

Westmoreland Club to Host Annual CE Day!

The Westmoreland will be our host for the annual meeting and continuing education course on Friday, November 11, 2022, 8 am – 4 pm. Earn 6 CDE hours, enjoy continental breakfast, lunch, and complimentary cocktail party. Valet parking

is free (paid by the Third District Dental Society). By now, you should have received the official mailing, but feel free to register online at: www.thirddistrictdentalsociety.org/ce-courses/

COURSES:

Digital vs. Analog - Getting the Edge on Removable Technology AGD Code: #670

Implant Dentures - The Protocol, Procedure and Getting Patient Acceptance AGD Code: #690

The Irreplaceable Loss; A Young Dentist dies of Oral Cancer and Setting New Gold Standard for Oral Cancer screenings AGD Code: #730

Defining Strategies in Dentistry for Accelerating Growth AGD Code: #550 practice Management and Huma Relations Type: Lecture CDE Hours: 2.0



Beaumont Inn Celebration

What an incredible evening of celebration on June 23, 2022! It was so nice to welcome our newest members, as well as demonstrate our gratitude to doctors Samantha Abod and Richard Grossman. Hope to see you all at the Westmoreland Club on November 11th!



Welcome New Doctors

The Third District Dental Society is pleased to welcome three new doctors to our Society: Doctors Joseph Legg II, Casey Silvi, and Timothy Storm.



Dr. Joseph Legg II was born and raised in NEPA and is excited to return home to practice as an endodontist alongside his father Dr. Joseph Legg.

Dr. Legg attended college and earned his BS in neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh. Following his time at Pitt, he moved to Philadelphia and earned his DMD at the University of Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Penn Dental, he was accepted to and received his specialty certificate in endodontics from the University of Pennsylvania Department of Endodontics.

Dr. Legg's specialty training is in endodontics, but he has particular interest in and has received significant training in endodontic microsurgery. Under the mentorship of Penn Endo's Doctors Syngcuk Kim and Samuel Kratchman, he has become an expert in root end surgery in all regions of the mouth and has lectured

professionally on piezotome aided bone window surgery at the American Association of Endodontics annual meeting. Dr. Legg and his father have opened a new office and relocated to Dunmore, where their practice is named Microsurgical Endodontics of NEPA.



Dr. Casey Silvi was born and raised in Plains, PA where she graduated from Coughlin High School in 2013. She went on to receive her Bachelors of Science in Biology from King's College and her Doctorate of Dental Medicine from Temple University Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry. Dr. Silvi knew at an early age that she wanted to pursue a career in dentistry. She was excited to return to her hometown where she joined River Street Dentistry with Dr. Renee Edwards to provide patients with the highest quality of care available. She is a member of the American Dental Association and the Pennsylvania Dental Association.

In Dr. Silvi's spare time, she enjoys spending time with her friends, family, and three dogs.



Timothy Storm, DMD, is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon who provides care for children and adults. He performs a wide range of both common and advanced surgical procedures, including treatment for facial trauma and injury, corrective jaw surgery, TMJ (temporomandibular joint) surgery and the removal of impacted wisdom teeth.

Board certified in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Storm earned his medical degree from the Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University in Philadelphia, followed by a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Temple University Hospital, where he served as chief resident from 2017 to 2018. He has received the Delaware Valley Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Award for Clinical Excellence.

Dr. Storm is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, The Pennsylvania Dental Association, The American Dental Association, and the American College of Surgeons.



Hello Third District Dental Society members! I hope you all

enjoyed a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a successful autumn! I am your new Third District Trustee and I want you all to know the PDA has been hard at work to improve member experience and provide the highest-level member benefits of any division of organized dentistry. Here are just a few things the PDA has done for YOU!

1. Due to staffing shortages and lack of qualified applicants to the field, your PDA leadership has worked with the state dental board and LCCC faculty to reinstate the EFDA training program at LCCC. The first reinstated class is hard at work as you read this!

2. At PDA's request, Representative Steven Mentzer introduced HB 2613, legislation that will improve the credentialing process for healthcare practitioners in Pennsylvania. HB 2613 would require use of the CAQH system for credentialing, limit the credentialing period to 60 days for completed applications, require insurer to notify a practitioner when an application is incomplete and streamline the process for health practitioners practicing in multiple locations.

HB 2613 is in the House Health Committee. We are lobbying to pass it in the House and Senate this fall. Ask your state representative and senator to support HB 2613, Representative Mentzer's Insurer Credentialing legislation. Our goal is to build bipartisan support to pass HB 2613.

3. PDA worked with Senator Scott Martin to introduce SB 1173, legislation that would allow dentists, dental hygienists, and expanded function dental assistants to apply up to three hours of pro bono care to fulfill their continuing education requirement each biennial licensure renewal

What's New in 2022?

period. SB 1173 passed the Senate in June and is now in the House Professional Licensure Committee. Ask your state representative to support SB 1173.

4. PDA continues to monitor masking requirements in dental offices. The Department of Health confirmed that CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic guidelines are still in place, and masks are required to be worn in the dental office. Obviously, you know that during the pandemic, the PDA worked tirelessly, lobbying to get us back to work quickly to prevent another health care crisis in America.

5. To assist member compliance with practice regulations, PDA has published a series of Quick Tips providing practical guidance without legal jargon. Topics range from advertising regulations to offering interpreter services and waste management. For a complete listing of Quick Tips published to date, see the PDA website www.padental.org and click on the QUICK TIPS under the ADVOCACY tab.

6. The PDA offers an online CE platform to help members meet the CE requirements for licensure and guidelines on re-licensure requirements. Go to www.padental.org and click on EVENTS then CONTINUING EDUCATION. PDA members receive select courses for free, including Act 31 Abuse Recognition and Reporting for Dental Professionals, Radiation Protection Update, Act 124 Pain Management Alternatives and Identification of Addiction, Principles of Infection Control for Dentistry and OSHADontics - Workplace safety for Dental Offices.

7. ADA's long-term advocacy resulted in legislative victory for dentists and patients with the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2020. This act repeals health insurance companies' exemptions previously in

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place under the McCarran-Ferguson Act and helps remove obstacles to investigation and enforcement. The objective of the act is to improve transparency and competition among dental insurance companies, this act should create more opportunities for long-term innovation that will benefit you and your patients.

8. PDA Go, our mobile app, allows members to stay connected with peers and updated on all pandemic related news as well as forums, resources, first-hand news alerts and more. Join today and download PDA to connect more than 1,300 members. In a similar vein, the ADA will launch its newest app soon!

9. PDA members are offered secure, high-quality products and services at competitive prices through the PDA Member Advantage Program. If you are a member with a question or comment, please contact: Natalie Kinsinger, PDA Member Advantage Program Coordinator, by email or visit www.padental.org and click on the RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS tab.

10. The PDM will be hosted at the Normandy Farm resort April 27-29, 2023 and will focus on navigating your way through tough professional and financial times. High quality CE, camaraderie and can't miss opportunities for practice growth await you!

We are always looking for ways to improve communication and benefits for our members so please check our website www.thirddistrictdentalsociety.org or our social media outlets for the most up-to-date information. Finally, I now serve as chair of the Innovation committee of the PDA and we are working on ideas to improve every day practice for our member dentists. If you have any ideas you would like to present, just email me at abod@qmaortho.com, call or text me any time at (570) 852-1288. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming annual session in November at the Westmoreland Club!

President's Letter

Thank you for taking the time to keep up to date on the latest information from our Third District Dental Society. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of dentists engaged in this organization. Dr Matrone, our Scranton District President, arranged for a fantastic Golf Outing event in June at the Country Club of Scranton. We also had a Third District Celebration at the Beaumont Inn in late June, welcoming some of our newest members to our society, and just having a nice evening of camaraderie. The fall finds us preparing for the Presidents' Dinner and continuing education courses. Drs Kelly and Zale are working hard to make a successful educational series

available to all of us. Please remember our licenses require renewal by March 31, 2023.

As a reminder, it is time for our Legislative Checkup with your local legislators. Please offer yourselves up as a source of information in regards to oral health concerns to them. Currently we have a Continuing Education Credit bill, SB 1173, actively working its way through the House. You can find talking points on the PDAGo app, or if you need more information, please reach out to me or Marisa Swarney at PDA.

In this newsletter there are biographies of some of our newest members of the society. Please take the time to read them, and welcome them.

Many of them will be presenting at our local meetings in the future. We have a strong healthy society lead by Dr Grossman, president elect of PDA, and Dr Abod, our Third District Trustee. The future of our society is held not only their very capable hands, but in the active youth. Let's continue to encourage the active participation of all of our members.

Lastly, please sign up for our Third District Annual Meeting which will be held on November 11th at the Westmoreland Club. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,
Darleen Oleski, DMD



Vacation CE Planned!

Mark your calendar for a special "Vacation CE" to be held Father's Day weekend, June 15-17, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina in Cambridge, MD. More details to come as plans unfold for this exciting event. Keep an eye on our private Facebook page!



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If you haven't joined our private Facebook page, please click the link and request membership ASAP. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1907560839378795> You will see updated legislative announcements, member notices, meeting/event dates, and last minute COVID information.

Events

ADA Smilecon	Houston, TX	Oct 13-15, 2022	8:00 AM
Third District Annual Meeting	Westmoreland Club	Nov 11, 2022	8:00 AM
PDA Annual Meeting	Normandy Farms, PA	April 28-29, 2023	8:00 AM
Vacation CE	Grand Hyatt, MD	June 15-17, 2023	8:00 AM