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MONMOUTH-OCEAN COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

A Component Society of The New Jersey Dental Association and
the American Dental Association

SEPTEMBER 2017

From the President

I am excited and honored to serve as the M-OCDS President for the upcoming year. I would like to formally thank each of our past presidents for their hard work and dedication, not only while they held office, but as trustees in the years that followed. This organization's continued success is based upon a strong membership base, and a leadership team willing to listen to its members and advocate for our profession.



We have one of the strongest membership components in New Jersey, and I believe that this is directly attributed to the strong work ethic of our trustees. We value and appreciate each of the contributions our members make, and encourage those that can get involved to do so. I would like to invite all members to not only be present at our CE/Dinner meetings, but at our trustee meetings as well. It is an excellent opportunity to get involved, and to continue to strengthen our component.

The CE/Dinner meetings are a great way to meet with colleagues and friends, providing us with opportunity to share our clinical experiences and discuss policies that impact our profession. I am happy to announce that this year's dinner meetings will be held in the Main Ballroom at the Riverview Pavilion in Belmar, NJ. Happily, this change was prompted by strong attendance and sustained corporate sponsorship. We encourage each of our active members to invite non-members so that this positive trend can continue, and the M-OCDS will remain the healthy and vital organization it is today.

My goal for this year is simple. It is to convey the value that organized dentistry has for our existing members, and for those that may be seeking to join. I have invited wonderful guest speakers and look forward to our first dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 10th. Dr. Kenneth Newkirk, a well-respected and extremely experienced ENT, will be speaking about Obstructive Sleep Apnea – Diagnosis and Treatment.

Matt Safari

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

“Evidenced Based Esthetic & Restorative Dentistry: Materials & Techniques” Dr. Gerard Kugel

JSUMC Lance Auditorium, Neptune

For more information call Eileen Becker at (732) 869-5734

MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER BARNABAS HEALTH

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

“Advances in Composites!” Dr. Robert Marus

Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

Dr. Daniel Shomer zippy1@comcast.net 732-240-2222

TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting 7 PM board room
Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:00 PM

“Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Diagnosis and Treatments”

Kenneth Newkirk, MD

Free dinner for MOCDS members & earn 2 CE credits!
Riverview Pavilion, Belmar 6:00 PM

JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

“Life is Your Best Medicine, the Medicalization of Life”

Dr. Tieraona Low Dog

Sheraton Hotel, Eatontown

For more information call Eileen Becker at (732) 869-5734

MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER BARNABAS HEALTH

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

“Pharmacology” Dr. Tom Viola

(Includes 1 CE awarded for the mandatory NJ lecture on narcotics)

Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

Dr. Daniel Shomer zippy1@comcast.net 732-240-2222

TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting 7 PM board room
Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:00 PM

“Dental Benefits: The Year in Review” Dr. Joan Monaco

Free dinner for MOCDS members & earn 2 CE credits!
Riverview Pavilion, Belmar 6:00 PM

NJDA HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday November 15, 2017

JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

“Oral Pathology with a Twist & a Number of Crusts, It's More Than Physical & Other Love Stories”

Dr. John Svirsky

Sheraton Hotel, Eatontown

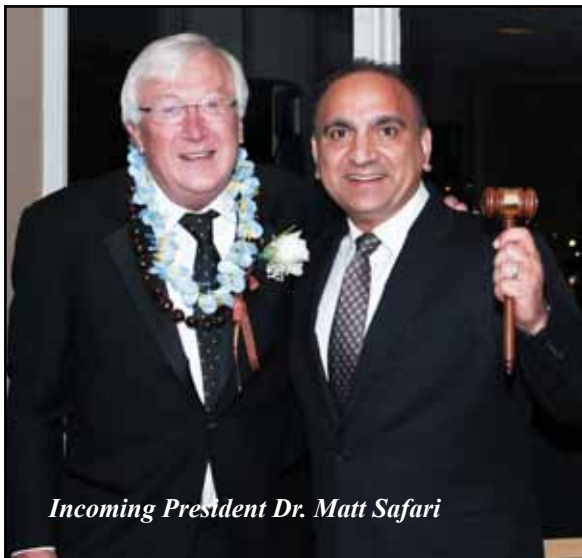
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It is with deep regret and a heavy heart that we bring you news of the passing of Dr. Carl W. Gardiner.

Carl was the founding member of this surgical practice and served this community for over 40 years. While he dedicated a good portion of his life to being a surgeon, his interests in life were quite diverse. Regardless of where he placed his attention. Carl was the quintessential ambassador of good will, and was immaculate in everything he chose to do in his life. Carl retired three years ago from oral surgery and committed to quality time with his love Jan, his three wonderful children and his grandchildren.

We will miss you Carl; we are grateful for your friendship, your mentorship and will continue to celebrate your legacy. Our deepest sympathies to the Gardiner family in their time of grief. We pray that God will grant them the patience to find peace in enduring this great loss.



Incoming President Dr. Matt Safari



MOCDS 2017 officers



Drs. Angowski and Vitale



MOCDS Past Presidents

MOCDS TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2017

M-OCDS Organizational Meeting – August 9, 2017

Attendance: Dr. Sally Guerrasio, Dr. Jocelyn Jeffries-Bruno, Dr. Rob McTaggart, Dr. Elisa Velazquez, Dr. Matt Sones, Dr. Richard Angowski, Dr. Richard Isaacson, Dr. Robert Isaacson, Dr. Stu Albin, Dr. Robert Hersh, Dr. Edward Boim, Dr. Miriam Furlong, Dr. John Kukucka, Dr. Dipika Shah, Dr. Marina Sereda

Meeting called to order: 7 pm by Dr. Sally Guerrasio

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Matt Safari has reviewed and approved the minutes.

Approved by the trustees

President's Report: Dr. Sally Guerrasio (given for Dr. Matt Safari)

1. I have spoken to the accountant and the fiscal year will be complete by August 31st. The net income/loss statement for last year will be prepared for the October meeting.

2. In the last officer's meeting, it was decided not to change which officers receive compensation for their dues. We recommend that positions with compensated dues be placed into the bylaws to avoid any confusion and remain transparent to our members:

- a. NJDA Trustee
- b. Treasurer
- c. President
- d. ADA Delegate

3. I would like to add Dr. Matt Sones to the Board of Trustees – he is our new liaison with our vendor sponsors.

4. I have this year's speakers, their biographies, and their course summaries for your review

5. I have the 2017-2018 Calendar, which you should have already received in the mail.

6. I am excited to announce that the President's Dance will be held June 2, 2018 at the Molly Pitcher Inn

7. The New Member Meeting will be held in March and it will be free for New Members and Non-Members

8. Dr. Joan Monaco will be speaking at the November meeting. I think it would be a beneficial meeting for doctors to bring their office managers (1 per doctor), reduced or free of charge.

9. A suggestion was made to invite dental hygienists to our monthly dinner meetings. They have offered a standard invitation to our component. This would preclude the NJDA officers meeting. The fee per person would have to offset the cost of their meal.

Meeting Minutes: The trustees were in favor of allowing RDHs to have reciprocity with our meetings, but more information is needed. Dr. Angowski volunteered to share/call president of the RDH society. The CE course that they provided us to share will be sent out to the dentists of the MOCDS for the hygienists in their offices.

Secretary's Report (Dr. Sally Guerrasio):

1. All Eblasts will be sent by the secretary. Please provide the information in a timely fashion and with the date you want it sent.

2. I have updated the Constant Contact List with the new residents from MMC and JSUMC

NJDA Trustee Report (Dr. Elisa Velasquez): 6/7/17

1. New officers announced: Vitale- Rothstein- Rossi- Weiner- Ghiasalberti
Exec. Director: A Meisel

2. There is a law suit of 5 offices vs Aetna.

3. At reorganization & hod- supreme court regarding Allstate. Regarding corporate practice. Unanimous decision with a significant ripple effect.

A)- NJ supreme court made clear that the essence of a practice (medical, dental or law) must have a licensed ownership. Ownership means exercise control over the practice. Avoid sham ownership and management companies owning practices.

B) supreme court held that a lawyer who assists in establishing control other than dentist/md/lawyer- will be liable criminally and insurance fraud if claims submitted to ins co.

4. Treasurer- Weiner is working on budget. Looking at credit card fees.

5. Membership - down about 4%. New director with MBA. They will be making a push. The biggest age drop was 45-49. Mentioned that we have a reach out as to why members dropped out. Big push for retention- not just young members.

6. Annual session: Success in Newark with highly attended classes. Revenues increases \$191k

More expenses this year (venue- food- room rate & entertainment)- we were profitable- (\$43k) less than 2016 (\$69K), Attendees - about 350 dentists. Registered 650.

2018= Marriott. Possible changes. HOD will stay with annual session. Delegates are leaders and should register. The council will address the fee and issue with HOD.

7. Resource day- will be held in multiple locations with practice management for the dental team. Will also be a recruitment tool for non-members. \$95 for the entire team if member.

10/13 in Mt Laurel- 10/18 in East Windsor- 10/27 in Whippany.

8. Leadership conference - 11/1

Location: Top Golf in Edison (casual attire), Time: Noon - 6:30 PM

Schedule: Lunch, followed by a three-hour meeting and social event. Golf skills not required!

9. Dental benefits: Fed plan- delta- requiring pre-d. if no pre-d then can't bill patient and no fees will be given; uptick of term letter- removing providers

10. state board:

included in the 40 hours will be specific CE – 3 CPR- 2 infectious disease, 3-prescribing 1- ethics

11. Employee benefit:

Association Master Trust (AMT)- NJDA employees trying to get an "apples to apples" plan. It has been discovered that life insurance with them is required to get the plan. Contact Joy Castagno at 973-379-1090 x229 or via email: jcastagno@amt-nj.com to get a quote.

12. Employee manual- they are working job descriptions and updating.

13. Renovations: 18 months ago started looking into renovations of public spaces of this building, parking lot- back etc.; the BOT asked to investigate all options- selling- moving- tearing down- fully renovating it. The conclusion is financially none are good. The only smart thing is to remodel what we have. Presentation was given to us with all options. Architectural Design Associates presented 78 page report

The conclusion for now is to bring this report back to the committee and then they will bring us a report with recommendations on remodeling with a budget. Meeting Minutes: Several component trustees are concerned about the cost of this assessment and feel that it is necessary for each component to see any type of renovation budget prior to approving construction.

14. CE- each component MUST get state approval & AGD approval; next meeting 8/16/17

ADA Delegate (Dr. Robert Hersh):

- The 2017 ADA Annual Dental meeting is scheduled from October 19-23, 2017 in Atlanta, GA. This meeting has terrific CE programs, has a number of great social events and some very interesting tours of the old South.

- Meeting registration can be done online using ADA.org/meeting.

- If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Bob Hersh, 732-462-8181, oralhealth@optonline.net

Councils:

1. Council on Governmental Affairs Chairperson: Dr. John Kukucka

a. Report – Dr. Elisa Velazquez - meeting held in Trenton 6/28/17

i. We created a State Board Appointments Subcommittee - Walter Chinoy, Mark Vitale, Vinnie Castellano

ii. State Dental Director - we received a call asking for names to appoint a dental director. Two names were put forth - Dr. Maxine Feinberg and Dr. Arthur Belinker.

iii. S.278 - requires single room surgical suites to be licensed as ambulatory surgical centers. Senator Vitale had amended this legislation to include dental practices which would have subjected offices to a new sterility standard as well as new licensure and inspection requirements. Schultz was able to convince the Senator that this would harm the profession in NJ and would force dentists to comply with a standard that does not exist in the marketplace. This was all due to the allegations surrounding Dr. John Vecchione regarding endocarditis infections. THIS IS A HUGE WIN!

iv. Opioid Guidelines - the Opioid Task Force has amended the original guidelines to reflect changes in the law. They are on NJDA website. 1 CE will be required in the NEXT LICENSURE PERIOD.

Committees:

1. Committee on Membership: Chairperson: Dr. Robert McTaggart

a. Report

i. Status of Current NJDA Projects- Dr. McGrath reported on a list of items that Brendan Breen was working on before his resignation.

ii. Mentorship Network- Forms are currently online for

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Dental Offices Removed from NJ Bill S278

Change expected to save many dentists as much as \$10,000 annually

S278 would require surgical practices to be licensed as ambulatory facilities. Dentistry now is excluded from the practices covered by the bill.

Read an article on the implications of S278 at the NJDA website, in the Government & Advocacy section.



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**Updated Opioid Guidelines
Include Latest NJ Laws & Regulations**

Last fall, NJDA was the first dental association in the nation to address the opioid crisis by proactively developing prescribing guidelines for members. The guide was made available online and hard copy on request.

In Feb. 2017, Governor Chris Christie signed into law P.L.2017, c28, which imposed restrictions on how opioid and other Schedule II CDS may be prescribed. As a result, the NJDA Council on Governmental and Public Affairs updated the guidelines, which include the new regulations on initial prescription and dosing for acute pain which became effective on May 1.

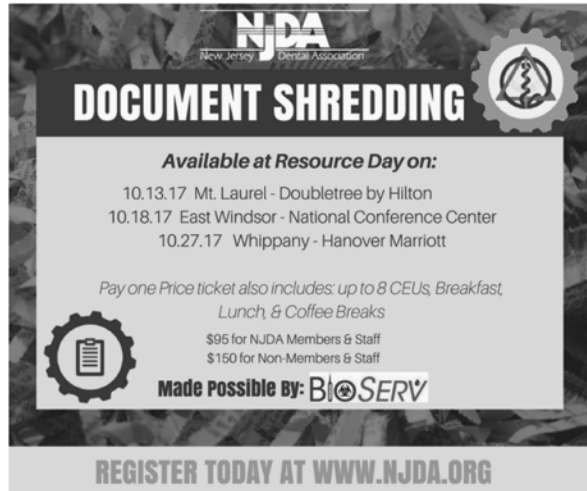
The updated guidelines and sample informed consent are available in the Government & Advocacy tab on the NJDA website, www.njda.org.

To receive weekly NJDA alerts, contact membership@njda.org.

NJDA News Brief

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**Resource Day - Coming this October to
a Location Near You!**



The flyer features a background of shredded paper. At the top, it says 'NJDA New Jersey Dental Association' with a logo. Below that, 'DOCUMENT SHREDDING' is written in large, bold letters. A central box lists the event dates and locations: 'Available at Resource Day on: 10.13.17 Mt. Laurel - Doubletree by Hilton, 10.18.17 East Windsor - National Conference Center, 10.27.17 Whippany - Hanover Marriott'. It also states 'Pay one Price ticket also includes: up to 8 CEUs, Breakfast, Lunch, & Coffee Breaks' and provides pricing: '\$95 for NJDA Members & Staff, \$150 for Non-Members & Staff'. A logo for 'BioSERV' is present, with the text 'Made Possible By: BioSERV'. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.NJDA.ORG'.

Note: The deadline to earn 40 CEUs for the current biennial licensure period is October 31, 2017.

ALERT: PEER REVIEW LOCATION CHANGE

Please note the fall Peer Review workshop will be held at Old York Country Club in Chesterfield, NJ. The meeting date is October 4.

Best Practices A Blog for and by Dentists

The NJDA launched a blog earlier this year that offers the perspective of your colleagues and NJDA staff on a number of topics. Recently, Dr. Miriam Vaziri discussed the simple luxury of brushing one's teeth.

Dr. Hugh Habas gave his take on the future of dentistry and Dr. Diana Galvis answered *Three Quick Questions* on how she prescribes for acute pain.

To read *Best Practices* visit the NJDA website and click on the *Best Practices* link on the home page. If you're interested in writing for the blog, contact the NJDA Communications Department.

Delta Dental of New Jersey no Longer Covers Frenectomy

In its July, 2017 newsletter Delta Dental of NJ wrote:

"As of September 1, 2017, procedure codes D7960 and D7963 will no longer be a covered benefit when submitted as a separate procedure, and will not be payable by Delta Dental. All denied submissions of D7960 and D7963 may be appealed. Any appeal must include a narrative. We may also require photographs and/or documentation of medical necessity from the referring physician.

The 2018 Participating Handbook will reflect the change under the processing policy section (Chapter 9) and in the required documentation table (Chapter 4)."

These codes relate to frenectomy, also referred to as a frenulectomy or frenotomy.



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May 17, 3PM - 9 PM | May 18, 8AM - 6 PM
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“ORAL PATHOLOGY WITH A TWIST AND A NUMBER OF CRUSTS - IT'S MORE THAN PHYSICAL, AND OTHER LOVE STORIES”
Sheraton Eatontown Hotel, Eatontown, NJ

Wednesday – January 17, 2018 – *Dr. Michael Sonick*

“AN UPDATE ON PERIODONTAL THERAPY FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER-HAVING PATIENT’S HAPPILY SAY YES TO TREATMENT”
JSUMC Lance Auditorium, Neptune, NJ

Wednesday – February 7, 2018 – *Dr. Edward Feinberg*

**“WHICH IS BETTER, FIXED OR REMOVABLE BRIDGEWORK?
INTRODUCING THE DOUBLE-TILT PRECISION ATTACHMENT PARTIAL DENTURES FOR NATURAL TEETH AND IMPLANTS”**
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Wednesday – March 21, 2018 – *Dr. Gordon Christensen*

“STATE OF THE ART IN FIXED PROSTHODONTICS-THE BEST OPTIONS AND TECHNIQUES”
Location to be announced.

Wednesday – April 11, 2018 – *Dr. James Swift*

“ORAL SURGERY FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER- MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT”
JSUMC Lance Auditorium, Neptune, NJ

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – *Dr. Mark Murphy*

“SIMPLIFYING THE PATIENT ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLEX CASES CONSIDERATIONS IN ACHIEVING EXQUISITE RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY”
Sheraton Eatontown Hotel, Eatontown, NJ

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“MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN THE DENTAL OFFICE” – Presenter: Dr. Daniel Pompa

Wednesday – April 25, 2018

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Tieraona Low Dog, MD – WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2017 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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Health is much more than the absence of sickness. It is more than being physically fit. Optimal health is achieved when you learn how to maximize your emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual well-being. In this inspirational and informative session, Dr. Low Dog will explore these five pillars of health using the best of scientific research.

Learn how food affects your mood and which diet can help you maintain weight and reduce your risk of heart disease and certain cancers. Discover how mindfulness and self-awareness can increase your resiliency during times of stress. Learn which dietary supplements can help enhance your health. You will leave feeling empowered and ready to take the next step along your path to well-being and health.

REGISTRATION FORM: Tieraona Low Dog, MD – WEDNESDAY – October 18, 2017

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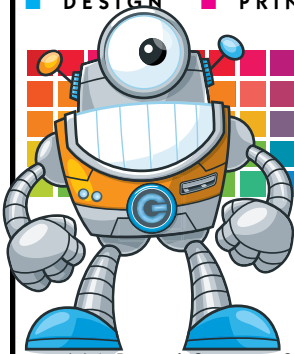
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Please R.S.V.P. by: October 3, 2017 to Attend

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attend the MOCDS General Membership Meeting and Dinner Lecture

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
DINNER MEETING**
Tuesday – November 14, 2017
**“Dental Benefits:
The Year in Review”**

Dr. Joan Monaco
Free dinner for MOCDS members & earn 2 CE credits!
Riverview Pavilion, Belmar 6:30 PM

Please R.S.V.P. by: November 7, 2017 to Attend

Dr. _____ will
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