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**Your Dental Society Responds**

The challenges for the average dentist are many. Treating oral disease, running a successful small business and balancing work with family life are just a few of the challenges we all face. But recently, it seems that our profession has been under an unusual amount of attack. An ever changing regulatory landscape and the repeated attacks of our profession from the media are additional problems that we all must face.

However, it is nice to know that organized dentistry, namely the tripartite of the American Dental Association, the New York State Dental Association and the Second District Dental Society, is fighting for our profession. They fight unnecessary regulation, provide programs to help members comply with existing regulations and, through their many publications such as this Bulletin as well as e-mail blasts and website alerts, inform members of the issues they face.

**Mid-Level Providers & the W.K. Kellogg Foundation**

On April 10, 2012, the ADA offered a firm rebuttal of a report by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The report was touted as a comprehensive compilation of publications and anecdotes about the prevalence and use of midlevel providers, commonly referred to as dental therapists. The ADA quickly refuted this report in a letter from ADA President Bill Calnon to the New York Times calling the Kellogg Report "an evidence-based report, intended to support a predetermined conclusion." The ADA's firm stance against non-dentists performing surgical/irreversible procedures is well known. The Association believes that all of the individuals and organizations involved in this discussion, whether regarding this paper specifically or the larger, ongoing discourse, want the same thing: a nation in which everyone who seeks it enjoys good oral health and

the overall health to which it contributes.

**New Study Linking X-Rays to Cancer**

The ADA also responded quickly to a study published in *Cancer*, a scientific journal of the American Cancer Society, associating yearly or more frequent dental X-rays with an increased risk of developing a brain tumor. The study had received widespread media coverage. The ADA issued a press statement about the study the same day, noting that the findings were based on patient recall of x-rays taken years ago and citing the ADA's long-standing position that dentists should order dental x-rays for patients only when necessary for diagnosis and treatment. Many of the news outlets picked up on the ADA release discounting the study in deference to the value of x-rays prescribed by a dentist according to best practices.

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**SDDS Presidents: A History**

**This Month: Dr. Walter Elliott and Dr. Albert Chapman**



**Dr. Walter Scott Elliott, D.D.S., M.D., M.D.S.** died on June 27, 1897. He was 70 years old. As a young man, Dr. Elliott was taught the jeweler trade by his father. He however, wanted to be a professional, and started out by obtaining a D.D.S. degree from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. After a number of years in practice, he became ill and retired from dentistry. He subsequently recuperated and decided to pursue further education. He attended medical school and

received an M.D. degree. After a while of practicing medicine, his love for dentistry prevailed. He de-

**Elliott Suspension Burring Engine Circa 1871**

ecided to return to his roots and practice dentistry. He also successfully passed the board of censor's exam and received his MDS degree on July 13, 1876.

Dr. Elliott was elected the fifth and tenth President of the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) in 1873 and 1880. However, as I looked at the wall of the SDDS headquarters, I realized he was not mentioned at all. We do not have his picture or name listed for either year. That is unfortunate, for he was a very well-known inventor and scientific writer. His best known invention was the Elliott Suspension Burring

Engine, which he patented in 1871. This dental engine had foot pedaled power and was highly prized by the profession in this era. Other inventions included Elliott's Parting Fluid to separate models from impressions and the Amalgam Porte used to gather up amalgam and carry it to the mouth.

At the very first annual session of the Dental Society of the State New York (DSSNY), on July 27, 1869, Dr. W.S. Elliot read his essay, "Peridental Inflammation: Its Pathology and Treatment." He would present many essays through the years at the annual sessions and was also on the Prize Essay Committee. This committee was responsible for choosing the prize essay winner for the year.

Dr. Elliott was elected Correspondent of DSSNY at the 6th annual meeting and took office in 1875. The position of Correspondent was actually as an officer

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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**MAY**

Thursday 3	CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #12-11 Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY "Periodontal Surgical Procedures to Enhance Restorative Treatment" Constantine G. Pavlakos, D.D.S.	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Friday 4	CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #12-12 Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY "Your Restorative Board of Directors" Bradley S. Portenoy, D.D.S.	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Monday 7	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING	7:00 PM
Wed 9	CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #12-13 Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY "CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday 11	CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #12-14 Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY "Reduce Anxiety Implementing Chairside Hypnosis" & "Increase Patient Compliance Using Projective Imaging" Janet Crain, D.M.D. "Craniofacial Pain/Temporomandibular Dysfunction: A 2012 Update" Ira M. Klemons, D.D.S., Ph.D.	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday 15	RICHMOND COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY Membership Meeting Bocelli Restaurant, Staten Island, NY "The Art of Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Invisalign Cases: Proper Patient Selection" Salvatore R. Esposito, D.D.S.	6:00 PM
Friday 18	CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #12-15 Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY "Digital Implant Dentistry: Where Biology Meets Technology" Ronald M. Margolies, D.M.D.	9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

**JUNE**

Monday 4	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING	7:00 PM
Friday 8	CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #12-16 Fort Hamilton Community Club, Brooklyn, NY "Bisphosphonate Therapy and Osteonecrosis: What Dentists Need to Know" Kenneth E. Fleisher, D.D.S.	9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

**RICHMOND COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY**

**VENUE**  
 Metuchen Golf & Country Club  
 244 Plainfield Road  
 Edison, NJ 08820

**SCHEDULE**  
 12:00 PM Lunch  
 1:30 PM Tee Time  
 6:00 PM Dinner and Awards

**2012 GOLF OUTING**

**THURSDAY  
 JUNE 14, 2012**

**RSVP & QUESTIONS**  
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 at (718) 980-4600.

**RSVP by  
 May 14, 2012**

**Nominations for the 2012 Nominating Committee**  
 At the April 20, 2012 Scientific Meeting, the following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:  
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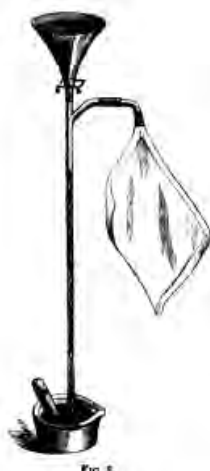
of the DSSNY.

“The correspondent shall have charge of and conduct the correspondence of the Society and of the executive board. He shall open communications with dental, medical and scientific societies and with eminent dentists, physicians and scientists, in any part of the world, and report annually to this society.”

Dr. W.S. Elliott was known for being the Secretary of the Sag Harbor Historical society and an avid contributor to their society. He was also quite an accomplished musician, playing the organ in his church in Goshen and the Presbyterian Church in Sag Harbor.

**Dr. Albert Nelson Chapman** was the sixth President of the SDDS serving in 1874. He was born in West Hampton, Massachusetts on March 27, 1838 and died on March 23, 1898, at the age of 59. After suffering for three weeks with the grip (what is now known as influenza), he expired of cerebral apoplexy, a small blood vessel had burst in his brain.

There are several interesting anecdotes related to Dr. Chapman. Some of them appear below.



*Nitrous Oxide Apparatus, Nature Vol. 14 1876*

In 1897, unbeknownst to the DSSNY, Dr. Chapman had taken ill, and the Treasurer noted that he was in arrears of his \$9 dues, and reported that he would be dropped from the Society if he didn't pay up by the next annual meeting.

Dr. Chapman practiced in the same office located in the Athenaeum Building at the corner of Clinton Street and Atlantic Avenue for his whole career. A quarterly meeting of the SDDS was held at his office in 1879. At that time, the SDDS only met four times a year; three of the meetings were referred to as quarterly meetings and one was called the Annual Meeting. The SDDS members would meet at a member's offices or other venues such as the Mayor's Room in Newburgh.

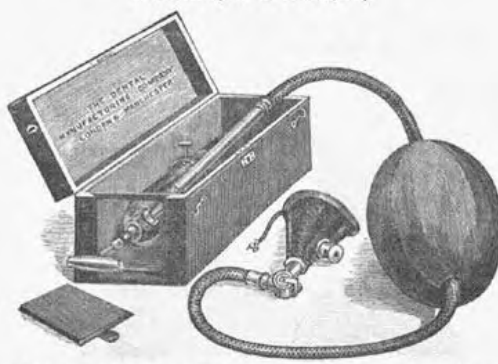
Dr. Chapman was well known for employing nitrous oxide gas for tooth extractions.

This led to many referrals from other dentists who did not utilize nitrous. Nitrous oxide was first used as an anesthetic in 1844 by Dr. Horace Wells, a dentist, but did not catch on until 1863. It wasn't until 1868 that 20% oxygen was combined with the nitrous oxide to prevent asphyxia.

In a trial held in the City Court of Brooklyn on December 14, 1875 a dentist, Dr. Irving Thayer, DDS was sued by a patient for \$5000 for allegedly breaking the jaw of this patient when extracting tooth #29. This led to the loss of part of the patient's mandible, and all its posterior teeth. Dr. Thayer testified that when extracting the tooth the “patient slipped down in the chair and the crown came off.” The dentist then discussed the alternatives and risks of continuing before making a couple of attempts to remove the root. At that point, the patient refused to have Dr. Thayer continue and Dr. Thayer then referred the patient to

Dr. Chapman's office for nitrous anesthetic. The patient refused this as well. At the trial, Dr. Chapman was called as an expert witness and testified on behalf of the dentist. Dr. Thayer won the case because it was found that the jaw wasn't broken, but had developed osteonecrosis from the root that was never removed.

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*Advertisement appeared in the Dental Record 1884*

In 1878, Dr. William Jarvie, 11th President of the SDDS, once observed Dr. Chapman

extract a supernumerary tooth from the left nostril of a 16-year-old girl with a cleft palate under nitrous at the Brooklyn Dental Society Infirmary

- Stuart L. Segelnick, DDS, MS  
131st President of the SDDS

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