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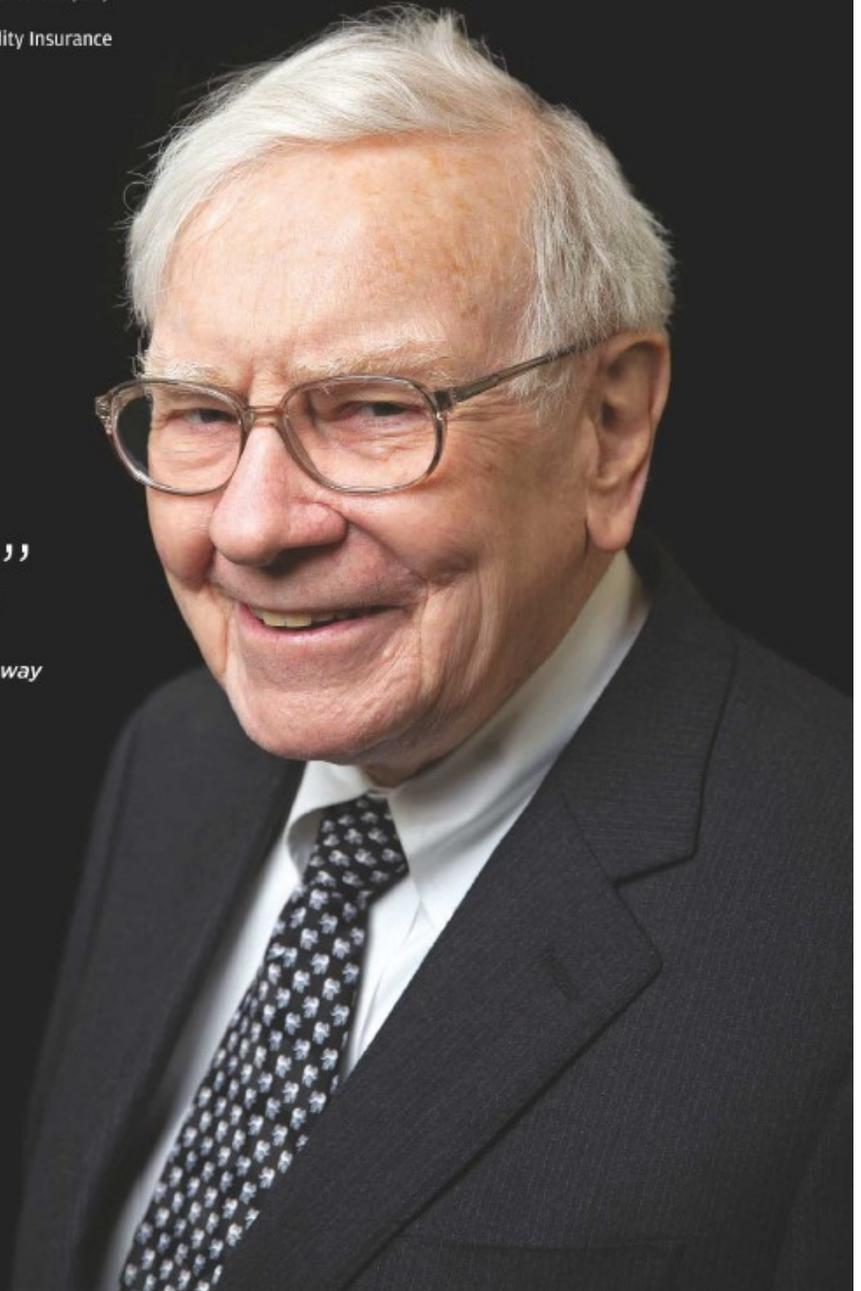
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Dentistry was a predominantly male profession forty years ago. My graduating class from Washington University School of Dental Medicine had eight women out of eighty eight graduates. Dental school enrollment now is a 50-50 gender split, according to Marko Vujicic, PhD, of the ADA Health Policy Institute, with the percentage of female dentists in the workforce increasing to 34.5% in

2020. HPI predicts the dentist workforce will reach gender parity by 2040.

The American Dental Association has emphasized their commitment to diversity and Inclusion by enhancing opportunities for progress across the national, state, and local levels. The ADA defines diversity through many dimensions, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, age, physical abilities /qualities, sexual orientation, religious and ideological beliefs, professional practice choices and personal lifestyle preference. Our own Dr. Maria Maranga is a member of the ADA Committee for Diversity and Inclusion.

The commitment to diversity and inclusion is being advanced on the state level as well. NYSDA President, Dr. Kevin Henner, has appointed Dr. Ivan Vazquez, the first Hispanic president of the Suffolk County Dental Society, to chair the NYSDA Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. At the 2021 NYSDA House of Delegates, resolutions were adopted that NYSDA annually recognize Black History Month in the appropriate February publication by highlighting an African American member dentist who has significantly contributed to the profession; and, in an effort to promote diversity and inclusivity, NYSDA make a concerted effort to procure a featured African American Speaker of Excellence each February, where CE credits will be awarded.

Our component continues to be a strong proponent of diversity and inclusion. I have been honored to be the fourth female president of the Suffolk County Dental Society, and as my term draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout this past year. Although we had a

few bumps along the way, we worked together and figured it out.

I'd like to congratulate Dr. Craig Smith, who will become the first African American President of the Suffolk County Dental Society! 2022 will be another great year for SCDS!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your president, and my sincere wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to all!

All The Best,

**Patricia M. Hanlon, DMD, SCDS President**

A special congratulations to Drs. Martin Dominger, Claudia Mahon-Vazquez, Sharon Pollick, and Craig Smith on their induction into the American College of Dentists this past October!



**Scrubs and Stilettos Nov 12, 2021**

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# WELCOME

We welcome the following new members to the *Suffolk County Dental Society*, elected between October and November 2021:

### Transferred In

- Lea Chernoff, DDS
- Nicholas Famigletti, DMD
- Samantha Lynch, DDS
- Patricia Sciortino, DDS
- Stephen Simonetti, DDS
- Andrew Zeidman, DDS

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## Membership and the Profession

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You may ask, "How could I contribute to supporting my profession?" You're spending the time to read what is happening around you right now and that's where it begins. Every effort, even the smallest, adds to the gains we all feel. Welcome a new dentist in your area to a meeting or something as simple as a hello to a new face has the effect of warmth. There are so many issues that every practicing dentist faces everyday most appreciated by those who spend time in the same fox-hole. The practice of Dentistry is not easy. In a spirit of Wellness and Community the net that supports us is only as strong as each thread that holds us together. Your membership in this profession is as critical as every other one. You may feel overwhelmed by the concept of adding another responsibility to the long list you currently own. I assure you, without exception, those who extend themselves are paid back in many ways that money could never afford. You are part of this great circle, look at the dedicated members who seem to be so happy to be in each other's company. The common denominator in all of this is we are all dentists. This is recognized within this state even in licensure. NY State licenses Dentists, without separation into specialty. Those are defined more broadly within our governance structures, yet this state feels the practice of dentistry combines all. I only bring attention to this because united we remain a very strong group. Delivering the very best oral healthcare to those who trust us to deliver just that. Our profession is defined specifically by a code of ethics and prac-

ticing by that code establishes the foundation of what we aspire to do in the delivery of the very best care we can manage.

Nationally your ADA has been actively keeping our resources spread over many issues. Third party payers, contracts, and all things related to reimbursement is listed by many in our membership as one of the most significant issues affecting our doctor-patient relationships and what influences payers have on the setting of claims for delivering that care. Two Councils at the ADA, the Council on Dental Practice and the Council on Dental Benefit Programs concentrate specifically on the many issues facing this issue. They are consistent in their advocating for the best policies to keep our members in front of these issues to the best of our ability. We must be diligent in our actions not to violate FTC regulations in recommendations about leverage working with providers.

Advocacy in legislation remains a fantastic member benefit. With all the difficulties experienced during this entire pandemic, the success of our arms in Chicago and especially Washington helped us realize gains that would never have been possible by any small group or individual when working out the rules and regulations following the signing of legislation. The best example of this was working out the language around PPP loans that originally was signed for an 8-week provision. We were still closed 8 weeks after the initial closure so could not have justified using any of these disbursements for payroll. Artful negotiation and advocacy landed provisions in the regulations that extended this period to 26 weeks or the end of the year in 2020. This simple adjustment provided great relief to all members that will probably pay two to three lifetimes of dues simply for this single adjustment made to an existing legislation. I could go on all day describing other gains but please understand the ability of those great professionals that support us everyday do so for a benefit that far outweighs the cost of membership everyday.

I will close by wishing you all the best this season has to offer you, your families, and everyone you hold dearest. I look with great hope for the world that waits for us in the coming months and years and ask only that if you do even the smallest of lifting in support of our profession it will help make this profession the envy of all and a place that people will stop asking, "why do I join?" and replace that with "how could I NOT?" **Paul R. Leary, DMD / ADA Trustee**

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Munk as President-Elect, Dr. Steven Feigelson as Vice-President, Dr. William Bast as Secretary, and Dr. John Guariglia as Treasurer. You should also be on the lookout for a new Suffolk County Dental Society Logo and Website that we expect to launch in the January/February time frame. We are excited to announce that our building headquarters is to be sold to Damianos Realty Group (closing in December 2021). We are enthusiastic about the prospects of the new ownership and their reported

level of interest in renovating the facility including the common areas where we host our Seminars and Board Meetings, as well as overall repair and replacement of many aspects of the facility.

**Please send any comments or questions to [Contact@SuffolkDental.Org](mailto:Contact@SuffolkDental.Org) or ring us at 631-232-1400. Bill Panzarino — Executive Director, SCDS**

### SAVE THE DATES - June 9-12, 2022

Every thirteen years, the Suffolk County Dental Society gets the opportunity to have one of our own members serve as President of the New York State Dental Association. I assume that most of you are aware that our own, Dr. Kevin Henner, has the privilege of serving in that capacity this year. In addition, the Suffolk County Dental Society will be hosting the 2022 NYSDA House of Delegates annual meeting. In addition to the political meetings there are many wonderful social activities which occur during the annual meeting.

Dr. Henner and the SCDS Board of Directors have decided to host the 2022 meeting in

Saratoga Springs. This decision was made to highlight the fiduciary responsibility of our leaders. The costs of hotels, food and travel expenses are all less in central New York than they would be here in Suffolk County.

We would like to invite and strongly recommend that all SCDS dentists consider traveling to Saratoga to celebrate Dr. Henner's successful term as President of NYSDA representing Suffolk County.

The schedule of the social activities will be as follows: **Thursday, June 9** - golf outing at the prestigious Saratoga National Country Club including lunch and dinner; **Friday, June 10** - welcome reception/cocktail party to network and meet other dentists from across NYS; **Saturday, June 11** - formal dinner dance with live band in a unique catering hall. In addition, there will be other social events involving significant others which will be announced as the dates get closer. In addition, there are many excellent bars and restaurants in Saratoga Springs. Finally, the horse racing season will be in session.

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**The NYSDA Continuing Education (CE) Registry** is one of the many member benefits available to you. Stay informed about Continuing Education and Licensure requirements by querying the New York State Dental Association website at [nysdental.org/ce-requirements](http://nysdental.org/ce-requirements). If you have taken courses at the Suffolk County Dental Society, your CE is automatically submitted to the Registry. However, if you have taken courses elsewhere, you will need to submit your CE Course Completion Certificates to the Registry. You can submit your certificates (please include your ADA number on the Certificate) in a number of ways:

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Wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year. Please consider joining us at the Installation Dinner on January 8, 2022!

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**In Memoriam** Dr. Mark Feldman, Executive Director of the New York State Dental Association.

Dr. Feldman had a long history of service to our Profession, including his term as President of the American Dental Association. He was always a great supporter of our members and worked diligently on their behalf and on behalf of all Dentists. We are forever grateful for his guidance, compassion and leadership.

**Claudia Mahon-Vazquez, DDS**  
**Chairperson, Membership Committee**  
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## Can Ethics be Taught?



Socrates once said that ethics consists of knowing we ought to do, and such knowledge can be taught.

However, long-standing myths widely believed the inability to teach ethics and character after puberty, essentially saying that these traits are engrained with us at birth.

A second myth is that if you could teach ethics, there is no promise that someone would practice ethically.

Research contradicts these myths. Drs. Rest and Kohlberg both noted in moral psychology contend that educational experiences and instructional exercises can influence ethical development despite noted criticisms.

Other studies show major ethical developments occur after adolescence. Complex moral reasoning does not develop until late teens and early 20's among graduate students and older ones.

Most people want to be ethical and a desire to be held in high regard among their peers. Entry into our profession should be based on the values of the profession and commitment to upholding them.

However, psychological research shows that individuals sometimes fail to do what others think they ought to do. There are four reasons for this behavior also called the Four Component Model of Morality by James Rest.

1. One is blind to the moral issues at hand, a moral insensitivity.
2. One is unable to construct a morally defensible action, a lack of moral judgement.
3. It is not a priority, lack of moral motivation.
4. An unwillingness to formulate an ethical plan.

Eight ethical dilemmas were created for teaching and assessment based on frequency in dentistry. These dilemmas were checked for realism and accuracy among our peers. Dental Ethical Sensitivity Test (DEST) and the Defining Issues Test (DIT) are two of the frequently used resources available.

There is no guarantee that those who attend courses in ethics will improve their ethical behavior. But with education, comes competence and confidence which can improve their ability to resolve ethical problems.

Always remember our profession holds a special position of trust within society. In return, the profession makes a commitment that our members adhere to high ethical standards which have the benefit of the patient as their primary goal as stated in the Preamble in the Principle of Ethics and Professional Conduct. To fulfill this privilege, these high ethical standards should be adopted and practiced throughout the dental school educational process and subsequent profession career.

Nineteenth century social thinker John Ruskin sums it best. What is important about our work is not what we get from it, but what we become by it. Thank you.

**Guenter Jonke, DMD**

*{Dr. Jonke is the Past Chair of the NYSDA Council on Ethics and previously served on the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs.}*

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<u>Date</u>	<b>SCDS Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
1/8/2022	<a href="#">2022 SCDS Officer Installation</a>	Hamlet Golf & CC in Commack NY	7pm-11pm
1/27/2022	<a href="#">CPR</a>	150 Motor Pkwy	6:30pm
TBD	New Dentist - Anatomy of Dental Malpractice Lawsuit	Zoom Event with MLMIC Presenting	7:30pm
2/2/2022	Dental Ethics Class at SBU	SBSDM	8am-10am
2/7/2022	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
2/9/2022	Dental Ethics Class at SBU	SBSDM	8am-10am
2/16/2022	Dental Ethics Class at SBU	SBSDM	8am-10am
2/16/2022	General Membership Meeting	Virtual	7pm-9pm
2/23/2022	Dental Ethics Class at SBU	SBSDM	8am-10am
3/14/2022	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
3/16/2022	<a href="#">Dr. Rallis SS22#1</a>	150 Motor Pkwy	9am-4pm
4/12-4/13	<a href="#">Greater Long Island Dental Meeting</a>	Hilton Hotel, Melville, NY	2 Day Event
4/18/2022	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
4/30/2022	<a href="#">Give Kids a Smile</a>	Riverhead Aquarium	10am to 2pm
5/9/2022	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
5/11/2022	General Membership Meeting	In Person venue tbd	6pm-9pm
6/9/2022	NYSDA Golf Outing	Saratoga National	All Day
6/10/2022	6/10-6/12 NYSDA House of Delegates	Saratoga NY	3 day Event
7/20/2022	Summer Social (New Dentist/Resident)	Insignia Steakhouse Smithtown	6-9pm
9/12/2022	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
TBD	Golf Outing	TBD	
10/3/2022	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
10/5/2022	General Membership Meeting	Virtual	7pm-9pm
10/13/2022	ADA House of Delegates 10/13-17	Houston TX Oct 13th to 17th	MultiDay Event
11/2/2022	Compliance Day	150 Motor Parkway	9am to 9pm
11/2/2022	CPR	150 Motor Parkway	TBD
11/2/2022	Risk Management	150 Motor Parkway	TBD
11/2/2022	Infection Control	150 Motor Parkway	TBD
11/14/2022	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
11/16/2022	General Membership Meeting	In Person venue tbd	6pm-9pm
1/28/2023	SCDS Installation Gala	To Be Determined	TBD
2/13/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
3/13/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
4/17/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
5/8/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
9/18/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
10/16/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.	150 Motor Pkwy/and or Virtual	TBD
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