

Welcome New Member

*Thomas J. Biscotti D.M.D.
to practice dentistry in
Mountaintop*

Dr. Thomas J. Biscotti pictured with his wife Melissa and children Juliet, Thomas, and Sophia recently acquired the dental practice



September 2009

Don't Miss September's Meeting

Dr. John F. Erhard III, member of the State Board of Dentistry, will be the featured speaker during our September 21st meeting at Timbers at Mohegan Sun.



The title of his presentation is: "The Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry and you."

Dr. Erhard was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry in February 2008 by Governor Edward Rendell. He was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, The University of Scranton, and

Temple University School of Dentistry. Dr. Erhard served in the U.S. Navy. He is past president of the Scranton District Dental Society and the Third District Pennsylvania Dental Society. Dr. Erhard is associated with many community service associations. Some of his personal interests include golf, skiing and history.

As a member of the LCDS, dinner and the meeting are always complimentary. Please join us as we get the year off to a great start. To reserve your spot, kindly contact Dr. Elizabeth Joseph by either calling (570-714-1800) or emailing (lizjmd05@yahoo.com). Non-members wishing to attend must pre-register and pre-pay (\$20 each).

August Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Cindy Cox

The meeting was held on August 10th at Perugino's. In attendance were: Doctors Tom Donohue, Richard Grossman, Gary Hughes, Len Medura Jr., Calandria Miller, and Pravnav Vohra.

Dr. Medura mentioned that we were welcoming two new doctors into the society. One is Dr. Thomas Biscotti, who is practicing with Dr. Dougherty. The other is a doctor joining Dr. Wezmar's practice. We will contact them to see if they'd like an article featuring them in the next newsletter. Dr. Medura would also like Public Relations Coordinator Cindy Cox to send both doctors a "welcome" letter.

The group briefly discussed the upcoming Third District meeting on November 13th. Featured speaker is Lance Kisby, D.M.D., Chief of Pediatric Dentistry at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut.

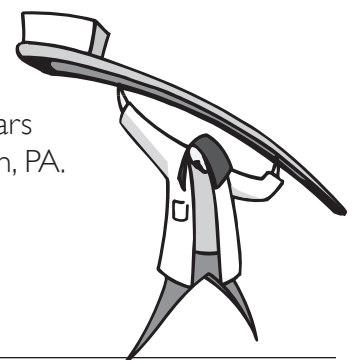
The board is interested in knowing the advertising status of our newsletter advertisers. Cindy Cox will contact Larry Shire for the rates and status. It was thought that the new year should bring new rates and contracts.

The location of the President's brunch in December is under consideration. Dr. Medura will check into possibly having it at Timbers at Mohegan Sun.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 21st at Mohegan Sun at 6 PM.

owned by Dr. John Dougherty in Mountaintop, PA. The practice is located at 27 N. Mountain Blvd. Mountaintop, PA 18707. Dr. Dougherty will continue his practice of dentistry and remain affiliated at this location.

Dr. Biscotti graduated from Pittston Area High School. He received his Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from King's College with honors. Dr. Biscotti received his D.M.D. from Temple University School of Dentistry while under full academic scholarship. He has been in private practice for the last 5 years in Hamlin, PA.



Third District Meeting

Don't miss this year's 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.

Dr. Kisby is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and did his Pediatric Dental training at Floating Hospital in Boston. He was in private practice for 17 years in Massachusetts before taking a position as Chief of Pediatric Dentistry at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut. He is now Head of Pediatric Dentistry at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania where he also holds a Staff appointment in the Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Kisby is a Clinical Instructor in Pediatric Dentistry at Tufts and is Board Certified in Pediatric Dentistry. He is author of numerous articles, contributing author of a Pediatric Dental textbook, and contributing editor for the Journal of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Kisby brings over 30 years of clinical, practical, and teaching experience on many topics and issues in Pediatric Dentistry.

Tuition is \$149 per dentist, \$50 per staff member, and \$200 per non-ADA dentist. To reserve your spot, make checks payable to:

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PDA "Day on the Hill"

A letter from Marisa Swarney, Director of Government Relations. PDA

Dear PDA District and Local Presidents:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA) Board of Trustees and Council on Government Relations, I am writing to extend an invitation for you and colleagues in your district/local dental society to attend PDA's Day on the Hill, scheduled for October 20, 2009.

On Day on the Hill, dentists, spouses and dental students come to Harrisburg to talk with state legislators about issues important to the dental profession. In the past, we've talked about a range of issues, including student loan forgiveness, access-to-care issues, scope of practice and fair insurance practices. This year we will talk primarily about insurance issues, most especially advocating for legislation that will prohibit insurers from capping fees for non-covered services, an issue we know impacts many members participating with those plans. Certainly, passing legislation like this (which will be strongly opposed by the insurance lobby) stands a better chance if hundreds of dentists come to Day on the Hill to speak to legislators personally.

I'm sending you some preliminary information about the event, including a schedule and registration form. In a nutshell, the day begins with a continental breakfast and legislative briefing from PDA's lobbyists. Then we board buses to the Capitol and everyone goes in groups or on their own to visit their respective legislators. PDA will create groups of dentists, spouses and

dental students to make office visits together, and will assist with scheduling those legislative appointments. We're back at the PDA by 1:45 for lunch and debriefing. PDA staff can assist you with all the logistics and will make sure attendees receive background information and talking points on our issues in advance, so that everyone feels well-prepared to meet with their legislators and staff.

As a PDA leader in your district/local dental society, you are encouraged to attend Day on the Hill and bring along as many of your colleagues as possible. Please feel free to make copies of the attached flyer and registration form for distribution to others. I'd be happy to provide any other information you may need in discussing this with your colleagues, or mail more of these flyers to you for distribution at any upcoming meetings you may have. You may also register online at www.padental.org.

Please keep in mind that the registration deadline is September 22. Registration is required so that legislative appointments are made in advance.

Thank you for your assistance with promoting Day on the Hill to colleagues in your district/local dental societies. I hope you and other dentists are able to attend this important event and strengthen PDA's voice in the legislative arena.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,
Marisa Swarney
Director of Government Relations
Pennsylvania Dental Association

President's Letter

Greetings fellow LCDS members. I hope everyone is enjoying our somewhat frustrating summer and I hope you all have had an opportunity to enjoy a well deserved vacation. As summer draws to a close, our first meeting of the fall takes place on September 21, 2009, the day before fall officially begins. Please consider joining us at Timbers Buffet (7:00 PM) for an end of summer evening.

Some interesting updates from the ADA to mention. First, the controversial Red Flags Rule enforcement date has been postponed by the FTC until November 1, 2009. To comply with the eventual rules, your dental office must adopt written rules and actions that will identify Red Flags relevant to the practice, explain how Red Flags will be detected, describe procedures to respond to any detected Red Flags, and establish procedures to administer the program, including training and periodic review and evaluation of the program.

Secondly, the FDA issued its final regulation on dental amalgam on



Dr. Len Medura, Jr., President

July 28, 2009 basically reaffirming the agency's position that the material is a safe and effective restorative option for patients. This is for informational purposes only. The type of restorative material to be used and why should be a decision discussed between you, the dentist, and your patient. For more complete details with either update, log onto www.ada.org or www.padental.org.

Best wishes for the remainder of the summer with the hope of a pleasant and comfortable fall. I hope to see you at Mohegan Sun on September 21st.

Sincerely,
Len Medura Jr., DMD

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Upcoming Events

Board/General Meeting*	Mohegan Sun	Sept 21, 2009	6:00 PM
ADA 150th Session	Honolulu, Hawaii	Sept 30 – Oct 4, 2009	TBA
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	TBD	December	TBD
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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