight is 20/20: ...If nothing else, the current state of the world has reinforced for me that time is precious and the fate of our futures always remains unknown. Sometimes the trajectory that our lives will take might change or alter from the flightplan we had originally mapped out and envisioned for ourselves. When such occurs we must remember to persevere and respond appropriately. Take action but do not be overly reactive, for there is a distinct difference between the two.”

This was the first of 4 lessons which I shared in my Graduation Speech with my classmates, faculty, families, friends, and everyone else who tuned in to watch the 43rd Commencement Ceremony (but first-ever virtual one) of the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine on Friday, May 22nd, 2020.

Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined four years ago that our Graduation Ceremony would be held over Zoom with each of us tuning in from the comfort of our couches and living rooms. Although the conclusion to our time in dental school proved to be less than conventional and part of this ‘new normal’ world we have become accustomed to in the last 4 months, it was still a day filled with pomp, circumstance, celebration, excitement, and closure.

As reality began to set in back in late March and early April, and I had to have the difficult conversation with my classmates regarding what we wanted to do to ‘celebrate’ our conclusion to dental school, the overall tone of the class was tense and emotions ran high. “Should we put together something virtual? Should we try and ride the wave and see if maybe things would improve by late May? Should we look into postponing celebrations until December or next spring? Should we just tap out and call it a wash after all these years of hardwork and dedication?” There truly wasn’t a right or wrong answer to any of these questions and it was a contentious topic to say the least. However, after much deliberation the collective decision was made to put together a virtual ceremony with hopes to still hold a real hooing in the future.

So we went to work and began discussing with the Administration as to what this new kind of ceremony might look like, how we should produce it, who would be included, and how to pull it off. After months of planning and collaboration with a lot of assistance from Stony Brook University’s Media Relations and Communications Department, the final product is the polished 45-minute video in the link above that truly emulates all aspects that our traditional ceremony would have entailed.

Having had an appropriate amount of time now to reflect on what our graduation ceremony was like and understand the significance it will play in our lives as new dental professionals and future healthcare providers, I think above all it proves our tenacity and willingness to accept change. Acknowledging that our education these last 4 years taught us more than just dentistry, but rather important life lessons. We were provided with a greater understanding about the need to be adaptive and ever-willing to handle the unexpecteds of life--whether that be a medical emergency in your chair or global pandemic sweeping the nation by storm.

This same idea was echoed in the Guest Keynote provided by New York State’s own and current ADA President, Dr. Chad Gehani. Stating, “...In challenge there is an opportunity. Sometimes the outcome of a crisis is creation. You are the generation that will emerge from the crisis to enter a new world. I encourage you to let this experience strengthen you. Use what you are learning to be better for yourself, your patients, and your communities. Use what you are learning to make things better for those coming after you...”

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we will forever have the video recording of our graduation to watch and reflect on over time, and years down the line show to our children, grandchildren, and families. Despite this ending to our dental school career being different than perhaps anyone has experienced before, I still felt accomplished and proud of my class that day, everything we had surmounted, and what the future still holds for us. Knowing that this is just the beginning of the rest of our lifelong careers in dentistry and excited to continue building our friendships and making memories along the way.

On behalf of the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine Class of 2020 I want to extend our most sincere thanks and gratitude to the Suffolk County Dental Society Central Office Staff, Executive Boards, and General Members. Since our first day as students you welcomed us into your lives and the SCDS family, and consistently stepped up to the plate on our behalf. Providing donations to support our fundraisers, donating time to teach us inside and outside of the clinic, inviting us to participate in GKAS and other outreach events, and offering advice and mentorship when it was most needed. We are excited to embark on this journey with you, feel fortunate to call you our colleagues, and look forward to continuing to stay involved within organized dentistry and the tripartite. Thank you for believing in us and assisting us achieve this major milestone in our lives!

Jack Lupfer DDS, MBA, MPH SB’20
SUFFOLK COUNTY-DATC
DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

A serious shortage of dental assistants currently exists in New York. The Suffolk County Dental Society (SCDS), in conjunction with the Dental Auxiliary Training Center, is pleased to announce the 35th year of continuation of our comprehensive dental assisting training course. To meet the demand for trained dental assistants, the Suffolk County Dental Society sponsors this course to help prepare students who have a desire to learn and work as a dental assistant. SCDS dentist members interested in interviewing DATC students register their dental assisting job openings with DATC. The following is course information for the DATC program which will begin in September.

FUNDAMENTALS of CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTING TRAINING COURSE

COURSE DATES: September 17, 2020 through January 14, 2021
Every Thursday evening for 15 weeks
PLACE: St. Charles Hospital & Rehabilitation Center
200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777
TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR:

- Students who are interested in entering or re-entering the career field.
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TUITION: $1100.00 Please see attached payment arrangement info.
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All face to face events will be under constant review and are subject to change in terms of Venue, Medium, Date and Time. Please check the website and watch for our Email Updates.

General Membership Meeting October 7, 2020

Place: LI Radisson – 110 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge NY 11788

Agenda: 6pm-7:15 Complimentary Buffet Dinner (for SCDS Members RSVP Required)
7:15pm Business Meeting (details to follow)
7:45pm Featured Education Program (2 CE/No Charge SCDS Members)

Detective James Johnson of Suffolk County Police Department provides a 2 CE Lecture – Human Trafficking, Signs and what you can do!

General Membership Meeting November 11, 2020

Place: LI Radisson – 110 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge NY 11788

Agenda: 6pm-7:15 Complimentary Buffet Dinner (for SCDS Members RSVP Required)
7:15pm Business Meeting (details to follow)
7:45pm Featured Education Program (2 CE/No Charge SCDS Members)

Bernard Fialkoff, DDS, provides 2 CE Lecture - "The Truth About Vaping"

Seminar Series Events at 150 Motor Parkway Media Center

Course #2020-03, Wednesday, September 30, 2020: 7 m.c.e. credits

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Preparation(s), Photos & Provisionals;
Critical Steps to Esthetic Excellence

Course #2020-02, Wednesday, November 4, 2020: 7 m.c.e. credits

Howard S. Glazer, D.D.S
I Have It... You Need It!

Course #2020-04, Wednesday, December 2, 2020: 7 m.c.e. credits

Anne L. Koch, DMD
Endodontics Revisited

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<td>Wednesday, September 23, 2020</td>
<td>21st Annual Golf Outing</td>
<td>Mill Pond Golf Course</td>
<td>12pm, 1:45pm, 6:30pm</td>
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<td>White Coat Ceremony SBSDM</td>
<td>Wang Center Stony Brook</td>
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<td>New Dentist Fall Brewery Event</td>
<td>Brick House Brewery</td>
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<td>Resident-New Dentist Panel Event</td>
<td>Hilton Garden Inn - Stony Brook</td>
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<td>Compliance Day - SAVE THE DATE</td>
<td>150 Motor Pkwy</td>
<td>All Day</td>
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<td>Scrubs and Stilettos</td>
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<td>Saturday, January 16, 2021</td>
<td>Installation Gala Eastwinds</td>
<td>Wading River NY</td>
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<td>Saturday, February 06, 2021</td>
<td>Give Kids a Smile</td>
<td>Riverhead NY</td>
<td>9:30am - 3pm</td>
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<td>Thursday, June 03, 2021</td>
<td>June 3rd - 6th NYSDA HOD</td>
<td>Jersey City, NJ</td>
<td>Thur-Sun</td>
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**New Events being added**

- Defensive Driving, HIPAA, CPR
- Friday Morning Seminars and New Dentist Events, CPR