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The Dental Society of Chester County and Delaware County

September 2026



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CVIM will be hosting

GIVE VETS A SMILE

on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

Volunteer dentists, hygienists and staff will provide dental exams, cleanings, restorations and extractions to deserving veterans.



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Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Hearth Kitchen • Kennett Square • 6:30 PM
All members welcome

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sma@padental.org

Please send your reports to
Sandy Ding two weeks prior to the
meeting at sandy.ding08@gmail.com

Congratulations & Welcome to Our Newest Members

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Dr. Harleen Kaur Hudal

Dr. Alex Benjamin Trinh

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Message

from the President



Dr. Constance Greeley

It seems that this is the year to recognize our roots! With the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary, we should also turn our attention to the history of our Society. The PDA, of which our Society is a proud constituent, celebrates 158 years this year! Maybe that number is not quite as notable but it represents a long dedication to the values and principles of our

profession.

As I often tell my patients: "Health begins in the mouth," dentistry has the health of our nation in our hands. But... if we don't have a strong united voice we can't be as effective as we need to in providing top notch care in our practices. We keep that voice when we dedicate some part of our dental career to the support of our Society. When you belong to our Society, you have a voice in Harrisburg on a wide list of issues, including our independent practices, water fluoridation, fair and equitable insurance management, just to name a few.

If you're reading this message and you're not yet a member, please don't hold back your support and talent! We need strong young voices to carry our messages. Step up and join the voice of dentistry to keep our contributions to the nation's health strong and effective. The number to call is: **717-234-5941**.

Blessings for a healthy and happy autumn.

Connie Greeley

Dr. Connie Greeley

Please Help Us...

Give Kids and Vets a Smile!





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Our Spring 2026 **Give Kids A Smile** event was hosted by Dr. Theresa Devine's office in Broomall, on Monday, April 27th. Chester-Delaware volunteers included Drs. Brady, Christou, Cohen, Dangi, Devine, Himmelberger, and Logan.

Drs. Pfeiffer's & Koshetar's, and Schein Rep Josh Barry's donations were essential to providing care for 13 fortunate students, who received over \$7,500 worth of dental care and education.

We provided dental care and education to Delaware County and Upper Merion School District students, and a Delaware Head Start child. Before this event Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli of Montgomery Bucks Dental Society and Precision Endo's Dr. Lindi Orlin provided care for a student in pain who couldn't wait until April! "Dr. Hadi also completed treatment for another student after this event—the restorative work couldn't be delayed until the fall!"

We continue to provide letters at access events to document hours of volunteer/uncompensated dental, hygiene or EFDA practice, of which 3 hours may be credited toward the SBOD biannual in-person continuing education requirements.

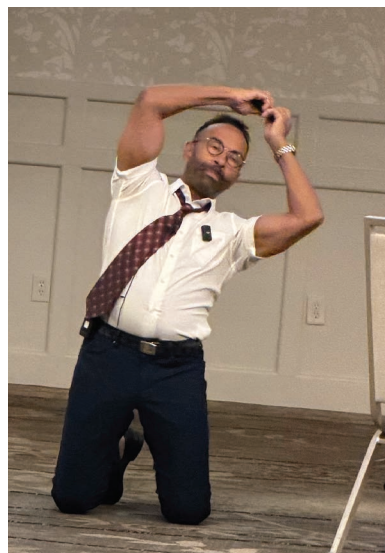
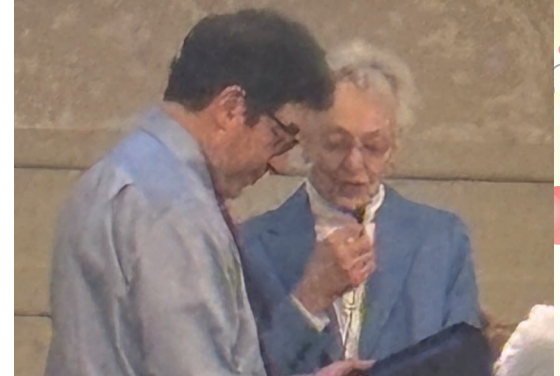
With gratitude,
Tami, Karin, Linda & Bernie



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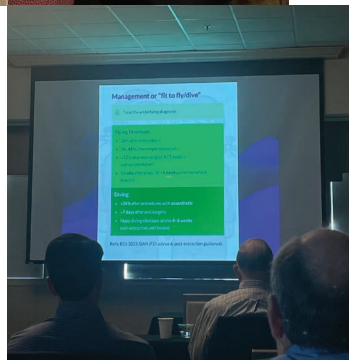
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PROUDLY PRESENTS

Startup Social

An Evening of Connection

DATE & TIME

September 16, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

VENUE

P.J. Whelihan's Pub

+ Restaurant

1347 Wilmington Pike

West Chester, PA 19382

Whether you're starting out, scaling up, or planning your next move, this is a great opportunity to network with fellow dental professionals in a casual setting. Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of connection, conversation, and community at Start Up Socials — open to all DSCCDC members!

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Member Spotlight

Ron Heier, DDS



Dr. Ron Heier's career reflects a lifelong commitment to service, clinical excellence, and community connection. Born and raised in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, Ron grew up shaped by his German heritage and by parents who taught him the importance of respecting others and serving the community. He graduated from Haverford High School and Dartmouth College, where he majored in biology and co-authored an *Oecologia* journal article on lichens as environmental indicators of pollution.

Ron was steered towards dentistry by his family dentist Dr. Max Oppenheim. Many seasoned dentists will remember Dr. Oppenheim as a restorative instructor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. As a practicing dentist, Dr. Oppenheim was kind and gentle. He guided Ron to attend dental school and later convinced him that Temple was the best choice for his clinical education.

Ron is a proud graduate of the Temple University School of Dentistry and went on to complete a GPR in Delaware. He is thankful for all the instructors he met along his educational journey. Living in Havertown while attending Temple, he met several faculty members in the community leading to personal friendships. Ron won several academic awards and is proud to be a member of the Temple OKU dental honor society. He has also earned Fellowship and maintains membership in AGD, ICD, ACD and PFA. The 2020 PDA Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Ron in recognition of service to the PDA where he served as a Trustee and on numerous committees and on the PA Dental Foundation Board. Ron is thankful for the lifetime friendships he has made with his colleagues in the Dental Society of Chester County and Delaware County.

While he was at Temple, Ron married his sweetheart, Pam. They are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. She has always provided steadfast support and is the guiding spirit of their journey together. They have a son Andrew, daughter-in-law Elle, daughter Julie and two wonderful granddaughters. You probably don't know that Ron's favorite sport is soccer. He played in high school and in college until an injury derailed his participation. He resumed playing as an adult and started coaching youth soccer while in dental school. His greatest sports memories are attending World Cup games in 1994 and 2026.

Ron met his partner Bart Graff in their residency program. They started a practice in Malvern from scratch and practiced together for 39 years. In 2004 they moved the office into larger space a mile down Lancaster Avenue in a newly built office building. It was truly an adventure having a new office built, but designing offices twice may be once too many. Ron sold the practice to Bart in 2018, and now Bart's daughter Brooke owns the practice.

Ron believes that one should volunteer on a local, national and international level to share the skills you have been gifted. Locally he has volunteered once a week since 2018 at Community Volunteers in Medicine in West Chester. He enjoys interacting with both the great staff and the thankful patients. He recommends other dentists find an opportunity to give back to our community. Ron was involved with the founding of MOM-n-PA. He has served for many years as Chair of the Volunteers and presently is Dental Clinic Chair. He marvels at the generosity of his fellow dentists and staff who volunteer year after year to make MOM-n-PA a success in providing access to dental care in eastern Pennsylvania. On a national level, Ron has served the ADA as member of the Council on Annual Sessions and as a delegate to the ADA Annual Meeting. He has also served as ICD-USA Regent from Pennsylvania and currently is a U.S. Councilor to the global International College of Dentists where he is a member of numerous committees.

While not spending time on his volunteer dental activities, Ron likes to garden, travel, cook and attend Phillies games with Pam. Recently they have visited Alaska, Italy, Germany and Norway. An interesting fact is that Ron and Pam have a pet tortoise Homer who has been in the family since 1970. They bought a house with a large screened in porch so Homer can roam around during the day. In the evening when he gets hungry, he comes to the sliding glass door so he can come inside and eat! It's amazing that such a small creature can express his wishes so clearly. Let's hope that each of us can communicate with each other in such a way that fosters better understanding and friendship.



Annual Meeting

May 20, 2026

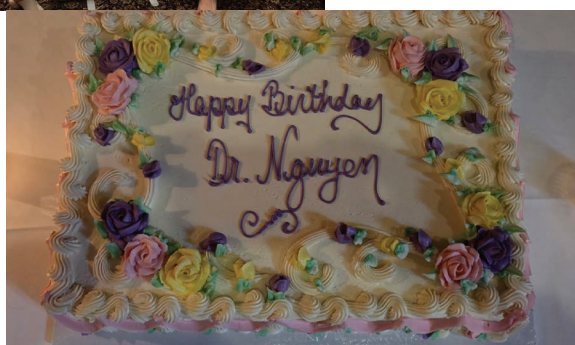
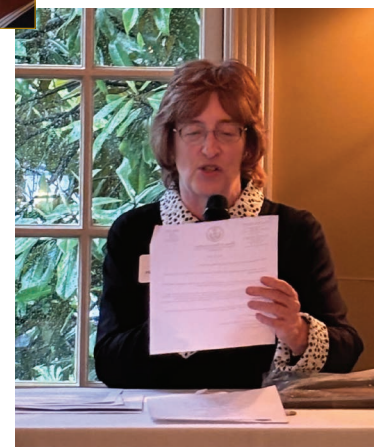
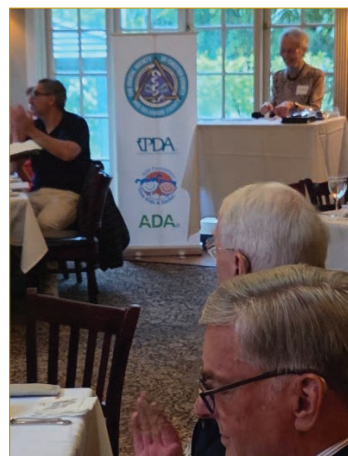


*Pictured left:
New Executive Board:
Drs. Shah, Brian,
Dagenhart, Greeley,
Dangi and Ding*



Annual Meeting

May 20, 2026



Annual Awards 2026



Welcome New Members:
Drs. Pavithra Balasubramanian, Emily Ding,
Robyn Tran Ferraro and Dana Lee

DSCCDC Community Recognition Award presented to State Rep. Meslissa Shusterman. This award is presented to an individual who has exemplified themselves by outstanding services to the community. The Annual Awards Committee may select a recipient who, in its judgment, has led an effort to pass major legislation for the protection and enhancement of the oral health of citizens of Pennsylvania, led a regional access to dental care effort for the under-served populations, or played a leading role and personally made a significant contribution in the education of the public regarding the importance of good oral health and/or public health policy.



25 Year Member Award presented to
Dr. Jamie Wolitarsky

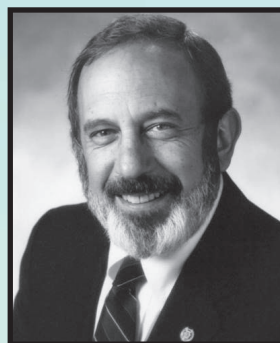


50 year Members are: Drs. Warren Renneisen, Anthony L. Cook, Jr., and Joseph Greenberg; and



GKAS Champion Award presented to Dr. Jackie Wingate. The Give Kids a Smile champion award recognizes those members who volunteer to treat GKAS patients in their own offices, at their expense or who contribute significant volunteer hours planning and executing GKAS events

In Memory of **Lester Levin**



Lester “Les” Levin, sometimes known as “Doc,” died on May 5th in Lewes of complications from Parkinson’s disease. He was born in Baltimore to Herman and Jean Levin on June 11, 1935.

He graduated as senior class president from his beloved Forest Park High School in Baltimore. He attended the University of Maryland and graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1959. Les spent four years as an Air Force dentist before establishing a family practice in Aston, Pennsylvania, where he practiced for 42 years.

He served twice as president of the Chester and Delaware County Dental Society. He was also president of the Second District Dental Society and the Pennsylvania Dental Association. He served on the ADA Dental Care Council in Chicago for many years. After retiring, he joined the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine as an adjunct faculty member in radiology.

In 2009, Les and Linda left their home of 38 years in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. They sold their cottage in Rehoboth Beach and settled in Lewes, Delaware. Les volunteered at the old Lewes Library and was treasurer of the auxiliary at Beebe, where he volunteered in the ER three days a week. When he was not volunteering, he could often be found at his favorite spot on Lewes Beach, reading a book.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters Julie Levin Alexander (Bill Oldsey) of State College, Pennsylvania, and Lonna Levin of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania; and son Adam Levin (Rianda Levin) of San Francisco, California; as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His warm smile and kind words will be remembered and missed by all who knew him and met him throughout his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research (<https://www.michaeljfox.org>) or the Parkinson’s Foundation (<https://www.parkinson.org>).

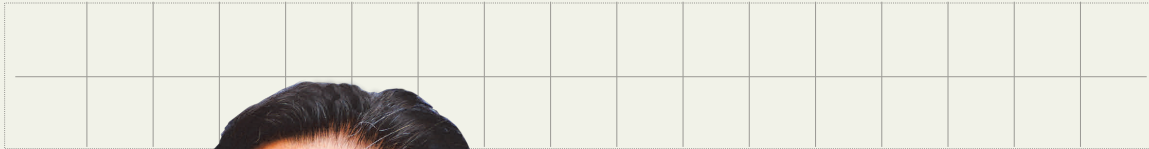


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ADA NEWS

2026 SCIENTIFIC SESSION

by Mary Beth Versaci

The American Dental Association will get back to basics at the ADA 2026 Scientific Session, focusing on clear, actionable insights dentists can use to support their clinical decision-making.

“The 2026 Scientific Session represents an intentional investment in clinical excellence, professional development and an opportunity to enhance the dental practice,” said Jennifer Thompson, D.D.S., chair of the ADA Council on Dental Practice. “It is designed for dentists who value credible, research-driven education and practical clinical guidance.”

Continuing education at the annual meeting — taking place Oct. 8-10 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis — will center on priorities informed by the latest science, research and clinical guidelines. Key topic areas will cover oral-systemic health; research-driven insights from The Journal of the American Dental Association, including oral cancer, radiography and other clinical recommendations; and more.

“This year’s agenda prioritizes depth over breadth, allowing dentists to engage meaningfully with content and translate learning directly into practice,” Dr. Thompson said. “Programming is curated to ensure every session delivers substantive, science-based value.”

The agenda builder will launch in April with more details about CE courses. While some sessions may be relevant to the broader dental team, the CE program is intentionally structured to advance dentists’ clinical expertise, skills and professional growth. Workshops and hands-on opportunities will focus on skill development aligned with everyday practice needs.

Registration for the Scientific Session will open May 27. One comprehensive pass provides access to CE presentations, panels, the general session, peer engagement opportunities and the exhibit hall.

In the exhibit hall, attendees can explore current trends in dental products, services and technology through in-booth demonstrations and expert insights from established and emerging exhibitors. A happy hour will take place Oct. 8.

“The 2026 Scientific Session will foster meaningful peer-to-peer exchange grounded in real-world experience and shared clinical challenges,” Dr. Thompson said. “Dentists can connect with colleagues committed to advancing clinical excellence and improving patient outcomes.”

The Indiana Dental Association will host the Center for Excellence program alongside the Scientific Session, expanding the educational experience for dentists.

To learn more, visit [ADA.org/SciSession](https://ada.org/SciSession).

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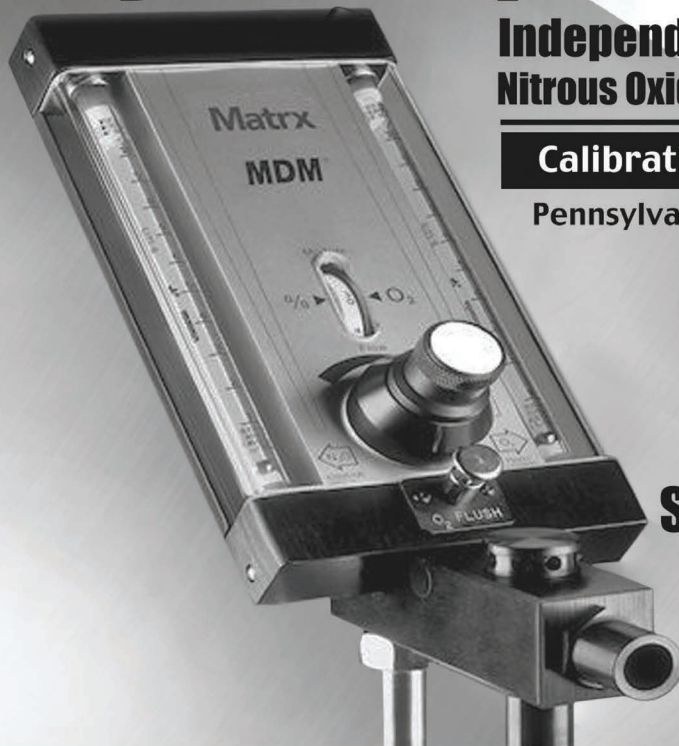
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October 6 and December 1**

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- 09/09/2026** - Hearth Kitchen, Kennett Square
- 11/11/2026** - Hearth Kitchen, Kennett Square
- 1/13/2027** - Zoom
- 03/10/2027** - Hearth Kitchen, Kennett Square
- 05/05/2027** - Hearth Kitchen, Kennett Square

MEMBER EVENTS

- 09/16/2026** - Happy Hour
PJ Whelihans, West Chester
- 10/07/2026** - GKAS
Dr Theresa Devine's office
Broomall
- 11/10/2026** - GVAS
CVIM, West Chester

01/27/2027 - CPR Class, 6:00 PM
Concord Country Club

05/19/2027 - Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM
General Warren

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10/30/2026 - Valley Forge Casino & Resort

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06/11/2027 - Harrisburg

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04/08/2027 - PDA Meeting, Pittsburgh

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10/08/2026 - Science Session
Indianapolis