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As 2023 winds down, we have fond memories, wonderful accomplishments and plenty to be proud of. We have donated oral health care, grown our membership, worked with dental students, provided Education to our dental community and started a Mentorship Program. Our own Dr. Paul Leary was Elected as the NYSDA Secretary/Treasurer, and Dr. Maria Maranga started her campaign for ADA President-Elect (page 17). More SCDS event photos can be seen on page 9.

Our upcoming events are on page 3.

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1/17/24	Zoom General Membership Meeting/Installation
2/12/24	Board of Directors Mtg.
3/11/24	Board of Directors Mtg.
3/27/24	Seminar Series 2024#1 - Why Digital, Why Now?
4/2/24	Greater Long Island Dental Meeting
4/3/24	Greater Long Island Dental Meeting
4/13/24	SCDS Officers Gala Celebration
4/15/24	White Coat Ceremony SBSDM
4/20/24	Shredding Day
4/22/24	Board of Directors Mtg.
5/4/24	Give Kids a Smile
5/8/24	General Membership Meeting
5/13/24	Board of Directors Mtg.
5/15/24	Seminar Series 2024#2 - Dr. Amanda Seay - A Journey Through Es
5/31/24	NYSDA House of Delegates May 31-June 2
6/12/24	Golf Outing - Willow Creek Golf and Country Club
9/16/24	Board of Directors Mtg.
9/18/24	Seminar Series SS24#3 - Dr. David Rice - Plan, Prep, Place
9/25/24	Zoom General Membership Meeting
10/2/24	Seminar Series SS24#4 - Dr. Brian J. Goodacre
10/9/24	Hands-On Endo Course - 7 CE - Dr. Anne L. Koch
10/14/24	Board of Directors Mtg.
11/13/24	General Membership Meeting
11/18/24	Board of Directors Mtg.

Please note there are several events and courses in active planning, watch our website and our emails and social sites for updates (as events are subject to change). Your support, patronage and patience are appreciated as always. Please send any comments to Contact@SuffolkDental.Org.



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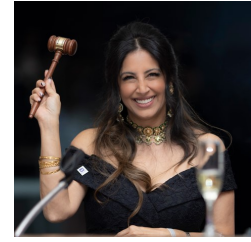
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Preparing to pass the gavel...



It is an interesting time in organized dentistry. For years the ADA has

seen declining membership as a percentage of the available pool of dentists. Some dentists don't see the value in joining the ADA. They may feel the ADA will continue to advocate for oral health in America whether or not they are a member. However, Membership is vital for our profession's survival. Having the advocacy of the ADA and NYSDA helps our voices get heard.

Lobby Day is soon approaching for New York State in March and the ADA in April. One issue to keep in our vision is the passage of licensure in New York State for dental therapists. Proposed bill S819, in favor of dental therapists, currently remains in committee. The viability of dental therapists as solution to address the oral health disparities in New York has not been fully proven. As such, NYSDA would most likely oppose any legislation targeted at creating a dental therapist provider. Further broader discussions around access to oral health care and the challenges that currently face New York must be investigated thoroughly with other solutions to the problem displayed.

The use of dental therapists has not been proven to reduce the cost of receiving dental care. Dental procedures cost the same regardless of who performs them, and there is no impact on government reimbursement rates paid through programs like Medicaid. In fact, it could be argued that the dental therapy program would ultimately increase the cost of delivery with the creation, regulation, and oversight of an additional licensed professional.

Additionally, introducing dental therapists would create a two tiered-care delivery model, with low-income patients receiving care from a less-trained dental therapist, while those who are more affluent will receive care from a licensed dentist. Thus, the introduction of dental therapists could result in creating a problem in health care disparities in the provision of dental services among the other challenges to dental

care delivery, including outdated reimbursement rates and unnecessary administrative burdens. These barriers make it difficult for providers to participate in plans designed for the poor and underserved. In addition to administrative and financial burdens, licensing barriers have limited the number of existing providers in New York. Addressing licensing and certification barriers for dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants needs to be a priority in New York State before new models are explored. Currently, there is only one licensed dental assistant for every 10 dentists, which is severely hampering the ability of dentists to provide care. This is where we step in to advocate for YOU, the Dental Professional, letting your main focus be on providing quality dental care to your patients.

This is my last Bulletin article as president and I am happy to report that the members of Suffolk County Dental Society are in great hands. Dr. Steven Feigelson will be taking over as president. He brings a wealth of knowledge to our society. Our Executive Director, Bill Panzarin and Executive Assistant, Carol Deerwester are both outstanding people, and are assets to the Dental Society. They are the backbone to our organization. Lastly, I would like to thank the line officers Drs. Steven Fiegelson, William Bast, Natalia Elson and John Guariglia for all their hard work and dedication. We have a bright future with them at the helm. It has truly been an honor to serve as president. See you at the next meeting!!

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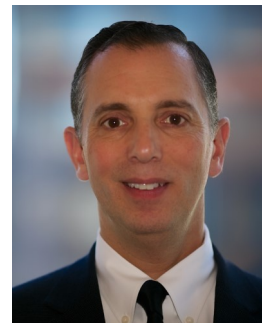
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Meanwhile, in our last edition I told you about all the renovations taking place

here at SCDS headquarters. Words can't do it justice. Come out and experience the space, maybe sit in on a Board of Director's meeting, or join us for the March 27th Seminar Series event with Dr. Anthony Mennito (Why Digital, Why Now).

If there is anything I am ready to talk about it's membership. So ask me! I've dedicated some articles to it previously in this bulletin. I will usually include something in every bulletin article on membership. I understand why you are all members, that is easy for me. I don't understand why some of you don't advocate harder for membership, specifically why you might tolerate it with some of your non-member colleagues. Tell me!

ADA Membership in Suffolk County has never been an easier conversation. I know some non-members question the value, and they are content to let you carry the cost of advocacy for the profession while they share in the benefit. However, value goes beyond the sometimes abstract benefit of advocacy. How about 5% off your malpractice premium with MLMIC for our members? How about a no-charge legal consultation with Rifkin Radler or other NYSDA Legal Services Panel firm? How about \$1000 off your Practice Evaluation with DDSMatch? How about 8 no charge CE (CERP certified) that are provided annually? And additional CE that is half the price of the non-member rate? How do you value a new patient that comes to you as a result of the TV and Digital ads we run and your listing on [FindADentist.ADA.Org](https://www.findadentist.ada.org)? It goes so much further than these things, you can check out our [Members Center web page](#), but people like numbers and illustrations so...

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I know I may be preaching to the choir, or maybe I am trying to turn the choir into preachers! Am I wrong? Tell Me! Have a question? Ask Me!

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Bill Panzarino - Executive Director, SCDS

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Dr. Samuel M. Schindel has been practicing dentistry since 1962 and started working in East Northport doing orthodontics in 1964 after serving as a Captain in the Air Force. He actively practiced orthodontics until the pandemic in 2020. Since that time, he works in the business office of the practice, coming in at least 2-3 times per week. He keeps his dental license active, so we get to see Dr. Schindel at many of our courses and events.



He has been married to his wife, Ronnie, for 63 years. He is the father of two, including his son Robert (a Dentist/member) who joined his practice in 1990, and a daughter Shari. He is a grandfather to three!

Always an active runner, he's won numerous awards in various age groups at the annual Cow Harbor 10 K race in Northport. His last time competing was in 2018, and he came in first in his age group (over 80). While he is not currently competing, he continues to run at least a few times a week and has become an avid golfer.

AT A GLANCE

- Born: Brooklyn, NY 1937
- College: NYU graduated in 1958
- Dental School: NYU graduated in 1962
- ADA Tripartite Membership 1963 (1st of 61 consecutive years)
- Captain in the Air Force:1962-64 Strategic Air Command base during the Cuban Missile Crisis
- Orthodontic Residency completed after the Air Force Service - NYU
- Has lived in Huntington since 1965
- Founding member of the Suffolk County Dental Society:1981
- Board Certified in Orthodontics in 1985

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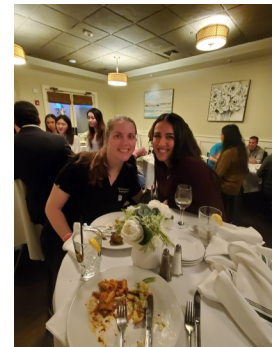


with Brian J. Goodacre, DDS

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A message from your New Membership Chair!



Happy Holidays from your SCDS Membership Chair! We have had quite the busy fall.

Early November saw the 14th annual LI Women’s Dental Symposium (formerly Scrubs and Stilettos) as hosted by both Nassau and Suffolk County Dental Societies. More than 100 women gathered to learn in small group, round table settings about a variety of topics. Each participant was able to choose 3 lectures to fully customize their experience to topics that suited their educational needs. Ladies, be sure to check out this event next year and feel free to send in your suggestions for CE topics you’d like to see covered (contact@suffolkdental.org). This year we honored Dr. Prabha Krishnan, President-Elect of the NY State Dental Association. The featured guest was ADA’s President, Dr. Linda Edgar, and the Keynote address was provided by Dr. Winifred J. Booker.

great debate and discussion amongst members. As is our tradition for the fall meeting, our Veterans were honored, and the new members were recognized.

As we are in a season of giving, one way our established members can give back and get more involved in the society is through our mentorship program. NYSDA and SCDS worked very hard to implement a mentorship program over the past year to support the new generation of dentists. We are still looking for more mentor dentists to join the program and share knowledge and experiences with the new dentists. It’s a great way to give back and the younger dentists are so appreciative. If you’re interested, follow the link in our Members section of the website ([SCDS Mentorship Program](#)) and click “I would like to be a mentor.” Of course, mentees are also welcome to join!



We hope you were among the 160 registrants at our Compliance Day on Dec 6th where CPR, infection control, opioid, and risk management trainings were provided, all in one ultra-efficient day. Just another way Suffolk is aiming to take care of our members! Wishing you much joy this holiday season. Don’t miss our 2024 Seminar Series, buy 3 get the 4th free, but only till the end of 2023 (QR Codes below).



On November 15th, 2023 we held our last general membership meeting of the year where all things laser dentistry were discussed by Dr. Howard Golan. This was a very interesting 2-unit CE topic that sparked some

Hailey Taylor, DDS
Chairperson SCDS Membership Committee



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Fourth letter from the ADA Trustee to the NYSDA Components – January 2024
Trustee's Corner

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. It is my sincerest hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. As we embark upon a new year, I wish all of you a healthy and successful 2024. It is a new year for your American Dental Association with many interesting things occurring in Chicago, as well as around the country.

In October, the ADA announced a new organization in collaboration with the Forsyth Institute. The new entity is now the ADA Forsyth Institute. It will dramatically change the oral health research arena with cutting edge transformative research. Ultimately, this will lead to more advanced care in the clinical care of dentistry, which will directly improve our patient's overall health. Through biological research, local and global public health outreach along with technological innovation, the ADA Forsyth Institute will set the standard for dental research around the world. The ADA Seal Program will eventually grow to investigate a much larger number of products to evaluate and decide which dental commodities deserve their approval. Elyse Cherry JD, board chair of the Forsyth Institute, gave a presentation on the organization to the ADA Board of Trustees at the October Board meeting. She discussed a storied list of accomplishments, as well as the historical background of Forsyth, which dates back more than one hundred years. The location of the new ADA Forsyth Institute will be in Somerville, Massachusetts.

I had the distinct honor of representing the ADA as a delegate at the most recent Federation Dentaire International (FDI) annual meeting last September in Sydney, Australia. The FDI World Dental Congress met and decided many of the pressing issues that deal with global oral health. Although the FDI is a small organization with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, it represents more than one hundred National Dental Organizations and close to one hundred countries. I have come to learn they are involved in many collaborations in the global oral health community. New policy statements on Collaboration between Oral Health Professionals and other Health Professionals, Mental Health for Oral Health Professionals and Dental Students, Tooth Wear and Alcohol as a Risk for Oral Health were decided upon. Revision of existing policy statements on Alternative Restorative Materials to Dental Amalgam, Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care, Social and Commercial Determinants of Oral Health and Oral Health for Healthy Aging were debated and agreed upon.

The FDI is overseeing more than twenty in depth studies on research areas such as access to oral health care through primary care, the effects of free sugar on oral health and overall health, antibiotic resistance in dentistry, artificial intelligence and dental applications, consensus project on toothbrushing methods, digital cleft care and electronic health records. After many discussions to strengthen the draft of the World Health Organization's Global Oral Health Plan (2023-2030), the revised version was incorporated with many FDI recommendations in the final language. What I have learned is the FDI punches above their weight and the ADA is an integral part of their success.

After a full year of existence, the Strategic Forecasting Committee is rounding into shape. As a committee of the House of Delegates, the SFC seated its new members following the House vote, has completed selections for the subcommittees and the action groups. The SFC has approved the Vision and Mission statements of the American Dental Association, which will be placed before the 2024 House of Delegates for final adoption. Work is now beginning to assess the value of each of the existing 171 programs at the ADA, as measured against current priorities. Discussions are also ongoing within the Action groups on a variety of critical topics. The information and opinions gathered are forwarded to the Subcommittees and finally end up at the Strategic Forecasting Committee. Any new revelations or ideas that occur in the profession will also be studied by groups that are skilled in those areas.

The Board of Trustees will take the SFC value-based recommendations of ADA programs and use them when preparing the budget and finances of the ADA. This will be done on a quarterly basis instead of annually. This correlates with mission-based accounting and making decisions on a real time basis. The ADA feels decisions made in a timelier manner will make our organization more effective and financially stable. If you are called to be on an Action group or a Subcommittee, please take us up on it and be involved in important discussions with our organization.

At my last edition of the Trustee's Corner, I mentioned the California Board of Governors decided to recalibrate and put the idea of optional ADA tripartite membership on pause. The California House of Delegates met in the middle of November and did not bring up the issue. My hope is with all the new changes happening at our ADA, there will not be any reason for California to take this issue up again. As we all know, the ADA and our profession are stronger together with the tripartite including the entire country, speaking as one for our members and the patients we serve.

I have been honored to serve as your Trustee the past year and I look forward to serving you the next three years. It has been a tremendously rewarding experience and I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity. I wish everyone a happy and successful 2024. Please contact me at 716-510-3217 if you have any questions concerning the ADA or if you need to talk about our profession in any way.

Sincerely, Brendan

Brendan Dowd DDS
Second District Trustee

Dental Educators Day

More dental schools are opening. Dental school faculty across the country are aging. As a consequence, the shortage of those who can educate the next generation of dentists is being felt nationwide, which is

why Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine sprung into action this fall, hosting its first-ever Dental Educators Day on October 5, 2023.

The occasion will be celebrated at Stony Brook on the first Thursday in October each year, held in conjunction with World Teachers' Day. Its goal? To inspire students to consider dental academia as their future career, thus making it possible for them to pass their skills and knowledge on to those aspiring to join them in the dental profession.

"By sharing the innumerable benefits of being a dental educator, we hope to inspire students to pursue such a pathway, whether their career is here at Stony Brook or elsewhere," said Patrick Lloyd, dean, Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. "We also hope that other dental schools – in the US and beyond – recognize the value of such a forum and that they consider hosting their own dental educators event in the coming years."

With the increase in class size of many dental schools as well as the emergence of more than a dozen new dental schools in the last 15 years, the need to reinforce the faculty workforce has never been greater. According to an article in the *Journal of Dental Education*, over 40 percent of full-time dental faculty in the United States reported to be over 60 years of age¹. Recruitment of faculty is challenged by the misconception that private practice opportunities provide greater levels of total compensation.

"Stony Brook is uniquely positioned to help dental students interested in an academic career get a head start," said Dr. Dolores Cannella, associate dean for education at Stony Brook. "It is one of few schools in the country, if not the only school, where students can earn an education degree — a Master of Arts in



Higher Education Administration — in four years with no additional tuition costs. Also, Stony Brook's general practice residency program offers select residents a second year of training, focused on developing the skills and gaining the experience as a didactic and clinical instructor."



On the inaugural Dental Educators Day at Stony Brook, dozens of students, who are members of the school's Student American Dental Education Association or involved in research, heard the perspective of Thomas Manders, DDS, director, Division of Endodontics and advanced education program in endodontics; Sri Myneni, DDS, MS, PhD, director, advanced dental education program in periodontics; Rekha Reddy, DMD, director of oral pathology; and Christine Valestrand, DMD, director, fixed prosthodontics technique course.

"There are many tangible and intangible rewards that I have enjoyed as a faculty member at Stony Brook," said Dr. Manders, a 1991 Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine graduate who spent more than 25 years in private practice.

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“Dental Educators Day was a great opportunity to share what motivated me to stay in education at my alma mater, as well as advice for current students who are considering a similar path.”



Panelists L/R—Drs—Sri Myneni, Rekha Reddy, Christine Valestrand, Thomas Manders

Each panelist spoke about the path that they took to dentistry and ultimately to academia, as well what they felt was the most rewarding part of their role as educators, including giving back to the profession that gave them an excellent quality of life, the ability to stay on the cutting edge of the latest technological trends in dentistry, and the many healthcare and retirement benefits available at Stony Brook.

“Follow your mentors and ask them who inspired them and what their career path was,” Dr. Reddy advised the day’s attendees. “One of the greatest

things about working in education is that that mentorship continues. You stay on top of the latest developments in dentistry. You have to take CE courses in private practice, but by working in academia, it’s almost like you have CE every day. You can continue to wear those multiple hats – doing research, serving as a mentor, and giving back to the future of dentistry by sharing your passion with others.”

All of the presenters acknowledged that it was the variety in their days that kept them enthused and excited about their careers in dental education. “No two days are ever the same,” was the common refrain. Adding to this was the yearly infusion of a new crop of students and residents who were eager to learn and asking all sorts of questions – helping keep everyone up to date on the latest discoveries and most advanced technologies.

“We’re going to take a lead on promoting opportunities in dental education, so that our school continues to recruit the very best students and residents, by having the very best faculty,” remarked Dean Lloyd. “Let’s hope other schools catch on and do their part in preparing the next generation of dental educators – the future of our profession depends on it.”

Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS

Dean, Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine

The logo for the Suffolk County Dental Society, featuring a stylized 'NY' in a blue square above the text 'Suffolk County DENTAL SOCIETY'. The background is decorated with colorful balloons, streamers, and a small inset photo of two people. A yellow banner contains the event details.

General Membership Meeting
January 17, 2024
Officer Installation / Pathology Lecture
Meeting 6:30pm ON ZOOM

[Register Now](#) for our first 2024 General Membership Meeting. A Zoom event featuring our 2024 Officer Installations, meet Dr. Brett Kessler ADA President-Elect, and featuring 2 CE Pathology Lecture by Dr. Guenter Jonke.



New Dentist Corner with Devin Continuing Education



While some of our New Dentist ranks are not yet required to submit CE credits, continuing education is a fantastic way to stay sharp and even broaden your

scope of practice. Good thing it's also an integral part of the benefits you get as an SCDS member! Just this past month we had a wonderful CE refresher on medical emergencies in the office by Dr. Junaid Mundiya, DMD. Participants ate, drank, and discussed their way through common medical emergencies encountered in the dental office. Our New Dentist Committee picked the venue (The State Room in Patchogue), Speaker and the Topic. All of which were excellent.

It is one of our many goals this year for the New Dentist Committee to find more ways to educate our members, including revitalizing the SCDS study clubs. As always, give us a shout if you

have ideas for a CE or study club you'd like to see (contact@suffolkdental.org). We hope to see you at the next CE event as well as our upcoming early career expert panel this spring.



Happy Holidays!

Devin Klein, DDS

SCDS New Dentist Chair

We welcome the following new members to the *Suffolk County Dental Society*
Elected between September and November 2023:

Transferred In (Welcome)

Damanjyot Anand, DDS
Noah Ebrani, DDS
Michael Kirshblum, DMD
Eric Mastanduono, DDS

Trevina Metyas, DDS
Frank Palmaccio, DDS
Robert Polowczyk, DDS
David Sahagun, DDS

Welcome Back

Alan Berman, DDS
Kaitlan Polkinhorn, DDS

Obituaries

Arthur Joel Gottesman, DMD – Dr. Gottesman passed away on November 9, 2023, at the age of 90 in Wellington, FL. He completed his undergraduate degree at Hobart College and received a degree in Periodontics from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Gottesman served as a dentist in the Army and then established a practice in Huntington, retiring in 2002. Dr. Gottesman was an ADA member for 65 years.

Oral Surgeon P/T Position

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Associate Dentist Needed

Large multi-specialty group practice is looking for top-notch Associate Dentists in Huntington, Medford, and Garden City. Some weekend and evening availability is needed. Qualifications and Skills: DDS/DMD from an accredited University and an active State Dental Board license. A personable chairside manner. Earning potential of \$200K+ annual income, Full-time employees also enjoy healthcare benefits, a company-sponsored 401(k), and malpractice reimbursement. Reach out to tiffany@thesmilist.com today!

Associate Dentist Wanted

We are looking for a full-time Associate Dentist for our large private office, located in Eastern Suffolk. All phases of dentistry are performed. Excellent potential for the long term. We offer salary and benefits according to experience. Please respond to emodentist@yahoo.com.

General Dentist

Seeking general dentist for established high tech, state of the art office in Smithtown NY. Part time/full time. Please visit our website at bonatidental.com. Contact Lindsay at 631-584-7777.

Office Space for Rent

Office space for rent in the Stony Brook Medical Park. Whole dental office for rent for a specialist every Friday and every other Saturday if wanted. Please contact Marlina at 631-265-0030

Endodontist Needed

Endodontist needed for an established large dental group practice in Levittown, New York. 3 + days a week. Experience preferred. Excellent opportunity for a recent graduate. Please send CV to: klcamhi@gmail.com or call 516-993-4062

Dental Office for Sale or Rent

The Stony Brook Medical Park, 2500 Nesconset Hwy, Bld 11-C, Stony Brook, NY 11790. Walk-in quality - perfect for one dentist or two dentists who will not practice at the same time. Three operatories: two doctors, one hygiene, 966 sq/ft with an equal size basement. Must be seen to be appreciated. If interested contact John Diana at johndianadds@optonline.net or 516-455-0695.

Endodontist Sought

Endodontist sought for root canal therapy and diagnostic procedures at modern dental center in Lindenhurst, NY. One or two 8-hour sessions/month. \$1400-1500/day. Must carry own malpractice for Suffolk County. Email: dlieberman@noitu.org or call 631-225-1010.

NYSDA Trustee Update

Happy Holidays! It has been a busy 2023 and we are thankful to Rada Sachdeva-Munk for her leadership as president and looking forward to the 2024 president installation of Steven Fiegelson. We are fortunate to



have such dedicated individuals who give so much time and effort away from their families to make our profession stronger.

Our Suffolk delegates and alternates worked hard to prepare, debate and vote on the issues at this year's SmileCon Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Their input, comments and suggestions made a difference. Please consider joining the board and contributing your own thoughts. A stronger profession creates value, not only for current members, but for our future dentists.

Highlights at the Annual meeting include the election of our new ADA president elect Brett Kessler from the 14th District. He is a general dentist and past president from Colorado. Edwin Sepulveda, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon from Puerto Rico was elected as 2nd vice president.

If you recall, our society introduced a resolution to NYSDA which was submitted to the ADA House regarding action on Non-Members advertising as Tripartite members on Social Media Websites. Our delegates argued our concerns valiantly but the House of Delegates referred this to committee. We will continue to monitor the issue closely.

With much debate, the House of Delegates voted to decrease active member dues \$30 or 5%

from 2022 dues rate. The dues reduction was proposed by the ADA Board of Trustees as part of the Association's commitment to support the tripartite and its members. Annual ADA dues for 2023 will be \$570. Next year's SmileCon will be in New Orleans from October 17-19, 2024.

With every new year comes greater challenges: Dental team recruitment, maintaining full patient appointment schedules, financial management to name a few. Remember, we are all in this together. Our mission is to represent the interests of our members. Our TV ad educating the public on ADA members, financial experts sponsoring our general membership meetings are all attempts to further increase value as a member in the ADA. Please reach out with your questions and comments.

Finally, I wish to personally acknowledge Bill and Carol at our society headquarters. Their dedication and hard work to all our members is exemplary. They assure the voluminous amounts of information from the ADA, NYSDA and other sources is forwarded in a timely manner and always with a smile, not to mention all the general membership meetings, events and CE courses organized throughout the year. They are responsive to our members. Please thank them for their services.

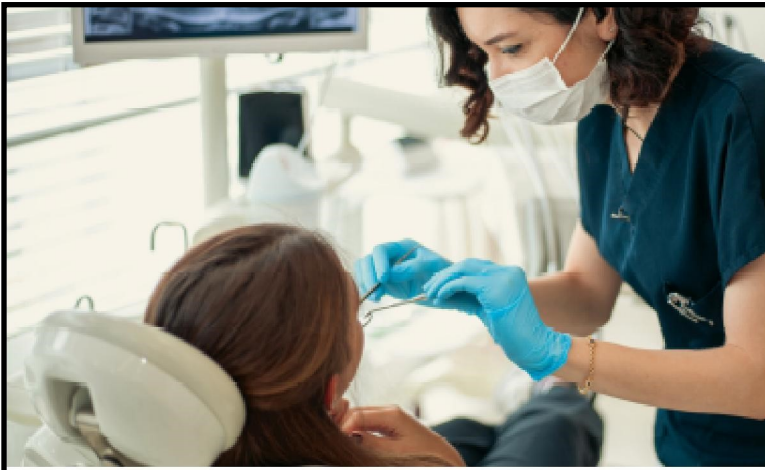
Guenter Jonke, DMD - Trustee New York State Dental Association



Suffolk's own Dr. Maria Maranga formally announced her candidacy for ADA President-Elect at the close of the ADA House of Delegates in October. Have a look at her brochure and her video. Both can be accessed with this QR Code. Dr. Maranga is opposed by four other candidates - Dr. Chad R. Leighty, Dr. Rudolph T. Liddell, Dr. Michael D. Medovic and Dr. Richard J. Rosato.



Dr. Maranga has our full support and we wish her well in this challenging and important endeavor. Stay tuned for additional updates throughout 2024.



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A very serious shortage of dental assistants currently exists in New York.
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FUNDAMENTALS of CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTING TRAINING COURSE

COURSE DATES:	March 21, through June 27, 2024 (every Thursday evening for 15 weeks)
PLACE:	St. Charles Hospital & Rehabilitation Center 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777
TIME:	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR:

- * Students who are interested in entering or re-entering the career field.
- * Already employed dental assistants who have no formal classroom training.
- * Working dental assistants who are interested in preparing to take the DANB Exam.

This comprehensive course will provide a learning experience in the theory & background of the profession of dental assisting and provide hands-on-training in a clinical classroom setting. The course has been structured in such a way that the total time required for completion is only 15 sessions totaling 45 hours plus a 15-hour workbook study project.

The course is a total of 60 hours. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

Dental Terminology	Charting	Disease Transmission
Infection Control	Sterilization	Operative Dentistry
Dental Specialties	Anesthesia	Dental Instrumentation
4-Handed Dentistry	Dental Materials	Radiology
Dental Office Emergencies	Dental Anatomy	Preventive Oral Hygiene

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TUITION:	\$ 1150.00
TEXT, REG, INS, & LAB	\$ 845.00
TOTAL	\$ 1995.00 Payment Plan Available (Call for details, DATC mobile 914-564-3774)

Free parking is available at St. Charles Hospital.

Enrollment is limited.

MAIL COURSE SEAT RESERVATIONS TO:

➡ DATC, 367 Windsor Hwy, #226, New Windsor, NY 12553

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