



COMPONENT NEWS

THIRD DISTRICT Society Installs Officers

Anthony J. Ficara, D.D.S., M.S.

The Third District Dental Society held its 2009 Annual Membership Meeting this past September at the Albany Marriott. New officers installed for the 2009-2010 calendar year were as follows: President Debra Bausback; President Elect Christopher Walsh; Vice President Anthony Ficara; Treasurer John Essepian; and Secretary Gabriel McGarry.

Dr. Bausback is in general practice in Slingerlands. She graduated from the University of Connecticut. In addition to her service on several committees, she has been secretary of the society for a number of years. She is active in the community as well. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Albany and volunteers with the NENY Koman Race for the Cure.

Dr. Walsh is in general practice in Albany. He is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and is on the faculty of the Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) Dental Hygiene Program. He has been chairperson of Children's Dental Health for several years.



Howard Bresin, stepping down as president, Third District, receives award from incoming president Debra Bausback.

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Dr. Ficara is a board-certified periodontist and also in private practice in Albany. He received his D.D.S. degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and his M.S. from George Washington University. He completed his residency training at Walter Reed and has authored or co-authored a number of articles. He is an adjunctive associate professor at Case, School of Dental Medicine, Cleveland.

Dr. Essepian, who was re-elected treasurer, is in private practice in Latham. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and McGill University in Canada. He has served on the NYSDA Board of Governors, EDPAC, and a number of different committees within the Third District.

Dr. McGarry is a general practitioner. His practice is in Slingerlands. He is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and SUNY Binghamton. He completed a general practice residency at St. Clare's Hospital, Dental Health Center, in Schenectady in 2003. He has a special interest in the Pankey Essentials and Orthodontics.

Brian Kennedy, a past president of the Third District Dental Society and NYSDA, officiated at the installation. Dr. Kennedy is well known throughout the state for his leadership and diverse tripartite involvement.

During the dinner portion of the meeting, the Third District also presented its annual achievement awards. The William B. Smith Award was presented to Lawrence Busino; and the Feltman-Hunn Medal of Merit went to Bennett Lax. Dr. Bausback presented outgoing President Howard Bresin with the President's Award, for his dedication and work for the society during his years as an officer. Dr. Essepian was honored and thanked for his time and dedication as a NYSDA Governor.

Education Continues

The Annual Membership Meeting featured several continuing education opportunities. Presenters on the opening day were Dan Flanders and Reed Ference. The sessions were well attended, as were those on the following day, when the presenters were Lorne Lavine, Gregory Tarantola, Gregor Connell and Gail Malone.

Guest speaker at the General Membership Business Meeting was Robert Doherty, president elect of the New York State Dental Association. The business meeting was unique because of the change in NYSDA Governance, which necessitated elections to fill the posts of NYSDA Trustee and delegates.

SECOND DISTRICT Hail to the Chief

Robert Bowe, D.D.S.; Judy Taylor, D.D.S.; Jeffrey Galler, D.D.S.

The Second District Dental Society held its annual Installation of Officers Luncheon on Jan. 31 at the Water's Edge Restaurant in Long Island City.



Deborah Pasquale

Stuart Segelnick

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Deborah Pasquale was installed as president of the SDDS. In her acceptance speech, Dr. Pasquale said she was very “proud and honored” to serve as president for the coming year.

“We have a wonderful organization with a dedicated, hard-working office staff and talented, caring dentists serving as our executive officers and committee volunteers,” she observed. “They meet the challenges we face on a daily basis expeditiously and with utmost professionalism. It is a privilege to work with this amazing team.”

Dr. Pasquale said she is very enthusiastic about the New York State Dental Association’s new governance system and believes the House of Delegates will allow for more members to be involved on the state level.

She spoke about how the current economic climate has impacted all dentists personally and professionally. The freshly minted president outlined four special concerns she wished to address during her upcoming term of office.

First, Dr. Pasquale stressed the need for more participation of member colleagues in the SDDS.

Second, she asked established dentists to mentor and encourage younger colleagues to not only become members but to also become involved and active in organized dentistry.

Third, she emphasized the need for licensed dentists to find a solution to the access-to-care problem for those in need.

Fourth, Dr. Pasquale promoted the idea that dentists’ voices be heard regarding legislative issues that impact the profession.

Dr. Pasquale went on to say, “We at SDDS are poised and ready to be your voice in organized dentistry. I invite all members to attend our monthly board meetings, state your concerns and experience first hand the workings of the dental society.

“I ask you to become active on a committee that interests you. These committees meet

on average twice a year, so the time commitment is minimal, but the reward is great.

“I encourage you to take advantage of our extensive continuing education programs, offered at SDDS headquarters or at Fort Hamilton or at the Staten Island Hilton.

“Please, get in touch with me with any problems or suggestions you might have.”

Hail to the Next Chief

Stuart Segelnick is SDDS President Elect for 2010. The incoming president was born and raised in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. He attended South Shore High School and Brooklyn College. He graduated from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in 1992 and completed his periodontal training at Temple University in 1994.

Dr. Segelnick maintains a busy periodontal practice in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn, where implant dentistry and oral medicine are important components of his practice. He also has a strong interest in forensic dentistry, and earned a Masters Degree in forensic examination at the Touro School of Health Science.

Dr. Segelnick has extensive hospital affiliations. He is currently section chief of periodontics at the Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, division chief of periodontics at the Wykoff Heights Medical Center and an attending periodontist at the New York Hospital in Queens.

Since 1998, he has been on the faculty of the New York University College of Dentistry, where he is a clinical associate professor in the Graduate Periodontics Department. He is also a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Segelnick became a board-certified periodontist in 2005. He is a fellow in the American College of Dentists. He has written scientific articles in *The New York State Dental Journal*, the *Journal of Periodontology* and the *Journal of the American Dental Association*.

Although most of his time is spent in private practice, he feels that scientific research is of the utmost importance, which is why, he explains, he became a member of New York University’s Practice Based

Research Network. Known as the PEARL Network (Practitioners Engaged in Applied Research and Learning), it is supported by funds from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, which is part of the National Institutes of Health. Here, he explains, he can “participate in relevant, cutting-edge research in my own office.” As a component of this research, he was appointed a research associate at NYUCOD.

Because of his expertise in the field of forensic dentistry, Dr. Segelnick was deployed to Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He served for two weeks in Gulfport as part of the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT). There, he assisted with the “professional and compassionate” task of identifying hurricane victims.

Today, besides continuing his affiliation with DMORT, he volunteers, attends meetings and conducts on-the-job training sessions at the Kings County Medical Examiner’s Office, a branch of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner of New York City.

Dr. Segelnick first became active in SDDS after volunteering at the Greater New York Dental Meeting. Richard Oshrain, SDDS President in 2009, encouraged him to become further involved in organized dentistry and, since then, Dr. Segelnick has served as chairman of the Insurance Committee, as a member of the District Claims Committee and Dental Benefits Committee, and in every elected office of the society.

A little known fact about Dr. Segelnick is his song-writing abilities. A musical video of a song that he wrote received over 36,000 “hits.”

He lives in Hillcrest with his wife, Tina, and their 3 ½-year-old son, Noah.

Dr. Segelnick said he is “excited about my upcoming term as president of the SDDS and look forward to continuing activity in organized dentistry for many years afterward. I am very happy that I got involved in the SDDS, because it has afforded me the opportunity to meet and befriend many outstanding people. The experience has been rewarding, and I highly recommend that all dentists get similarly involved.”

Hail to a Former Chief

Steven Gounardes, a past president of SDDS and of the New York State Dental Association, was elected ADA Second District Trustee.