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2023 is far from over, you still have time to join us at events. We are excited to be unveiling our new state of the art Media Center here at 150 Motor Parkway in Hauppauge. We're planning a Compliance Day (with mandatory courses) on December 6. Stay tuned for details, hope to see you soon!

Our upcoming events are on page 3 and are subject to change.  
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Date	SCDS Event
10/5/2023	Smilecon - 10/5-7
10/7/2023	ADA House of Delegates 10/7-10
10/16/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.
10/18/2023	<a href="#">New Dentist Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office</a>
10/25/2023	Members Only - Pace's Steak House/Doctor's Internet
11/3/2023	<a href="#">LI Womens Dental Symposium</a>
11/13/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.
11/15/2023	<a href="#">General Membership Meeting</a>
12/6/2023	COMPLIANCE DAY - SAVE THE DATE
1/17/2024	Zoom General Membership Meeting/Installation
2/12/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
3/11/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
3/27/2024	<a href="#">Seminar Series 2024#1 - Why Digital, Why Now?</a>
4/2/2024	<a href="#">Greater Long Island Dental Meeting</a>
4/3/2024	<a href="#">Greater Long Island Dental Meeting</a>
4/13/2024	SCDS Officers Gala Celebration
4/15/2024	White Coat Ceremony SBSDM
4/22/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
5/8/2024	General Membership Meeting
5/13/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
5/15/2024	Seminar Series 2024#2 - Details coming soon
9/16/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
9/18/2024	Seminar Series 2024#3 - Details coming soon
9/25/2024	Zoom General Membership Meeting
10/2/2024	Seminar Series 2024#4 - Details coming soon
10/14/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
11/13/2024	General Membership Meeting
11/18/2024	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 and patience are appreciated as always. Please send any comments to [Contact@SuffolkDental.Org](mailto:Contact@SuffolkDental.Org).



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

**Reinstated**

Clifford Brown, DDS  
Robert Eickelberg, DDS  
Zev Lazarus, DMD  
Eliz. Skaf Michelizzi DMD  
Savita Sharma, DMD  
Manisha Suri, DDS  
Sherese Sweeney, DDS  
Joseph Vitagliano, DMD  
Edward Zeva, DMD

**Transferred In (cont'd)**

Patrick Gooch, DDS  
Jennifer Henkin, DMD  
Zena Mourabet, DDS  
Sarthak Nayyar, DDS  
An Nguyen, DDS  
Mitchell Steinberg, DDS  
Pallavi Suhag, DDS  
Viviana Torres Rizo, DDS  
Jermaine Wilson, DDS

**Grad Students/Residents (cont'd)**

Preet Channa, DDS  
Matthew Cheung, DDS  
Hussein Daraghma, DDS  
Victoria DiVilio, DDS  
Valerie Fernandez, DDS  
Catherine Frusetta, DDS  
Gabrielle Fusco, DDS  
Madison Garrity, DDS  
Alexandria Hensler, DDS  
Laura Hippensteel, DDS  
Aria Hourizadeh, DDS  
Justine Inzero, DMD  
Marika Jagielska, DDS  
Rivka Kalendarov, DDS  
Redha Khan, DDS  
Arjun Kumar, DDS  
Joseph Leem, DDS

**Grad Students/Residents (cont'd)**

Nicholas Nemeth, DDS  
Ivana Newen, DDS  
Bryan Nguyen, DDS  
Shruti Patel, DDS  
Ethan Razi, DDS  
Daniel Reilly, DDS  
Kyle Reeves, DDS  
Shalom Reuben, DDS  
Wyatt Richter, DDS  
Farah Sarwari, DDS  
James Sheffield, DDS  
Ariana Spagna, DDS  
Edward Starr, DDS  
Yiji Suh, DDS  
Sarah To, DDS  
Vivek Viswanath, DDS  
Ruey-Chyi Wang, DMD  
Eric Zhang, DDS

**Transferred In**

Tamika Anoaia, DDS  
Michelle DiMonte, DMD  
Mohamed El-Ounsi, DDS  
Susan Erickson, DDS  
Robert Friedman, DDS  
Abraham Ganz, DMD  
Balamsia Golo, DMD

**Grad Students/Residents**

Brett Allen, DDS  
Naftali Amsel, DDS  
Rachel Amsel, DDS  
Benjamin Ankus, DMD  
Annam Baig, DMD  
Chloe Beninati, DDS  
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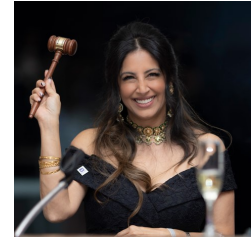
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## Presidential fun facts you may not know!

With the ADA House of Delegates meetings coming up in October, it is



your voices that we would like to hear. The traditional model of dentistry is changing and evolving. According to the American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute, the percentage of solo owner/practitioners has been declining since 1999, dropping from 65% to 50.3% in 2019. Additionally, there has been a 40% increase in the number of practicing dentists affiliated with a DSO since 2017, and a recent survey of dental professionals found that 7% of dentists are considering affiliating with a DSO or merging their practices due to the pandemic.

One of the primary drivers for consolidation is the increasing burden of debt and ownership on new and early career dentists. With rising fee structures, insurance challenges, and external threats like the pandemic, many dentists are feeling overwhelmed by the accumulated debt and related career pressures. It is the ADA, NYSDA, and SCDS that will take these problems to the respective legislative bodies to help dentists (regardless of practice modality) navigate the changes that are reshaping the profession while ensuring patients get the high standard of trustworthy care they deserve. With that, here are some fun facts I bet you did not know.

Most of us know that George Washington's wooden teeth were actually ivory. Most have heard about Joseph Biden's root canal and US Grant's oral cancer. Politicians need a strong smile and a firm handshake while they glad-hand voters, kiss babies and smile for the camera.

Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, the youngest president ever, was known for his teeth, nicknamed the "smiling president." His name is also where the name Teddy Bear came from after he refused to shoot a tied-up bear that had been chased by hounds and clubbed as he deemed it

unsportsmanlike. A toy manufacturer created a cuddle bear and named it Teddy Bear. It is difficult finding a picture of Teddy Roosevelt without an ear-to-ear smile exposing his teeth. He was actually reported as the first president who smiled because he was typically photographed and illustrated with his toothy grin on his face. His smile was often described as a double row of teeth. He had full dentition which was not common during that era. When Teddy Roosevelt died at age 60, an article was written that his death was suspected to be from an endodontically treated tooth that was still infected and thus septic. However, that supposition was incorrect as he died from a clot breaking loose and entering his lungs – a pulmonary embolism.

Abraham Lincoln had intense dental anxiety after he had a tooth extraction that left him with a broken jaw. After avoiding the dentist for years, he was forced to come in due to a tooth hurting so much he had to seek help from a dentist. He brought in his own chloroform to knock himself out in the dental chair during the procedure. Obviously, this was before the discovery of Novocain or the use of nitrous oxide. It is suspected he only saw a dentist 4 times.

Thomas Jefferson was very proud of his teeth, writing a friend at the age of 75 stating "I have not yet lost a tooth to age."

John Adams never sought preventative care from a dentist. It is rumored he began smoking at age 8 and continued on into adulthood. This caused him to lose all his teeth. Rather than get dentures as George Washington did, he embraced his toothless smile and spoke with a lisp.

Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th president, had an epithelioma on the roof of his mouth during his second term in office. This lesion is described as "an ulcerative surface  
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**SEMINAR SERIES 2024**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**  
**Anthony Mennito, DMD**  
**Why Digital, Why Now?**  
**7 M.C.E. Credits - Course #2024-01**



**Course Description:** When choosing dental technology for your practice, it can be difficult due to the amount of variability between the way we all practice. However, when it comes down to it, we generally all have the same questions and concerns that might keep us from making a technology purchase. How big is the learning curve? How will my staff react to this change? What is the return on investment, and does it make sense for me? In this talk, Dr. Mennito will discuss how he has utilized digital technology in his practice over the past decade to make it more efficient and profitable. Furthermore, he'll discuss how to overcome implementation hurdles in order to reap the rewards that come with digitizing your practice.

**Objectives:**

- Discuss digital impression systems and which questions to ask when making this purchase.
- Learn about the benefits of chairside milling utilizing CAD/CAM technology.
- Discuss 3D printing and how it can augment your digital workflow.
- Learn why the CBCT is the piece of technology that you never knew you needed.
- Explore how digital planning can help make implant planning a slam dunk.
- Discuss digital design and the best ways to accomplish this either yourself, or with a third-party service.
- Review modern materials and discuss strategies for material selection.

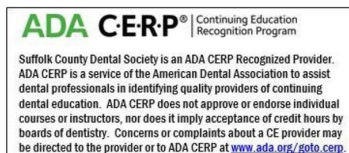
**Bio:** Dr. Tony Mennito graduated from Temple Dental School in 2003 and moved to Charleston the following week as his wife, Sarah, was beginning her Pediatric residency at MUSC. Dr. Mennito practiced 90 minutes away in Bamberg. Their son, Sam, was born in 2007, and in 2009 he began teaching at MUSC College of Dental Medicine.

At the Medical University, he found a love of teaching that has only grown stronger. Over the past 10 years, while teaching and practicing dentistry, he has done the research, patented a dental material, started a biotech company, published 17 clinical papers, and began an international speaking career focusing on dental technology and materials.

He is a member of a group of mentors and partners at Expertise Dental, all focused on a common goal – providing dentistry for patients, using modern technology and techniques to make sure that patients' oral health stays in great shape.

**Location: 150 Motor Parkway; Media Center – Lower Level; Hauppauge, NY 11788**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Breakfast/Check-in 8:30 a.m. Buffet lunch Noon – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Tuition: 7 CE Course - ADA members \$300, Non-ADA \$600, Aux: \$125, ADA Residents: \$60**  
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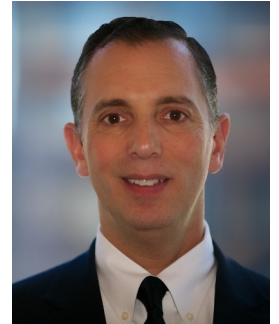
## Getting back to it!

And it's going to be better than ever!

It's Autumn and things are "Falling" into place. Renovations and construction are completing at our headquarters. Not a face lift, a complete rebuild. The vast rear parking lot, not tarred over, but completely ripped out

down to dirt, repaved, rebuilt, new lighting, new flower beds, new lines, and the front parking lot is undergoing the same. The lower-level media center is transformed, ripped down to studs, new walls, new ceiling, new lighting, new flooring, new glass, new wet bar, new furniture, new large flat panel screen and the list goes on. And we plan to capitalize on this new space with a powerhouse of 2024 speakers so that we can really show off this new space and have members enjoy it. Further from the eye the infrastructure has been replaced; heating, AC, ventilation, fire prevention system, etc. The Damianos Realty Group has made a very significant investment in 150 Motor Parkway since acquiring it 19 months ago, and they continue to be a good partner and sponsor to SCDS.

There are more positive developments here locally. Our membership market share (in Suffolk) continues to grow. Our TV and Digital ad campaign targeting and educating the public on the benefits of seeing an ADA Member Dentist appears to have served us well. It drives patients to the Findadentist.ADA.org website where our members are listed. Perhaps you've seen them (scan the QR code) on News 12, Bravo, The Food Network, FUSE, AMC, Comedy, Discovery, ID, Lifetime, Paramount, TLC, TNT, The Weather Channel, or the USA Network? Both Suffolk and Nassau County Dental Societies participated in the campaign helping to make it island-wide. Our membership market share in Active Licensed dentists is at 71.6%, that's up 2.5% from 4 years ago, and is higher than any point in that recent history. For comparison, the New York State Dental Association is at 55%, 4.4% lower than 4 years ago, unfortunately a steady decline. This trend is concerningly similar



nationally, but if you consider us a microcosm of the larger picture there is a path to growth.

But wait, there's more! The Suffolk County Dental Society Board of Directors has grown. Younger dentists are getting more involved, taking leadership roles in local committees and sitting on NYSDA Councils. Additionally, they are serving in the House of Delegates and representing Suffolk and the profession, something we can all be proud of.

This is not to say there aren't significant challenges. The declining market share in NY State and the ADA Nationally is concerning and must be reversed to steer the profession at the State and National level. Politicians take note when NYSDA or the ADA take a position so long as they represent the majority of dentists. Should we sink further the clout is lost. There are areas of membership (or membership leadership) that suggest or consider making participation at the National Level optional to membership in the State and Local level. It is blatantly apparent to me they are simply questioning the perceived value of national membership, and nothing more. To stem off such a maligned solution, there needs to be a real demonstration of national value. Maybe a significant and ongoing ad campaign aimed to educate the public about the ADA and ADA dentists.

### What do you think?

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**Bill Panzarino - Executive Director, SCDS**





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## A message from your New Membership Chair!



Hello SCDS Members! As we transition away from summer break, I begin my tenure as the new Suffolk County Dental Society Membership Chair. Filling the

shoes of Dr. Mahon-Vazquez will not be possible, but I am excited to continue working for you, our fantastic members. As a little introduction, I am a native Californian and completed my DDS at UCSF in lovely Northern California. I wandered out to Long Island to pursue my orthodontic certificate at Stony Brook and am now working at two wonderful orthodontic offices in central and eastern Suffolk. In my spare time, you can find me running with my dog Lava or my fiancé, Devin, the new dentist chair.

As I ease into the role of membership chair, the committee and I are always looking for new ideas on member events. If you think you have a good idea or see an area we can improve, please reach out at [contact@suffolkdental.org](mailto:contact@suffolkdental.org).

### Continuing a Winning Tradition

It is with great pleasure that I get to tell you about a couple awards SCDS won this summer. The first was the 2022 Membership Award for converting 100% of Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine graduates to membership, an accomplishment only shared with a handful of schools nationwide! We're proud to be so closely associated with a group of students, now dentists, who understand the value of organized dentistry. SCDS continues to foster the relationship with Stony Brook. We sponsored a lunch for the D1s during their first week to introduce them to the dental society and some of our key members. We hope to encourage and support them as they pursue their degrees.

We were also recipients of the Association of Component Society Executives (ACSE) Outstanding Component award which recognized our membership campaign that has been running this year. Our campaign, "Is Your Dentist a Member" has aired across multiple TV networks and social media platforms to help educate the public about the

differences between an ADA Member Dentist and a Non-Member Dentist. We're very proud and optimistic about the campaign results.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin and emails from our Executive Director (Bill Panzarino) for upcoming member events including our General Membership meetings which offer free CEs and a chance to connect with your dental friends! Please continue to leverage SCDS for all the member benefits, including opportunities to network with other local dentists. Don't work in a silo, come hang with friends, old and new!

I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

**Hailey Taylor, DDS**  
Chairperson SCDS Membership Committee



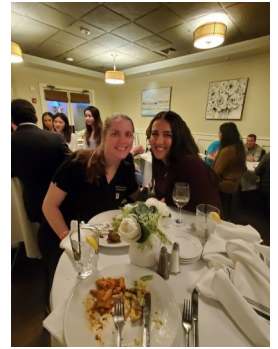
*Pictured Left  
Drs. Maria Maranga,  
Jeff Seiver, and  
Steven Feigelson on  
August 16 at the  
Stony Brook School of  
Dental Medicine,  
meeting with D1  
Students and faculty  
discussing Organized  
Dentistry!*



*Pictured Left  
Bill Panzarino (center)  
receives the ACSE  
Outstanding  
Component Award  
from John Craig (l)  
and Shelly Fava (r)  
from the National  
Organization*

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## Service and Commitment



As the end of summer approaches, I share with you some thoughts about service and commitment.

In the pursuit of all disciplines in healthcare we embrace the foundational definition of the term service: the act of helping or assisting another person!

Its definition involves the true nature of giving to others in the field of dentistry with skills acquired from years of dedicated education, sacrifice in many aspects of your personal life to be ready and able to provide oral healthcare service to humankind. To those of us called to such pursuit, there is no other way and simply no other option. Service is the motivation that is at the very center of healthcare. The benefits are many. They provide for the well-being of the patient and for the validity of the caregiver. When considered by many who ask what it is that we do, it is outside of their comfort zone to understand why or how we would be committed to service. To the caregiver called to this, it is the most powerful gift to fulfill the provider.

"There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses - only results." ~ Ken Blanchard

Our commitment to this life of service is found in many levels including leadership. There are many who aspire to positions of leadership because it often comes with position and authority. I want to emphasize that the call to leadership has to be much more than just desire. The responsibility as a leader is heavy and traits that make a leader successful are often disguised in emotion. The most difficult stance a leader must take in their position of service; is not when they say "yes" to those who request help, but when, because of mutually agreed priorities, the ability to say "no" and hold their ground, or find compromise somewhere in between. In our commitment to service we often have to

make resource choices where we are looking for the best possible long-term outcomes which may involve short-term loss. This is the essence of knowing the difference between trying to make everyone feel good and making everyone understand. We rest with the knowledge that those given the responsibility to make those choices do so for the good determined by the entire group not the individual. It is the essence of losing the "I" in leadership and embracing the "we." Service and commitment are joined in all successful endeavors and they need to be at the center for the best possible outcomes.

I will leave you with a quote from our 16th President that hints at the detail found in the development of priorities in organizations. The delivery of those priorities determined by the majority is clear and supported, and the desire of the few must be minimized by the needs of the many. Service and commitment describe your dedication to our amazing profession and I lift a glass to celebrate each of you for doing your part to fill the glass we share, that of honor and distinction as members of this great field of oral healthcare!

"Commitment is what transforms a promise into a reality... Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism." ~ Abraham Lincoln

My best to all as another summer leaves us, and a wish for health, success and happiness as autumn settles in.

**Paul R. Leary, D.M.D**

**NYSDA Secretary/Treasurer**

### Obituaries

**Charles Stuart Liebowitz, DDS** – Dr. Liebowitz, 79, passed away on August 5, 2023 in Boynton Beach, Florida. Dr. Liebowitz was a general dentist in Suffolk County after graduating from NYU in 1969 and retired from dentistry in 2004. He was a founding member of SCDS, was on the Board of Directors for many years, was the editor of the bulletin until his last issue in October 2001, and was an ADA member for 54 years.

## Celebrating Our Members

SCDS would like to recognize our members who are celebrating **5-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES of CONSECUTIVE** membership with the ADA.

(If you do not see your name, it is because you are in between these 5-year increments.)

***Congratulations, and thank you for your continued participation!***

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Dr. Stephen Diamond  
Dr. Warren Kahn  
Dr. Melvin Kee  
Dr. Arthur Marchiano  
Dr. Marshall Polan  
Dr. John Sawicki  
Dr. Barbara Slonecki  
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Dr. Miles Gorenkoff  
Dr. Jeffrey Harnett  
Dr. Michael Kappel  
Dr. Aaron Kramer  
Dr. Philip Mazzola  
Dr. Francisco Mejia  
Dr. Patrick Nett  
Dr. Michael Ryczek  
Dr. Jeffrey Sherman  
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Dr. Andrew Palermo  
Dr. Lori Thornhill  
Dr. Robert Wendt

### 25 Years

Dr. Jenny Abraham  
Dr. Joseph Ayoub  
Dr. Clifford Baynon  
Dr. Suzanne Cohen  
Dr. Martin Dominger  
Dr. Celestino Dos Santos  
Dr. David Durgan  
Dr. Michael Edwards  
Dr. Zackary Faber  
Dr. Harold Gaynes  
Dr. Marjaneh Haghpasand-Azin  
Dr. Walter Homayoon  
Dr. Patricia Juarez  
Dr. Kelly Kalmar  
Dr. David Leonoff  
Dr. Heather Miller  
Dr. Euane Newen  
Dr. Ralph Ranghelli  
Dr. Jacqueline Rodgers  
Dr. Radha Sachdeva-Munk

### 25 Years (cont'd)

Dr. Robert Sachs  
Dr. Pelin Sahinler-Lynch  
Dr. Eric Salmonson  
Dr. Lea Shemet  
Dr. Lester Stein

### 20 Years

Dr. Bharati Bedi  
Dr. Stanley Brotzman  
Dr. Sara De Santis  
Dr. Roger Kleinman  
Dr. Raquel Lopez  
Dr. Michael Maiorino  
Dr. Sophia Manolis  
Dr. Andrew Mastronardi  
Dr. Jeanine Pistilli  
Dr. Mark Rienecker  
Dr. John Roche  
Dr. Arlene Rodriguez-Amador  
Dr. Dawn Sosnick  
Dr. Kimberly Vertichio

### 15 Years

Dr. Abra DiLisio  
Dr. Evan Homburger  
Dr. Jared Kay  
Dr. Blanca Navarro  
Dr. Elisa Nelson  
Dr. Mita Parikh  
Dr. David Park  
Dr. George Skevofilax  
Dr. Manish Soral  
Dr. Mary Truhlar  
Dr. Hadi Ziaei

### 10 Years

Dr. Suresh Bhinda  
Dr. Dustin Kreitzberg  
Dr. Parag Mathur  
Dr. Michael O'Grady

### 5 Years

Dr. Colleen Catera  
Dr. Nicholas Giannuzzi  
Dr. Nancy Gress  
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Dr. Keith Hallaian  
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## 2022 NYSDA CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARDS

The following members received NYSDA certificates recognizing continuing education hours completed from the date of membership through the **end of 2022**. Awards are given only at the benchmark levels of 100, 300, 500, 1000, and every 500 credit hours thereafter. ***For example***, members who completed 450 total hours in 2022 will not receive an award until they complete 500 hours. Since the General Membership Meeting on September 27, 2023 is virtual, no certificates can be presented in person and instead were mailed to the recipients. ***Congratulations to all!***

### 3500 Hours

Dr. Carla Schlissel

### 2000 Hours

Dr. Kevin Henner  
Dr. Meredith Jaffe  
Dr. Gregory Kennedy  
Dr. Steven Lamberg

### 1500 Hours

Dr. Bharati Bedi  
Dr. William Friedel

### 1000 Hours

Dr. Robert Branca  
Dr. Erica Kaplan  
Dr. John Rose  
Dr. Kenneth Stoler

### 500 Hours

Dr. Robert Dictrow  
Dr. Kathleen Frost  
Dr. Arthur Miller

### 300 Hours

Dr. Liliam Cedeno-Nay  
Dr. Terry Grant  
Dr. Jessica Krausz  
Dr. David Leonoff  
Dr. Greg Ortenberg  
Dr. Jacqueline Rodgers  
Dr. George Skevofilax  
Dr. Raymond Wozny

### 100 Hours

Dr. Yoonil Cha  
Dr. Danielle Cooper  
Dr. Kristen Forlano  
Dr. Vincent Fraccalvieri  
Dr. Thomas Mascolo  
Dr. Nicole Napolitano  
Dr. Ryan Rhodes  
Dr. Iqbal Sayed



## An Update From Your New Dentist Committee



Dear SCDS Members, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Devin Klein and I have taken over for Dr. Lauren Heisinger, as the New Dentist Committee

Chair. I would like to thank Lauren for the time and effort she put forth to lead our New Dentist Committee the past 2 years. Lauren, Third District is lucky to have you and I look forward to seeing you at future NYSDA events!

As for some background on myself, I was born and raised in Suffolk County. I attended Loyola University Maryland for my undergraduate studies in Biology and then returned to Long Island where I received my DDS from Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. I continued at Stony Brook to receive my Advanced Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics as well as a Masters in Oral Biology and Pathology. I am now practicing in East Northport. I love exercising, watching Premier League Soccer and Formula 1, walking/running with my German Shepard Lava and fiancé, Hailey. My goal as your New Dentist Committee Chair is to be your liaison to organized dentistry. Please reach out to me with any questions, concerns or ideas so we can better serve you all as new dentists.

We have some great networking and educational events coming soon. On September 23rd, we are

having our [Summer Send Off](#) at Shubert Beach in St. James. This a great opportunity to get to know your fellow SCDS members and enjoy an afternoon on the beach! Your family and office staff are welcome, simply sign up <https://www.suffolkdental.org/calendar>.

On October 18th, Dr. Junaid Mundiya will be keeping us on our toes as we review how to prepare and address medical emergencies in the dental office. You must register for these events and can do so using the this QR Code.



I look forward to serving as your New Dentist Committee Chair! Please share any ideas or feedback with me via email at [contact@suffolkdental.org](mailto:contact@suffolkdental.org).

**Hope to see you at an event soon,**

**Devin Klein, DDS**

**SCDS New Dentist Chair**

**{CONTINUED FROM Page 5}** nearly as large as a quarter with cauliflower granulations and crater edges with at least one sinus extending to bone, which is apparently roughened.” The country was in the midst of the depression and did not wish to cause widespread panic with an announcement of requiring surgery. Therefore, he concocted a scheme for a secret surgery disguised as a vacation cruise on his friend’s yacht. The surgeries affected his mouth but announcing he had two teeth removed kept the press from becoming suspicious.

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Hope everyone had a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event soon.

**Radha Sachdeva-Munk, DDS**

**President, Suffolk County Dental Society**

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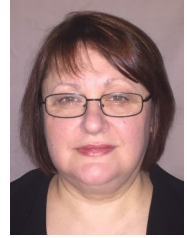
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## The Vital Role of Dental Associations in Paving the Way for Technological Advancements in Dentistry



The field of dentistry is experiencing a remarkable transformation driven by the rapid evolution of technology. The integration of cutting-edge innovations such as Artificial

Intelligence (AI), laser technology, ultrasound, Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT), and robotics is revolutionizing dental practice. However, to truly harness the potential of these innovations and advocate for their inclusion in dental care, membership in dental associations is crucial.

To build the brighter future to Dental profession and ensure that our voices are heard the membership in Dental Society gives you endless opportunities.

Here are just a few:

### **Staying Informed and Connected**

Dental associations are not only valuable sources of information but also vital networks connecting professionals within the field. As technology evolves rapidly, staying informed about the latest advancements is paramount. Membership in a dental association ensures that practitioners have access to the most up-to-date information, research, and training opportunities related to technological innovations.

### **Advocating for Technological Integration**

Dental associations wield significant influence when it comes to advocating for technological integration in dental care. These organizations can represent the collective voice of dental professionals and negotiate with dental insurance companies to include coverage for innovative treatments and procedures. This advocacy is vital in making these technologies accessible to a wider patient population.

### **Education and Training**

Implementing advanced technologies in dental practice requires specialized knowledge and training. Dental associations often provide educational resources, workshops, and seminars tailored to the needs of their members. This facilitates the seamless adoption of technology, ensuring that dental practitioners are well-prepared to incorporate these innovations into their daily routines.

### **Professional Standards and Guidelines**

Dental associations play a pivotal role in establishing and maintaining professional standards and guidelines. When it comes to new

technologies, they can set benchmarks for their ethical and effective use. By adhering to these standards, dental professionals can ensure the responsible integration of technology into their practice, enhancing patient safety and satisfaction.

### **Lobbying and Advocacy**

Membership in dental associations empowers practitioners to collectively advocate for the profession. These associations can lobby governments, regulatory bodies, and insurance companies to recognize the value of technological advancements in dentistry. This can lead to favorable policies, increased reimbursement rates for innovative procedures, and a more conducive environment for technological adoption.

### **Networking Opportunities**

Dental associations provide numerous networking opportunities, allowing practitioners to connect with peers, mentors, and industry leaders. Through these connections, members can gain insights into successful technology implementation strategies and share their own experiences, contributing to a collective pool of knowledge.

### **Building a Brighter Future for Dentistry**

Ultimately, membership in dental associations is not just about the present but also about building a brighter future for the profession. By actively participating in these organizations, dental practitioners can shape the direction of dentistry, ensuring that it continues to evolve in ways that benefit both professionals and patients.

In an era defined by rapid technological advancements, membership in dental associations is indispensable for dental professionals. These organizations provide the resources, advocacy, education, and networking opportunities necessary to effectively integrate cutting-edge technologies into dental practice. By joining forces, dental practitioners can ensure that their voices are heard, that innovative treatments are covered by insurance, and that the profession of dentistry continues to flourish in the digital age.

Together, through organized dentistry, dental professionals can build a brighter and technologically advanced future for their field.

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# General Membership Meeting



SCDS Members, join us November 15, 2023 for our In-Person General Membership Meeting at the Radisson Hotel Hauppauge - 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy. **Dr. Brad Labrecque** will present the CE Program - Laser Dentistry – Greater Accuracy, Efficiency, ROI and Referrals. There is no charge for members! Scan the QR code to register, or the link on our [calendar](http://calendar) at [www.SuffolkDental.org](http://www.SuffolkDental.org).



## Life is Short, Summer is Shorter

I read a retired member dentist once said that summer should get a speeding ticket. So many of us are very busy with activities and memorable vacations with our loved ones. It is a time to recharge, rejuvenate and come back stronger.



In early June, our Suffolk Delegation was very busy sorting through many resolutions at the Annual House of Delegate meeting in Saratoga Springs. Anthony Coumo was installed as NYSDA's president. Our own Paul Leary was inducted as treasurer. Two of the three people ( Brett Kessler from Colorado : Craig Armstrong from Texas )running for this year's ADA president - elect also attended our meeting. Susan Doroshov from Illinois did not attend. ADA president George Shepley and the ADA Executive Director Ray Cohlmiya also spoke at our meeting. Greg Hill, NYSDA's executive director continues his second year at the helm of our organization. We look forward to next year's House of Delegate meeting at Turning Stone Resort located in Verona, NY May 31- June 2 2024.

At the state level, we have been busy preparing for the upcoming annual House of Delegates session located in Orlando this year. Numerous reports and resolutions involving all aspects of our profession will be voted on. I assure all of you that your Suffolk County Delegates and alternates will be ready for the job.

NYSDA has submitted a resolution to the ADA addressing Non-member dentists advertising as a Tripartite member on social media

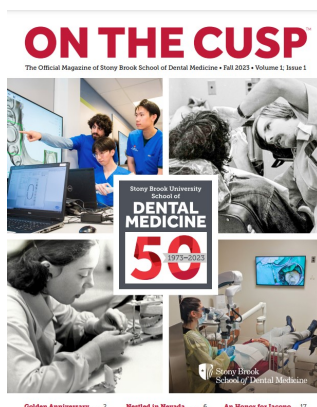
websites. I inform all of you that this originated from our own executive director Bill Panzarino. He has worked tirelessly over past several years to promote value in our organization . These non - paying members continue to receive the benefit of advocacy but should not represent themselves as members. We hope to pass the resolution and defend the ADA brand.

Remember that advocacy is our biggest value . It takes time, financial resources and a commitment by all of us to continue to defend our profession in Washington so that we may practice without untoward legislation or restrictions.

Lastly, Please thank all our state and national delegates for their unwavering support to attend these meetings when you see them. It is with their dedication that our profession continues to shine. Consider volunteering at our society. We encourage everyone to bring forward ideas and suggestions. Collectively, we can make a difference.

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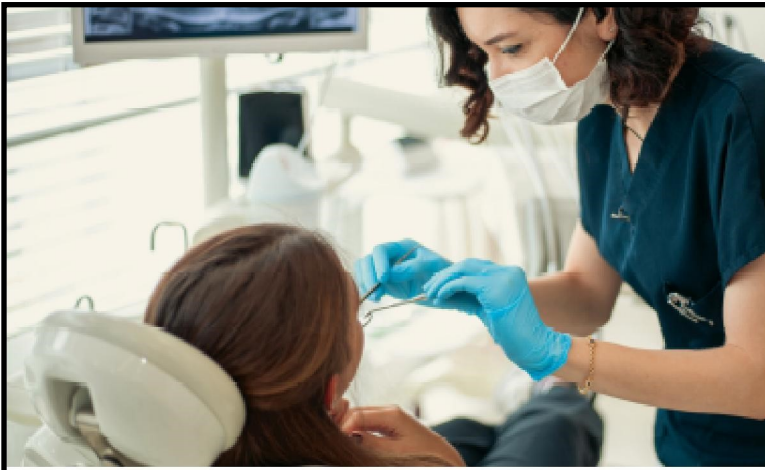
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**Third letter from the ADA Trustee to the NYSDA Components – September 2023 Trustee’s Corner**

As we reach the fall season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for letting me serve as your Trustee to the Second District. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience and I look forward to representing you over the next three years. Since my last correspondence, there has been a lot happening at the American Dental Association and I will try to give you as much information as possible. As many of you know, the California Dental Association’s Board of Directors unanimously passed a proposal this past spring to put a resolution before the California House of Delegates that would allow their constituent/component members the option of joining the ADA, beginning in January 2025. After an intense and thoughtful debate through the summer, the CDA Board decided to recalibrate and not bring a resolution forward to the California House of Delegates this November.

It is critically important to understand the ADA Board of Trustees does not want to go down this road. We believe the Tripartite and the Power of Three is paramount to our accomplishments. The Tripartite has been in existence for 110 years and has been intimately associated with our success as an organization and a profession. Whether it is advocacy, science, continuing education or helping members succeed throughout their career journeys, the ADA is stronger when we are together. The ADA looks forward to increasing and promoting the value of membership to all dentists. We feel strongly it will be a better ADA in the near and distant future with the Power of three including the entire country.

Many members do not realize how much the ADA can help as you progress through your career. We are there for evaluating employment agreements. We also have debt management tools and can offer financial planning. A good number of us have taken advantage of the group insurance programs, including the life insurance and disability plans. The ADA can assist with physical and mental wellness, and we have a yearly meeting devoted to this topic. The ADAPT (American Dental Association Practice Transitions) program connects a large network of member dentists who are buying or selling practices, hiring associates or in the process of looking for new employment. All these wonderful services are available at your fingertips by contacting the American Dental Association or going onto ADA.org. We are also open to new suggestions from members if you feel it will help individual dentists, our association, and/or our profession. You can contact me anytime you would like. My information is at the end of this letter.

At my last correspondence with you, I discussed the dilemma of decreasing membership. The ADA is strongly looking at new solutions to counter this long-term trend. As we speak, a group is working on a new membership model. A tiered model framework is being developed over the next few months which will be shared with the state and local organizations soon after. The tiered membership model is scheduled to be completed by March of 2024. The Strategic Forecasting Committee and an Action group will be assisting with the intricate details of the plan. Our new information technology platform, Salesforce/Fonteva, will be launched in early July of 2024. This will allow us to use a new billing system in a much easier manner than by using our current system, Aptify. The billing process for the 2025 dues will be completed in October 2024 using the new platform and utilized by the end of the year.

The ADA Board of Trustees met in Chicago from July 30<sup>th</sup> until August 1<sup>st</sup>. I can report to you that your ADA is financially strong, even with the decrease in membership. Our non-dues revenue has helped keep us monetarily healthy. Our recent external audit report for 2022 received an unqualified opinion by KPMG. The ADA Board of Trustees will begin a new budgeting process to a 12-month, rolling mission-based budget, starting in November. It is expected that the transition to a mission-based budget will assist in identifying the need for cessation of certain programs due to those programs’ ineffectiveness to generate metrics that support positive movement in supporting the ADA’s strategic forecast. The ADA Board will be assisted along the way by Action groups from the Strategic Forecasting Committee, which is a committee of the ADA House of Delegates. This way the House has input throughout the entire year, instead of just during the annual meeting.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> this year, ADA President George Shepley was able to attend the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health, at the White House in Washington, DC. Dr. Shepley created the ADA Task Force on Sugar, Nutrition and Diet, which has had a very productive year. They have met virtually several times, reviewing existing ADA policy on the three subjects. They also agreed to new recommendations concerning healthy foods, avoiding ultra-processed foods and promoting access to potable water. Future ideas include educating dental students, prevention and patient education, more interprofessional education and an increase in dental research. The task force was approved for another year to have the Council on Scientific Affairs explore the feasibility of developing science-based guidelines to document the impact of added sugar consumption on oral health outcomes and to develop an action plan to educate the public on foods with added sugar consumption as it relates to oral and systemic health.

I would like to thank every one of you for your membership. As I mentioned, I have been honored to serve as the ADA Trustee for the Second District. My second year begins at the conclusion of the ADA annual meeting in Orlando in October. I wish all of you and your families the best in the coming months and I will be in touch with you with another Trustee’s Corner in the beginning of 2024. If you need to contact me, my email addresses are [drrendowd@gmail.com](mailto:drrendowd@gmail.com) and [dowdb@ada.org](mailto:dowdb@ada.org). My cell number is 716-510-3217.  
Sincerely, Brendan

**Brendan Dowd, DDS**

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