



March 2010

Don't Miss March's Meeting



Dr. Alison Glascoe, DDS, MS.

Mark your calendar for March's meeting on Monday, March 15th at Timbers at Mohegan Sun. Featured speaker is Dr. Alison Glascoe, DDS, MS. She will be speaking about implant failures.

Dr. Glascoe is a Periodontist who received her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, College of Dental Surgery. In pursuit of clinical excellence, she furthered her education by completing a general practice residency at the Commission of Mental Health, St. Elizabeth's Campus in Washington, D.C. Following her residency, Dr. Glascoe associated with practices in Columbia and Silver Springs, Maryland.

Recognizing that optimal periodontal health is the foundation of a patient's overall health and well-being, she chose the University of Pennsylvania, one of the country's leading periodontal academic research centers, to complete her advanced periodontal residency. While at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Glascoe, a lifelong learner, also earned a Masters of Science degree in Oral Biology and completed a comprehensive year-long Implant Dentistry Fellowship.

Dr. Glascoe is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. She is a full-time faculty member at Howard University College of Dentistry in the Department of Periodontics and Preventive Services in Washington, D.C. Dr. Glascoe also maintains a private practice, limited to periodontics, in Bowie, Maryland.

As always, the buffet dinner and featured speaker are complimentary for our members. If you plan on attending, please call or email Dr. Pretti Sahasi at (570) 752-8753 or psahasi@hotmail.com.

LCCC Continuing Education Course

Need continuing education credits? Register for the six credit continuing education course entitled "Medical Manifestations of Periodontal Disease," presented by Dr. Richard Nagelberg, held at Luzerne County Community College on Friday, May 14, 2010. For details and more information go to www.luzerne.edu/alumni.

Children's Dental Health Month

FAST FACTS:

Over 200 goodie bags were distributed
100 photos with the tooth Fairy were taken
100 free dental screenings were given

Free Dental Clinic

Under the direction of Dr. John Andrews, The Wilkes-Barre Free Dental Clinic is seeing patients for free every Tuesday from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Located at 15 South Franklin Street (in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church), the clinic is in need of volunteers. It is also in need of an AT2000. If anyone has this machine, won't you please contact Dr. John Andrews at 570-823-6080? Thank you for your continued support.

February's Meeting

February's meeting featured Kelly Ranelli, Executive Director, and Dr. Susan Sordoni, Founder and Chair of the Board of Directors, of "Volunteers in Medicine." Both women gave a compelling overview of the area's medical/dental clinic designed for the working poor.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the clinic, located at 190 North Pennsylvania Avenue (in the Buzzy's Bazaar building). Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information on how you can help, go to www.vimwb.org.



The Latest News from the PDA Bulletin

New Regulations for Dental Hygienists

New regulations published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin in final form on December 12, 2009 revise the scope of practice for Pennsylvania-licensed dental hygienists, including adding authority to administer local anesthesia. The new regulations also provide for a new class of certification - public health dental hygiene practitioner.

Maximum Fines Increased To \$10,000

On July 17, 2009 Governor Edward G. Rendell signed Act 25 into law, adding a provision raising the maximum fine the State Board of Dentistry may impose for violations of the licensing laws or regulations from \$1,000 to \$10,000, as well as authorizing the licensing boards to impose the costs of investigation.

"This is an important law because the new maximum fine acts as a very strong deterrent to unlawful activity by licensees, which in turn will enable us to more effectively protect the health, safety and welfare of every consumer in the commonwealth, and the integrity of the dental health professions in Pennsylvania," Commissioner Basil L. Merenda said.

PDA Working on Your Behalf to Enact Insurance Reforms

PDA moved quickly to address the growing problem of several large insurers enforcing a policy that prohibits participating dentists from determining the fees to charge patients for dental procedures that are not covered by their plans. Sen. Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) introduced legislation on PDA's behalf in February. SB 1222, which is assigned to the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, would prohibit insurers from capping fees for non-covered services.

PDA's primary concern is the financial impact that this policy will have on dentists and their ability to continue operating a dental practice and treat insured patients. We are working to educate lawmakers about how it is essentially unfair for insurers to dictate fees on non-covered services, but your help is needed. Contact Marisa Swarney at (800) 223-0016, ext. 116 to find out how you can help pass this important piece of legislation.

Membership Cards Mailed

The 2010 membership cards were mailed to all fully paid 2010 members in January. The ADA membership card symbolizes member commitment to professional service and quality dentistry. Along with the cards, members received an ADA/PDA window decal and CareCredit/PDA keyboard/monitor calendar. Please display the window decal in a prominent place to provide membership recognition and increase public awareness of organized dentistry.

If you have paid your 2010 dues in full and have not yet received your ADA/PDA membership card, please contact Tori Rineer at (800) 223-0016, ext. 121.



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Children's Dental Health Month a Huge Success!

Our annual celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month was another smashing success. Held at the Wyoming Valley Mall on Saturday, February 20th, the fun-filled event entertained and educated over 100 children from all over the Wyoming Valley.

Doctors Ann McDonough, Samantha Abod, Larry Shire and Dr. John Evans, NCDHM Chair, were on-hand to provide complimentary screenings. Students from Luzerne County Community College also helped with the day's festivities. Special thanks to Dr. John Evans and his wife Colleen for organizing this event year after year.



Dr. McDonough examines a willing patient during our annual event at the Wyoming Valley Mall.



Three of the four doctors who provided free screenings for area children are pictured here: Dr. Ann McDonough, Dr. Samantha Abod, and Dr. John Evans, NCDHM Chair. Missing from the photo (because he took it!) is Dr. Larry Shire.



The Tooth Fairy takes a moment to smile for the camera with some of the many children who visited that day.



Colleen Evans, chief coordinator of NCHDM, along with her husband, Dr. Evans, decorates with balloons before the festivities begin.

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Upcoming Events

Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	March 15, 2010	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	April 19, 2010	6:00 PM
PDA Annual Session	Hotel Hershey	April 22-25, 2010	8:00 AM
LCCC CE Course	LCCC	May 14, 2010	8:00 AM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	May 17, 2010	6:00 PM
Board Meeting	TBA	August 16, 2010	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	September 20, 2010	6:00 PM
ADA Annual Session	Orlando, FL	October 9-13, 2010	8:00 AM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	October 18, 2010	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	November 15, 2010	6:00 PM

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

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