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## 2025 SCDS - we are off and running!



**Top Left** - l/r SCDS 2025 Officers, President Dr. Bast, President-Elect Dr. Elson, Vice-President Dr. Klein, Treasurer Dr. Feigelson. **Top Right** - Lessons in a Lunch Box! Dr. Maranga, Dr. Mahon-Vazquez and Dr. Hanlon (not pictured) presented a fun filled program to second graders at Southold Elementary School. **Bottom Left** - SCDS was honored to be part of the 2025 Leo and Mickey Sreebny Research Symposium and ASDA Stony Brook Chapter Annual Spring Vendor Fair. **Bottom Right** - More than 40 joined us for our Expert Panel Event on the evening of Wednesday February 26th 2025.



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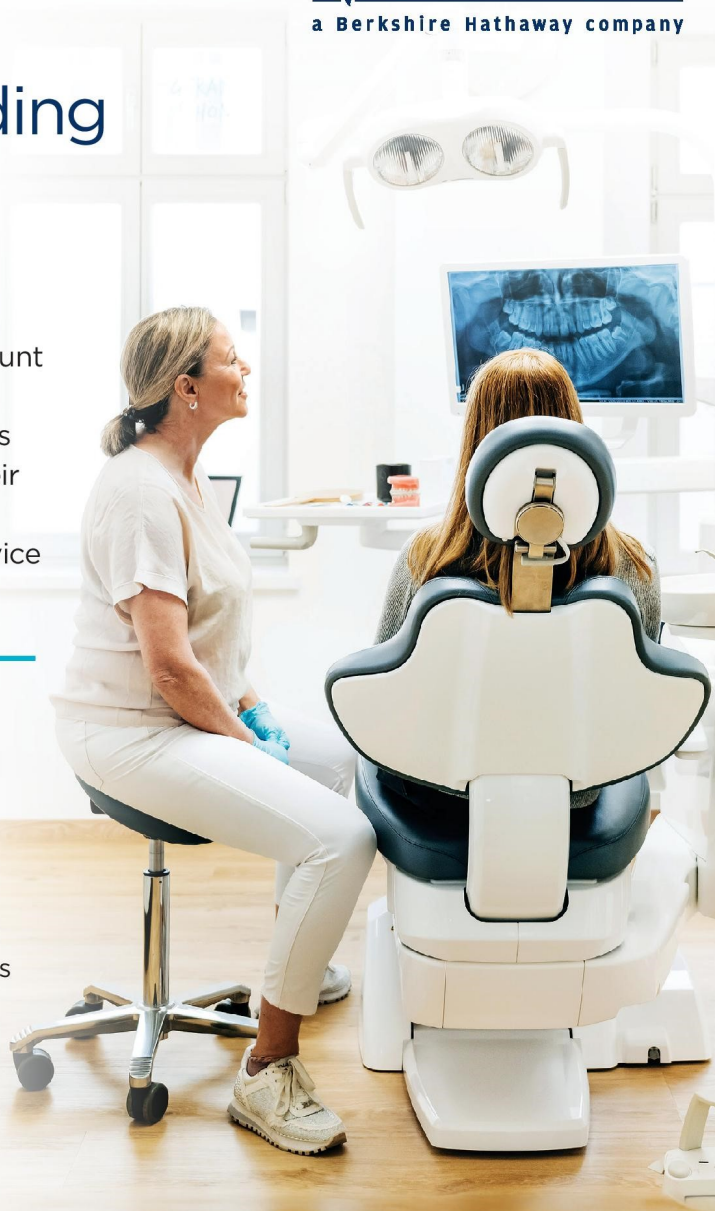
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## SCDS Event

3/19/2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series 2025#1 Surgical Complications and Management in Implant Dentistry - Georgios E. Romanos, DDS, PhD</a>
3/24/2025	Board of Directors Meeting
4/14/2025	Board of Director Meeting
4/16/2025	Signing Day at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine
4/26/2025	<a href="#">Give Kids a Smile - Sponsorship Info</a>
4/27/2025	<a href="#">GLIDM - Greater Long Island Dental Meeting - special 1 day program for 2025</a>
5/7/2025	<a href="#">General Membership Meeting - SBSDM Resident Lectures</a>
5/10/2025	<a href="#">Shredding Event - No Charge for Members</a>
5/12/2025	Board of Directors Meeting
5/14/2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series 2025#2 Drs Celin Arce and Amanda Piche - Surgical and Restorative Solutions in Today's Comprehensive Practice</a>
5/23/2025	<a href="#">Oral Health Screening at LI Ducks Game - NYS Dental Foundation Event</a>
5/30/2025	White Coat Ceremony
6/11/2025	<a href="#">25th Annual Golf Outing - Flyer, and Golf Outing Website to register and for more sponsorship information</a>
9/10/2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series Event - Transforming Dental Medicine Powered by Artificial Intelligence - Nathalia Andrade DDS, MSc, PhD</a>
9/15/2025	Board of Directors Meeting
9/24/2025	Zoom General Membership Meeting
10/6/2025	Board of Directors Meeting
10/8/2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series Event - Precision, Productivity and Ideal Patient Care - Dr. Robert Vogel</a>
11/17/2025	Board of Directors Meeting
11/19/2025	General Membership Meeting
1/25/2026	SCDS Officer Installation - SAVE THE DATE

**More details on events can be found on the back cover and within the bulletin.**

**Please note there are several events and courses in active planning, watch our website and our emails and social sites for updates (as events are subject to change). Your support, patronage and patience are appreciated as always. Please send any comments to [Contact@SuffolkDental.Org](mailto:Contact@SuffolkDental.Org).**

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The Wicklow Healthcare Advisory



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## A New Chapter Begins: A Message from Your President



Dear Colleagues,

I am humbled and honored to address you as the 45th Suffolk County Dental Society President. Our installation gala on January 11 was truly a very successful, fun, and exciting event. Land's End in Sayville is a wonderful venue, and the food never disappoints. We were graced with guests from other local components, NYSDA, and the ADA. Dr. Ivan Vazquez was our Master of Ceremonies and he did an amazing job. Line officers were installed by Dr. Paul Markowitz. I would like to congratulate Dr. Steve Feigelson for his dedication and leadership in 2024.

I would like to acknowledge Paul for inspiring me to join the board. I would like to thank our line officers, Dr. Natalia Elson and Dr. Devin Klein, for their commitment to organized dentistry and for continuing to partner with me in 2025. I would like to thank our past treasurer, Dr. John Guaraglia and our new treasurer Steve for his continued dedication to our society ensuring its financial stability and success.

A very special thank you to our Executive Director, Bill Panzarino, and our Executive Assistant, Carol Deerwester, the backbone and heart of us.

Thank you all for your dedication and passion. I look forward to working with all of you and making this a successful and inspiring year.

I am honored and excited to step into the role of President of Suffolk County Dental Society. As I take on this leadership position, I want to express my gratitude for your trust and support. It is with great enthusiasm that I embark on this journey, committed to serving our members and advancing our mission.

I want to acknowledge the incredible work of my predecessors and the dedication of our board members, committees, and volunteers. Their efforts have built a strong foundation that

I am eager to build upon. Together, we can make a lasting impact and continue to grow.

As we move forward, my vision is centered on collaboration, innovation, and growth. I am committed to fostering stronger connections within our community, enhancing professional development opportunities and advocating for the needs of our members. Through strategic initiatives, partnerships, and an open dialogue, we will continue to strengthen our organization and create new opportunities for success.

I encourage each of you to get involved, share your ideas, and actively participate in shaping the future of SCDS. Your voice is invaluable and together we can achieve remarkable accomplishments.

I was lucky enough to be my son's cubmaster for 4 years. When I took over we had 19 Cub Scouts. By the time I left we had 99. Now I did not do all of that myself. It was a team effort. What we did was introduce change in the way things were done. We evolved into having meetings that were progressive. We fulfilled educational and scout obligations. It was fun and that was how the word spread.

We need to think differently about how to involve more younger minds into our society. How do we do that? We cater to their thought process. Venues that change, social events with CE and Zoom CE. We need to move away from weekdays. I would like us to create a bridge to the next generation. We need to be current, to be aware of current trends, to be invited to the population of our colleagues that may shy away because of past experiences.

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about 12% of members do. Those that do not, miss out on a fantastic opportunity to connect with their profession and peers locally. See how others are dealing with some of the same issues facing dentistry today, collect 8 CE at no charge. The bigger your network, the bigger your opportunity to succeed.

Do you know what you are missing? **For too many of you, I believe the answer is NO, you don't know what you are missing.** Here's why... When we exited 2024, we had 1100 members! However, more than 150 of those MEMBERS have unsubscribed from our emails. **What a crime!** Once you hit that unsubscribe button, we cannot add you back. But wait – there's more concern... a good portion of our members have emails go only to their staff, and potentially never see impactful correspondence. We rarely send more than one email per week. **YOU ARE MISSING OUT!** They detail all sorts of benefits, meetings, no-charge member events, Shredding Day, Compliance reminders, Give Kids a Smile details, **and then there is the cash that we remind you is out there.** There is the guidance we had provided on EIDL, PPP, PP2 and the ERC (Employee Retention Credit). We provided details on how to file, on your own or with partners that can help. These programs have returned millions to our members. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, I learned that ERC checks from the IRS had resumed (as mysteriously as the IRS had stopped about 1.5 years ago). Hundreds of thousands of dollars were returned to our SCDS members through this program, with many using our partners to file. A member called me on March 6, 2025, to say thank you, having just received \$17000, and expecting at least one more check of similar size.

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While there is a much larger discussion regarding each of the challenges of membership, the major issues are: Membership Fees, Time and Commitment, Relevance of ADA Initiatives, Membership Engagement.

These challenges require strategic solutions, and I look forward to working with all of you to address them.

Thank you for your dedication and passion. I look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead.

Best regards,  
Bill Bast  
**President, Suffolk County Dental Society**

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I realize not all member benefits fit all practice modalities, but they all aim to strengthen the profession and your opportunity for success.

**Are you advocating membership to colleagues?** Are your in-practice partners or faculty colleagues members? Have you engaged them? What about those that you refer to?

We are doing what we can, but is it enough? Am I wrong to ask you to consider the above? You are paying your dues, and I said that's enough. But is it? If you want to see a strong ADA and by extension a strong profession, or see dues stabilize, or reduce, this starts as described above, through increased membership, more frequent engagement at our events and a championing of membership at a level we have not seen.

**Please send any comments or questions to [Contact@SuffolkDental.Org](mailto:Contact@SuffolkDental.Org) or call us at 631-232-1400.**

**Bill Panzarino - Executive Director, SCDS**



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## The Benefits of Joining a Dental Study Club: Staying Engaged and Connected



Dentistry is a wonderful profession for a wide variety of reasons, but it can

easily become somewhat isolating—both physically and intellectually. One easy way to combat isolation is by joining a dental study club. Participating in a dental study club offers an excellent opportunity for dental professionals to stay current in an ever-evolving field. As an active member of a study club, dentists can engage in peer discussions that expose them to the latest treatment techniques, emerging technologies, and new research. These collaborative environments foster continued education outside of formal classrooms, allowing members to discuss complex cases, share resources, and learn from each other's experiences. Whether it's tackling advanced procedures or addressing challenges in patient care, these discussions contribute to professional growth and the refinement of clinical skills.

Staying engaged in a dental study club can also have a profound impact on a dentist's sense of fulfillment and job satisfaction. The isolation often felt in private practice can be alleviated through the shared experiences and collective problem-solving that study clubs provide. Connecting with other dentists not only keeps practitioners motivated, but also reinforces their commitment to lifelong learning and professional excellence. Few things are more satisfying than the direct application of newly acquired skills or knowledge, which can help prevent burnout and stave off tedium.

In addition to the educational and job satisfaction benefits, being involved in a dental study club enhances networking and collaboration within the local dental community. The relationships forged within a study club extend beyond meetings and can lead to valuable referrals, mentorship, and partnerships. By connecting with fellow dentists, professionals gain insight into different practice management strategies and learn how others approach common challenges. This camaraderie also strengthens

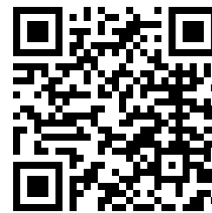
the local dental society, fostering a supportive environment where dentists are encouraged to collaborate for the betterment of patient care. That's why SCDS provides an easy way for you to find (or even start) a study club! Visit our website for a list of current study clubs. This is just another benefit of your membership—continue to take advantage of the relationships and opportunities afforded to you through your SCDS, NYSDA, and ADA membership!

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## **SEMINAR SERIES 2025 #3    September 10, 2025 9am-4pm**

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## In Loving Memory of Thomas Bonomo



It is with profound sadness that we remember and honor the life of Thomas (Tom) Bonomo DDS, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend who died January 2 in Bridgeport, CT following a long illness. He was 89.

Tom was not only a skilled and compassionate dentist but also a great leader and mentor of our Suffolk County Dental Society. Tom was a former President of our Society in 1991 and 1993. He was the society's membership chairman for years as well as the journal editor.

Tom graduated New York University College of Dentistry in 1961, he opened his practice in East Northport and practiced for 45 years. As a dentist he dedicated his life to healing others, always greeting his patients with warmth and kindness. Tom had a gift for making people feel comfortable, turning fear into trust, and pain into relief. But his work was more than a profession- it was a reflection of his deep care for others.

Tom mentored young dentists his entire career. As a mentor, he shaped and led those around him with wisdom and guidance. He had an incredible ability to see the potential in people and help them grow into the best versions of themselves. His words of encouragement and lessons in both life and work will forever remain with me and those he touched.

As a friend, Tom was unwavering in his support and generosity. His laughter, corny jokes, advice and presence made even the toughest situations a little easier. He was the person you could turn to in times of need, always ready to lend a hand, and would always give an honest reply regardless if it was agreeing or disagreeing. He also could recommend any wine for any meal.

As a father, he was a pillar of strength and love. His family was his greatest joy. With his beautiful wife Lorrie, they raised five children in Northport, NY. He was an active member of St. Anthony of Padua Church in East Northport where he helped start the parish council and served as an extraordinary minister.

Losing Tom leaves a void in my heart that can never be filled, but his legacy of kindness, dedication to our society and profession, and love will live on in all who had the privilege of knowing him. May we honor his memory by embodying the compassion, wisdom, and generosity he shared with us in our everyday lives.

**John E. Lagner, DMD**

**SCDS Ethics Chair and Past President SCDS**

**Pictured Below—Dr. Thomas Bonomo at our 2023 Officer's Installation Gala where he was again honored for his contributions to the Suffolk County Dental Society and to the profession of Dentistry.**



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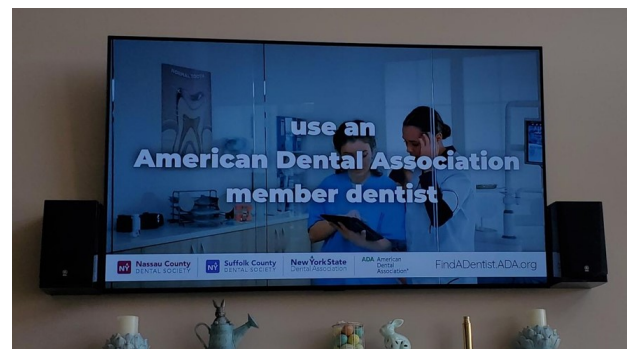
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8:00-8:10 Welcome from Steve Lamberg, DDS

9:40-10:00 Break

1:00-1:30 Beth Lambert

8:10-8:40 Barry Raphael, DDS

10:00-10:30 Mike DeLuke, DDS, MDS

1:30-2:30 Ofer Jacobowitz, MD

8:40-9:10 Ellen Crean, DDS

10:30-12:00 German Ramirez, DDS

2:30-2:50 Break

9:10-9:40 Steffen Decker, DDS

12:00-1:00 Lunch

2:50-4:00 Stanley Liu, MD

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## New Dentist Corner with Dr. Devin Klein



Our first New Dentist Event was a big success! On February 26th, we hosted our Expert Panel Event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Stony Brook. Our panel

comprised representatives from MLMIC, KVLSM CPAs and Advisors, Rivkin Radler Attorneys at Law, Bank of America Practice Solutions, Straumann, and Target Rock Wealth Management. Our President, Dr. Bill Bast, facilitated thought provoking conversation by asking our panelists common questions that new dentists have once entering the world of private practice. We reviewed topics such as employment contracts, vendor management, accounting, wealth management, importance of communication in preventing malpractice claims, tax implications for different business entities, and the necessary items needed for practice acquisition. Attendees were encouraged to ask their own questions. Every year I attend this event, I learn something new. Thank you to all those that attended!

Our upcoming new dentist event will be taking place over the Summer. In July we will have our annual New Dentist Summer Social at Top Golf in Holtsville. Be on the lookout for the registration link. Spots are limited, so please register in advance! We are also in the process of planning two CE-based events in the Fall. Keep an eye out for details. As always, give us a shout if you have ideas for CE or an event you'd like to see ([contact@suffolkdental.org](mailto:contact@suffolkdental.org)).

Hope to see you at our next event!

**Devin Klein, DDS, MS**

**SCDS New Dentist Chair and Vice-President SCDS.**



*More than 40 joined us for our Expert Panel Event on the evening of Wednesday February 26th 2025.*



**We welcome the following new members to the Suffolk County Dental Society**

Elected between November 2024 and February 2025

### New Members

Boris Yusupov, DDS

### Transferred In

Daniel Duggan, DDS

### Welcome Back

Alexandra Makara, DDS  
Michael Sheinis, DDS



## Obituaries



**Thomas Bonomo, DDS** – Dr. Bonomo passed away on January 2, 2025, at the age of 89 in Bridgeport, CT. Dr. Bonomo graduated from New York University College of Dentistry in 1961 and practiced in East Northport for 45 years. He previously served as SCDS President and editor of the society bulletin. Dr. Bonomo was an ADA member for 64 years.

*Please see Dr. John Lagner's Memoriam to Dr. Bonomo on Page 11*

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1. **Botox Training with Manequin Injections** Dr. Gigi Meinecke
2. **Root Canal Mastery: Fundamentals to Finishing Touches** - Joseph A. Bruckner, DDS
3. **My First Implant** - Al Panjali DDS, MS, DICOI
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## Editing with AI

Hello again from the cold depths of winter. Hoping this finds you warm and enjoying everything our Long Island winter offers and thankful we are in the most southerly area of NY, avoiding much of the snow covering most of our state has experienced this year so far.

In an effort to remain as current as possible, I engaged ChatGPT to answer a question in light of the current problems our entire organization is experiencing with our software transition and all of its issues. In all three levels of the association, data base transition, dues statements, and basic scheduling has been a three alarm fire for all those tasked with managing our programs. Your executive team has been burning many candle hours in an attempt to handle this issue and has been hampered at almost every turn.

What makes this issue more troubling is that different from our practices which run a monthly billing process, our association has an annual billing cycle. This is better for reduction of bills but is extremely vulnerable to anything that would upset the delivery of timely dues statements.

I asked ChatGPT for its answer to such a dilemma and will forward excerpts from AI's answer:

"It sounds like the implementation of the new membership program has caused a significant backlog in your dues collection process, leading to a delay in sending out accurate dues statements. Essentially, the problem boils down to a systems issue where the transition of integration of the new program has disrupted the timely collection of dues, which could negatively affect cash flow and member satisfaction."

It now suggests remediation by breaking the solution down into a few key steps.

"1. Identify the root cause. Is the delay due to technical issues with the new program, or related to data migration, system bugs, or user errors?"

How about all of the above!

"2. Audit Current Dues and Accounts.

Conduct a thorough review of all outstanding dues.

Check how far back the issue goes and prioritize which are most overdue."

A task easy enough to do if we had a staff of 20, very difficult with our current staff of 2.

"3. Automate or fix the Program"

If the program is the root cause, we may have to manually track dues while the technical details are worked out, and see if there are any assists within

the program to help resolve the inaccuracies.

"4. Communicate with members"

Transparency is key. Communicate with members about the current inconvenience and let them know steps are being taken. Offering other payment programs about delayed invoices could help maintain trust.

"5. Implement a temporary Solution for Billing"

While working to resolve the larger issues attempt a manual method of collecting them and other creative collections to have members help you through the current issue. Trust works both ways.

In essence you need to stabilize the situation first by addressing immediate payment collection, communicating effectively with members, and then find long term fixes to ensure smoother operations down the road."

This was the AI answer to our issue. I was never asked about what type of organization we are members of, and ChatGPT is a non-dentist entity.

For clarification, without the efforts of Mr. Bill Panzarino, our Executive Director, and Carol Deerwester, his assistant; much of this problem has remained insulated from you, and has been greatly reduced because of their work beyond compare.

Their trust is complete and their efforts fantastic. If you currently have not yet received a dues statement, it would greatly reduce their efforts to call in or email regarding your annual dues payment [concierge@nysdental.org](mailto:concierge@nysdental.org) or 518-465-0044 ext. 257

If you have already settled yours, thank you for your continued support to our great profession and hopefully the future of this new operating system will assist us to continue to lead our nation in the delivery of Health Care that works!

**Paul R. Leary, D.M.D**

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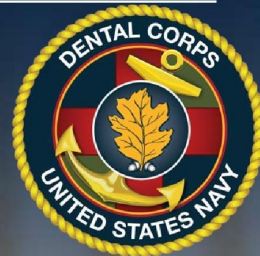
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Wednesday, March 19, 2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series 2025#1 Surgical Complications and Management in Implant Dentistry - Georgios E. Romanos, DDS, PhD</a>	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge	9am-4pm
Monday, March 24, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy	7pm-9pm
Monday, April 14, 2025	Board of Director Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	Signing Day at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine	Learning Oaks Center SBSDM	1pm-2pm
Saturday, April 26, 2025	<a href="#">Give Kids a Smile - Sponsorship Info</a>	Long Island Aquarium - Riverhead NY	10am-3pm
Sunday, April 27, 2025	<a href="#">GLIDM - Greater Long Island Dental Meeting - special 1 day program for 2025</a>	Register Now! - LI Hilton - Melville NY	9am-7pm
Wednesday, May 07, 2025	<a href="#">General Membership Meeting - SBSDM Resident Lectures</a>	Radisson Hotel - 110 Motor Parkway Hauppauge	6pm-9pm
Saturday, May 10, 2025	<a href="#">Shredding Event - No Charge for Members</a>	150 Motor Parkway - Parking Lot	9am-noon
Monday, May 12, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, May 14, 2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series 2025#2 Drs Celin Arce and Amanda Piche - Surgical and Restorative Solutions in Today's Comprehensive Practice</a>	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge	9am-4pm
Friday, May 23, 2025	<a href="#">Oral Health Screening at LI Ducks Game - NYS Dental Foundation Event</a>	3 Court House Dr, Central Islip, NY 11722	TBA
Friday, May 30, 2025	White Coat Ceremony	SBSDM - Student Activities Center Auditorium	2pm
Wednesday, June 11, 2025	<a href="#">25th Annual Golf Outing - Flyer, and Golf Outing Website to register and for more sponsorship information</a>	Willow Creek Golf and Country Club - Mt Sinai, NY	11am-7pm
Wednesday, September 10, 2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series Event - Transforming Dental Medicine Powered by Artificial Intelligence - Nathalia Andrade DDS, MSc, PhD</a>	150 Motor Pkwy	9am-4pm
Monday, September 15, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	Zoom General Membership Meeting	Virtual Event on Zoom	7pm-9pm
Monday, October 06, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, October 08, 2025	<a href="#">Seminar Series Event - Precision, Productivity and Ideal Patient Care - Dr. Robert Vogel</a>	150 Motor Pkwy	9am-4pm
Monday, November 17, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, November 19, 2025	General Membership Meeting	Radisson Hotel - 110 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	6pm-9pm
Sunday, January 25, 2026	SCDS Officer Installation - SAVE THE DATE	Watermill, Smithtown NY	11am-3pm

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