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The Dental Society of Chester County and Delaware County  
Valley Forge Second District of the Pennsylvania Dental Association

November 2023



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**Any donation helps!** Please send a check written to Dental Society of Chester Co. & Delaware Co. with a memo for GKAS or GVAS if one is preferred.

Mail checks to "Treasurer" at 40 Greenhill Rd., Coatesville, PA 19320-1414.

Our next GVAS is on 11/14/2023 in West Chester and GKAS is on 12/01/2023 at CVIM in West Chester



### BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

**Thursday, Nov 16, 2023,  
Dr. Greeley's office, Kennett Sq, 6:30 PM**

RSVP to: Sara Michel, DSCCDCrsvp@gmail.com by 11/9/2023

Please send your reports to Dr. Greeley two weeks prior to the meeting at mcbgreeley@aol.com

*Congratulations & Welcome  
to Our Newest Members*

**Dr. Tayseer Albustami  
Dr. Indu Cherangapadath Radhakrishnan  
Dr. Lauren Friedman  
Dr. Anju Yadav  
Dr. Brooke Bowen**





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# Message

## from the President



Dr. David Iglewicz

As we just celebrated the bewitching season of Halloween and prepare for the season of gratitude during Thanksgiving, it's only fitting that we bring a touch of humor to our beloved dental society. After all, what better way to celebrate these holidays than with a smile?

Picture this: It's Halloween night, and your little ones (or not so little ones) return from their candy hunt with bags overflowing with sugary treasures. As a dentist, you might feel a bit like a ghost in the night, hovering over the mound of sweets. But let's not turn into dental Scrooges; instead, let's embrace the spirit of the season!

For Halloween, consider hosting a candy swap at your dental practice. Encourage your young patients to exchange their excessive candy hauls for tooth-friendly treats. And hey, don't forget to remind them to brush and floss after enjoying their well-earned candy loot – it's all about balance!

As the leaves change color, our taste buds tingle at the thought of pumpkin spice lattes, pies, and cookies. While we can't deny the deliciousness of these Fall treats, it's important to address the "spooky" side of excessive sugar intake. Encourage your patients to savor their pumpkin delights in moderation, and remind them that their teeth will be equally thankful.

Thanksgiving is the time to reflect on gratitude, and we, as dental professionals, have much to be thankful for. We're grateful for our patients who entrust us with their smiles, and we're thankful for the opportunity to make a positive impact on their oral health.

This Thanksgiving, consider giving back to the community. A wonderful way to do this is to volunteer at one of our GKAS events! It's a wonderful way to spread smiles and gratitude throughout our community.

Remember, humor can be a powerful tool in dentistry. It helps to alleviate dental anxiety and create a more enjoyable experience for your patients. So, don't hesitate to add a dash of humor to your dental practice, whether it's a fun decoration, a silly joke, or a friendly smile.

As we navigate the spooky season of Halloween and express gratitude during Thanksgiving, let's keep our commitment to promoting oral health strong. With a bit of humor and a lot of dedication, we'll continue to make our community's smiles brighter and healthier.

**Wishing you all a fang-tastic Halloween and a tooth-rrific Thanksgiving, filled with laughter and joy!**

Sincerely,

*Dr. David Iglewicz*





# Member Event

Thursday, November 9

6:00 – 8:30 PM • Program at 6:30 PM

Light Fare & Open Bar (wine/beer) \$20/ person

Media VFW Post 3460 • 11 Hilltop Rd., Media

*Space is limited to 40 attendees. Registration on first come first serve basis. Contact*

*Dr. Karin Brian, kdbdds@comcast.net to reserve your seat.*

## Presented by Jeff Berryman - In a Heartbeat, LLC

Serious acts of violence continue to plague our society. Recent history has shown it can happen at any place, at any time for many different reasons. While mass shootings get the most attention, they are only one form of active violence. Others include:

- Disgruntled employees, patients, or customers
- Non-violent demonstrations escalating into acts of violence.
- Domestic disputes carry over to the workplace, place of worship, etc.

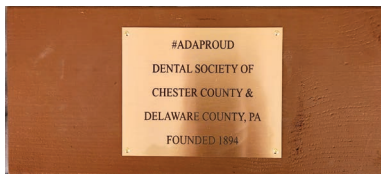
## What You Will Learn

The best result occurs when everyone gets to a safe place and out of harm’s way. However, there may be a time when that is not possible, and action is required. Students learn using realistic circumstances how to recognize the signs of danger, make rapid decisions, and react appropriately.

Active violence emergency response topics include:

- How to increase situational awareness
- Characteristics of an Active Violence Emergency
- Best practices when confronted with Active Violence
- Becoming an initial responder and rendering medical assistance
- How to safely interact with law enforcement

The Board of Governors of the Society authorized a \$1500 contribution to the endowment of the ADA Stanton Park property in Washington, D.C. Our Society’s name will be etched on a vertical plank of the fence which encloses the second-floor balcony of that property. In commemoration of our contribution, the Society received both a plaque which will be retained by our Historian, as well as a display-sized replica plank which will be on display at the PDA Central Office.



**Leadership e-Series!**

This series is designed to keep PDA leaders at the national, state, district and local levels informed but all members are welcome. There is no registration fee. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Upcoming Dates for 2023: (all at 6:30 PM)**

Tuesday, November 7      Wednesday, December 6

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Friday, December 15, 2023

Dewitt Wilkerson – St. Petersburg, FL

**TMD, Splint Therapy & Airway: Evaluation, Diagnosis & Treatment** – The subject of problem solving has a central role of dental medicine. In this course we will explore the cause and effect relationships of dental malocclusions, bruxism, sore muscles of mastication and internal TM Joint derangements. We will also discuss normal TM Joint anatomy, causes and classification of internal derangements and diagnosis using imaging. Based on an accurate diagnosis, we will discuss the appropriate use of various occlusal splints, occlusal equilibration, and joint surgery. We will learn about the critical relationship between airway, breathing and sleep disorders in the etiology of many TMD concerns. *Dr. Willkerson reports no financial relationships relevant to this presentation.*

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Wesley W Lyon, II, CPA, CFP & Jonathan R. Martin, CPA – Charlotte, NC

**How to Achieve Financial Freedom and a Successful Transition** – Join the 5% of dentists who can afford to retire at age 65. Using these winning financial strategies, you can develop a game plan to increase your net worth, reach financial freedom, and reduce stress. When considering the sale of your practice, learn how to position your practice in order to understand all of the forces impacting the dental industry today and optimize your transition outcome, whether your transition plans are immediate, near-term, or further down the road. This hard-hitting program contains "inside information" that you simply can't find elsewhere - gleaned from over 30 years of working exclusively with the dental profession.

Highlights include:

- Increasing Practice Profitability
- Slashing Taxes and Increasing Savings
- A Better Way to Invest
- Practice Values and Your True EBITDA
- Corporate Dentistry
- Transitions Alternatives

Friday, April 19, 2024

Jane Soxman, DDS - Allison Park, PA & John A. Svirsky, DDS - Richmond, VA

### The Oral Path of Least Resistance: From The Young to The Old –

**AM Course:** Will review some of the more common anomalies in the developing dentition. Description, etiology and treatment recommendations that include pre-eruptive intracoronal resorption, molar-incisor hypomineralization, eruption disturbances and anomalies of crown size and shape will be presented.

**PM Course:** Will review ulcerative disease, emphasizing lichen planus, chronic ulcerative stomatitis, aphthous stomatitis, HPV, oropharyngeal cancer and oral cancer. Get ready to laugh, learn and make a difference in the life of your patients. *Drs. Soxman & Svirsky report no financial relationships relevant to this presentation.*

Course Objectives:

- Recognize the anomalies in the developing dentition.
- Provide timely intervention and appropriate treatment for the anomalies discussed.
- Demonstrate a logical approach to the diagnosis of oral lesions.
- Integrate therapeutic regimens used to treat aphthous ulcerations and lichen planus.
- Recognize good from bad.
- Distinguish between oropharyngeal cancer and oral cancer.

Friday, May 17, 2024

Isaac Tawil, DDS, MS – Brooklyn, NY

**Demystifying Digital Dentistry - Implantology** – Dental Implantology is a constantly evolving rapidly growing field. New technology is constantly emerging to enhance our workflows while the adaptation and application may be difficult to implement. This presentation will discuss many of the advancements to help provide insights for a restoratively driven prosthetic approach. We will discuss advanced planning, surgical treatment, record collection, and restorative workflows for replacement of a single tooth to full arch FP1, FP2 and FP3 restorations using the most advanced technology. Fully guided and partially guided digital workflows will be explained including a full exploration of techniques and processes that decrease treatment time while increasing predictability and quality of patient care while reducing costs. *Dr. Tawil receives support from Megagen America.*

Course Highlights:

- Appreciate the records required for creating a restoratively driven workflow
- Understand the complications that arise from poor treatment planning
- Discover the advantages and new tools utilizing CBCT visual-based approach to surgery
- Comprehend the work flow for single tooth to full arch restorations
- Developing "Biological Osteomies" utilizing advanced anatomic scalping approach
- Learn how to predictably guide the future bone formation around implants
- Appreciate the use of intra-oral scanning, photogrammetry and grammaetry
- Discover the micron-level scanning possibilities that IOS and lab scanners provide
- Understand the work flow and componentry for a 2 visit full arch metal-free solution
- Learn the advantages and disadvantages of guided vs non-guided surgery pertaining to full-arch implant restorations.

**For Speaker Bio go to [www.DKUDental.com](http://www.DKUDental.com) and see full brochure.**

All meetings will be held at the Springfield Country Club on Route 320, Springfield, Delaware County, PA.

Registration for all courses 8:30 AM. Lecture 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Continental breakfast and lunch included for all DKU courses.

FEES

Delco and Chesco Society Members - Entire Series - \$695, Individual Courses - \$210, 3 Courses - \$560, 4 Courses - \$655

Other ADA Members - Entire Series - \$745 Individual Courses - \$225, 3 Courses - \$600, 4 Courses - \$695

Non-ADA Members - Entire Series - \$815, Individual Courses - \$240, 3 Courses - \$635, 4 Courses - \$755

Staff members accompanied by a doctor will be \$110 per course per person with reservation at least one week in advance, \$130 per course per person at door.

**Cancellations and Refund Policy** - No refunds will be made without at least one week's notice prior to course date. (A \$25 administrative fee will be deducted.)

For information please contact: DKU • c/o Barry Cohen, DMD • 4750 Township Line Rd • Drexel Hill, PA 19026 • 610-449-7002 • [DKUDental@aol.com](mailto:DKUDental@aol.com)



# Member Spotlight

## Dr. Stephanie McGann

Stephanie is the mother of 4 and wife to Michael McGann, owner and editor of the Times of Chester County. When asked to put together information for this bulletin the phrase “July ’23 when worlds collide” came to mind.

Dr. McGann’s career began when she graduated from Temple Dental School over 35 years ago. She practiced as a prison dentist for three correctional institutions. During that time she opened a solo practice in Aston, PA. As a wife and mom, a home based office seemed a great plan, except the practice outgrew the space. Dr. McGann became a partner in a much larger office in Glen Mills, PA, until the practice sold a few years ago. She is currently practicing in her own practice in Coatesville, PA



As many of her friends and colleagues know, 9 years ago she began her journey in Songahm Tae Kwon Do. After years of being relatively sedentary it was a huge shift to suddenly push herself physically. In March of 2019, she passed the test for first degree black belt. (Some of you may remember Stephanie practicing her form in the hotel at the Valley Forge Dental Conference). While she always enjoyed competing at tournaments, as a black belt the stakes are much higher. Enough points earns you a chance to compete for a world title. The pandemic put a halt to much, but ultimately in 2021 she made her first trip to Phoenix Arizona to compete in the Tournament of Champions. It wasn’t until her third year of qualifying that she was eligible to compete in all 8 events. In July of 2023, Stephanie brought home 1 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals, and the honor of being the first individual world champion at her school in West Chester, PA.

July wasn’t over, because the next week Dr. McGann flew to Las Vegas to receive her Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry.



Dr. Stephanie McGann has been an active member of organized dentistry since her graduation and she looks forward to many more years of participation.

**Do you know a member  
who should be recognized?**

**Please submit their name and email address to  
cddsbulletin@gmail.com,  
subject “member spotlight”.**

# Legislative *Victories*

Through the years, PDA has used dentists' collective voice in the legislative arena to accomplish great things:

## PASSED

- ✓ **Act 159 of 2022:** Legislation allowing dentists and dental team members to apply three hours of pro bono service to their continuing education requirement with the State Board of Dentistry every renewal cycle.
- ✓ **Act 146 of 2016:** Legislation limiting the time frame in which insurers may retroactively review and deny dental claims to 24 months.
- ✓ **Act 186 of 2012:** Legislation prohibiting insurers from capping fees for dental services which are not covered in a patient's plan.
- ✓ **Act 94 of 2012:** Legislation requiring insurers to cover the cost of general anesthesia when needed to treat patients of any age with special needs or children seven years of age or younger.
- ✓ **Act 7 of 2014:** Legislation allowing out-of-state dentists to apply for temporary licenses so that they may volunteer at charitable events or assist during states of emergency.
- ✓ **Act 19 of 2010:** Legislation that expands the scope of practice for expanded function dental assistants to include some hygiene functions performed under dentists' direct supervision.

## AMENDED

- ✓ **Act 65 of 2012:** Legislation requiring dentists to carry malpractice insurance by including an exemption for dentists with volunteer licenses and those who practice in community-based settings.
- ✓ **Act 51 of 2007:** Legislation to safeguard patients and require additional training and education for public health dental hygiene practitioners practicing independently in public settings.

## SECURED

- ✓ **Act 96 of 2001:** An agreement not to include dentistry in legislation that would have required the use of costly needless systems that are not always conducive to providing the best patient care possible.

## REMOVED

- ✓ **Philadelphia Ordinance 040904- AAAA:** Provisions in a city ordinance that required dentists to install amalgam separators and display a poster in their offices needlessly alarming patients about the dangers of "mercury amalgam."

## DEFEATED

- ✓ Line item in state budget that would have required dentists to submit proof of having paid taxes before renewing their dental license, threatening their livelihood if the state made mistakes processing this information.
- ✓ Legislation allowing municipalities to remove fluoride from water supplies without prior notification to the public or Department of Environmental Protection.

## TRANSFORMED

- ✓ **Act 160 of 1994:** The dental profession by convincing the legislature to legitimize the practice of expanded function dental assistants, increasing dental office productivity.

## REINSTATED

- ✓ Funding in the state budget for Dental Lifeline Network's Donated Dental Services program.

## STOPPED

- ✓ **SB 1258 of 1999:** The legislature from passing a bill prohibiting dentists from administering general anesthesia and deep sedation in their offices.

To learn more about current legislative efforts visit the Government Relations section of the website: [www.padental.org/advocacy](http://www.padental.org/advocacy).



# Coffee & Conversation

August 11th "Coffee and Conversation" with State Representative Melissa Shusterman afforded Dr. Linda Himmelberger a chance to speak to her representative about legislative issues that are of concern to our members, including credentialing and MLR (medical loss ratio). If you would like to find out more about PDA's legislative agenda, please go to <https://www.padental.org/PDA22/Advocacy/Legislation.aspx>



# Phillies Game

Sept. 23rd, at Citizens Bank Park





# Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

*May 19, 2023 • General Warren*







50 Year Member  
Dr. Donald Gordon



25 Year Members  
Drs. Sandi Grzybicki, Trish & Stu Gutsche & Ken Lee



New Member  
Dr. Thomas Richardson



Recognition Award  
Dr. Jasmine Shafagh

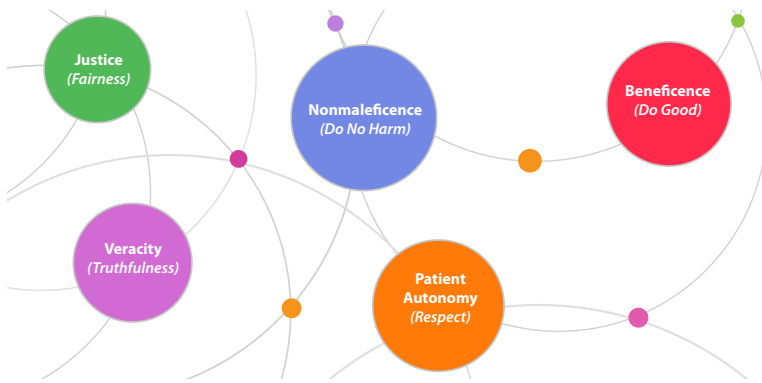


GKAS Champion  
Dr. Lindi Orlin



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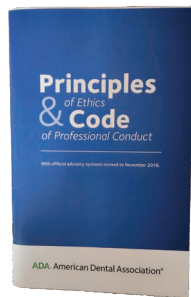
# ADA

## PRINCIPLES of ETHICS & CODE of PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

### *Beneficence*

by Linda K. Himmelberger, DMD  
*Past Chair of the ADA Council on Ethics,  
 Bylaws & Judicial Affairs*

This third principle of the Code reminds dentists that they have a duty to promote the patient’s welfare. Often known as the admonishment to “do good”, this principle “expresses the concept that professionals have a duty to act for the benefit of others. Under this principle the dentist’s primary obligation is service to the patient and the public-at-large.” Furthermore,



*The most important aspect of this obligation is the competent and timely delivery of dental care within the bounds of clinical circumstances presented by the patient, with due consideration being given to the needs, desires and values of the patient.... Dentists may choose to enter into contracts governing the provision of care to a group of patients; however, contract obligations do not excuse dentists from their ethical duty to put the patient’s welfare first.*

The principle of doing good compels us to use our skills, knowledge and expertise to improve the health of the public. Many dentists fulfill this duty by participation in events such as GKAS or MOM-n-PA. Providing pro bono services through organizations such as Donated Dental Services, or of one’s own volition are also ways of giving back to the community.

Every profession owes society the responsibility to govern itself. This concept is key to what it means to be a professional. In this context, such regulation comes from belonging to and participating in professional societies and adhering to its rule of ethics.

Under this principle, dentists have the ethical obligation to report abuse and neglect. In Pennsylvania, practitioners are legally obligated to report child abuse and neglect, i.e., we are **mandated reporters**. Any suspected abuse and/or neglect should be reported through Childline (1-800-932-0313). All reports are held in confidence. Failure to report child abuse/neglect can result in discipline to your license. Dentists in Pennsylvania are not legally obligated to report domestic violence or elder abuse; however, ethically, we are obligated to help patients seek appropriate intervention through resources such as the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County or the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County. Suspected elder abuse may be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Aging at 1-800-490-8505..

Finally, dentists have the obligation to provide a workplace that is supportive and respectful. The dentist is the leader of the team and needs to behave as a role model for those with whom they work.





*Dr. Barry Cohen & Staff*



*Drs. Tami Brady & Karin Brian,  
Delegates for ADA HOD*



*Dr. Tami Brady*



*Dr. Jasmine Shafagh*



*Drs. Tami Brady & Karin Brian*



*Dr. Barry Cohen & Staff with Spiderman*





The ICD is the preeminent Global Dental Honor Society recognizing outstanding professional achievement and meritorious service while advocating for humanitarian and educational initiatives. Members have demonstrated integrity, leadership, and service to others, and the organization hopes to raise the level of oral health here at home and around the world!



2023 District 3 ICD Inductees Class



Dr. Daniel Fridh with Dr. Jasmine Shafagh, ICD Inductee for the Dental Society of Chester County & Delaware County



Dr. Jasmine Shafagh & Dr Ron Heier



Dr. Daniel Fridh, ICD-US Section President; Dr. Ron Heier, District 3 Regent, & Dr. Ho-Youl Chang, International President ICD



Dr. Jasmine Shafagh & Dr Linda Himmelberger

I was humbled to accept the International College of Dentists (ICD) **Newsletter Honorable Mention Award** for the 2022 issue of The Bulletin at the annual Meeting of the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists (AADEJ) in conjunction with ADA's SmileCon.

It has been an honor to serve this profession and society as the immediate past bulletin editor. My role as the editor for the last 6 years was facilitated by the amazing collaboration and content created by this dedicated group! We are proud to showcase our members' achievements and involvement in the dental society, volunteerism, social activities and also to highlight our legislative efforts. This ICD recognition is a testament to our society's great achievements!

The ICD journalism award was extra special as I was also officially inducted as a fellow of the ICD this year (after deferring for one year). In addition, I was nominated and voted to become the next Vice President of the AADEJ. I am humbled by my esteemed colleagues' votes of confidence and these recognitions, and I will continue to serve this society and my community to the best of my capabilities.

# AADEJ



Dr. Jasmine Shafagh, and Dr. Leighton Weir, Chair of the ICD Journalism Committee



Drs. Ron Heier, ICD District Regent; Peter Korch, ICD Past President; Linda Himmelberger, Past ICD Regent; James M. Boyle, III, ADA Third District Trustee at the ICD Dinner Dance



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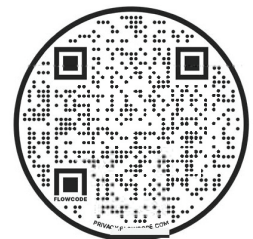
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# Upcoming events



## BOARD MEETINGS: 6:30 PM

- 11/16/2023** - Dr. Greeley's office, Kennett Sq.
- 01/11/2024** - Zoom
- 01/13/2024** - Anthony's Ristorante, Springfield
- 05/08/2024** - Zoom

## EXECUTIVE MEETING

- 06/20/2024** - TBD

## MEMBER EVENTS

- 11/09/2023** - SAVE Course, Media VFW
- 05/22/2024** - Annual Meeting, General Warren

## GIVE KIDS A SMILE: 9:30 AM

- 12/01/2023** - CVIM, West Chester
- Spring 2024** - Dr. Cohen's Office, Drexel Hill

## GIVE VETS A SMILE: 8:30 AM

- 11/14/2023** - 300 Lawrence Dr, West Chester

## PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL MEETING

- 04/19/2024** - Mt. Airy Casino Resort

## DKU: 8:30 AM SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

- 12/15/2023** - TMD, Splint Therapy & Airway  
*DeWitt Wilkerson, DMD*
- 02/07/2024** - Financial Freedom & Successful  
Transition  
*Wesley Lyon, II, CPA*  
*Jonathan Martin, CPA*
- 04/19/2024** - Oral Path of Least Resistance  
*Jane Soxman, DDS*  
*John Svirsky, DDS*
- 05/17/2024** - Demystifying Digital Dentistry  
*Isaac Tawil, DDS*

## GPVFDC

- 04/05 2024** - Valley Forge Casino & Resort