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Dentists Take Oral Health Out to the Ball Game with QCDS Night at Shea



Thousands of fans attending the game at Shea Stadium will be offered free oral cancer screenings and health information from the QCDS. Photo by Alan N. Queen, DDS

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In an effort to bring a message of good oral health to the community, the Queens County Dental Society will be participating in a health fair to be held at Shea Stadium on Tuesday, September 9th.

The health fair will be held prior to and during the Mets' game against the Washington Nationals, slated to start at 7:10PM.

"Our volunteer dentists will be offering oral health screenings to both children and adult fans attending the game," said QCDS Executive Director William Bayer. "Educational materials promoting good oral health habits" will also be available to the 55,000 fans expected at the game, he added.

The Mets are making available

tickets at a reduced rate of \$5 each, Bayer said, which members can use to attend the game with their family and friends, as well as staff members. Some members may want to use the discounted tickets as promotional materials for their practices, giving away tickets to patients and their families, Bayer said

The discounted tickets are made available by the Mets to various organizations to use as fund-raisers, but the QCDS has decided to pass the savings on to the membership by selling the tickets at the \$5 face value we pay for them, Bayer explained.

The idea for the promotion came from QCDS Board member Stuart Kesner. "I've been a Mets fan since I was a little kid," he said, and "this is a good way for us to get the word out" about good oral health to the fans.

Although plans are not yet complete, there will likely be tables set up for screenings on all four levels of Shea Stadium, said Stephen Karl, a Mets representative for Community and Group Sales and Services. QCDS see Night at Shea page 18

Profession Welcomes New Graduates To Queens Dental Community

By Ira M. Schwartz, DDS

The Queens County Dental Society held its annual "New Dentist" meeting on April 1, an opportunity for recent graduates to meet with the leadership of the dental community and explore the benefits of membership.

The meeting started with introductory remarks by QCDS President Viren Jhaveri, who congratulated the new dentists on their achievements and welcomed them to the profession. Plaques were awarded to the dental department chairmen from three Queens hospitals, recognizing their service and contribution to promoting excellence in hospital dentistry. Dr. Burton Wasserman of New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens, Dr. Vito Cardo, Jr. of Mary Immaculate Catholic Medical Center, and Dr. Leonard Schiffman of Peninsula Hospital Center see **Profession Welcomes...** page 10



Dental chairmen of three Queens hospitals attended the QCDS event and received plaques in appreciation of their support for organized dentistry. (From left) Catholic Medical Center's Vito Cardo, QCDS President Viren Jhaveri, Peninsula Hospital's Leonard Schiffman, NYSDA President Stephen Gold, New York Hospital of Queens' Burton Wasserman.

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Time Out For Me

By Ira M. Schwartz, DDS

As the rocker Steve Miller once sang, "Time keeps on slipping, slippin', slippin' into the future..." Was it a dream or did I recently attend my 32nd dental school reunion (I did). This month I will have been an orthodontic specialist for 31 years.

As for most people, my career in dentistry has had its ups and downs-thankfully mostly ups. A challenging career with almost limitless possibilities, limitless opportunities, limitless responsibilities--but countless obligations and headaches- but almost limitless rewards if I am willing to work hard and apply myself. My family and I live comfortably in a town with good schools, great parks and close proximity to work. My family and staff have attended annual sessions in beautiful places, including Hawaii, San Francisco, San Diego, Las Vegas, and Bermuda to name but a few. But these educational opportunities have not come without a price- not just the actual cost of the trips but the coordination of travel, courses, happiness and the responsibility of the well-being of up to ten people. In short, not a true vacation. Certainly not time out for me.

Time out for me means taking time away from my daily stresses. It means being away from home and the non-stop fusillade of family obligations, paying bills, answering the phones, dealing with telemarketers, home improvement/home repair and maintenance specialists, all who seek to monopolize my time. Sprinkle in a few dental emergencies and 24-7 accessibility in this age of the internet and I am always in the "on" mode.

Our bodies and minds need a break from this constant onslaught. And so I leave my home, practice and family and set off into the great wide open, either

"Our bodies and minds need a break from this constant onslaught" by myself, or with a family member or friend- or usually with my golden doodle, Bailey. I head out east to Montauk, the last town on the south fork of Long Island. Once and forever a quaint fishing village, Montauk boasts the world's oldest cattle ranch in America, some great surfing and boating opportunities, beautiful stretches of white sandy beaches and hundreds and hundreds of acres of unspoiled parklands suitable for hiking, biking, camping etc. and enough wonderful eateries that rival Manhattan's best. It is when I am hiking in the bluffs with Bailey, overlooking the At-

lantic Ocean that I am most at ease. We have found a quiet retreat where for hours we are the only living creatures around.

I carry a backpack with emergency "supplies"- a hat, gloves, water, tissues, cell phone, sunblock, snacks for me and Bailey and a dog litter bag. Bailey is my companion and my personal trainer. He takes me, sometimes at break neck speed up and down the sand dunes- across long expanses of rock strewn beaches – up, down and around miles and miles of hiking trails – all "off-road" where we are unlikely to encounter vehicular traffic. We climb the sandy dunes, the crags in the rocks and go until exhaustion overtakes us, until it is time to go back for a bath, a shower, a jacuzzi, a good book, music, a nap, or a deep tissue massage.

It is important to have this "time out" from our hectic lives to "smell the roses" – to justify the hard work and dedication that we dentists give to our work. It also gives us time for quiet reflection- to think about our purpose and place here on Earth- and even focus on problems without the distraction of daily living. You'd be surprised how often a patient's treatment plan comes into mind, a difficult case that has frustrated me. I am now free to focus on solutions without "running my business" at the same time. I found this freedom to be invaluable.

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Welcome to the New QCDS

By Viren Jhaveri, DDS

Let me at the outset wish all our readers a joyous spring and an exciting summer of 2008. I feel extremely happy to be communicating with you all through the year via our bulletin. The past four months have been quite challenging and I must confess that I did sincerely and conscientiously endeavor to fulfill the promises I made when I took over as the president. The betterment of QCDS and its members is a commitment I am wedded to. Teamwork has raised our performance bar and we would not be found wanting to living up to expectations. I am hopeful of scaling new heights with continued service to our members.

All dentists go through a standard curriculum before graduation, from there the differentiating factor comes with advanced training, continuing education and willingness to continue to learn and experiment. The greatest lessons we learn are not from our success but from our failure. The responses and feedback that I have received to our NEW Sunday continuing education programs were tremendous and I expect this to continue. I am fully aware that I am not alone in this journey. I sincerely welcome any suggestion that will contribute to the growth of our membership and continuing education programs. The bottom line is continuing education and new technology will help you and your team to practice smarter, not

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We at the NEW QCDS are member friendly and always available to address any of members concerns. Our NEW Executive Director Mr. William (Bill) Bayer and our NEW Administrative Assistant Christine Ortiz almost always answer the phones live. I am proud to say that so far this year we have added over 30 new members to our family and the number keeps growing.

Our Sunday March 30, CE course was attended by over 105 dentists.

It certainly gives me a sense of satisfaction that our efforts towards continuing education and member recruitment and retention are bearing fruits; practicing dentists in Queens are becoming increasingly aware of our presence and of mainstream organized dentistry. My efforts towards this end will continue unabated.



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Executive Director's Report



Dues Are Due

By William Bayer

For those of you who have not paid your dues, as of March 31 you are officially no longer a member of the ADA, NYSDA, or QCDS, and therefore are ineligible for any membership benefits. If you are in this category, it's not too late to reinstate your membership. If you require any information regarding membership, please feel free to call me directly.

We have identified membership recruitment and retention as our top priority, and hope to keep our non-renewals to an absolute minimum. If you are not renewing, I would appreciate a chance to speak with you to discuss your reasons for not rejoining, especially if you were dissatisfied with any aspect of membership.

For the vast majority of those who have renewed membership, we hope you continue to recognize the value of tripartite (ADA, NYSDA, and QCDS) membership. At the local level, we have sought to provide members with a much larger number of Continuing Education offerings this year, scheduling many on Sunday mornings, in response to members' requests.

CE HIGHLIGHTS

Our OPD course was very well attended with almost 70 attendees and our own Dr. Mitchell Greenberg, partnering with Sybron, presented a well received "hands on" endo course, both of which were held on Sundays. In addition, we were fortunate to have renowned endo lecturer, Dr. Barry Lee Musikant, lead a Sunday offering on Post & Core Restorations which was also very well attended and made possible by the generosity of Henry Schein, Inc. Our members have spoken, and we will continue to plan and offer Sunday and evening courses as a convenience to our members. Our CE chairs, Jay Ledner and Mitchell Greenberg, in conjunction with our president, continue to plan events throughout the year and we welcome any suggestions for courses/topics of interest to you.

While on the topic of CE, please make every effort to *PRE-REGISTER* for these course offerings (with the exception of our general membership meetings) as it permits us to properly plan for the event and enables us to notify you should there be the need to cancel or reschedule. In addition, if you are aware of or in contact with any vendor that might be interested in advertising in the *Bulletin* or sponsoring a CE offering, please ask that they contact me directly and I can provide them with all the details.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website update is nearing completion and you should find improvements in the information now being

posted including upcoming CE events. Your suggestions for additional improvements are welcome. The website is www.QCDS.org

NYSDA & ADA NEWS

Your tripartite dues have enabled NYSDA to have a successful year advocating on behalf of organized dentistry. A few of the significant NYSDA successes include:

• Legislation certifying dental assistants

• Having licensure candidates complete a residency program in lieu of the clinical exam as a prerequisite to licensure

• Legislation requiring schools to request dental health certificates from enrolled children

• Defeating legislation permitting unsupervised dental hygiene practice

• Requiring insurers to accept the standard claim form

Reducing attorney malpractice contingency fees

• Permitting certified dental assistants to perform reversible procedures

• Reducing the malpractice statute of limitations to 30 months

Opposing the elimination of Medicaid adult dental services

REMEMBER: NYSDA IS THE VOICE FOR DEN-TISTRY and that voice can be heard only with the financial support your membership provides.

In addition to NYSDA activities on behalf of members, the ADA looks out for your interests regarding federal legislation, having ongoing dialogues with OSHA and other federal agencies, providing members with access to financial services and insurance, as well as subscriptions to the *Journal of the American Dental Association* and *ADA News*. The ADA toll-free number provides easy access to contact ADA for answers to many questions. In an effort at contain membership costs, ADA has initiated a dues stabilization policy wherein dues increases are set at or below inflation levels.

CONGRATS

Congratulations are in order to Chad Gehani, who has been nominated for the position of NYSDA Vice President. It is hard to imagine a more deserving or more qualified nominee. In addition, our current President, Viren Jhaveri, has been selected as the President-Elect of the Indian Dental Association.

ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS

Pursuant to our commitment of promoting access to care, we have scheduled oral health screenings at a local school in Laurelton on May 19th and 20th, which will kick off their Health and Safety Week. This is an extension of the Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) program, and reinforces our belief that GKAS is not simply a one day a year event but an event that can be continued throughout the year.

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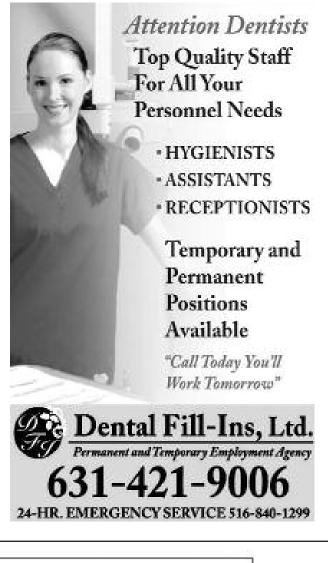
For those of you who have procrastinated, the deadline imposed by State regulations requiring that dental facilities install and use amalgam separators is now upon us. As of May 12th, these devices should be installed in those practices not exempted. Further information is available from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation at their website: www.dec.ny.gov.

Please note that the Notice of Dental Amalgam Separator Installation form must be filed with NYCDEC by mailing to the Bureau of Wastewater Treatment at 96-05 Horace Harding Expressway - 1st floor, Corona NY 11368-5107.

PLAN AHEAD

In believing it's never too early to plan ahead, I can inform you Prabha Krishnan, our President-Elect, has selected January 17th as the date for the 2009 Officers' Installation & Dinner Dance to be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club so please mark your calendars and join with us in this celebration.

Finally, keep in mind that both our office staff and I make an effort to be responsive to your contacts and information requests as best we can. We are aware that we work for you, the members, and if you believe that there are areas needing improvement, I welcome your input. You should feel free to call me directly. You should expect a return call to any telephone message you leave within one business day, if not the same day. The staff is committed to providing our members with the quality service that you deserve and should expect. I welcome feedback from you, both positive and negative, so please let me know how we are doing.



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NYS Mandated CE for Relicensure

By Mitchell S. Greenberg, DMD

There are new continuing education requirements in effect as of July 1, 2008, for all dentists in New York State. Mandated continuing education hours have also been increased from 45 to 60 hours for each threeyear registration period.

Under the new regulations, a total of 18 hours may be self-instruction using home-study approved by the NYS Education Department, which may include video/ DVD articles and online courses but must include exams.

In addition, there is a requirement for a one-time jurisprudence/ethics

course that was recently approved. However, the NYSDA Council on Ethics is still in the process of developing a NY State-approved course.

As before, the one-time two-hour mandated training regarding child abuse identification and reporting stays in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2009, all dentists will also need to maintain current CPR certification from providers approved by NY State, such as courses sponsored by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association or the National Safety Council.

Infection control training must be completed every four years, as this requirement has not been changed.

Risk Management still is optional (not required for licensure), but must be completed in order to receive discounted premiums from your malpractice carrier.

The Queens County Dental Society is responding to the increased course requirements by offering additional courses, including our new Sunday courses. CPR training is offered six times per year. Members can check for other required courses in the QCDS Bulletin, by contacting society headquarters at (718) 454-8344, or by viewing our website at www.QCDS.org.

QCDS and ICDE Nominating Committees to Meet in June

QCDS

At the May 6, 2008 general membership meeting, nomination and election of three members and alternates of the Nominating Committee will occur.

According to the Bylaws, the members of the Nominating Committee will be as follows:

- The last two immediate past presidents;
- Two members elected by the Board of Trustees at its April 15, 2008 meeting;
- Three members elected by the membership at the May 6, 2008 membership meeting;
- Three alternates elected by the membership at the May 6, 2008 membership meeting;

The President acts as chairman without the right to vote.

Elections to office including members of the Board of Trustees are scheduled for the November 4, 2008 general membership meeting. The Nominating Committee will report its selections at the October 7, 2008 membership meeting. Additional nominees may be added to the ballot for any elective position by the receipt of a petition signed by 20 members in good standing and received by the Executive Director within ten days of the report of the Nominating Committee in October.

The Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:30PM at QCDS Headquarters: 86-90 188th Street, Jamaica, NY 11423. Any member or his/her representative may request his/her candidacy. Such request should be sent to the Nominating Committee, Queens County Dental Society, at Headquarters. Please include a current CV.

ICDE

Elections to office including Dental Board of Directors are scheduled for the November 4, 2008 membership meeting.

In order to meet this schedule, the Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:30PM at Headquarters: 86-90 188th Street Jamaica, NY.

Course to Show Dental Office of Tomorrow Today at QCDS

Just as the 1964 Worlds Fair gave the public a glimpse of "the World of Tomorrow," the Queens County Dental Society will be hosting a course highlighting technology in the dental office.

Computers have revolutionized our lives, and advances in technology continue to change the way we practice dentistry on a daily basis. The course, to be held on June 1, 2008 at the La-Guardia Marriott Hotel, will focus on both clinical and business aspects of dental practice.

Clinical topics will include CAD/CAM, digital impressions, laser dentistry, and digital diagnostics/cone beam imaging.

Moderated by Dr. Chad Gehani, associate professor of Endodontics at NYU College of Dentistry, featured speakers include technology experts Dr. Gary Severance and Dr. Bruce Lieberthal. The course is sponsored by Henry Schein, Inc.

The course will run from 8AM to 4PM, and will include refreshments and lunch. The seven credit-hour course will cost \$69. for QCDS members and \$99. for non-members. Preregistration is required.

For further information or to register, please call QCDS Headquarters at (718) 454-8344.

QCDS Special Event



Rehka Gehani, former President of the NY State Board for Dentistry, addressed the group on regulatory issues.

practicing defensively, she gave advice on avoiding problems with OPD. This included engendering good patient relations, maintaining good records, avoiding false or misleading advertising or insurance fraud, and referring the patient for specialty care when appropriate.

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were present to receive their plaques and each offered a brief acknowledgement and made a pitch for his program. It is hoped that other chairmen will be honored at future events.

NYSDA President Stephen Gold also congratulated the 50 new dentists present at the meeting, and enumerated a list of benefits that each new member would receive upon joining the tripartite system of organized dentistry, which includes the ADA, NYSDA, and QCDS.

The next speaker, Dr. Rekha Gehani, a past president of the NY State Board of Dentistry, spoke about dentists' professional obligations to protect the public. An advocate of



Amy Kulb, an attorney specializing in legal matters pertaining to dentistry, spoke next about employment contracts, malpractice, informed consent, and government regulatory matters. She indicated that due to the current austere regulatory climate in which dentists practice, it is extremely important to know the rules, follow the rules, and to seek good legal advice when questions or problems arise. She stressed that it's better to get legal advice before there is a problem, whenever possible.

The evening's activities were concluded with a brief presentation by each of the event's sponsors, including Henry Schein, Dentsply, Astoria Federal, MLMIC, Dexis and Susan Mason Insurance Brokerage. Table clinics were set-up to answer questions regarding the products and services they offered.



Residents had an opportunity to have a relaxed dinner and interact with colleagues

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QCDS Secretary Mercedes Mota-Martinez discusses dentistry over dinner with new dentists.



Residents from various Queens hospitals had a chance to meet and chat with QCDS officers and Board member at the dinner.



Attorney Amy Kulb gave insights into malpractice, risk management, and OPD at the QCDS New Dentists' Night.



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Dozens of residents representing a number of Queens hospitals got to share dinner and experiences at the QCDS meeting.

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CE Courses

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Sunday, May 4th

9:00am

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Tuesday, May 6th

7:00pm

General Membership Meeting How to Make Your Practice Soar Mark Balog CPA

Speaker: Joan Phelan DDS

Dr. Joan A. Phelan is the chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Radiology and Medicine at NYU College of Dentistry, where she is also director of the Oral Diagnostic Pathology Laboratory. She received her DDS degree from the School of Dental Medicine at Stony Brook University and is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Her research has focused on oral changes associated with HIV infection. Publications include an oral pathology textbook for dental hygienists, forty journal articles and several book chapters.

Diagnosis and Management of Common Oral Mucosal Lesions

Dr. Phelan will focus this presentation on common oral mucosal lesions. The clinical presentation, diagnostic techniques and management procedures for oral candidiasis, oral ulcers and common exophytic lesions will be discussed. The clinical characteristics associated with premalignant lesions and oral cancer will be included.

Friday, May 9th

9:00am

9:00am

CPR- Certification & Recertification Basic Cardiac Life Support

Certification/Recertification will cover 1 & 2 rescuer CPR, Heimlich Maneuver, child CPR and AED.

The ability to recognize the signals of a heart attack and provide stabilization of the victim at the scene of a cardiac arrest is a priceless commodity. Life over death may some day become a reality to someone you know or care for. Be Prepare to help save a life.

NOTE: This course fulfills the new CPR requirement for relicensure in New York State.

If your CPR certification is 2 years old or less and you want to re-certify, you must submit a copy of your BLS card, or you will need to take the complete certification course again.

Instructor:	Paul Jacobs, BLS Instructor	
	NYU College of Dentistry an	d
	Bellevue Hospital Center Sta	

ADA member	\$95
ADA member staff	\$95
Non ADA member	\$250
	ADA member staff

Friday, May 16th

Video Study Club Oral Surgery in General Practice

Moderator: A. Al Gulum, DDS A MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT COURSE (No fee to QCDS members)

Sunday, May 18th

9:00am-Noon

9:00am

Direct Restorative Workshop

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- Gain confidence in esthetic results using proper shading techniques
- Use Nanotechnology to deliver high end esthetics
- Increase patient satisfaction by reducing post operative sensitivity
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Register Early Course is Limited to 20 Participants

Friday, May 23rd

Infection Control

In the past, this course has had an overwhelming positive response from those clinicians & their staff who earnestly want to stay informed of the latest infection control recommendation and do so through the eyes and thoughts of a speaker/clinician who well understands the nature and demands of everyday dental practice. This course will be a comprehensive update of the CDC guidelines especially highlighting new issues including:

- Update guidelines on post-exposure management
- New guidelines on hand hygiene & latex sensitivity
- New Hepatitis-B requirements
- New requirements for dental unit waterlines
- Engineered sharps/ safety devices

There's more...bring your entire staff and satisfy OSHA's annual staff training requirements.

NOTE: This course fulfills the NY State requirement for relicensure. At the completion of the course, a certificate of completion will be given to each participant.

Instructor:	Harold Edelman, DDS
Tuition:	ADA member\$75
	ADA member staff\$60
	Non ADA member\$250

Sunday June 1st

Hi-Tech Day

High Tech and what's New in Dentistry

Moderated by Dr. Chad Gehani, Associate Clinical Professor of Endodontics, NYU College of Dentistry.

9:00am-5:00pm

Learn to use rotary Endo instruments, Apex locators, Digital Radiography Dental Implants and Cat Scan in dental Office (ICAT) Laser in Dentistry Latest in Bonding Velscope The Oral Cancer Screening System In Office all Ceramic crowns and more CEREC Paperless Dental Office with integrated web based Practice Management Softwares and more

Presentation by William Bayer, former Deputy Director of Investigations with the NYS Office of Professional Discipline (OPD) who spent 30+ years with OPD prior to his current position as QCDS see **CE Courses** page 14

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When our kids were young, it was often the journey rather than the destination that mattered the most; what sticks out in their minds years later is that long trip in the family wagon to Florida, to Maine, to Pennsylvania, to upstate New York. The important thing was to be together and their sense of "adventure." As dentists, we too, need to experience that sense of adventure-a time out from the daily grind of life- so that we may return refreshed and renewed-ready and happy to serve our patients.

Time keeps on slipping, slippin', slippin', into the future. We can't predict what tomorrow will bring, but we need to be able to enjoy today.

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Executive Director and will provide an overview of OPD processes as well as practice suggestions that may assist you in avoiding OPD involvement and what to do if contacted by OPD.

LaGuardia Marriott Breakfast and Buffet Lunch Included Pre-registered ADA members: \$69; Non-ADA members: \$109. NOTE: An additional fee of \$25. will be charged for on-site registration for t he course.

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Monday, June 16th

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9:30am

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May 20	6:30-9PM CE: 2.5
Speaker:	Mr. Mickey Wolk
Topic:	Shade Selection with Vident
Location:	Mezzo Mezzo Restaurant, Astoria
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Speaker:	Dr. Sophia Papadopoulos
Topic:	Pediatric Dentistry
Location:	Mezzo Mezzo Restaurant, Astoria

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May 7 Speaker: Topic:	7:00-10PM CE: 3 Michael Perkowski, Digital and Ceramic Specialist Zirconia Crowns and Bridges –The Future of Digital Dentistry
Location:	Il Bacco Restaurant 253-08 Northern Blvd. Little Neck, N.Y.

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May 7 Speaker: Topic: Location:	7:00PM CE: 2 Thomas Pousson, Northeast Regional Manager of Coltene Whaledent Inc. Application and Current Status of Dental Materials for Cutting Edge Dentistry Chester's Restaurant 38-05 Bell Blvd.
	Bayside, N.Y.
June 4 Speaker:	7:00PM CE: 2 Keith Muilleis, Cdt - Sirona Dental Cad-Cam Digital Corporation
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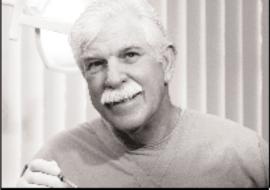
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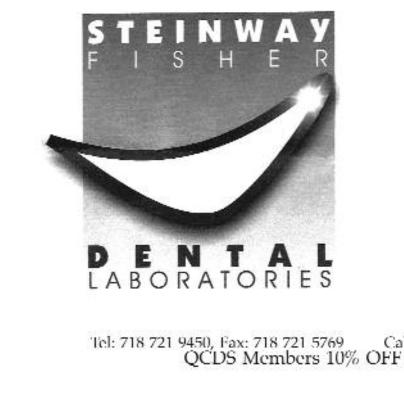
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In Memoriam

George A. Weiss, DDS, 87

It is with extreme sadness that we report the passing of Dr. George A. Weiss on Feb. 18, 2008.

Dr. Weiss grew up in Brooklyn, and was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn College, as well as the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, class of 1944. After serving as an officer in the US Army, stationed in Japan, he returned to open a general dental practice in Queens. He returned to Columbia to earn his Orthodontic degree in 1954.

Beginning in 1954, he limited his practice solely to orthodontics. His first office was on Springfield Boulevard in Bayside. He later opened an additional office on Marathon Parkway in Little Neck.

Dr. Weiss was one of the founders of the 11th District Dental Society in 1962, now known as the Queens County Dental Society. He served as President of QCDS from 1972-1973, and was General Chairman of the Greater Long Island Dental Meeting in 1972. He also served on the Board of Governors of the New York State Dental Association from 1975-1985. He was a member of the American Board of Orthodontics and the American College of Dentists.

In 1987, Dr. Weiss received the Distinguished Service Award from QCDS. Dr. Weiss was a member of the Board of Trustees at QCDS for over four decades. He is fondly remembered as being very vocal at the Board of Trustees meetings.

Not only was he involved in organized dentistry, but he was also a dedicated educator, and taught at SUNY at Stony Brook and Jamaica Hospital. He loved to teach. The students that he taught loved to learn from him. He had a special insight into all of his cases. He was one of the first orthodontists to routinely treat adults. He lectured often on orthodontics for the periodontally involved adult. He was written up in many magazines for his insight in adult orthodontics.

He was a devoted husband to Jackie, wonderful father to Leslie and Ellen, and an outstanding grandfather and great grandfather.

Dr. George A. Weiss was a tribute to his profession, his patients, and his family, colleagues and friends. He will be missed by all. – *Karen H. Lewkowitz, DDS*

William Lieberman, DDS, 84

Dr. William Lieberman, devoted dentist for 60 years, died on February 26, 2008, at age 84. He was born in Manhattan to Benjamin (a dentist for 61 years) and Lillian Lieberman (a teacher).

In 1946, Dr. Lieberman married his sweetheart, Doris. At the time he was attending New York University College of Dentistry, and graduated in 1947. He worked for a dentist in Brooklyn until February 1951. From then until February 1953, he served as a captain in the United States Army Dental Corps in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Dr. Lieberman hung out the shingle for his own practice in Bayside in the fall of 1953, where he loved working until January 2008. He was a dedicated professional and a caring gentleman who will be tremendously missed by his friends, neighbors, colleagues, patients, and most of all, by his loving family.

He is survived by his 2 children, their spouses and his 4 wonderful grandsons.



Night at Shea

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will probably have one each on the loge, mezzanine, and upper levels, as well as two on the field level. Although "we've been doing the health fairs since 2005," this will be the first time a professional society such as QCDS will be involved, he said.

Karl said the tables will be set up "about an hour to an hour and a half before the game, when the stadium



opens," and will remain open until the fourth or fifth inning. Because of the traffic along the concourses before and during the game, "there will be a constant flow of fans getting screened" or

picking up health information at the tables, he said.

Members interested in buying tickets should contact QCDS headquarters at (718) 454-8344 as soon as possible so that a sufficient quantity of tickets can be ordered, Bayer said. There is no limit on the number of tickets that can be reserved, he said. In addition, anyone interested in volunteering to do the screenings should also call the QCDS office.

QCDS President Viren Jhaveri was more succinct. "Let's go Mets and QCDS!" he said.

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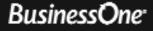
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