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New Dentist Spotlight

Dr. William D'Angelo



In the spotlight this quarter is Dr. William D'Angelo. Growing up in Orchard Park, he had his pilot's license by the age of 17, and has since logged over 1,000 hours of flight experience. Not only is he passionate about aviation, he is passionate about giving back. Dr. D'Angelo is very active in flying for Wings of Hope, a local charity that flies patients to different medical facilities at no cost to them. He also combines his aviation with dentistry, traveling with his family to Remote Area Medical (RAM) dental clinics and Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) dental missions to the Dominican Republic. Due to his outstanding work in service and in dentistry, Dr. D'Angelo has been recognized with the Fonzi Dental Study Club Award, the Anthony Gugino Humanitarian Award, and the Erie County Dental Society Chester Glor Award.

Dr. D'Angelo maintains membership with the Eighth District Dental Society, the New York State Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the Fonzi Dental Study Club, and appreciates the comradery

that comes with membership and participation in organized dentistry. "We have an incredibly large number of dentists in Buffalo, but in a way, it's kind of special because of the number of colleagues we are able to interact with in study clubs and organized dentistry. I talk to my classmates outside of Buffalo and they don't have anywhere close to the experience that I have interacting with other dentists. It's important for young dentists to be a part of organized dentistry because when you are starting your career, it can feel very overwhelming. The resources available to you through the Eighth District Dental Society certainly help point you in the right direction."

Dr. D'Angelo currently practices as a partner at Southtowns Dental Services, and also practices as a part time associate with Allentown Dental and Aspire Family Dental. Dr. D'Angelo completed his BS in Biology at SUNY Plattsburgh, graduating in 2006, and then attended University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, graduating in 2011. He then went on to complete a general practice residency at University of Washington in Seattle, WA. In 2012, Dr. D'Angelo married the love of his life, Dr. Elizabeth Hargrave (UBSDM '11), and they now make their home in the Elmwood Village in Buffalo. "I have lived in other cities, and have had a taste of life outside of the 'Buffalo bubble,' but I can honestly say, there is no place I would rather be. Buffalo is home to me, and as it goes through a rebirth, it's exciting to be a part of it. My wife and I love living in the city with all it has to offer. Many of our friends have chosen to buy houses in the city near us and we are all enjoying its growth. I really enjoy using the skills I have learned as a dentist to help and interact with the many great people of the city."

Congratulations to Dr. William D'Angelo on being featured in our 8th District Dental Society's "New Dentist Spotlight!" We are fortunate to have so many new dentist members making a difference in our community, dedicating themselves to our profession, and taking an active role in organized dentistry. If you

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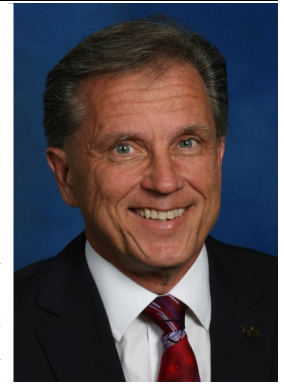
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From the Editor

Organized Dentistry: Protects Patients & Defends Professional Autonomy

By Chester J. Gary, DDS, JD



Legislators, insurers, business administrators and special interest groups all have a stake in the access to, and quality and cost of, dental care. Budget pressures force reductions in Medicaid reimbursements. Special interest groups fight community water fluoridation. Insurers seek to limit amounts and types of coverages and indirectly limit care. Allied health professionals strive to expand their scope of practice, often at the expense of the quality of care and dentists' credentials. These agendas threaten not only patients' access to quality care, but also the principles which support the autonomous private practice of dentistry.

We need to ensure that news of NYSDA's successes reaches all dentists and converts non-members to valued members.

Patients' access to quality dental care and dentists' professional autonomy are precariously tied to legal, regulatory and financial forces at work in our free market economy. At the state level, the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) responds to these political and financial pressures on behalf of dentistry and the residents of New York. In the 2015 legislative session alone, NYSDA has been instrumental in passing changes to the law to protect and promote community water fluoridation programs. The new law requires communities to notify the public and the NYS Department of Health ninety (90) days in advance and provide detailed scientific evidence prior to discontinuing fluoridation. It also provides funds for maintaining and upgrading existing systems and the costs of planning and design of new systems. In addition, the state implemented a new Mission of Mercy program, providing dental care to the underserved, spearheaded with \$250,000.00 in funding specifically to NYSDA. These initiatives, along with maintaining Medicaid funding in the State Budget without reductions, significantly protect the oral health and access to care of New York patients.

NYSDA also defends the professional autonomy of New York dentists. Its actions continue to protect our credentials and secure our freedom to diagnose and treat patients to a self-imposed standard of excellence. Dentists have earned this authority and, through the years, NYSDA has ensured state law reflects these ideals through the following past legislative victories:

- * Made the unauthorized practice of dentistry a Class E felony
- * Defeated denturism
- * Supervised legislation to regulate dental anesthesia and analgesia services that produce conscious sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia
- * Passed legislation to certify dental assistants and permit the delegation of reversible procedures
- * Eliminated the clinical exam as a prerequisite for licensure and requiring successful completion of an approved residency program

In 2015, NYSDA successfully influenced the following initiatives:

- * Extended the deadline for mandatory electronic prescribing

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From the President

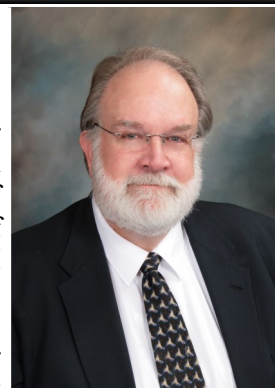
By James A. Hoddick, DDS

I would like to begin my tenure by congratulating Mike Marrone for a very successful administrative year. Under Mike's leadership, our membership has remained stable and the society is fiscally sound. Mike has already initiated the nominating process for 2017 and I have been pleased to witness increased involvement by our younger members. Thanks Mike, for the great example. You certainly set the bar high.

Our Eighth District Dental Society staff arranged an extremely enjoyable installation dinner at the Buffalo Club. Ray Miller served as the Master of Ceremonies for 125 attendees. He was able to personally recognize eleven of our twenty-two life members and thank them for their years of collegiality, mentorship, and friendship. If you were unable to attend this year, consider coming out next year for Ray's installation. I promise you that Chris, Cyndy, and Dana really know how to throw a party!

As your president, I have been invited to attend the meetings of the SUNY @ Buffalo School of Dental Medicine's Executive Council. Under the direction of acting Dean Joe Zambon, the dental school has embarked on an exciting period. Phase I of the renovation project is about to get underway. Soon, those of you who are UB

Dental Alumni will not recognize the pre-clinical labs. Another exciting update is the improved and more patient friendly website. If you haven't seen the School of Dental Medicine's website lately, I encourage you to visit it. Finally, congratulations to our past-president, Brendan Dowd, for being named to serve as a member of the Executive Council of the dental school.



Children's Dental Health Month was kicked off by the Give Kids a Smile Day at the School of Dental Medicine, with many of our members and their staff participating. Over 500 children were seen and most left with big smiles and painted faces. Our Children's Dental Health Month Chair, Jason Jones, arranged two dental health fairs. One was held at the Boulevard Mall and the second at the Galleria. With the help of dental assisting students from EOC and Dudley the Dinosaur, we were able to give out home care supplies and smiles to many.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve as

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Dr. Melisa Christian, a Fortress Dentist.

I live in Dallas, Texas. There's wonderful diversity here, and a great running community.

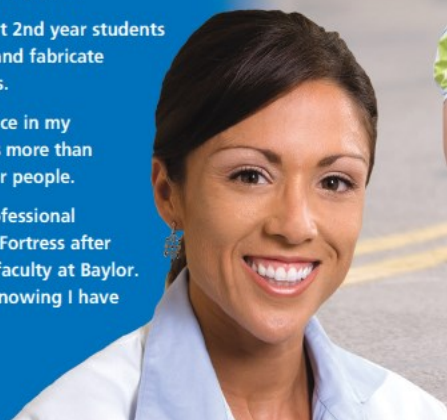
I practice in a general dentistry office with the most supportive and energetic staff.

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March 2016

Friday, March 4

2016 Spring All Day Seminar

"Clinical Applications of Lasers" & "How Cone Beam Imaging is Changing the Face of Dentistry" presented by Dr. John Flucke

8AM Millennium Hotel Buffalo

Tuesday, March 8

Eighth District Dental Society Executive Council Meeting

7PM Eighth District Office

Thursday, March 10

Eighth District's Mentor Program Kick-Off

6PM Chef's Restaurant

Thursday, March 31

Risk Management Seminar

5:30PM Creekside Banquet Facility

April 2016

Thursday, April 7

Eighth District New Dentist Event

TENTATIVE

Tuesday, April 12

Eighth District Dental Society Executive Council Meeting

7PM Eighth District Office

Thursday, April 14

Estate Planning Seminar - presented by Bank of America

Time/Location TBD

Tuesday, April 26

Eighth District Dental Foundation Board Meeting

7PM Eighth District Office

Thursday, April 28

Investment Seminar - presented by Wealth Management Group

Time/Location TBD

May 2016

Wednesday, May 4

Infection Control Seminar

5:30 PM Chef's Restaurant

Tuesday, May 10

Eighth District Dental Society Executive Council Meeting

7PM Eighth District Office

Thursday, May 19

Eighth District Service Corporation Board Meeting

6PM Eighth District Office

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Apr 20, Opioid Prescribing & Substance Abuse
Recognition In Dental Practice. Dr. Richard Hall

May 4, Commonly Prescribed Drugs & Affect in
Dentistry. Dr. Peter Bradford

May 18, Scientific Implications of a Healthy Smile and
A Prescriptive Approach to a Healthier Practice and
Healthier Patients. Mr. David Gardner

May 25, Orthodontics in General Practice: Critical Case
Selection & When to Refer. Dr. Illaf Mawaldi

Jun 1, Geriatric Dental Care: Physiological,
Psychological and Social Changes. Dr. Al Cantos

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Executive Director's Note

The Fine Print

By Chris Klimecko

Very often I receive calls related to issues with insurance providers. They typically revolve around something the provider is asking for or a claim dispute. The question I normally get is something to the effect of, "can they do that?" To which I have often have to answer, "you'll have to go back and review the contract." If it's in the contract - well, you know the rest.

It's no secret that third-party payer participating provider contracts can be difficult to navigate. So what can you do? Well, as members of the Tripartite, you have access to the ADA's Contract Analysis Services. Although they don't provide actual legal advice, they can provide information that will help you to better understand the terms laid out in your respective contract. Here is a quote from the ADA's website regarding the service:

"The ADA's Contract Analysis Service provides a clear, plain language explanation of contract terms and is designed to allow dentists to make informed and independent decisions on the merits of participating dentist contracts. The service is free to members who request a review through their constituent dental society and costs \$50 for members who contact the ADA directly."

For more information about this service, go to:

<https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2012-archive/may/contract-analysis-service-at-your-service>

"The Contract Analysis Service can also provide information to members with questions about most favored nation clauses, hold harmless agreements, termination of agreements and utilization review."

If it's legal advice you're looking for, you may want to consider participating in the Legal Protection Plan. This is a NYSDA administered program. The following is a quote from the enrollment form:

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Continuing Education Information Refresher

By Cyndy Fiegl; 8th District Executive Assistant

What happens to my CE credits after I take a course? What do I do with my CE verification forms? How do I know how many CE credits I have? These are questions we often get. Therefore, we thought it would be a good idea to put the answers in writing.

What happens to my CE credits after I take a course? Well, it depends on who sponsored the course and provided the CE credits.

As an Eighth District Dental Society member, if you complete a course sponsored by Eighth District, we will automatically submit your CE credits to NYSDA. They in turn will record them in their CE Registry. Likewise, we do the same for any approved course provided by a county dental society within the Eighth District or Eighth District approved study club.

So what happens when you take a course not sponsored by Eighth District Dental Society? If you want the course to appear on the NYSDA CE Registry, then you would be responsible for submitting it to NYSDA. There are three ways to submit your CE credits to NYSDA:

- * Mail a copy of your CE verification form to:
New York State Dental Association; ATTN: Continuing Education
20 Corporate Woods Blvd, Ste 602; Albany, NY 12211
- * Fax a copy to 518-465-3219
- * Submit it online at www.nysdental.org/education/continuing-education/registry

What do I do with my CE verification forms? Regardless of what organization sponsored a course you've attended, you are responsible for retaining all of your CE verification forms. It is recommended that you keep at least six years' worth. The NYS Education Department does conduct random audits which can include up to two previous

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New Dentist Spotlight

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have a new dentist (having graduated within the past 10 years) in mind that you feel should be featured in the next "New Dentist Spotlight," please e-mail your nomination to atsdds@gmail.com.

Dr. Amy S. Nagai, New Dentist Committee Chairman

From the President

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President of our Society for 2016. I am new to this process and have a request of our entire membership: If you think of something we should be doing and aren't, make a suggestion; if you see something we should be doing better, show us how; or if you see something we are doing and shouldn't, let us know. We don't claim to be perfect and know there is always room for improvement. With your help, we will make this a better, more supportive and effective dental society.

Cheers to a Happy, Healthy and Successful 2016.

From the Editor

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- * Stopped a problematic bill mandating continuing education in pain management and opioid prescribing

NYSDA can only continue these efforts on behalf of our patients and our profession with the support of a committed growing membership. Importantly, all dentists, including non-member dentists, benefit equally from organized dentistry's victories. We need to ensure that news of NYSDA's successes reaches all dentists and converts non-members to valued members.

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Contracts make up just one piece of what it takes to maintain a practice. But they can be a very big piece. It makes sense then to have those provider contracts (or any contract you have questions about) reviewed before ever signing anything. In the long run, it can save you time, money, and frustration.

CE Info Refresher

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licensing periods. If you cannot provide proof of the courses you completed, they may “fine” you with additional CE hours to fulfill.

We suggest that you set aside a specific place for your CE verification forms and every time you complete a course be sure to add the new verification form to your file.

How do I know how many CE credits I have? You can check your NYSDA CE Registry at any time. This will provide you with a list of all courses that have been submitted to NYSDA. You can find the CE Registry at: www.nysdental.org/education/continuing-education/registry

Keep in mind, the NYSDA CE Registry is only a record of CE credits. This does not in any way signify that your credits will be accepted by the NYS Education Department when you renew your license. Most courses are accepted, but we do not guarantee that all will be.

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Dr. Richard M. Stiegler passed away on December 1, 2015 at the age of 83. Dr. Stiegler was a Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Dr. Eli V. Gaiani passed away on December 28, 2015 at the age of 84. Dr. Gaiani was a Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Dr. Aaron I. Feuerstein passed away on December 30, 2015 at the age of 94. Dr. Feuerstein was a Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Dr. Frank J. Schlehr passed away on January 4, 2016 at the age of 87. Dr. Schlehr was a Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Dr. Milton Etengoff passed away on February 7, 2016 at the age of 94. Dr. Etengoff was a Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

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By: Mrs. H. William Sippel

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Dr. Marshall Fagin Receives Prestigious Award

On January 27, 2016, Eighth District's own Dr. Marshall Fagin was presented with an award from the National Federation for Just Communities. His award, specific for the healthcare field, was for his efforts with implementing the Give Veterans a Smile Day held at UB last April.



Pictured, left to right: Dr. Patricia Haberman, Dr. Marshall Fagin, Mr. Chris Klimecko, and Dr. Steven Abel

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2015 Children's Christmas Party Photos

The 3rd Annual Children's Christmas Party took place on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Saturn Club. Walsh Duffield's Christine Garvelli once again graciously sponsored us.

This year's entertainment was a magician, Mike Seege. Mike was able to wow the audience with his magical tricks, and concluded by providing each child with a balloon creation. The kids also enjoyed cookie decorating after filling up with a wonderful breakfast spread.

Santa (known to us as Dr. Jim Hoddick) once again visited with the 25+ kids in attendance, and presented each with a stocking full of goodies. Even Mrs. Claus (aka Mrs. Hoddick) came to lend a hand.



2016 Eighth District President's Installation

The 2016 Eighth District President's Reception took place on Saturday, January 23rd at The Buffalo Club. The evening began with a cocktail hour in the reading room and proceeded upstairs to the fireplace room for the program and dinner. The program began when Dr. Raymond Miller, along with Dr. James Hoddick, presented the Past President plaque to Dr. Michael Marrone. Dr. Marrone, in turn, installed Dr. James Hoddick as 2016 President, and also installed the other officers for 2016 including Dr. Raymond Miller as President-Elect, Dr. Glen Donnarumma as Vice President, Dr. John Tibbetts as Secretary, and Dr. David Bonnevie as Treasurer.



The installation was followed by Dr. Raymond Miller's introduction of Dr. James Hoddick as 2016 President.



The program proceeded with the recognition of 2016 Life Members. This year, we had 22 members being awarded their Life Membership. Eleven of the 22 were in attendance.



Life Members in Attendance, from left to right: Eugene Pantera, Jr.; Patrick Keem; Gerald Canali; James Ferington; Michael Hatton; William Lang; Anil Sawhney; Hemant Shelawala; Timothy Stanford; Mark Teach; Stanley Zak, Jr.

Life Members not in Attendance: John Benish; John Berner; Jeffrey Brody; John Houghtaling; Steven Jenson; Warren Krutchick; Edward Long III; Alan Patrignani; Stephen Stockton; Christopher Young; Paul Ziarnowski

At the conclusion of the program, guests enjoyed a nice dinner and wonderful music provided by "Lewis & Klark Guitar Duo".

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Please contact: Joe Salamon, DDS; Dental Services Director via email at joseph.salamon@senecahealth.org or by phone at 716-532-5582 x 5264.

The Lionel R. John Health Center is located on the Allegany Territory in the City of Salamanca. This Health Center offers a variety of services including: preventive care; general examinations; check-ups; screening programs; chronic disease monitoring; lab services; x-ray services; pediatrics; prenatal care; well child care; immunizations; obstetrics; gynecology; audiology; podiatry; orthotics; pharmacy services; optical; and dental care. We will soon be including Physical Therapy to our services in the near future.

Our mission at the Lionel R. John Health Center is to enhance the overall health of the Native American communities we serve by providing a comprehensive range of health services that address the holistic well being of each individual. The Seneca Nation of Indians prescribes to the belief that attaining a productive and satisfying life can be best assisted through the provision of well conceived and coordinated health services. Services that adhere to the philosophy that physical, mental, social and spiritual needs are complementary.





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“Nutrition and Dental Health”

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Contact: Carmella Hanley

Metropolitan Dental Study Club

March 23, 2016 @ 6pm

Dr. Tony DeLuke

“Invisalign Benefits for the Adult Patient”

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May 2, 2016 @ 5pm

Basic Life Support/CPR

Eighth District Dental Office

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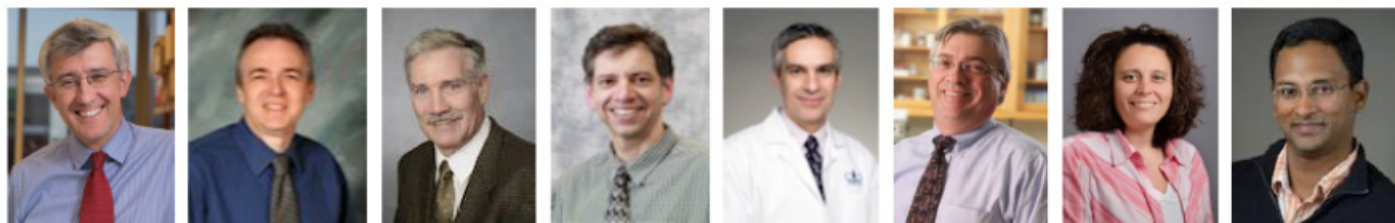
June 10, 2016 @ 8:30am

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December 2015 Membership Data

Below is our end of year membership summary. The NYSDA renewal rate goal for 2015 was 97%.

% Renewals:	97.43
Total Members:	993
Males:	791
Females:	202
Practicing Members:	734 (74%)
New Members:	25
Age Average:	59

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The Council for Chemical Dependency is in existence to help colleagues, staff or family who may have a problem with alcohol or other substance abuse. All inquiries are kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL and will be acted upon in a non-punitive, non-judgmental and caring way. If you or someone you know has a problem, please call State Chairperson, Dr. Bob Herzog (716-565-2160) or Eighth District Chairperson, Dr. Amy Bryan (716-433-7684).

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The Orofacial Pain Research Group at the University at Buffalo seeks the assistance of local health care providers in publicizing a research study investigating the causes of temporomandibular disorder (TMD) and related painful disorders. Our study, entitled OROFACIAL PAIN: PROSPECTIVE EVALUATION and RISK ASSESSMENT or OPFERA, is sponsored by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research of the National Institutes of Health, and has been on-going since 2005. Richard Ohrbach, DDS, PhD is the OPFERA-II Investigator for the University at Buffalo.

The results of this study will help us increase our knowledge of the causes of facial pain and may lead to the identification of new treatments for it. The published findings from OPFERA-I are recognized across the world for their impact on TMD as well as pain research more broadly.

We are currently recruiting volunteers and those who report either acute or chronic symptoms of TMD. This observational study does not include treatment, and the patients in your practice would be able to continue their current treatments of any type. Women and men aged 18-74 from all minority and ethnic groups are invited to participate. The study starts with a telephone interview in order to determine initial eligibility and which part of the study the individual would qualify for. Subjects who participate will be compensated.

Any member of your practice can help us recruit. If you are interested in helping us recruit, we can provide recruitment materials for your office, which would include a poster and program brochures which could be displayed in your waiting area. Our experience is that office staff are often in the best position to identify potential subjects for research studies and can readily introduce the study for the individual's consideration. We would be happy to speak directly with you regarding the study, including published findings to date as well as the specific goals of the present project.

Our long-term goal is to help decrease the pain and suffering associated with persistent pain conditions of all types. **Please call us at 716-829-2984 if you would like to help us with this project.**

Sincerely,

Richard Ohrbach, DDS, Ph.D.
Principal Investigator
University of Buffalo



New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following as new members of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Anna Bailey

University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; 2013
Employed at: 5020 Lake Shore Rd; Hamburg, NY

Christian R. Mitchell

University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; 2011
Employed at: 2929 Sheridan Dr; Tonawanda, NY

Michael Gengo

University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; 2013
Employed at: 1020 Youngs Rd; Amherst, NY

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