



Mercer Dental Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all members. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and got some time to spend with family and friends. I am excited to serve as your president for the Mercer Dental Society.

As we move forward, I would like to highlight the 150th anniversary of NJDA will be celebrated in the year 2020. All 12 months in the year 2020 will hold a special programming or celebratory event. It is also worth mentioning the NJDA headquarters building renovations and what it will mean as an attraction for new and veteran members. The official grand reopening is scheduled in Jan 2020. With 3 new conference areas, handicap accessible building, 3 new bathrooms, new lobby and kitchen area, improved storage, and updated decor, it is truly state of the art and will open up new doors to our society. We are hoping to hold an event at the newly renovated headquarters after the new year.



Dinner meetings will continue to be included with your membership dues. All that is needed is an RSVP. Our first meeting this year will be held at the Stone Terrace on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 and we will continue to keep the event as a cocktail reception since it was well received.

We will start this year as always with NJDA officer's visitation with an appearance by our President, Dr. Tom Rossi; our President-Elect, Dr. Mitch Weiner, NJDA Executive Director, Arthur Meisel and Jim Schulz, Director of Governmental & Public Affairs.

I want to thank Dr. Reinhardt, Past President for her service last year and Dr. Brown our Program Chair for selecting and making arrangements for speakers this year. I'd also like to thank Dr. John Lu for his excellent services as Treasurer for the past seven years and welcome Dr. Scalia as he will be entering this year as our new Treasurer. I would like to acknowledge and thank Jolanta Matusiak-Gora for taking on the role of MDS Executive Secretary.

A special thanks to my mentor and work colleague Dr. Sidney Whitman who has encouraged me to become more involved with MDS and organized dentistry. The entire EC does it's best to make meetings desirable and a pleasant experience for all. Please feel free to reach us with any feedback or suggestions. I look forward to meeting with all of you.

Regards

Dr. Dana DiGerolamo
President
Mercer Dental Society
2019-20



Julia Rita DiGerolamo

Congratulations to proud parents, Dr. Dana DiGerolamo and her husband Joe on the birth of their beautiful baby girl!!



Members: All Meetings & Dinners are Complimentary
Non Members: First Meeting is Complimentary after that \$55

Tuesday, September 17th 2019: NJDA OFFICER VISITATION

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Venue: The Stone Terrace, 2275 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ 08610

To register and pay online: Please visit <https://www.mercerdentalsociety.com/> and click on the Mercer Dental Society Calendar tab



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2019-20 MDS CALENDAR

Meeting Date	Course Topic	Speaker
Tuesday, Sep. 17 th , 2019	NJDA Officer Visitation	NJDA
Tuesday, Nov. 19 th , 2019	Invisalign Orthognathic Surgery	Dr. Shahid Aziz, DMD, MD
Tuesday, Jan. 21 st , 2020	Digital Workflow in the Dental Practice	Dr. Naren Rajan, DMD
Tuesday, March 24 th , 2020	Management of Dental Pain & Appropriate Opioid Prescribing Practices	Dr. Tom Viola, RPH
Tuesday, May 19 th , 2020	TBA	Dr. Jonathan Korostoff, DMD, PHD

2019-20 MDS SPONSORS



Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

STONE TERRACE
2275 Kuser Rd, Hamilton, NJ 08610



Dr. Shahid Aziz
DMD, MD, FACS

INVISALIGN ORTHOGNATHIC SURGERY

Dr. Shahid Aziz, DMD, MD, FACS
Professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine

Shahid Aziz is a Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Rutgers University, is a Diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Shahid is also an Attending Surgeon at University Hospital (Newark, NJ), St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ, Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Center, New Brunswick, NJ, St. Peter's University Hospital, and Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ. He is a graduate of the Lawrenceville School and Rutgers College. Shahid received his dental degree from Harvard University School of Dental Medicine and his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He completed his general surgery and oral/maxillofacial surgery training at New York-Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia University Medical Center



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NJDA BUILDING CAMPAIGN



DR. SID WHITMAN

NJDA Delegate
Dental Benefits Program
Council Member

As many of you are aware, the NJDA has begun a long overdue building renovation project of our public spaces. The project was undertaken to enhance the image of our organization, to update our technology infrastructure, to create a facility that is more available and inviting to our membership for programming and events, and to bring the building into full accessibility compliance. We looked into various options and after all the studies were done, it was concluded that reconfiguring and renovating the public space was the most practical and economical option as far as financial outlay and long term ROI. There is great excitement and energy surrounding this project among the leadership and staff.

The renovation committee took into account both the present and future needs of the association and how the space could be utilized to its maximum potential. The building is a reflection of how we want to be perceived as a profession and it is home to you and your component.

The renovation was timed for our 150th anniversary so that we can unveil THE NEW NJDA, designed for the future with layout and technological capabilities to run meetings more efficiently; with extra meeting space that can be used to generate non-dues revenue; with room to accommodate more people so that larger scale events can be hosted in house and the savings passed on to our membership.

Dentistry has provided us with a lifestyle that is the envy of our friends in other professions. NJDA's advocacy for our profession has helped pave the road that, coupled with hard work and determination, has driven our success. Strong support from you will help ensure the sustainability of our organization; greatly improve the value proposition of NJDA to our current and future members; and lay the foundation for us to solicit and attract the rest of our peers. With an engaged membership there is enhanced strength.

NJDA's Building for our Future Campaign is well underway. A sense of excitement is palpable as our Association is about to enter and celebrate its 150th year of continuous existence. All dentist members of the Campaign Committee and the Board of Trustees have agreed to make payments to the Campaign. In addition our Executive Director is contributing to the project. We have reached out to past Presidents and ADA Delegates The sum already committed is in excess of \$250,000. Payment arrangements have been designed to be extremely flexible. They can be made in a lump sum or spread over a 5 year period. The Campaign goal is \$750,000.

Our mutual goal is to seek 100% support from our full membership. We have looked particularly to our established and senior members in their contributions to solidify their legacy to the new and future generations of dentists and to assure the long term sustainability of NJDA.

In the coming weeks, you will be hearing from a representative of our Capital Campaign Committee. We look forward to you joining us in supporting our commitment to the future of NJDA and the profession.

**NJ BOT Meeting, August 14th, 2019
Pines Manor, Edison, NJ**

Political Action Committee:

Two upcoming events local for
Mercer Dental Society members :

1. **August 28th 2019:** Two events in one – Golf Clinic to learn golf or improve your game with golf pros at Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, followed by networking event with new dentists. Enroll to join one or both. Look for emails or contact MDS.
2. **October 2nd 2019:** Golf outing at Old York Country Club, Chesterfield, NJ. Look for emails.

Only 25% of members contribute to PAC. Please contribute.
It is our voice and the entire Assembly is up for election.



Dr. Lorraine Kosztyu
NJDA State Trustee
NJDA PAC Representative
NJDA Delegate
NJDA Relief Council Member

Contribute to PAC or increase contribution at any time via calling NJDA, or online or by scanning symbol on smart phone. Reach out to Dr. Kosztyu or Dr. Hayling if you need assistance.



Dr. Jeff Van Drew in need of campaign dollars for his fight to maintain status as US Representative. He is our voice at the Federal level. **PLEASE** contribute through ADPAC portal on ADA website.

Governmental Affairs:

Toothtruthforyou.com - newly formed NJ website via SPA Grant for public and dental practitioners. Please check it out.

Membership:

1. 4,286 members that include all categories.
2. 49% of active licensed dentists in NJ area are ADA/NJDA members.
3. \$100 allotted to any member dentist that refers a new member dentist that joins.

Renovation:

1. Expected completion mid-September.
2. Ribbon cutting January 15, 2020.

Next BOT meeting :

September 25 at 9:30 am. All members are always welcome.

House of Delegates meetings followed by BOT meeting:

November 13, 2019 and June 3, 2019 at Pines Manor, Edison, NJ.

2019-20 MDS OFFICERS	Name	Phone number
President	*Dana DiGerolamo	215-822-4042
Past President	*Suzanne Reinhardt	609-924-1975
Vice President	*Chandini Hudson	609-588-0606
Secretary	*Priti Dagli	609-716-7100
Treasurer	*Michael Scalia	319-594-1599
*Has Executive Board voting rights		
NJDA COUNCIL/COMMITTEE POSITIONS		
Chair, Relief Council	Suzanne Reinhardt	609-924-1975
Peer Review, Chair for MDS	David Schor	609-896-0589
Dental Benefit Programs	Sidney Whitman	609-203-1763
Government & Public Affairs	Fred Babinowich	609-802-3699
Membership	Janhavi Rane	609-529-2258
Judicial Council	Janhavi Rane	609-529-2258
Annual Session	Neal Gittleman	908-313-6761
Champion of Action	Radwa Saad	609-890-1888
NJDA PAC Representative	Lorraine Kosztyu	609-896-1050
NJDA PAC Representative	Leslie Hayling, Jr.	609-599-2800
NJDA TRUSTEES		
NJDA State Trustee	*Lorraine Kosztyu	609-896-1050
NJDA Alternate Trustee	Janhavi Rane	609-529-2258
ADA DELEGATES		
ADA Delegate	*Fred Babinowich	609-802-3699
ADA Alternate Delegate	Kaitlin Small	609-896-0529
MDS COMMITTEE CHAIRS		
Chair, Program Committee	Mariya Brown	908-243-0500
Chair, Nominations Committee	Suzanne Reinhardt	609-924-1975
Chair, Membership Committee	Janhavi Rane	609-529-2258

2019-20 MDS COMMITTEE CHAIRS	Name	Phone number
Chair, Budget Committee	Michael Scalia	319-594-1599
Chair, Sponsorship Committee	Ronald Saffar	609-883-3636
Chair, Bylaw Committee	Open Position	
NJDA DELEGATES		
Chairperson, NJDA Delegates	Open Position	
	Sidney Whitman	609-203-1763
	Fred Babinowich	609-802-3699
	Janhavi Rane	609-529-2258
	Tom Morgenstern	609-203-4407
	Ronald Saffar	609-883-3636
	Lorraine Kosztyu	609-896-1050
	Mariya Brown	908-243-0500
	Suzanne Reinhardt	609-924-1975
NJDA ALTERNATE DELEGATES		
	Michael Slomovitz	609-883-0801
	Steven Slomovitz	609-883-0801
	Fred Weiss	
	Michael Scalia	319-594-1599
MEMBERS AT LARGE		
	*Sidney Whitman	609-203-1763
	*Mariya Brown	908-243-0500
	Tom Morgenstern (Advisory)	609-203-4407
	James Altomare	609-921-1020
*Has Exec. Board voting rights		



Dr. Michael Scalia

Treasurer, MDS
 Chairperson, MDS Budget
 Committee
 NJDA Alt. Delegate

Treasurers Report

I'd like to thank Dr. John Lu for his last 7 + years of service to MDS as our Treasurer. Thank you John! It will be my pleasure to take up the Treasurer reins from John as we move into the 2019-2020 MDS year. John has been helping me to transition into this position over the last few months and he continues to do so by completing the tax paper work with our accountant for the last tax year.

We will continue with services like being able to pay for member meeting costs (when needed) via the PayPal link on our website (mercerdentalsociety.com) and I will be getting a budget together for the society once all of the foundational transitional work has been completed.

Council on Annual Session Report

- Dr. Neil Gittleman is the new MDS representative sitting on the NJDA Council for Annual Session – please welcome Dr. Gittleman! Dr. Gittleman has practiced as a general dentist in Pennington for 35+ years.
- I have enjoyed myself while on this council for the last 5 years -learning a lot, making many Annual Session friends and meeting many dentists from all over NJ as well as many of our NJDA leaders and NJDA staff.

- This will be my last AS report - here goes:
 Many of you may already know that in 2020 the Annual Session will be comprised of 12 separate events; some CE, some business related and some celebratory, with one event scheduled every month. None of these events are overnight events. Dr. Gittleman will provide more information on these events as they develop.

150 years of service
 12 months to celebrate

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JANUARY	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Official grand re-opening of our new headquarters NJDA Headquarters
FEBRUARY	Give Kids A Smile Enhance the program for our celebratory year Statewide
MARCH	Floss & Gloss A program designed for women in dentistry Location TBD
APRIL	Connect With Your Dental Circle A conference designed to engage dentistry's newest dentists The Asbury Hotel
MAY	Dental Marketplace Full day conference featuring our dental supporters Location TBD
JUNE	NJDA Dinner Dance Celebratory Event and President's Dinner Dance Cruise on the Hudson
JULY	Jersey Shore Celebratory Event on our sweeping Jersey Shore Atlantic City
AUGUST	Member Prize Month Prize giveaways from our supporting companies Digital Communications
SEPTEMBER	NJDA Family Picnic Celebratory Event featuring NJ's garden setting Mercer County Park
OCTOBER	NJDA Official Anniversary Event NJDA Headquarters
NOVEMBER	Resource Days Multiple single day conferences Location TBD
DECEMBER	Holiday Gift Drive Collection of gifts for a charitable organization NJDA Headquarters
	Exiting Dental Professional exit planning strategy Location TBD



Current MDS Vice President, Dr. Chandini Hudson presenting flowers to Mercer Dental Society outgoing President for 2018-19, Dr. Suzanne Reinhardt for guiding the society so ably.