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SDDS Presidents: A History

This Month: Dr. James H. Holly

On a weekend, when you want to explore your home State of New York, take out your GPS or enter into your navigation system the address 21 Oakland Avenue, Warwick, N.Y. Then take your family and head north through New Jersey and in about an hour and a half of beautiful county side you'll arrive at Dr. James H. Holly's house, the 14th President of the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) back in 1884. The home still stands after many improvements, but is now a commercial space. Feel free to ring the bell of Dr. Haesin Jung, an orthodontist, whose practice is on the first floor of the same building. She will gladly give you a tour of her office. Let her know of course that you are from the SDDS. Dr. Jung did her dental school training at Columbia University and attended New York University (NYU) for her orthodontic specialty training, and still attends the Greater New York Dental Meeting.

Dr. James Henry Holly of Warwick in Orange County, New York was born in 1836 and came from a long line of physicians and dentists. If you remember from earlier articles, there was no formal education at that time and most dentists received their training as an apprentice. James had no problem receiving his education, because he was the fourth generation Holly to practice as a dentist and/or physician. He was taught early on by his father, Dr. Samuel D. Holly, who was mainly known in town as being a physician. His father Samuel set by example and gave deep meaning to the acts of volunteerism and the self-

less service to his society. Dr. Samuel D. Holly was not only on the Board of Censors for the Medical Society of Orange County, but their President in 1856. Dr. Samuel D. Holly was 49 years old the year he was President and sadly passed away that same year. James was only 20 years old at the time. Though, he started his dental practice a year before at the age of 19! From early on in James's dental career, we can see how ethics played a key role in his practice. On November 14, 1866, Dr. James Holly had found a "package of money" on the floor of his office and placed an advertisement in the local newspaper. The ad said he would return the money if the owner could prove it was his "property and paying for this advertisement."

Dr. James H. Holly was married on January 12, 1859 to Mary A. Goble. They had two children, a son Samuel Edwin Holly and a daughter Anna E. Holly. It was a very proud moment for James when his son Samuel Edwin, graduated at the 17th annual commencement of the New York College of Dentistry on March 6, 1883. That same year, Samuel went into practice with his father. An interesting newspaper article that appeared in the July 25, 1889 edition of The Warwick Advertiser states that James and his son installed a Backus infant motor "giving an abundance of power for all the work they need, and saving much strength and annoyance to the operator who must otherwise work by foot power." At the New Jersey State Dental Association's 15th Annual Session held in Asbury Park in July of 1885, Dr. George C. Brown read his paper



entitled "Electricity and its Application to Dentistry." He described how he first introduced the Backus water motor to the dental profession at his office in the town of Mount Holly in 1875. Though a problem of the motor was it could only be used where "water power can be obtained." However, Dr. J. Hall Moore stated in the 1886 (page 244 of the American Journal of Dental Science vol. xx. No. 6) he "preferred the Backus water motor; with it can get into every position – either side of, behind, or in front of the patient; he believed it had added ten years to his life."

Dr. James Holly was installed as President at the Annual Meeting of the SDDS on March 11, 1884. The meeting was held at the office of Dr. A.H. Brockway. At the meeting, 31 members out of a total of 68 were present. This meant almost 50% of the members attended the installation. Twelve of the new members that year joined through an agreement with the Brooklyn Dental Society. The agreement allowed members to join each society without any initiation fee. Also, both societies would coordinate their meetings not to conflict with each other. This allowed an "entente cordiale" to exist between the societies. At the meeting, finances were reported to be solid with \$373.57 in the bank. We have come a long way both in financial stability and membership numbers. An amazing achievement of Dr. James H. Holly was that he was elected President of the Warwick Savings Bank on January 7, 1878 and

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Dr. James H. Holly home in 1870. 21 Oakland Avenue, Warwick, NJ

President, Dr. Amrish Parikh, a the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Saldaña - President-Elect:
• Progress

Benchmark Payment Networks for our endorsement of their credit card processing service

communication between the executive Boards of the SDDS and NYCD. Motion Passed

19th. She requested additional volunteers and suggested reaching out to local residents as well.

PRESENT WERE: Drs. Parikh, Medrano-Saldaña, Buccigrossi, Mindlin, Ariola, Pavlakos, Meiselman, Albicocco, Bina, Bongiorno, Brustein, Buchalter, Halikias, Lieb, Oshrain, Pasquale, Reyes, Segelnick, Seminara and Weseley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Greater New York Dental Meeting - Dr. Edwab:
• Update on the status of booth sales, registrations and ticket purchases for the upcoming meeting
• Discussed strategic plans including a CE registry

Dr. Buccigrossi - Vice-President:
• Progress

- Plans for joint NYSDA and SDDS evening program for hospital residents

To approach the NYCD with the idea of having the two executive Boards meet on an ongoing basis to discuss areas of mutual interest

• Dr. Segelnick congratulated Dr. Ariola on his daughter's upcoming wedding.

EXCUSED WERE: Drs. Flagiello, Merlino, Ratner, Rosenwein and Sconzo

• Announced that the building where we lease office space for the GNYDM was just sold

Dr. Mindlin - Secretary:
• Reported on progress of the NYSDA task force addressing the cost of the annual meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. Pavlakos proposed the SDDS make a donation in honor of Dr. Ratner's mother. Motion Passed: A \$500 donation to be made in memory of Faith Ratner to the Melanoma Foundation

• Dr. Medrano thanked the Board for their support during his service on the EDPAC committee and expressed confidence that Dr. Flagiello will continue the work replacing him on the committee. He announced the EDPAC committee's recognition of the SDDS for its outstanding and generous support of the NYSDA Political Action Committee.

GUESTS WERE: Dr. Parikh welcomed Drs. Edwab, McIntyre and Turchman

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Dr. Ariola - Treasurer:
• Reported on account balances of the society

Ad-hoc Committee on Residents - Dr. Sconzo: (emailed and distributed)

Dr. Albicocco conveyed thanks from Dr. Ratner to all the SDDS membership and Board members for their support after the loss of his mother.

• Dr. Parikh thanked the SDDS Board and the GNYDM committee for the good wishes for his wife's speedy recovery.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of the Minutes of the September 9, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

Dr. Parikh - President:
• Discussed progress in resolving GNYDM pension compliance

Dr. Rosenwein - Librarian Curator:
• Excused

To send a letter to the Directors of the local hospital residency programs, requesting their support in initiating this program

Dr. Ariola discussed having the Installation of officers videotaped again this year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

PROPOSALS AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

• Discussed plans for upcoming meeting of the ad-hoc Medicaid Committee

Mr. Bernard Hackett - Executive Director:
• Informed the Board of Dr. Miller's planned installation at the HOD meeting at the Brooklyn Marriot Hotel

Finance and Budget Committee - Mr. Hackett for Dr. Gounardes: Motion Passed

GOOD & WELFARE:
• Dr. Segelnick will be attending the Dental Benefits council meeting and requested any input from the Board.

• Dr. Reyes received a request from the office of Congresswoman Nidia Valasquez, who is holding a Health Fair in Williamsburg on October

REINSTATEMENTS: NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS:

• Drs. Backer and Segelnick will be participating

• Discussed plans for our upcoming shredding event with Time Shred Services on November 8th and 15th

To endorse the Benchmark Payment Networks processing program contingent upon their exhibiting at the 2013 GNYDM

• Dr. Mindlin discussed benefits of enhanced

Dr. Richard Copell - University of Pennsylvania, 1980

• After receiving feedback from the Board, announced the cancellation of the November BOT meeting due to scheduling conflicts

• Provided reports on: - The New York City Bureau of Radiation Control, which is soliciting comments for the proposed amendments to Article 175 (relating to cane-beam and CT scan technology. NYSDA has been asked to assist in the review

Motion Passed: To approve the 2014 Budget as presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None
NEW BUSINESS
Dr. Mindlin discussed

Dr. Kacy Kurio - University of Michigan, 2006

• Updated the Board on the progress made in rectifying issues with the GNYDM pension plan

- Discussions with

Dr. Nazilya Schmookler - Columbia University, 1995

Dr. Lauro Medran-



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served for 30 years until his death on March 6, 1908. The president of a bank must have a good handle on finances and Dr. Holly's input into the investments of the SDDS had to have been of immense assistance. In 1886, Dr. Holly was elected to be a censor.

reelection. They supported Horace Greeley, the publisher of the New York Tribune. After Greeley lost the election the Liberal Republican party disappeared.

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The Warwick Advertiser - Sept. 29, 1898

In October 1872, Dr. Holly became involved in national politics and was a liberal republican delegate to the county convention. He was also on the executive committee of the Hally Greeley and Brown Campaign

Club that organized on August 8, 1872. The Liberal Republican Party was formed specifically to counter President Ulysses S. Grant's

(an officer position). Dr. Holly's interest in water didn't stop with the fire department. He was appointed in 1891 to the town's water commission, responsible for "sufficient and additional supply of water" to Warwick. According to his obituary, Dr. Holly also served on the town's Board of Education and was its President. Dr. J.H. Holly was very much into music and enjoyed singing as part of a quartet. He even performed in a concert of the Warwick Musical association on May 1st 1866. Some of his love for music was ingrained in his son Samuel Edwin who played the trom-

bone in the Warwick Coronet Band in 1881.

Dr. James Henry Holly was an instrumental citizen of Warwick and many of his accomplishments in Warwick's history can still be enjoyed today. I would like to thank the local history librarian at Albert Wisner Public Library in Warwick, NY for sending me Dr. Holly's obituary notice and pointing me in the right direction.

Stuart Segelnick, D.D.S. 131st President, SDDS

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