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New Dentist Spotlight

Drs. Jessica & Paul Canallatos



Drs. Jessica & Paul Canallatos are prosthodontists at Erie County Medical Center. Jessica, originally from Grand Island, splits her time between ECMC and private practice at DPR Dentistry in Lockport. Both completed dental school at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and continued on to complete their prosthodontics residency together at West Virginia University School of Dentistry. After completion of their residency, they moved to Los Angeles where Paul completed a fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics.

The Canallatos' are not only practicing dentists, but they spend time at ECMC teaching and conducting research. Paul published a pilot study of dental implant patients, focusing on immune markers in peri-implant crevicular fluid. Jessica similarly completed research on implant prostheses, their complications, and patient satisfaction.

Jessica's true passion is helping patients with cleft lip and palate. "I have a blog called The Cleft Dentist, on which I write about information regarding cleft lip and palate for patients and parents. My goal is to be a source of comfort and knowledge for anyone affected," Jessica says.

Both stay active in organized dentistry and are members of the American Dental Association, Eighth District Dental Society, New York State Dental Association, and American College of Prosthodontics. Paul also stays involved in the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics.

"To be able to contribute to the field in a way that can directly influence our future," is important to Paul. "It can link us to fellow dentists who can guide us through situations they have already experienced. It is a way to directly impact the future of our profession."

Drs. Paul & Jessica Canallatos are excited to be back in Buffalo after their extensive training. "I love working in Buffalo because of the people. The community is so close-knit, and I love hearing about mutual acquaintances I have with patients. It seems like everyone in Buffalo is connected in one way or another, and it creates a strong bond between patient and doctor, which is so important. Buffalo is a wonderful city, filled with activities and restaurants, making it the perfect place to raise a family," according to Jessica. Choosing Buffalo as their home came at a perfect time for the Canallatos' as they will be welcoming a baby girl later this year.

Congratulations to Drs. Jessica & Paul Canallatos on being featured in our 8th District Bulletin's "New Dentist Spotlight!" We are fortunate to have so many new members making a difference in our community, dedicating themselves to our profession, and staying involved in organized dentistry.

If you have a new dentist who you feel should be featured in an upcoming "New Dentist Spotlight," please e-mail your nomination to lrbarres@gmail.com.

Laura Barres, DDS, New Dentist Council Chairman

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From the Editor

By Kevin J. Hanley, DDS



Speaking with a friend recently, I mentioned I would be attending the ADA meeting in Hawaii. I told her I was a delegate to the House of Delegates. She asked me how I got involved in this and also why I was involved. I then went through the list of things I had done over my career to help support dentistry.

This conversation made me think of the reasons why I was so active in dentistry. What made me want to give of my time to the various things I did to promote dentistry in a positive manner. I came up with the usual reasons, such as I wanted to give back to the profession which I chose so long ago to pursue as my life's work. If not me, then who? Why leave this to someone else when I had the time and talent to spend help making this profession the best profession it could be?

And then I thought about how rewarding it was to do the things I did to promote the safe practice of dentistry for our patients and the public. How rewarding it was to involve myself with others in pursuit of the same goal. How rewarding it was to make new friends who shared the same vision I had about what was best for the profession and how we could help bring that about.

I have been involved both locally and nationally. I have been a delegate to the ADA House of Delegates, as well as the New York State Dental Association House of Delegates. I have helped shape the new governance structure of NYSDA when I served on the committee which rewrote the Constitution and Bylaws of the organization back in 2009. I served as Editor of its dental journal for eight years, some of the most rewarding years of my dental career.

Locally, I have moved through the chairs of the Eighth District Dental Society, culminating in my Presidency in 2002. Again, these were very rewarding years, ones I look back on with fond memories and great pride. I was editor of the Eighth District Dental Bulletin from 1989 to 2001, when I became President-Elect of the District. I was reappointed editor of the Bulletin in 2017, when Dr. Gary became editor of the New York State Dental Journal. Being an editor is a job I love, and I am very pleased to serve as your editor.

The friendships I have made helped save my practice in 2007, when I suffered a serious health challenge. Members of the District came to my offices and saw my patients when I was recuperating. Without my involvement in the dental community, my practice would have failed. I thank everyone for the help they provided during that trying time of my life.

This year, I was appointed Trustee for the Eighth District on NYSDA's Board of Trustees. As Trustee, I represent you at the state level.

I state all this because I believe this could be anyone's story. All you have to do is get involved. Find something you like and are passionate about in dentistry, and take that passion to the District. Use your talents to help all of dentistry in your own special way. Dentistry is constantly under attack from all sides. Federal and State regulations have made significant inroads into our practices, placing increasing burdens on us and our practices. Insurance

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From the President

By Glen C. Donnarumma, DDS

Aloha! I just arrived back home after a great ADA meeting in the great State of Hawaii. And yes – I did go to the meetings – all of them. I have to admit the beach was inviting and I felt like a kid in a candy store that wasn't allowed to eat candy, but I did find a little beach time here and there after a full day of meetings.

It turns out that it was a great meeting for the Eighth District, New York State and the ADA. Our Eighth District was well represented and members engaged in discussion on the floor of the House of Delegates. Weighty matters with huge implications for dentistry were discussed. The most notable among these issues, in my opinion, is organized dentistry's potential role with regards to Medicare - possibly providing dental benefits to all. There are numerous players pushing for this benefit and if it should come to be, we need to be able to have input to help create at least a tenable, if not favorable insurance benefit for our patients and for us as providers. Other issues addressed dealt with increasing our presence in the dental marketplace via search engine marketing and the Find a Dentist program among approximately 100 other issues discussed.

And – I bring back great news for the New York State Dental Association. Our NY Trustee to the ADA, Dr.

Chad Gehani from Queens, NY, won a hotly contested election for ADA President-Elect. Dr. Gehani is a friend to the Eighth District and will represent us well at the ADA as our President. The Eighth District has also remained very strong in the state dental society with Dr. Brendan Dowd as President, Dr. Frank Barnashuk as Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Chet Gary as the editor of the NYS Dental Journal. We are also well represented by numerous council chairs for NYSDA from our district including Drs. Pat Anders, Sam Carocci, John Nasca and Robert Herzog. Dr. Kevin Hanley serves as our NYSDA Trustee.

On a local level, your Eighth District has been humming along doing the things a local society does. We have provided numerous CE opportunities including Infection Control, dental therapeutics, and practice management. We have provided numerous social activities including our golf day at Brookfield Country Club and a spring social at the Saturn Club. We have provided numerous member benefits including medical and liability insurance benefits, peer review and a host of others.

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November 2018

Tuesday, November 13

Eighth District Dental Foundation Board Meeting, Eighth District Dental Society Executive Council Meeting, & Appreciation Dinner
6PM The Saturn Club

Friday, November 30

Richard Fink Memorial Lecture
8AM Millennium Hotel Buffalo

December 2018

Saturday, December 8

Children's Christmas Party
10AM Brookfield Country Club

January 2019

Tuesday, January 8

Eighth District Dental Society Executive Council Meeting
6PM Eighth District Office

Saturday, January 26

Eighth District Dental Society's President's Reception
6P Park Country Club

February 2019

Tuesday, February 12

Eighth District Dental Society Executive Council Meeting
7PM Eighth District Office

Tuesday, February 26

Eighth District Dental Foundation Board Meeting
7PM Eighth District Office

March 2019

Friday, March 1

Spring All Day Seminar
8AM Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Tuesday, March 12

Eighth District Dental Society Executive Council Meeting
7PM Eighth District Office

Thursday, March 28

Fortress Risk Management Course
5PM Creekside Banquets

EIGHTH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY 2019 Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 26 **President's Reception Dinner**
Park Country Club, 6pm

Friday, March 1 **2019 Spring All Day Seminar**
"Creating Predictable Results"
Presented by Dr. Mark Malterud
Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 8:00am

Thursday, March 28 **Fortress Risk Management Seminar**
Presented by Dr. Michael Ragan
Creekside Banquets, 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 17 **Infection Control**
Presented by Dr. Frank Barnashuk
Chef's Restaurant; 5:30pm

Thursday, June 6 **William C. Knauf, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament & CE Program**
Topic—TBD
Presented by Dr. Dennis Fasbinder
Fox Valley Country Club, 8:00am

Friday, November 22 **Dr. Richard Fink Memorial Lecture**
2019 Fall All Day Seminar
"Oral Cancer: Diagnosis to Survivorship"
Presented by EDCM Departments of
Oral Oncology & Maxillofacial Prosthetics;
Head & Neck/Plastic &
Reconstructive Surgery
Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 8:00am



Eighth District
DENTAL SOCIETY

Executive Director's Note

By Cynthia Bellinger

As we near the end of 2018, I would like to take a minute and look back on the last year (or 2). This is a very personal message, and not dental related whatsoever.

For those of you who have seen me lately, you know that I am expecting. I am scheduled to deliver my son on December 17, 2018 (7 weeks from the day I am writing this message). What most of you do not know is the struggle my husband, Rob, and I went through to get where we are today. In 2017, we experienced 3 (yes, 3) miscarriages. It was a devastating year for us ... which is awful to say, since we had just gotten married May 2017. What a way to start off a marriage, with such loss.

This is not my first pregnancy; in fact, this is my 7th. I have 1 daughter and 1 son, and this will be my second son. The other 4 pregnancies ended in miscarriage. Regardless how many times it has happened, it is a devastating experience to go through.

Being that it is October, everyone focuses on Breast Cancer Awareness Month. What most don't know is October is also Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Having gone through what I have, this is a very meaningful month to me.

I would like to ask you all to think of a person in your life who has experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a child. We are 1 in 4; a statistic most probably don't realize. Let that person (or persons) know that you are thinking of them; recognize their loss; let them know they are not alone. If you are 1 in 4, speak out. You are not alone.

Although I look back at the struggle, I look forward to the future - to finally meet this tiny person, to watch him grow, and to see what he will become.

Thank you for allowing me to share my experience with you.



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Peer Review and Confidentiality

By Dr. Robert J. Connelly; Peer Review Chair

One of the many benefits available to members of the Eighth District Dental Society is Peer Review. Peer Review is a system that provides for an alternative dispute resolution process. It allows dentists and patients the opportunity to settle their differences outside the courtroom, without involving lawyers. It is a process run by organized dentistry (NYSDA) for both member dentists and the patient population. There is no cost to member dentists, outside of annual tripartite dues.

How does the Peer Review process work?

The Peer Review process begins when a patient calls the Eighth District Dental Society office to complain about dental treatment received in a dental office. Eighth District Dental Society staff members ask the patient a few basic questions regarding the complaint. If staff feel the problem can be resolved through Peer Review, they will send out an **Agreement to Submit to Peer Review**. The patient completes the **Agreement to Submit to Peer Review** and returns it to the Eighth District Dental Society along with any pertinent dental records. The **Agreement to Submit to Peer Review** is then sent to the dentist involved and the dentist is given 10 days to complete, sign and return it. If the dental treatment is considered to be reviewable, the mediation process begins.

There is a statute of limitations of 2½ years for any dental treatment to be reviewed. Any dental treatment performed beyond 2½ years is not reviewable under most circumstances. Other factors that would lead to a denial of Peer Review in a particular case would be treatment performed on behalf of the New York State Medicaid program, care rendered in a university dental clinic, care rendered in a federally funded Article 28 facility, and in most cases, dental work that has been removed or altered by a subsequent treating dentist. Dental care rendered by a non-member dentist is generally not reviewable unless the providing dentist is employed by a member dentist. Peer Review does not consider complaints that pertain to fee disputes.

If a case meets the criteria for review, the mediation process begins. The case is assigned to a mediator who is a dentist serving as a member of the Peer Review committee. The mediator contacts both the dentist and patient and attempts to find a financial solution acceptable to both parties. If no financial solution can be achieved, or if the dentist feels the work in question was completely appropriate and done to acceptable standards of care and declines to offer a partial or full refund, then the process proceeds to a Peer Review Hearing.

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Cornerstone Periodontics and Dental Implants welcomed Dr. Lisa Marie Yerke to our practice in November 2017. She is excited to be returning to Buffalo after working in private practice in Rochester. She brings a wealth of experience and education to the practice and maintains balance by also holding a faculty position at the University of Buffalo Dental School. This allows her to continue her passion of teaching at the pre-doctoral and postgraduate level and provides time dedicated for researching the association between autoimmune disease and chronic periodontitis. We are thrilled that our patients and referring offices can take advantage Dr. Yerke's experience and researching background as we are now open 5 days a week! We are looking forward to an exciting 2018!



Peer Review

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The Peer Review Hearing takes place at the Eighth District Dental Society office on a weekday evening. A panel of 3 volunteer dentists – general dentist or specialists if necessary – is charged with evaluating the treatment in question and making the determination as to appropriateness and quality. Refunds of dental fees are granted either when the quality of care is deemed to be deficient or a treatment plan is judged to be inappropriate. There is no partial refund option when an adverse decision is reached at a Hearing. The patient either receives a full refund or no monies at all. This stipulation can be a motivating factor for both parties in the mediation phase. A mechanism exists for an appeal of the outcome of the Hearing for either party. Appeals are not granted often. Appeals are handled by the NYSDA office in Albany.

Some important points regarding Peer Review:

The **Agreement to Submit to Peer Review** is a legally binding contract and is enforceable in New York State courts. As such, it provides protection for the dentist against further legal action by the patient. By signing the **Agreement to Submit to Peer Review**, all parties agree to abide by the decision of the Peer Review Committee and are prohibited from pursuing further legal recourse.

A dentist's professional liability policy can be used to pay a refund to the patient. If the dentist uses his professional liability coverage to pay for an adverse Peer Review Hearing decision, a report is made by the insurance carrier to the National Practitioner Databank.

For all intents and purposes, this report is inconsequential so the dentist is encouraged to explore the possibility of having their insurance carrier pay for any substantial refund.

Confidentiality:

One of the most important tenets of the Peer Review process is confidentiality. The requirement for confidentiality is stressed in the **Agreement to Submit to Peer Review** and is strongly emphasized at Peer Review Hearings. All parties to the Peer Review process are advised that Peer Review proceedings are strictly confidential and are not to be discussed outside of the Peer Review forum. All members of the Peer Review Committee are aware of this very important principle. Patients and dentists who participate in the Peer Review process are repeatedly advised of their responsibility to keep these matters confidential. This confidentiality protects both parties. Anyone who discusses a Peer Review case outside of the Peer Review Hearing is violating the **Agreement to Submit to Peer Review**. A member dentist who does not respect the confidentiality of the Peer Review process is in violation of both HIPAA protocol and OPD guidelines and risks disciplinary action or a lawsuit. Confidentiality is paramount and is taken very seriously.

Peer Review is an important benefit that protects our membership, our patients and the integrity of our profession.

From the Editor

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companies try to limit our reimbursements for the care we provide to our patients. Sometimes, even local governments try to pass onerous laws affecting our practices. This was seen recently when a member of the Erie County Legislature introduced a bill requiring dentists in Erie County to tell patients the origin of the materials being used in their mouths. Without swift action by members of the Eighth District, this law may have passed. However, the actions taken by these individuals stopped that onerous legislation in its tracks.

Organized dentistry is always looking for capable individuals to answer the call. Without us, who would speak for us. No one. We must become and remain active and vigilant to unnecessary intrusions into our practices. Only we can do this for we understand the profession of dentistry the best and are the most capable of acting on its behalf. Without our voices, we will be drowned out in the cacophony of competing voices, all clamoring to be heard.

Call the Eighth District [(716) 995-6300] and volunteer. We are always looking for new voices to help us in our mission of protecting our profession and our patients from outside influences trying to impose their wills upon us. This fight is more difficult as time goes on. We need you if we are to be heard. If you don't join us in our mission, our profession will look radically different in the years to come. I don't want to see that happen. I hope you don't too.

Focus on Ethics

By Dr. Samuel Carocci; NYSDA Ethics Council Chairman

Q: A local newspaper is conducting a *Best of Buffalo* contest whereby you can vote for people in different categories. This is also being promoted on Facebook. One of the categories is dentists. Is it ethical for a dentist to even be participating in such a contest? If he/she were to win, can he/she promote themselves as “the best dentist”?

A: What we need to differentiate between is **what may irritate and offend dentists** in our community vs. **something that is truly unethical**.

The test for these types of advertisements is: *what a reasonably prudent patient would be likely to believe from seeing an advertisement, not what the most foolish person might be misled by or what the wisest person would know not to be deceived by.*

In this case, the contest is completely harmless. The public knows that this is a public vote contest and not a scientific endorsement. Therefore, it fails to meet the test of

misleading or deceiving any reasonably intelligent member of the public. Nobody would actually believe the person was anything other than a poll contest winner and the test for being misleading or deceptive is not what the dimmest member of the public would believe as to who is the “best dentist.”

What the person cannot do is just announce out of the blue: “I am the best dentist,” without something more. A dentist cannot try to portray that the contest is anything scientific or more than just being named the best in a poll. The fact that this contest is on Facebook further reinforces the notion that this is simply a poll.

The only thing that we could do in a situation such as this would be to discourage participation in non-scientific “vote for the best” type contests because they are rather silly. We cannot, however, consider a public vote contest such as this to be unethical or illegal.



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From the President

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I also know that you don't have to rely on your dental society for continuing education. CE courses are ubiquitous at this time with much of it being provided by dental schools, various dental organizations, dental product manufacturers, and online. You certainly don't need a dental society for social activities, you can join a bowling league, poker group or country club. And – you don't need a dental society for many of our member benefits. (Actually, for some of our best benefits you do need to be a member i.e. insurance products – but I ask for your indulgence - just work with me).

I think the greatest membership benefit is advocacy - period. There is nowhere else that you can get this. In fact, recently I, along with several members of EDDS and NYSDA, attended a fundraising event for our Lt. Governor, Mayor and State Senator. Please note that we are non-partisan and the only party we represent is the "Tooth Party".

Through various political action committees, including EDPAC, ADPAC, OMSPAC and MADPAC, the interests of dentistry are being represented and our voices are being heard. There is a lot of competition out there that have interests that are not aligned with ours. I am glad to know that NYSDA and the ADA have my back. This alone is worth my membership dues.

I just want you to know that it has been a pleasure to serve as your EDDS President. I would like to thank my officers and Board for a great year. I also need to thank Cyndy Bellinger and our staff for keeping the society running so smoothly. We are always looking for new people to serve on the Board and keep things fresh and vibrant. If you think you might be interested, just give us a call here at the society office and get involved.

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2018 ADA Annual Session

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The annual budget for the ADA was passed, as well as a \$22 dues increase. This increase could have been more, but the resolution to fund the current Utilization Campaign for ADA Members will be funded from reserves, rather than from member dues. If this had not occurred, there would have been an additional \$58 increase in the dues.

A town hall meeting was held to discuss the ADA's pilot project, known as the Business Model Project, where the ADA will serve as a practice transition facilitator from a retiring dentist to a buying dentist of the practice. During the pilot phase of the project, the ADA would match a selling dentist with a potential buyer. There will be two practices involved in the pilot, one in Wisconsin and one in Maine. The purpose of the project is to see the feasibility of the ADA acting in such a manner. This is proposed to be a source of non-dues income for the organization.

Other actions included a study on the establishment of a clinical data registry, looking into a dental benefit for Medicare, various editorial changes to operating documents of the ADA following the establishment of the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, and changes to the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and the Commission on Continuing Education Provider Recognition operating documents, support for the vaccination against HPV in all age groups, a comprehensive policy on dental licensure, a study of campaign travel practices for candidates for ADA elective offices, and changes in campaign rules.

Dr. James Hoddick served on the reference committee Dental Benefits, Practice, and Related Matters. Dr. Brendan Dowd served as Chair of the Second District Caucus (NYSDA). Drs. Frank Barnashuk, James Hoddick, and Kevin Hanley were Delegates. Drs. Glen Donnarumma and Joseph Craddock served as Alternate Delegates.



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Lieutenant Colonel Miller Retires from the New York Air National Guard

After twenty-nine years of service Dr. Raymond Miller, the Immediate Past-President of the Eighth District Dental Society, has retired from the New York Air National Guard (NYANG). It started with a simple posting in 1988 in the resident's lounge at the Erie County Medical Center. The request advertised a position as a dental service officer with the NYANG. He responded to that ad, leading to a distinguished career with the 107th Attack Wing at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Always interested in military service during dental school, at that time, most service began after graduation. He spent many summers, both before and during dental school, playing softball as a civilian at the air base. He enjoyed the camaraderie of the airmen very much. Reading the posting, Miller knew it was an opportunity he must pursue.

On August 5, 1989 Miller was commissioned as a First Lieutenant with the 107th Medical Dental Group (MDG). Early deployments involved training as a medical service officer in Texas, medical readiness and combat casualty care in Michigan, and forensic odontology in Bethesda, Maryland. The forensic training with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology launched further training opportunities and career involvement with other federal agencies and organizations leading to his response to the World Trade Center disaster, Hurricane Katrina, the crash of Flight 3407, and as a consultant to the office of the Erie

County Medical Examiner. As his military career advanced, Miller also deployed on humanitarian missions to Honduras, North Dakota and North Carolina. His final deployment in 2017 was a two-week joint service mission to Hayesville, North Carolina providing needed care to the underserved.

During his career the unit in Niagara Falls had numerous changes in mission from a fighter unit (F-4's and F-16's), to air refueling (KC-135), to airlift (C-130), to its current role as an Attack Wing with drones (MQ-9 Reaper). Numerous mission changes brought new challenges but Miller's primary duty was to ensure the dental readiness of those assigned to the 107th. Medical and dental readiness enabled unit members to be deployable when the nation needed their services. The 107th was very active nationally and globally during Miller's career starting with the Gulf War in 1991 to our present conflicts.

In 2006, Miller was named the Outstanding Dental Services Officer of the Year for the entire Air National Guard. Among his other awards and decorations, Miller has received Meritorious Service, Air Force Achievement and Commendation Medals. He was also awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal, as well as a

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2000
107th Medical-Dental Group
Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station



2008
Iraq



2017
North Carolina



1999
Honduras

Lieutenant Colonel Miller Retires from the New York Air National Guard

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Meritorious Unit Award with Valor and Air Force Outstanding Unit and Organizational Excellence Awards.

A significant point in his career was a 2008 deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. LTC Miller treated both United States forces as well as new recruits to the Iraqi National Police. Miller was stationed at Sather Air Force Base at the Baghdad International Airport. He also made frequent visits to Camp Irish where the newest recruits to the Iraqi Forces were treated dentally to be fit for service. It was an honor to serve that was made easier by strong home support from family and his dental partner, Dr. Louis Schiumo, and other colleagues taking care of the home front.

Retirement is not an easy term to apply to Dr. Miller as he will continue as a private practitioner in Lancaster, NY, a Clinical Associate Professor at the UB School of Dental Medicine, and a Forensic Dentist with the Federal Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team. He has fond memories of the many experiences, acquaintances and friends his military career presented to him and does not regret for one second the moment he raised his right hand to pledge his service to the United States of America.



Thank you, Dr. Raymond Miller, Lieutenant Colonel, for your service.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee unanimously approved the following recommendations for nominations for 2019. All candidates have been contacted and are willing to accept the positions.

Incoming Secretary: Joseph Gambacorta
Returning Treasurer: Mark Barone

The following officers will advance to the positions of:

President: John Tibbetts
President Elect: James Matteliano
Vice President: Joseph Craddock
Immediate Past President: Glen Donnarumma

Counselors at Large with terms remaining (2018-2019):

Edward Dwyer	Timothy Mahoney
Nicole Hinchey	Thomas Martin

Counselors at Large for 2-year term (2019-2020):

Michelle Augello	Leah Capozzi
Shawn Jordan	Laura Barres

NYSDA Delegate for 4-year term (2019-2022):

Elizabeth Kapral

NYSDA Delegates with terms remaining:

Jennifer Frustino (2019)
James Hoddick (2020 - completing DePlato's term)
Michael Ehlers (2021)

NYSDA Delegates per bylaws for 1-year term:

Glen Donnarumma (Immediate Past President)
John Tibbetts (President)
James Matteliano (President Elect)
Joseph Craddock (Vice President)

NYSDA Alternate Delegates for 1-year term:

1st and 2nd per bylaws:
Mark Barone (Treasurer)
Joseph Gambacorta (Secretary)
3rd and 4th per Committee selection:
Eugene Sibick
Tara Halliwell-Kemp

ADA Delegates for 1-year term:

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Jennifer Frustino

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Fabiano, Jude

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Shenoy, Lata

Zielin, Ronald

500 Continuing Education Hours

Boyczuk, William

Burke, Scott

Campbell, John

Canali, Gerald

Crofut, Genene

Dowd, Brendan

Hayek, Joseph

Hutter, Joshua

Kane, Kathleen

Kritkauskas, Anthony

LaMastra, Michael

Meyer, Franklin

Nowak, Martin

Petrilli, Anthony

Rand, Kathryn

Ridolfo, Bruce

Rizzo, Frank

Scannapieco, Frank

Tabone, Michael

300 Continuing Education Hours

Banas, Kenneth

Bates, Jeffrey

Berardi, Domenico

Bowman, Linda

Halliwell-Kemp, Tara

Hrab, Kevin

Jauch, Edwin

Kantor, Leon

Mufalli-Miller, Nancy

Neiders, Mirdza

Ortolano, Salvatore

Oyler, Mary

Rappold, Amy

Reilly, Robert

Schwartz, Michael

Shapiro, Alan

Stresing, Warren

Yachwan, Kevin

100 Continuing Education Hours

Augello, Michelle

Barry, Sarah

Dobmeier, Thomas

D'Silva, Jennifer

Dusel, Andrew

Gellert, Matthew

Hannon, Timothy

Kramer, Jill

Lewis, Michelle

Mai, Michelle

Mruz, Lisa

Padmanabha, Ravi

Siegel, I Marc

Stein, Lindsey

Sweeney, Bridget

Opportunities to Give

Have you heard of the Eighth District Dental Society's Relief Fund? What about the Accardo Award? Or the numerous other awards the Eighth District presents each year? Did you know the Eighth District supports The Dental Office at Good Neighbors? If you said no, this article is for you. Here you will find a list of ways you can give back - to students, to colleagues, to patients.

Eighth District Dental Society Awards

Accardo Award:

This award is to be given annually to the senior dental student who most exemplifies Dr. Accardo's leadership and visionary skills in organized dentistry as well as his political activism. It is a \$500 award presented at the UB Dental School award ceremony in May.

ECC Dental Hygiene Award:

This award is presented to an outstanding graduating student from the ECC Dental Hygiene Program. The recipient is selected by members of the faculty of the college. It is a \$250 award presented at the ECC Dental Hygiene ceremony in May.

ECC Dental Assisting Award:

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EOC Dental Assisting Award:

This award is given to the EOC student who has maintained the highest academic average and has had excellent attendance over the entire EOC Dental Assisting Program. It is a \$150 award presented at the EOC graduation ceremony in May.

Other Ways to Donate

The Dental Office at Good Neighbors:

The Dental Office at Good Neighbors is a completely volunteer run dental clinic serving residents of Buffalo. All services are provided free of charge, on a first come first served basis. The Dental Office currently has hours on Wednesday and Friday. The Eighth District Dental Foundation supports The Dental Office in numerous ways - (1) we provide funding towards the salary of the Dental Coordinator; (2) we provide funding for supplies and other special requests as The Dental Office requests them. You can help in many ways - (1) donate your time and become a volunteer; or (2) you can make a contribution to the Eighth District Dental Foundation specifically for The Dental Office at Good Neighbors.

Eighth District Relief Fund:

The Eighth District Relief Fund, which is managed by the Eighth District Dental Foundation, exists to provide limited one-time monetary assistance grants for members experiencing financial hardship due to circumstances beyond their control. These include catastrophic events that adversely affect the operation of a practice (e.g. storm damage, fire), and long-term illness or surgery that limits one's ability to work at full capacity (member, spouse, or child). In order to obtain a Relief Fund grant, members must present a formal request to the Eighth District Dental Foundation. Recently, the Eighth District Dental Foundation, through the Relief Fund, made donations to the ADA Disaster Relief Fund for the hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. You can make a contribution to the Eighth District Dental Foundation specifically for the Relief Fund.

Dr. Richard Fink Memorial Lecture:

The Dr. Richard Fink Memorial Fund of the Eighth District Dental Foundation is intended to memorialize the contributions to dentistry of Dr. Richard Fink, 2005 President of the Eighth District Dental Society, and to assist in underwriting the cost of honoraria payable to the speaker(s) at the Annual Dr. Richard Fink Memorial Lecture. You can make a contribution to the Eighth District Dental Foundation specifically for the Dr. Richard Fink Memorial Fund.

Memorial Donations:

You can make a contribution to the Eighth District Dental Foundation in memory of a member who has passed away. These contributions will be used for Eighth District Dental Foundation programs.

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Erie County Dental Society Page

Upcoming ECDS Events

January 12, 2019 @ 6pm

Installation Dinner
River Oaks Golf Club

February 4, 2019 @ 5pm

CPR
Eighth District Office

February 13, 2019 @ 5:30pm

CE Dinner

“When to Drill & When to Chill: Modern Caries Decision Making” by Dr. John Maggio

Tri-County Dental Society Page

Upcoming TCDS Events

There are currently no scheduled events for Tri-County Dental Society.

For more information about TCDS events, please contact Dr. Michael Kubinieć at (585) 343-5865.

Cattaraugus/Allegany County Dental Society Page

Upcoming CACDS Events

There are currently no scheduled events for Cattaraugus/Allegany County Dental Society.

For more information about CACDS events, please contact Dr. Dominic Colarusso at 716-372-8017.

Chautauqua County Dental Society Page

Upcoming CCDS Events

There are currently no scheduled events for Chautauqua County Dental Society.

For more information about CCDS events, please contact Dr. Julie Mills/Dr. Susan Soja at 716-366-6822.

Niagara County Dental Society Page

Upcoming NCDS Events

Tuesday Nov 20th- Lockport Country Club

Tuesday Dec 11th- Holiday Party- Niagara Falls Country Club

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MEMORIALS

Dr. Joseph G. Clauss Sr. passed away on August 7, 2018, at the age of 92. Dr. Clauss was a Retired Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Dr. Robert B. Nachbar passed away on September 18, 2018, at the age of 93. Dr. Nachbar was a Retired Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Dr. Frank A. Pallone passed away on October 21, 2018, at the age of 86. Dr. Pallone was a Retired Life Member of the Eighth District Dental Society.

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Dental School: University of Jordan, 2011

Allison T. Feit

Dental School: University of Louisville, 2017

Employed at: 4927 Main St, Amherst, NY

Brooke E. Kolber

Dental School: SUNY Buffalo, 2017

Employed at: 5845 Main St, Williamsville, NY

Adam R. Gregor

Dental School: SUNY Buffalo, 2017

Employed at: 3500 Sheridan Dr, Buffalo, NY

Megan E. Messer

Dental School: SUNY Buffalo, 2017

Employed at: 5875 Snyder Dr, Lockport, NY

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