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MONMOUTH-OCEAN COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

A Component Society of The New Jersey Dental Association and
the American Dental Association

From the President

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society, I would like to extend a warm and heartfelt happy, healthy, and prosperous new year to all of our members. Organized dentistry has done so much over the last year and I hope that we can continue to make strides on behalf of our profession, our patients, and our businesses.



We were fortunate to have the NJDA Leadership, including current president Dr. Peter DeSciscio and president-elect Dr. Renee Arace, give us an update on the state of dentistry in NJ at our dinner meeting on January 10th. Mr. Jim Schulz, the NJDA Director of Governmental Affairs and Public Relations, along with Dr. Mark Vitale spoke in detail about all the legislative efforts that our PAC dollars are helping to support. I hope that our MOCDS component members will strongly consider making PAC contributions to protect our profession, our patients, and to always have a seat at the table. We were also able to honor two MOCDS members who have become life members: Dr. Jack Rainieri and Dr. Bryan Shumaker. Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to organized dentistry.

February is Children's Dental Health Month and this year's theme is "Brush, Floss, Smile." This initiative brings together dental professionals, additional healthcare providers, and educators to promote optimal oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers, and many others. Please do what you can to promote Children's Dental Health Month and help us reach out to as many families and children that can benefit from oral health education. Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) day is February 3, 2023. Participating NJ providers (dates and locations) can be found on the NJDA website.

We are very excited to bring back Staff Appreciation Night. The event will allow our members the opportunity to have a wonderful night out with our respective teams and show them how much we appreciate of their hard work and dedication. This year's Staff Appreciation Night will be on Friday, April 28, 2023 at the Sheraton Hotel in Eatontown, NJ from 7pm-11pm. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this great member benefit! Additional information including ticket prices and registration can be found on the M-OCDS website.

"Every time you SMILE at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." Mother Teresa.

Matthew Sones, DMD
M-OCDS President

FEBRUARY 2023

Upcoming Events

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

Friday, February 3, 2023

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February is Children's Dental Health Month

Dental Fair Sunday, February 26th!

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TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7 PM 7 PM

ZOOM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 6:00 PM

"SEDATION IN THE DENTAL OFFICE: A REVIEW OF
PHARMACOLOGICAL AGENTS, SEDATION TECHNIQUES
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Wednesday, March 24, 2023

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NJDA Names New CEO

The New Jersey Dental Association announced on Thursday that Revira "Reva" Brennan has been hired as the organization's next Chief Executive Officer. Brennan, who is leaving her position as Chief Operating Officer for the New York State Society of CPAs (NYSSCPA), will officially join the staff at NJDA Headquarters on Monday, February 13.

As Chief Operating Officer for the New York State Society of CPAs, Brennan was responsible for operations of the 22,000-member organization with specific oversight for marketing, communications, membership, data management, Foundation for Accounting Education, and Moynihan Scholarship Fund.

Brennan began her career with the South Carolina Dental Association as an administrative assistant, and during her 9-year tenure she became the Associate Director before deciding to leave the organization to expand her association management career.

"I am excited to join NJDA and help take the Association to new heights," said Brennan. "Returning to the dental association community after more than 20 years with certified public accountants is like returning home."

"We are confident that Reva is the right leader for NJDA," said NJDA President Dr. Peter DeSciscio. "Throughout the process she showed our Executive Search Committee that she will bring new energy to our staff and be a valuable asset for our 4,500 members."

"I am honored to have the opportunity to join the staff, leaders, stakeholders and members that make up the NJDA. We will work diligently to serve the public and dental profession," added Brennan.

For more on Brennan's background, read the full announcement [HERE](#).



M-OCDS TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES January 3, 2023

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January 3, 2023

Attendance:

Trustees: M. Ahern, S. Albin, M. Friedman, A. Gupta, R. Hersh, C. LaFalce, L. Ostrow, N. Nebblett, M. Safari, A. Seto, D. Shah, T. Sniscak, J. Soliman & M. Sones

Non-Trustees: A. Thai & N. Viola

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Matt Sones at 7:02PM. The meeting was held via ZOOM video conferencing due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

We have a Quorum

Approval of the minutes from last meeting:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made by Dr. Shah and seconded by Dr. Soliman. Motion was unanimously approved.

President's Report (Dr. Sones):

Thus far we have had two incredible dinner meetings with great speakers and I am looking forward to our speakers for the first part of 2023. Next week, on Tuesday, January 10th, MOCDS will be meeting with NJDA leadership as part of their 2022-2023 leadership tour to update our members on the current state of affairs regarding dentistry in NJ. On March 21st, we will have a dinner meeting with Dr. Jonathan Mendia, a dental anesthesiologist, to give an overview on sedation techniques in a dental office and give an update on dental emergency protocols. On April 18th, we have Dr. Alexander Volchonok providing new research and case studies regarding modern periodontal concepts that every dentist should know.

At our dinner meeting on January 10th, we will honor two MOCDS Life Members - Drs. Jack Rainieri and Bryan Shumaker.

Staff appreciation update (April 28, 2023) - The event will include hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, and four hours of open bar in addition to casino games/tables and entertainment provided by a DJ. Staff appreciation is shaping up to be an incredible event! You should have already seen the Save the Date which everyone received via email. Attendance for the event will be limited to the first 300 people to register. Keep an eye out for online registration which will begin in a few weeks.

Sponsorship Report

Sponsors for the dinner meeting on January 10th include:

Platinum: Asteto Laboratory, Staff Driven Dental, ZimVie
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Vice President's Report (Dr. Soliman):

Currently working on next year's agenda, speakers, schedule, and nominations.

Treasurer's Report (Dr. Nebblett):

The Executive Committee has contracted with Best Card to be our credit card processor for the Staff Appreciation Event. Members of the Executive committee have had a virtual meeting with Best Card.

The society CPA David Muldowney have requested a new engagement letter for 2023 at the same fee schedule.

Accounts are in good standing. There was a brief discussion about opening a savings account linked to our checking account to earn interest.

NJDA Trustee Report (Dr. Furlong):

The House of Delegates meeting took place the same morning as the Trustees Meeting. MOCDS members attending included Drs. Velazquez, Sones, Jeffries-Bruno, Seto, Hersh, and myself. The House unanimously approved a vote for no NJDA dues increase. Dr. Mitch Friedman was commended for donating his dues to NJDPAC. Frank Graham explained ADA objectives to reach younger members with the new app.

During the Board of Trustees meeting there was discussion about Art Meisel's retirement and his replacement. The firm that was hired by the NJDA has identified a candidate. The succession committee (NJDA officers and former officers selected by the NJDA president) has been meeting to discuss. Dr. Steven Greenbaum voiced his objections about the process during the meeting, and there have been emails circulating since the meeting. There will be a meeting to introduce the candidate to trustees from each component on Jan 3, 2023.

There are 2 nominations for incoming NJDA Secretary: Andrew Dietz and Janhavi Rane.

The next NJDA BOT meeting is Wednesday Jan 18, 2023.

COUNCILS:

Council on Annual Session (Dr. Andricsak):

A zoom meeting was held on Monday Dec 19. Unfortunately, I was unable to be on the call that evening. However, Maureen gave a detailed PowerPoint highlighting the event format and specifics.

The date is Thursday April 13, 2023

The price is a pay one price fee of 199.00 except for the lunch and learn events and the dinner event

The venue is The Mainland Hotel on Rt 72, exit 63 on the parkway, Manahawkin. Hotel LBI is the location for the dinner event which is just over the Causeway Bridge onto Long Beach Island

Conference schedule runs from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Thursday with an optional evening event on Hotel LBI for 95.00.

Room block rates are available for both The Mainland hotel and Hotel LBI which are 139.00/night and 159.00/night respectively. It must be booked by March 13, 2023

There will be an optional golf outing at the LBI national golf course for 250.00 per golfer and an optional post golf reception for 100.00 per person

The council voted to comp NJDA officers the conference, dinner and hotel

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Council on Membership (Dr. Sniscak):

We're doing relatively well with renewals, converting 94.9% of 2022 M-OCDS members to 2023 members. Efforts will be underway soon to capture as many of the non-renews as possible.

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Council on Peer Review (Dr. Friedman):
No active cases.

COMMITTEES:

Committee on Communications (Dr. Friedman):
The next newsletter issue will be February. Submissions due by January 17th.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (Dr. Hersh):
Updates in progress.

Committee on Nominations (Dr. Soliman):
Dr. Akriti Gupta has been nominated for Secretary. This will be announced to MOCDS members at the next dinner meeting, and open for anyone else to make a nomination before voting.

Committee on Budget and Finance (Dr. Albin):
All accounts in good standing.

Committee on General Membership and Educational Programs (Dr. Gupta and Dr. Seto):
We had 38 people attend our November dinner meeting, which includes three Jersey Shore residents. Attendance for AGD members has been submitted for the October and November dinner meetings.

As of now, we have 23 people registered for our dinner meeting next week.

Committee on Children's Dental Health (Dr. Jeffries-Bruno and Dr. Sones):

Children's Dental Health Fair venue TBD but the date has been set for Sunday, February 26th. This year's theme is "Brush, Floss, Smile!" We are exploring venue options and are hoping to have an in-person event where we can combine forces from both Monmouth and Ocean Counties. This year Give Kids A Smile Day is Friday, February 3rd.

Old Business:
New Peer Review Chair nomination: Dr. Antonett Thai

As mentioned in Dr. Nebblett's report, we will be working with Best Card to accept online credit card payments.

New Business:
Dr. Thai and Dr. Viola have attended the past few Trustees meetings and events and would like to get more involved with MOCDS. We would like to take a formal vote to make them Trustees for next year. Dr. Soliman makes a motion. Seconded by Dr. Gupta. Passed unanimously.

Good and welfare:
Thank you, Dr. Sniscak, for applying for and earning the grant from the ADA to put on another successful networking event for our members!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Seto, DMD M-OCDS Secretary 2022-2023

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Dr. Feeney Salutation MLK

A good evening everyone, welcome as we gather to celebrate the prestige of organizational dentistry in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. I would also extend a special shout out to our visiting leadership from NJDA headquarters, our Life Member inductees and our guests who are considering membership.

We are approaching Monday January 16, 2023. It is Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day. It's celebrated on the third Monday of January as directed by the federal government to establish a national holiday to honor the legacy of one who gave himself for others to advance racial equality, socio-economic parity, educational equity, world peace and the redemptive power of love over hate.

He extolled "Whoever you are, whatever you look like, whatever you do or believe in- we all came here on separate ships. Now we are all in the same boat together." This day fundamentally represents a day of unity, community, and volunteer service for others.

The greatness of our profession does not necessarily consist of vast wealth or a membership with Mensa intelligence or a superior power over others or a high social status or fame. It's greatness consists in the spirit of service for others through leadership always seeking the health, safety, and well-being of a 9.27 million membered populace who have granted us the sacred privilege of trust to not only heal them but to be their ultimate advocate.

To align with the spirit of MLK Day as applied to the New Jersey Dental Lifeline Network (Donated Dental Service) program, every day is a day of volunteer service for others who are marginalized. We change the lives of New Jersey's most vulnerable adults who deserve the dignity of a healthy smile by creating access through a coordinated system formulated by dentists for dentists to deliver life changing comprehensive oral health care. This is done without disruption to their normal routine by utilizing their own office staff and establishing a pre-visit review of patient profile, potential treatment plan and to decide of participation or not.

Patient eligibility are those who are medically at risk, financially challenged, disabled, have limited or no access to care and who are not candidates for federal or state assistance. Additionally, are those awaiting imminent

cancer treatments, cardiac surgery, joint replacement, and organ transplant who require dental care for pretreatment clearance. Since 2018, military veterans who comply with the aforementioned qualifications have been treated in that 97% of them are not covered by VA dental services if noncombat related.

Truth be told, NJDLL-DDS program enjoys a national leading statistic, in that we have exceeded \$27.2 million worth of donated care for over 9,500 patients by 605 volunteer dentists across the state. Furthermore 109 orthodontists have treated 260 patients exceeding \$1.3 million in total value of donated care.

More good news: 4 of the 16 Board of Directors are past presidents of M-OCDS: Dr Matt Safari, Dr Elisa Velazquez, Dr Tom Sniscak and me. This reflects the excellence of the M-OCDS culture of servitude leadership with the shining star of selfless volunteerism as providers and administrators.

In closing, our country's standard of care is the highest in the world. The NJDLN-DDS program attempts to bring that standard to the disenfranchised of our state. The patient waiting list is a long 198. More volunteers are needed to treat one patient a year.

If you already volunteer- thank you. If not, please consider doing so. For more information and application please contact Ms. Shanda Bell at 800-829-4619 or www.dentallifeline.org. Assistance may also be provided from the previously mentioned M-OCDS past presidents

As MLK preached " the time is always right to do what is right"

As we return to our respective communities and responsibilities, let us recall it's never wrong to do the right thing by doing things right at the right time for the right reason with the right knowledge for those we serve our patients.

Be safe, stay strong, keep healthy, radiate kindness.

Dr John Feeney
(Dr Feeney gave this salutation at the M-OCDS General Membership Meeting on January 10, 2023)



Mike Massotto and his team at Staff Driven Dental (left) and Dr. John Soliman (right)



Dr. Matthew Sones intruding the leaders of NJDA as part of the NJDA Leadership Tour.



MOCDS member dentists, local dental residents, sponsors, and NJDA Leadership at the Waterview Pavilion for the NJDA Leadership Tour.



MOCDS President, Dr. Matthew Sones (left), with NJDA President, Dr. Peter DeSciscio



Mr. Jim Schulz, NJDA Director of Government and Public Affairs.



Past President of MOCDS and current Vice-President of NJDA, Dr. Elisa Velazquez (left) with NJDA President-Elect, Dr. Renee Arace.

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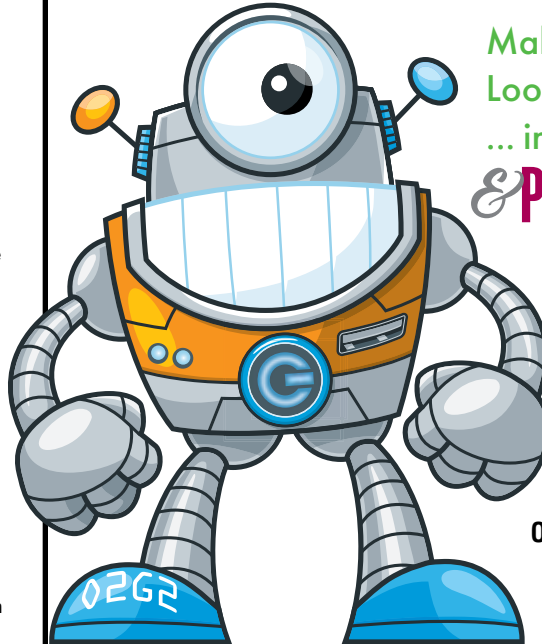
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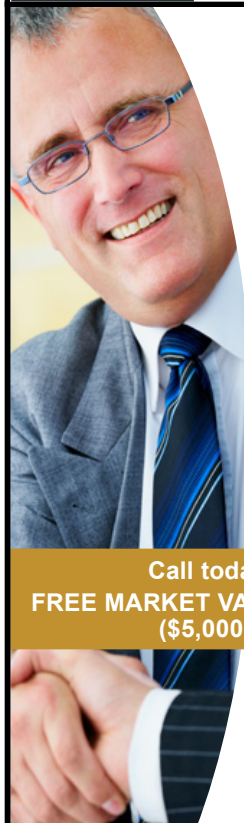
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