



October 2009

Welcome New Member

The LCDS would like to extend a warm welcome to new member Dr. Christopher A. Cappellini.

Dr. Cappellini is a 1994 graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Baltimore, Maryland. He began his work in public dentistry at the Bradford County Dental Health Services, Inc., of Towanda, PA, where he practiced for the past five years. His continuous and consistent contribution to public dentistry flows from a heart dedicated to making dental care accessible for the underserved and uninsured population. Dr. Cappellini enjoys the outdoors and has recently bought a house in the scenic Mt. Cobb area. He is also the proud owner of a four-year old lab-terrier mix named "Ally." A Northeast PA native, Dr. Cappellini was pleased to join The Dental Health Clinic of Berwick this past August.



Dr. Aqua is Honored



Congratulations to Dr. Herman Aqua for being honored by the Congregation Ahavas Achim Synagogue. Dr. Aqua was esteemed for his service of over fifty years at his local synagogue, as well as recognized for all his years of service to the Jewish Community of the Valley. Approximately forty-five people attended his special brunch at Ohav Zedek in Wilkes-Barre. Congratulations, Dr. Aqua!

September's Meeting

Dr. John F. Erhard III, member of the State Board of Dentistry, was the featured speaker during our September 21st meeting at Timbers at Mohegan Sun. The title of his presentation was "The Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry and you." Dr. Erhard gave some very interesting details about the State Board and how it affects us.



New Antibiotic Guidelines for Joint Replacements

A new statement has been issued by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons on antibiotic prophylaxis for bacteremia in patients with joint replacements.

Given the potential adverse outcomes and cost of treating an infected joint replacement, the AAOS recommends that clinicians consider antibiotic prophylaxis for all total joint replacement patients prior to any invasive pro-

cedure that may cause bacteremia. The statement recommends a prophylactic antibiotic of 2 gm PO of cephalexin, cephadrine or amoxicillin be administered one hour prior to any dental procedure. The antibiotic regimen is recommended regardless of the healing time the joint has been placed.

A full copy of the statement can be found at www.aaos.org/about/papers/advistmt/1033.asp.

October's Meeting

Join us on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6 PM for a presentation entitled, "Office Design Layout: Ergonomics in the Office," presented by John Engle, a representative from Adec.

As a member of the LCDS, dinner and the meeting are always complimentary. To reserve your spot, kindly contact Dr. Elizabeth Joseph by either calling (570-714-1800) or emailing lizjdm05@yahoo.com. Non-members wishing to attend must pre-register and pre-pay (\$20 each).

Third District Meeting Reminder

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Third District Dental Society's Continuing Education seminar on Friday, November 13, 2009. Held at the Woodlands Inn & Resort beginning at 8 AM, the featured speaker of the day is, Lance Kisby, D.M.D.

Tuition is \$149 per dentist, \$50 per staff member, and \$200 per non-ADA dentist. Special notice: all first year PDA members receive FREE tuition! To reserve your spot, make checks payable to:

Third District Dental Society
 Attn: Bob Albrecht
 Muth & Mumma Dental Lab
 6360 Flank Drive, Suite 500
 Harrisburg, PA 17112

Register for 2010 CE Courses Now

Reserve your spot for the 2010 Continuing Education courses held at the Inn at Nichols Village, Clarks Summit, PA. If you register by December 1, 2009, you will receive discounted pricing. For more information, go to our website at www.scrantondental.org and click on "Register for 2010 CE Courses" right on the home page.

Wed, 1/20/10 Dr. Scott S. DeRossi
 "Oral Mucosal Disease: An Update"

Wed, 2/10/10 Dr. Dai C. Phan
 "A Potpourri of Dental Challenges and Their Current Protocol of Care"

Wed, 3/10/10 Dr. George M. Just
 "Advancements for Endodontic Success"

Wed, 4/7/10 Dr. Jane A. Soxman
 "Tricky Decisions and Treatment Techniques in Pediatrics"

FREE COURSE...

Bowser Memorial Lecture
 To Be Determined
 Pittsburgh, PA

September Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Larry Shire, Secretary

The meeting was held on September 21, 2009 at The Timber's at Mohegan Sun. In attendance were Doctors Tom Donohue, Richard Grossman, Elizabeth Joseph, Len Medura Jr., Calandria Miller, Larry Shire, and Pravnav Vohra.

In Gary Hughes' absence, Larry Shire gave the financial report. The bank balance is currently at \$8699.28. There was a discussion about raising the active member dues for 2010. We talked about the fact, that the Society has no income from outside sources other than dues. In the past, we have raised money through golf tournaments and an "all day" CE course. Because of the enormous amount of time involved in hosting these events, and the dwindling attendance, these fund raisers have been dropped. The board voted to raise the local dues by \$10.00 from \$140.00 to \$150.00 per year. The PDA dues for 2010 will be \$573.00. The ADA dues for 2010 will be announced after the Annual Session, scheduled for September 30-October 6, 2009.

In regards to the CE courses we ran in the past, they were not so much fundraisers, but more of a way to give the membership a CE opportunity where they didn't have to travel very far. The range of topics and quality of speakers was always top notch. To try to resurrect the CE courses, Dr. Grossman offered a suggestion of having local specialists and general dentists presenting brief (15 min) presentations on a topic of clinical interest. This could range from

a procedure they have found effective in their practice, to something they may have brought back from a recent CE course they attended. The Board is always open to suggestions that will make the members better at what they do in their practices. If you feel you would like to contribute to the program by presenting to the group, please get in touch with a Board member about it.

In order to raise money for the society, we are offering advertising opportunities in our newsletter. If you have a patient or vendor interested in placing an ad in the newsletter, please get in touch with Larry Shire. We have standardized the cost of the ads based on the size of the border:

		cost	yearly
		per issue	(9 issues)
3.75X2	7.5	\$25.00	\$225.00
3X5	15	\$50.00	\$450.00
4X6	24	\$80.00	\$720.00
5X7	35	\$116.67	\$1,050.00

We are looking to fill two vacant spots on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in helping the Society, please contact Len Medura, President.

Remember that Children's Dental Health Month is in February. If you want to purchase items from the ADA, you should get your orders in soon. We will again be providing a Saturday program at the Wyoming Valley Mall for CDHM, in conjunction with the students and faculty from LCCC assisting and hygiene programs.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 19, 2009 at Mohegan Sun at 6 PM.

Advertising Being Accepted

If you or someone you know would like to advertise in our newsletter, please contact Larry Shire. We have

established advertising rates for 2010 that are very economical! For more details, see the above chart.

President's Letter

Greetings fellow LCDS members. Fall is now upon us so please enjoy the foliage before the rakes and leaf blowers become part of your post-work armamentarium (I won't horrify you with thoughts of shovels and snow blowers just yet).

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Red Flags Rule enforcement has been postponed until November 1, 2009. Like the HIPAA laws passed a few years ago, I would recommend you assign a staff member in your office (business manager, insurance coordinator, etc.) the role of Red Flags Rule administrator and have him/her become familiar with the regulations. Also, to reduce compliance costs and aid designated staff members with complying with the regulations, the ADA has created step-by-step procedures which can be downloaded and printed. Visit www.ada.org or www.padental.org for more information and instructions.

My term as LCDS President is coming to an end this December and I would like to thank everyone for their support during my tenure. I'd also like to thank my fellow officers and board members for their continued persistence and assistance to me and the LCDS in 2009. Rest assured we will be in good hands under Dr. Cali Miller's leadership in 2010. If anyone is interested



Dr. Len Medura, Jr., President

in serving on the LCDS board of directors starting in 2010 or in any other capacity please email me at medurajr@frontier.com. Elections for officers and board of directors for 2010 will take place at the October meeting.

Our final LCDS meeting for 2009 at Mohegan Sun will be held on October 19, 2009 at the Timber's buffet. Again, elections will be held, as well as dinner and CE lecture. Also consider joining the 3rd District Dental Society for a day of CE at the Woodlands Inn & Resort on November 13, 2009. Dr. Lance Kisby will be discussing Updates in Pediatric Dentistry. Details are included in this month's newsletter.

Thanks again for another great year for the Luzerne County Dental Society.

Sincerely,
Len Medura Jr., DMD

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Upcoming Events

Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	Oct 19, 2009	6:00 PM
Third District Annual Meeting	Woodlands Inn	Nov 13, 2009	8:00 AM
President's Brunch	Huntsville Golf Club	Dec 6th	11:30 AM
PDA Annual Session	Hotel Hershey	April 22-25, 2010	TBD

Board meeting begins at 6:00 PM, general meeting starts immediately after (around 7:00 PM)



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2010 Proposed Slate of Officers

The following slate of officers has been presented for nomination for 2010.

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