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2023 Foundation Annual Report



Get Ready For Our UPCOMING EVENTS

May is Foundation month! This is the time of year when we celebrate all the good that the SDDS Foundation has done and is doing in our community. The May/June **Nugget** always has the Foundation Annual Report in it and we try to fill it with all the warm and fuzzy stories that tug at our hearts. We love hearing and sharing what our members are doing, especially when it involves the betterment of our community. Join us as we celebrate all the good that our members do and support the Foundation this month and every month!

May 3, 2024

Licensure Renewal

Friday • 8:30am–12:30pm • SDDS Office

Member Price: \$219 regular

Non-Member Price: \$438

Infection Control and California Dental Practice Act (4 CEU, Core)

Presented by Lisa Saiia, RDA

This course meets the requirements set forth by the Dental Board of California to renew a professional dental license.

May 14, 2024

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday • 5:45pm Social & Exhibitors • 6:45pm Dinner & Program
Hilton Sacramento Arden West

Member Price: \$85 early (ends 4/30)

\$95 regular (begins 5/1) / \$99 late (begins 5/13)

Non-Member Price: \$190

Forensic Files: IDs, Records and Rewards (3 CEU, Core)

Presented by Mark D. Porco, DDS

This course will discuss multiple forensic cases from the coroner's office. It will be shown how the identifications were made through dental records. The need for keeping accurate dental records will be made apparent. The presentation will culminate by answering the question of why this work is vital to the coroner's office and the families involved.

May 22, 2024

Continuing Education

Wednesday • 12:00–1:00pm • Live Webinar

Member Price: \$75 early (ends 5/1) / \$95 regular (begins 5/2)

Non-Member Price: \$190

HIPAA – Are You In Compliance? (1 CEU, Core)

Presented by Travis Watson; Abyde (SDDS Vendor Member)

This course does not qualify for AGD credit.

June 12, 2024

Licensure Renewal

Wednesday • 5:30–7:30pm • Live Webinar

Member Price: \$95 early (ends 5/22) / \$105 regular (begins 5/23)

Non-Member Price: \$210

A Safe Approach to Opioids in Dental Practice (2 CEU, Core)

Presented by Reb Close, MD and Casey Grover, MD

This course meets the Dental Board of California's mandated license-renewal CE requirement of responsibilities and requirements of prescribing Schedule II opioid drugs. This webinar is live and interactive.

Drs. Reb Close and Casey Grover will provide an evidence-based course on pain management and opioid prescribing in dental practice. Topics will include the responsibilities and requirements for opioid prescribing, best practices for pain management, identification and management of patients with opioid use disorder, and best practices for educating patients on safe pain management.

This course does not qualify for AGD credit.

June 18, 2024

Harassment Prevention Training

Presented by California Employers Association (CEA - SDDS Vendor Member)

For Employees

Tuesday • 11am–12pm • Live Webinar • 1 CEU, Core

Member Price: \$49 (ends 5/28) \$69 (begins 5/29)

For Supervisors

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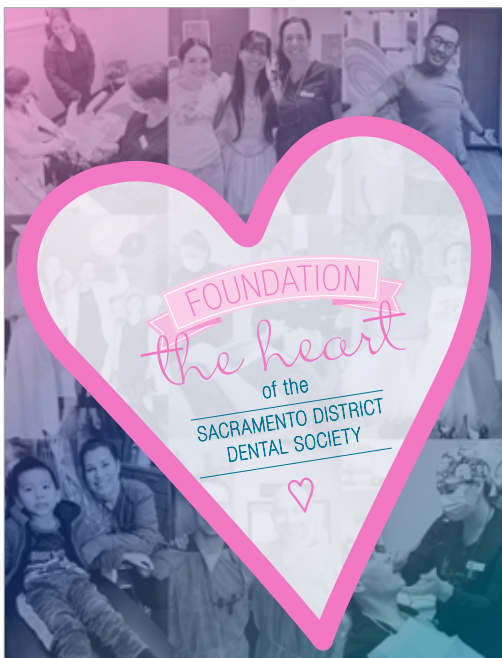
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Collaboration and Leadership, Beyond the Board



By **Ash Vasanthan, DDS, MS**
2024 SDDS President

Lately you may have noticed a burst of vibrancy on the pages of our *Nugget* due to the efforts of the editorial team aiming not only to share information but also to connect with our dental community with more excitement. The individuals behind the Sacramento District Dental Society's "dream team" are dedicated professionals who do all things little and big that propel our Society to the forefront of local dental component societies, not just in California but potentially across the nation.

The recent edition had proudly featured our Board of Directors, offering you a glimpse into the lives of those who steer our ship. Their commitment and dedication are key elements for SDDS in keeping its excellence and in this spirit, I wish to share a bit more about how our Board of Directors operates. Comprising of 14 committed members, including the President, Treasurer/President-Elect, Secretary, 9 voting board members and appointed 3 non-voting members, our Board

aims to be inclusive and diverse. Despite their diverse backgrounds, they come together for SDDS and share a common goal: to get the business done.

Serving with term limits to ensure fresh perspectives, our Board convenes a minimum of 5 times a year, overseeing the activities and the challenges or issues at hand. These volunteers not only oversee our financial health but also review and act upon committee reports, ensuring our non-profit organization remains fiscally responsible and solvent. While the Directors cycle in and out of their terms, the continuity and success of our efforts is maintained by our Executive Director who, for over 23 years has ensured our Board remains abreast of the issues that matter most to our community and her role is crucial, providing stability and wisdom that underpin our achievements.

Serving on the Board of Directors is more than a role; it's a journey of discovery and

leadership. It offers unique insights into the operational layers of our organization, revealing how teamwork and shared vision can create an impact. One such impact was the successful defeat of Ballot Measure C which would have raised the taxes for Sacramento dental offices by 812%. The power of collaboration towards a common good is a testament to the strength and unity of our profession.

As we move forward, let's embrace the changes and challenges with the same spirit of camaraderie and innovation that has defined the SDDS for over 100 years.

I look forward to seeing some familiar faces at the annual "Swing for Smiles" annual Golf Tournament, another fun event for our dental community, and at the General meeting in May.

Ash Vasanthan.





By **Cathy B. Levering**
SDDS Executive Director

It's More Than Just "Thanks"

As I was proof-reading this issue of *the Nugget*, the Foundation's Annual Report, I reflect on what an amazing organization we are! Over the past 23 years, my, have we grown! Not just in our balance sheet but our programs, our outreach, our visibility and our commitment to our community!

As you peruse the pages that follow, know that every single person's life has been affected positively because of our involvement. Whether it is a Big Kid, a SFK Kid, a family, an auxiliary team member, a volunteer, a scholarship winner, a donor, a volunteer dentist – our outreach is vast. There are so many ways that we are involved, and we continue to explore new ways to make an impact. Our history is solid. We began as an organization to support oral health in the community and to support dentists. We have grown to be the number one resource for parents and children and the elderly to receive care when they have no resources. With the changes in employment benefits and more and more people immigrating to Sacramento, we have become the go-to organization to help families navigate to benefits and dental care. We refer our SDDS members every day. For those who fall through the cracks or who don't have the financial means to pay larger co-pays, our members step up to help. That's Smiles for Big Kids and Smiles for Kids, including orthodontic care for those who don't qualify.

In the last ten years, we have expanded our focus to providing scholarships for education to SDDS members' staffs (EF program, DA to RDA programs), scholarships for dental students, and oral health educational programs in the schools – our puppet shows, in particular, have seen continuous growth.

BIG NEWS: This year, the Foundation initiated a new dental school student scholarship that will begin this year. This scholarship will be for any student from our five-county boundary who is entering dental school. We hope that our SDDS members will recommend those they know, family members or friends. Have you mentored someone who is entering dental school? Do you have a child or grandchild going to dental school? This scholarship is open now and the requirement is that the candidate must be accepted to dental school and entering in the next cycle. Contact SDDS if you'd like more information!

Finally, it goes without saying that the generosity and the heart of our members and our community is what makes our Foundation successful. Thank you to those who are members of the Foundation – and there is still time to join for this year (it's only \$75 a year and your dues help us keep going and doing the great things we do)! And to those who pledge and make additional contributions – thank you! I am proud to share that 100% of our SDDS Board as well as our SDDF Board are not only \$75 members but also have pledged a contribution to the Perpetual Fund (for scholarships). We would love everyone to be a member and contribute as they can. Your generosity is much appreciated and allows us to do more and more.

Read on... we're so proud of what we all do.
It's way more than just thanks –
it's thanks for making us amazing!

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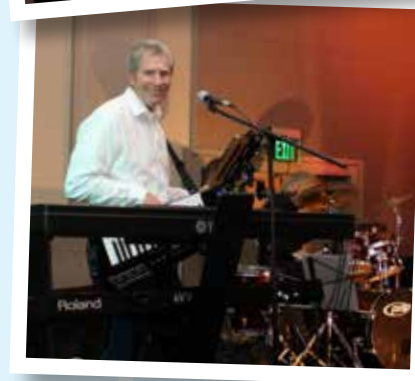
FOR SACRAMENTO



dinner. auction. dancing.
October 26, 2024 | 6:00pm | Hyatt Regency Hotel

Come and join us for the Smiles for Sacramento Gala taking place on October 26, 2024, to support the Sacramento District Dental Foundation. Alongside raising funds for the Foundation's community initiatives, we'll also be commemorating its 55th anniversary.

We are in need of table sponsors and auction items, please let us know if you are able to donate or know someone who would like to. Watch this page in future issues for more information.



It was great to have the gala rejuvenated. A great night with colleagues- catching up, smiling, laughing and supporting SDDF!

- Dr. Christy Rollofson-Porrino

For more information about the Smiles for Sacramento Gala, please visit www.sdds.org/foundation/foundation-events/#sddfgala

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Starting July 1, 2024, the majority of employers in California must establish, implement and maintain a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP). Employers should not wait until the last minute because there are some potentially time-consuming requirements. As resources become available, SDDS members will be notified via the e-blasts.

- Resources on CDA Practice Support website coming soon
- CEA (SDDS Vendor Member, California Employers Association) has provided a template, resources and an upcoming webinar.

Scan this QR code for more information:



BROADWAY SHOWS ANNOUNCED FOR 2024-25

Company / Sept TBA
Mrs. Doubtfire / Oct TBA
Kimberly Akimbo / Jan TBA
Hamilton / Jan TBA
Mean Girls / Feb TBA
Tina Turner / Mar TBA
Parade / May TBA

We'll release specific dates and ticket sales will be available as soon as we have that info.

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Dental models contain gypsum. Gypsum is not hazardous by itself. However, when large amounts of the material is disposed with biodegradable materials, it can create a noxious gas, hydrogen sulfide. The disposal of dry wall, for example, is regulated because of this issue.

Ensure any patient identifiers are removed from the models. The disposal of one model is not an issue, but if a dentist has a large quantity of models to dispose then they should check with a recycler or their solid waste company for disposal recommendations.

A good place to start would be to contact Sacramento County for information:

<https://wmr.saccounty.gov/Pages/Local-Disposal-and-Recycling-Facilities-.aspx>

2024 SALARY SURVEY - AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE MAY 15

The 2024 salary survey will be available to purchase very soon. Thanks to all who participated.

NOTICE TO LICENSEES REGARDING CURES VERSION UPDATE

Beginning August 1, 2024, all California dispensers of controlled substances will be required to report dispensations to the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) using version 4.2B of the American Society of Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) format. On and after this date, data submitted using the current CURES ASAP version 4.1 format will no longer be accepted.

Prompt action by licensees who dispense controlled substances is recommended. Technical implementation of this update to data submission software may take considerable time. Contact your data submission software provider and confirm they are preparing for this upcoming ASAP version change.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has shared information about the ASAP format change and suggested action steps for data submitters. Please visit the OAG's CURES Website frequently for updates and informational bulletins.

For information about CURES, visit DCA's CURES information page.

OAG's CURES Website: <https://oag.ca.gov/cures>

DCA's CURES information page: https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/cures_update.shtml

OPIOIDS LICENSURE RENEWAL REQUIREMENT

Beginning last year on January 1, 2023, dentists are required to successfully complete two units of continuing education on the responsibilities and requirements of prescribing schedule II opioids as a condition for renewing a license with the Dental Board of California. On June 12, SDDS is offering a course that will satisfy this requirement. The course is called A Safe Approach to Opioids in Dental Practice. Learn more and register online at www.sdds.org/event/lr_jun122024/

NO SHOW POLICY FOR FREE EVENTS

We are committed to providing high-quality courses and events for our SDDS members. To ensure fairness and availability to all attendees (and for the purpose of event planning, space and food), we ask that if you need to cancel attendance at a free event, please provide a minimum of 72 hours' notice. If you do not attend a free event for which you have registered and fail to provide the necessary notice, a \$25 charge will be billed.



By Rachel Shafer, RDH, BSDH
Program Director,
Early Smiles Sacramento

Rachel has been in dentistry for over 33 years. She is a Sacramento native. She has two daughters, Sydney and Isabella, and a son, Theodore "Teddy." She has had the honor and privilege to be a part of the start of the Early Smiles Sacramento program from June 2016 to July 2018 and is a "boomerang," returning to run the program in June of 2022 to present. Her passion is serving and advocating for the underserved population in our community.

School Screenings - It's Where It Starts

From its early days, Early Smiles Sacramento has forged a crucial partnership with the Sacramento District Dental Society (SDDS). The program is a pioneering school-based oral health initiative with the only direct-to-care navigation model in the State. It was established by the Center for Oral Health, in collaboration with three Dental Managed Care (DMC) Plans: Access Dental, Inc., Health Net of California, Inc., and LIBERTY Dental Plan of California, Inc.

In 2016, the program was invited to present at SDDS' annual SFK nurses meeting. Some school districts in the county had bad previous experiences with companies who had overpromised and underdelivered their screening programs and the school health programs and nurses were hesitant to partner with us. This presentation at the

nurses meeting enhanced our standing in the community and bolstered the program's authenticity because of the endorsement from SDDS. This endorsement significantly increased our ability to impact school districts, lending credibility to Early Smiles Sacramento, establishing trust and influencing the program's successful trajectory.

Since its inception in 2016, the Early Smiles program has been at the forefront of enhancing oral health education and preventive care in Sacramento County. The program delivers dental screenings, fluoride varnish applications, educational services and navigation to dental homes, to students across 16 school districts, including preschools and charter schools within Sacramento County.



First annual Heroes in Healthcare event. Early Smiles Sacramento Staff from left to right - Sherry Gunn, Jennifer Realmuto, Rachel Shafer, Kevin Scott, Elizabeth Antony, Tiffany Turner and Denise Canacari.



December 7, 2023, Center for Oral Health presented a contribution for the Smiles for Kids program.

Pictured left to right: Center for Oral Health Chief Executive Officer Kevin Scott, Chief Operating Officer Tiffany Turner, SDDS Executive Director Cathy Levering and Program Director Rachel Shafer.

2022 inaugural Heroes in Health Care award recipients.

Pictured left to right: Venita Jelks, Family Advocate for Elk Grove School District; Cathy Levering, Executive Director at SDDS; Audrey Edwards, School Nurse for San Juan School District, and not pictured Tawney Lambert, Nurse for Sacramento School District.

Over an eight-year span, Early Smiles Sacramento's committed team has performed over 100,000 dental screenings. Each year, the initiative positively impacts 45,000 students through its educational programs, conducts 27,000 dental screenings, and applies over 21,000 fluoride varnish treatments. This effort highlights the program's commitment to providing accessible, comprehensive oral healthcare to Sacramento County's children. SDDS has seen a drop in the number of students that have Medi-Cal Dental coverage coming to their Smiles for Kids Day, as a result of Early Smiles navigating these students to their dental home. This allows SDDS to expand the number of students they help in their Smiles for Kids Ortho Program, which is something these students and their families are very much in need of assistance.

In 2022, Early Smiles hosted its inaugural Heroes in Healthcare event at the Lexus Lounge in the Golden 1 Center, celebrating three local Sacramento health heroes for their steadfast support, community contributions and dedication to their families. The inaugural Cathy Levering Oral Health Hero Award was presented to Cathy Levering, in recognition of her twenty-two years of dental advocacy, commitment to dentists, and community service. On December 7, 2023, Early Smiles made a charitable donation to the Sacramento District Dental Society Foundation to support the work it does, focusing on providing care for uninsured and underinsured children who would otherwise be unable to afford treatment.

After eight years, our partnership continues to thrive and make a significant impact. Currently, the Sacramento District Dental

Society assists the Early Smiles team in navigating children to dental homes for routine or emergency care. They also deliver a comprehensive educational program to entire schools, serving as a vital resource for students throughout Sacramento County. We anticipate many more years of fruitful collaboration and partnership. ■

Our Next Generation of Dentists



By **Peter DuBois**, Executive Director
California Dental Association

I recently enjoyed the privilege of speaking to 300 dental students from Western states at an American Student Dental Association conference where I shared how CDA and organized dentistry supports them through advocacy, mentorship and education.

While preparing for the event, I found myself reflecting on the state of the profession. Coming out of the pandemic, CDA's Mind of the Dentist member research has painted a bleaker than normal picture. With rising costs, staffing challenges and the on-going frustration of stagnant (or declining) insurance reimbursements, members are feeling squeezed from all sides.

When I speak to seasoned dentists, I often hear sentiments of concern for the next generation who will graduate with those same pressures combined with student loan debt at levels that continue to increase.

Despite that, every interaction I have with the next generation of dentists is full of hope

and enthusiasm. Dental schools continue to graduate incredibly bright classes that are passionate about serving the oral health care needs of their patients. In fact, that same member research shows students reported higher than average optimism about the profession – and nearly 90% reported a desire to own a practice.

While CDA focuses on delivering benefits and value to all dentists, I am especially proud of our work with students. We have strong partnerships with deans and administrators at all seven California dental schools. And our CDA student delegates serve as excellent sources of intel on the needs of student members and a conduit of information to their peers on how to engage with organized dentistry while in school and beyond.

CDA and component early engagement consistently translates to student-to-dentist join rates that lead the nation, and while

that's a good thing, data indicates we have an opportunity to do better. If we don't, we risk market share erosion that will be hard to recover from. Historic patterns make it clear that if dentists practice as nonmembers for even just a few years, recruiting them into membership is challenging.

The CDA Board's recent decision to evolve our discount strategies for early career dentists is one tactic to address this opportunity. Additionally, we've launched new, dedicated communications for the student audience and, in partnership with local dental societies, have refined the way we introduce them to the tools, resources and events that are most relevant as they transition into practice — including coverage from The Dentists Insurance Company, which is the most used benefit among our early career members.

Another interesting nuance in the data is that newly licensed California dentists who were educated at an in-state dental school are joining CDA at a rate nearly 10% higher than those educated out of state. We see this as an opportunity to work with associations and schools in states where dental schools graduate many dentists who return to California to practice.

The work to attract the next generation of members is ongoing and vital to the growth and health of our organization – and I'm thankful for the work of so many across California on this front! ■





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Save the Date!

Wellness in the Health Professions Seminar

Cultivating Clinician Resiliency to Build Patient Trust

Date & Time: May 17, 2024, 10:30AM to 1:30PM (Pacific Time)

Location: 9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757

Lunch is provided. No registration fee. Request final announcement to register: <https://tinyurl.com/298y2y7t>

The American Psychological Association recognizes May as mental health awareness month which takes on increased significance as we experience the increasing unmet demands for mental and behavioral health services impacting clinicians as well as patients. In response to this trend, CNU recently incorporated wellness into our mission statement:

To advance the science and art of healthcare through education, service, research, personal wellness, and social accountability

This seminar will address the knowledge and skills associated with cultivating mental health and resiliency in the boundary of the clinician-patient relationship.

General Itinerary

10:30AM to 11:00 – **Sign-in, Networking, Food Service**

11:00AM to 1:00PM – **CE Activity**

1:00PM to 1:30PM – **Networking**

CE Info: See final announcement for CE credit details.

Our Facilitators

John Chuck, MD, Professor of Family Medicine, College of Medicine, and Chief Wellness Officer, CNU



Prior to joining the CNU College of Medicine faculty, Dr. Chuck was a member of The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG) where he served as the Regional Chair of the Physician Health and Wellness Leaders Group and the Chief of Health Promotion and Chief of Physician Health and Wellness for the Kaiser Sacramento and Roseville medical centers. In those roles, he helped to shape the conversations, culture, and operations that drove the total performance of 10,000 colleagues serving four million patients throughout Northern California. Dr. Chuck has delivered wellness messages to a wide variety of organizations beyond TPMG, including the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG), the International Conference on Physician Health (ICPH), the Academic Surgical Congress, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He is the author of *Pearls from the Practice of Life: A Family Physician's Guide to Struggle Less and Thrive More*.

Joyce Mikal-Flynn, EdD, MSN, FNP, Professor in the School of Nursing at California State University, Sacramento



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By Dagon Jones, DDS
SDDS Member

Dr. Jones is the owner of Davis Dental Practice in Davis, CA. Outside of private practice, he enjoys donating his time to help those in need. He has participated in various international dental missions in Uganda, The Philippines, Honduras and Mexico.

What is the Willow Clinic and Why I Love My Experience as a Volunteer

The Willow Clinic is a student-run medical clinic that focuses on people in Sacramento experiencing homelessness. About 12 years ago this medical clinic branched off a dental division to provide dental care for this same community. I have been volunteering with this organization since the very beginning; originally we would simply provide extractions for those in need at the Sacramento Salvation Army one Saturday per month. As time went by I invested in a compressor and a mobile dental cart and began providing some basic restorations; it was nice to prevent some of the need for future extractions. I focused on primary care and the students provided preventive education and distributed oral hygiene kits.

All of this began with me contacting the Willow Medical Clinic and offering to come extract some teeth. I was always amazed at how portable the instruments for basic extractions can be. Extracting an infected tooth has such a huge instant relief factor for the patient and I love being able to provide that. The early experiences there brought me into contact with a wide variety of people. A simple connection with someone, helping relieve their pain, is one of the great joys of practicing dentistry.

Once the COVID-19 epidemic hit, we began holding the clinic in my practice in Davis. A private office setting allowed us to maintain much higher infection control standards than in a mobile clinic. The student volunteers helped to make transportation arrangements for the patients. We are now able to provide more comprehensive services such as all restorations and removable prosthesis. Other doctors have begun volunteering, increasing the number of patients that we can see. I love working with other dentists and sharing our experiences and techniques.

The experience for me has been exceptionally rewarding. As dentists, we have unique skills that can really help others to be relieved of pain and discomfort. Using our knowledge and skills to provide care for those less fortunate simply feels good. The gratitude and connections I have had over the years have been tremendous. Working with the pre-dental students has also brought me a lot of joy. It is nice to share my experience and knowledge with people who are in the same place I was many years ago. I have been able to make friendships, see people go through dental school, and even volunteer alongside them later.

Using our knowledge and skills to provide care for those less fortunate simply feels good.

Currently I am dividing my volunteering time between the Willow Clinic and another organization, the Knights Landing One Health Center. Consequently, the Willow Clinic is only able to see patients once every 2 months. I encourage any practice owners who like to volunteer to contact the willow clinic about hosting a clinic in your practice. The students take care of all the scheduling, you just show up and do the dentistry. Or you can simply help volunteer on a day when we are hosting, we can always use more help. ■

It's Time For...

SDDS ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the **May 14, 2024** General Meeting

On behalf of the 2024 SDDS Leadership Development Committee (LDC), we are pleased to present the following slate of candidates for election for the 2025 Board term, as well as the 2024-2025 CDA House of Delegates term.

The LDC Committee is tasked with guiding the future of SDDS by evaluating and nominating leaders for our organization. The committee met in the first quarter of 2024 and considered a very strong slate of candidates. We are pleased to report that the outlook is good with the following members listed below being nominated. SDDS is only as good as its volunteers and we appreciate all who give back to our organization. Hope to see you all at the May GM!

Lisa Dobak, DDS (Chair of the Leadership Development Committee)



SOCIETY SLATE OF NOMINEES

SDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To be Elected:

President: Nima Aflatooni, DDS

President-Elect/Treasurer: Jeffrey Sue, DDS

Secretary: Craig Alpha, DDS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To be Elected (First term, 2025-2026):

Diana Fat, DDS

Hana Rashid, DDS

Cherag Sarkari, DDS

Continuing (2024-2025):

Andrea Cervantes, DDS

Eric Grove, DDS

Michael Payne, DDS, MSD

Chirag Vaid, DDS

SDDS BCR Rep: Volki Felahy, DDS (2024-25)

Immediate Past President: Ash Vasanthan, DDS, MS

DELEGATES TO THE CDA HOUSE

To be Elected for the 2024-2025 term:

Craig Alpha, DDS

Michael Payne, DDS, MSD

Cherag Sarkari, DDS

Chirag Vaid, DDS

Continuing:

Nima Aflatooni, DDS (ExComm)

Guy Acheson, DDS (2023-2024)

Margaret Delmore, MD, DDS (2023-2024)

Lisa Dobak, DDS

Volki Felahy, DDS (BCR Rep)

Kelly Giannetti, DMD, MS (2023-2024)

Eric Grove, DDS (2023-2024)

Bryan Judd, DDS (2021-2022; 2023-2024)

Jeffrey Sue, DDS (Secretary-Elect)

Ash Vasanthan, DDS, MS (ExComm)

FOUNDATION SLATE OF NOMINEES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To Be Elected:

Craig Alpha, DDS (SDDS Secretary 2025)

Ash Vasanthan, DDS, MS (SDDS Past President, 2025)

Additional Term 2025-2026:

Volki Felahy, DDS

Greg Heise, DDS

Kevin Keating, DDS, MS

Michael O'Brien, DDS

Continuing (through 2025):

Paul Binon, DDS, MSD

Margaret Delmore, MD, DDS

Carl Hillendahl, DDS

Bryan Judd, DDS

Hana Rashid, DDS

Wesley Yee, DDS

CHAPTER VI - ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 10. NOMINATION BY COMMITTEE: The Board of Directors shall appoint a Leadership Development Committee to nominate qualified candidates for election to all offices including Secretary, President-Elect/Treasurer, the BCR Representative, Directors, and Delegates.

Section 20. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS: Any active or retired Member in good standing who meets the qualifications of the office he/she is seeking may be nominated by filing with the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting a written nomination signed by at least ten (10) active or retired Members in good standing.

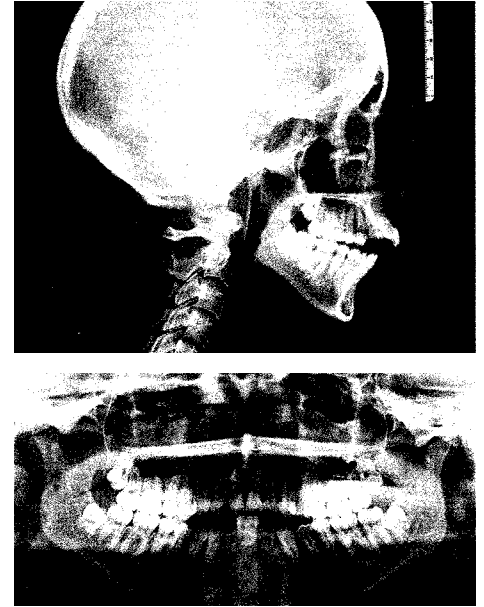
Overcoming Hardships

By Alexis Johns

Smiles for Kids & Big Kids Patient

Hello, my name is Alexis Johns and I'd like to tell you a little bit about me. I grew up in a little town known as North Platte, located in Nebraska. I was a trailer park kid that mostly cared for myself while my dad was at work because my mom suffered from drug abuse. This put a strain on me and my little siblings as I had to care for them while trying to care for my mother at the same time. She and I hadn't always had the best relationship because of this. My dad was really the only stability that I had and the only barrier keeping me and my siblings from the foster care system. However, he suffered from many illnesses that would keep him bedridden at times. He cared for us the best he could and I know that my mom did in her own way as well. As a child I naturally assumed that things would stay unchanging and planned for my future as bleak as it may have seemed. This is why it took me by complete surprise when my father passed away at the young age of 40. I was only 13 at the time and it was me and my siblings

that found him as he had been sleeping in our house and our mother was on the fifth floor of the hospital for overdosing on prescription medications. I was the one to make the phone calls and to break the news. I still remember the police officer that officialized the horrific truth that I feared; my father was dead. Even with all that, the police officers tried placing me and my siblings into a foster home the same day. After my grandmother pleaded with them to have some sympathy they reluctantly agreed to let us stay with her temporarily. In the meantime my mother was released prematurely and she called my aunt and grandmother who lived in Sacramento California. They immediately flew down to Nebraska and the plan was to go and live with them since that's what my dad wanted if anything were to happen to him. For obvious reasons we could not go back to our mom until she got herself sober and stable. She signed over her rights and my grandmother from California got guardianship. My mom



very reluctantly stayed in Nebraska and she was supposed to get herself together.

About a year after my father's passing I was awoken at four in the morning by my aunt and told that she just got a phone call; my mother was dead. She died from heart failure induced by an overdose. At this point in my life I felt shattered and I really had no hope, I had experienced a pain like no other and I genuinely viewed the world as a negative and unforgiving evil. Not only that, but I felt as if my life was a joke because I thought the grass would be greener in California living with my aunt and grandma but it turned out to be a facade. Don't get me wrong, I was well cared for in the aspect of them financially supporting me and my siblings. However, it became a really toxic environment really quickly. My aunt became very controlling and would get mad all the time. I soon came to feel like I was walking on pins and needles everyday, I was always anxious and I never knew what would set her off next. I really had no room to make decisions or to grow because I was told my decisions were bad and I lacked the common sense to make them. We'd get in huge fights and I felt my mental health slowly deteriorate even more over a span of five years. I held so much resentment and anger and I really didn't want to live anymore and as a result of this I began cutting as a way to soothe my



pain. I was also very self-conscious about my jaw because I have a severe overbite that I had continuously been trying to get fixed but it was just dead end after dead end. Around the time I got with my wonderful boyfriend, my aunt and I got into a huge fight again and that indicated to me that things were never going to change. I had been wanting to leave for a while but I had nowhere to go. I was finally 18 and I decided that I could no longer stay there. I told them this and they were unwilling to compromise with me. I explained that the way they acted and treated me was not normal and that I couldn't mentally take it any more. They called my boyfriend Quinn to come and get me and he did. He and his parents (Pam

and Paul) very graciously took me in and I will forever be grateful for it. I was so scared and I didn't know what to do but they helped me come up with a plan and we took small steps. Luckily for me, Pam happens to be a Registered Dental Assistant and she noticed my overbite. After taking some pictures and conferring with Dr. Patel, she came back and told me that the Sacramento District Dental Society was going to help fund the process of getting my jaw fixed. Hearing this filled me with so much joy I just couldn't believe it.

Shortly after, Sofia got in touch with me and she has been guiding me ever since with Cathy's help. I can't even begin to describe how grateful I am to everyone who has been

helping me. I now have braces, my wisdom teeth are out, thank you Dr. Sanders with Dr. Gallia and I'll be getting jaw surgery in around 10 months. My overbite has caused me severe strife, both mentally and physically. It's my biggest insecurity and it is also so hard to eat with. I am so excited to know that it is finally happening, my jaw is getting fixed. Thanks to my boyfriend, his parents, and the Dental Society Foundation for having faith in me; I'm in college and am progressing in my life for the first time. I have a car, a house, a job, an amazing dental organization helping me, and a wonderful newfound family that I love very much. These donations have helped save my life. ■

Helping to Change Lives

By Pam Frank, RDA

My name is Pam Frank and I am a Registered Dental Assistant for Dr. Viren Patel in Folsom, CA. My life path crossed Alexis's on the day my husband and I were driving down our street after a long weekend in South Lake Tahoe. We looked in the rear view mirror and saw our son (Quinn) in his car but he had a girl in the passenger seat that we had not met yet. We all got out of our cars and that is when Quinn informed us that Alexis just left her very toxic environment that she had been forced to live in. All while sacrificing having to leave her two younger siblings behind. She lost both of her parents and the people she ended up with as her legal guardians provided a toxic environment you wouldn't want anyone to have to live in. As one can imagine, the news to us that she needed a place to (live, eat, go to school, a dentist, a doctor...) was very overwhelming. We all sat down and came up with a plan and that plan was to take one day at a time.

As I got to know this young lady, I immediately wanted to help her in any way that I could. After hearing her story and all the hardship she had gone through in her short life, I could not believe the resilience and fortitude she had, which told me how much potential she has. The only problem is we needed help to get her on her feet.

This was the most heart warming affirmation of 'Doing the Good' I have ever witnessed.

She has received assistance to get her into Sacramento State University where she is currently studying to become an English teacher, although she is expressing interest in possibly becoming a Hygienist.

With my background in dentistry, I immediately noticed Alexis's bite. There was something very different about it. I asked her to close and smile and she had an open bite of approximately 15mm and only touched her back teeth when she was closed. I asked her if I could take a picture and she smiled Big!!

This is where the magic begins. I presented these pictures to Dr. Patel to simply show him the extreme open bite that Alexis has, as I was telling him the story of the hardship she has encountered. He immediately

wanted to do something! He said, "I'm going to talk to Cathy Levering from the Sacramento Dental Society about Alexis." The next thing we know Cathy is wanting to help Alexis get her dental needs taken care of. Those needs are extensive, from braces, wisdom teeth extractions and Maxillofacial surgery to realign her jaw. Cathy is an angel with two legs!!

This was the most heart warming affirmation of 'Doing the Good' I have ever witnessed. There are GOOD PEOPLE out there and the SDDF recognizes the potential that I also saw in Alexis. What makes Alexis deserve all of this help and charity of so many good people? She is the most appreciative young lady I have ever met. She makes you feel so good to be able to help her through her graciousness and gratitude. Sofia from SDDS has taken Alexis's hand and guided her through this process. I have seen first hand all these INCREDIBLE PEOPLE come together to help this child out in ways, without them, she would be forever suffering from some major dental structural challenges ie. chewing food.

She tells me everyday how grateful she is and that the help from SDDS has been so profound and LIFE CHANGING.

So if you ever wonder if your donations and giving of yourself to SDDF is helping anyone? Well, it sure is and Alexis is living proof and I can tell you, there is no one more grateful then she is.



An Abundance of Giving Hearts

Year after year, Ascot Dental and it's amazing doctors, staff and volunteers continue to participate in Smiles for Kids Day in February. They often have guest doctors join them in the office to give back to the children of their community. In addition to giving their time and sharing their work on this day each year, Ascot Dental's doctors adopt several patients throughout the year. Over the years they've adopted patients from both our Smiles for Kids and Smiles for Big Kids programs. They are an office we can always count on and we are so grateful!



*Pictured White Coats, Front row, left to right: Angie Bout, RDH; Sydney Early, RDH
Back row, left to right: Yasi Mahboub, DDS; Jyothsna Reddy Sabalam, DMD; Purvak Parikh, DDS and Miriam Behpour, DMD (Holt Orthodontics)*



JYOTHSNA REDDY SABALAM, DMD SAYS...

ASCOT FAMILY DENTAL, SDDS MEMBER AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER

I have been doing Smiles For Kids day since 2020. It has had a great impact on my career and the way I practice dentistry. I have several stories from the past four years of participating in the program, but one story that stands out to me is from a family that traveled all the way from the Bakersfield area. She is a beautiful 12 year old who comes from a Spanish speaking family. She has a great sense of humor and made all of us in the room laugh the entire time. She had retained her second molars and had no mobility. After the exam and consulting with the Orthodontist, we determined it was necessary to extract four primary molars to prevent malocclusion. The next day it was her birthday and she did not want to get her teeth extracted. Mom said, "she had no money to get her treatments done and there is no way to afford orthodontics in the future." It took a lot of convincing to help mom and daughter agree to the procedure. After a lot of effort and discussion with our team, we successfully extracted her teeth. Mom and daughter were so happy with how well the treatment went and had tears of joy! That is the very reason I chose this as my profession.

It is so rewarding not only to be able to touch the lives of so many children and families, but to also have a hand in lowering the barriers to care for children and populations in need. I look forward to participating in Smiles for Kids Day in the future years.



YASI MAHBOUB, DDS SAYS...

ASCOT FAMILY DENTAL, SDDS MEMBER AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER

Giving back to the community has always been an integral part of my dental career. I'm so grateful for the privilege to serve and bring smiles to the faces of the children in our community who may not have had access to quality dental care otherwise. It's been incredibly rewarding to collaborate with a team of compassionate healthcare providers and the organizing Sacramento District Dental Society team to serve these children and bring about positive change in their oral health habits and confidence. Can't wait for our next annual event!

It is truly an honor for Ascot Family Dental and our volunteers, including our friend, Dr. Miriam Behpour from Holt Orthodontics, to partner with SDDS for their Annual Smiles For Kids Day each year! **It brings us great joy to help children in our community by improving their oral and overall health and sharing healthy dental care habits with them early on to set them up for success.**

DOMINIC KRISTIN DE BRUIN, MARKETING DIRECTOR
ASCOT FAMILY DENTAL AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER

Service with a Smile

By **Danielle Cannarozzi**
Director of Membership & Engagement; SDDS

It's any given weekday and the phone rings at the SDDS office. The friendly voice of SDDS staff member, Sofia Gutierrez, answers to a woman with a voice that sounds like a grandmother's hug. She introduces herself, explains that she is 87 years old and that comforting voice begins to sound distraught as she describes her experience of having trouble with her teeth. She tells Sofia she hasn't been to the dentist in "a while" and needs to be seen, but she lives off of only her Social Security income. She does not have the money to pay for her care and does not know what to do.

Just as she has done several times that week already, Sofia grabs her pen and begins to take the woman's information. This begins the process of helping a community member through the Sacramento District Dental Foundation's Smiles for Big Kids (SFBK) program. When the process is complete, Sofia reached out to a member dentist to volunteer to help her. This 87-year-old caller has been cared for by one of our SDDS members (and a Foundation member, too!), Dr. Bryan Judd. Thank you, Dr. Judd, for saying "yes" and volunteering to do pro-bono care for this wonderful and deserving woman! And thank you to all our other volunteers for both of our SFK and SFBK programs. We couldn't do it without you!

This is not a rare example of what takes place at the SDDS office. While the staff works diligently to help the SDDS members, this community navigation has become another

important daily task that is done on behalf of the Foundation. Though you can find each of the SDDS team members answering these calls for help, Sofia has become the leader of this responsibility. Over the last eight years, Sofia has led the SDDS staff in answering daily question-filled calls from community



Sofia and Justine, a pre dental Berkeley student volunteered in Ascot Dental's office on Smiles for Kids Day 2024. Justine made a wonderful Tooth Fairy!

members with Medi-Cal Dental to help navigate them to their dental home or dental plan and is also the only Spanish speaking staff member to handle the numerous daily calls from every Spanish speaking community caller. Each person is given her compassion and commitment to making sure they get what is needed for the best oral health outcome.

Sofia is also the SDDS team member who coordinates the Foundation's Smiles for Kids (SFK) program. Under the guidance of

Cathy and assistance from our SDDS team, Sofia starts the SFK planning process with organizing the meetings for over 100 school nurses in late August and September. The next few months are a flurry of coordination to set up school screenings, fill screening supply orders, gathering dentist volunteers, reporting and patient navigation in order to make sure February's SFK Day goes off seamlessly. The school nurses work with Sofia to identify the children who are in urgent need of dental care, helps them with finding their dental home (if they have one) and works to schedule them on SFK Day, if eligible. For those who need follow up care or orthodontics, Sofia works to find volunteer dentists to step in and offer their pro-bono services. As you can see from the stats (on page 31), when all this is finished on Smiles for Kids Day and after, this Foundation's program has gone above and beyond to help children who are so grateful that their mouths no longer hurt.

The Foundation is a pillar in our community for cultivating the partnerships between SDDS and Foundation members, the overloaded school nurses and community members in need. The coordination that Sofia has taken on for the Foundation is crucial to the betterment of the oral health of our high need children and even the big kids who, at 87-years old, still need somewhere to turn to when times get hard. And for that reason, Sofia and the SDDS staff will continue to answer the phone with a smile. ■

Many of you know Sofia at SDDS and all of her work with Smiles for Kids and Smiles for Big Kids. For the last 8 years, Sofia has been the calm voice on the phone helping to navigate kids (mostly kids) and their parents to dental care. She speaks beautiful Spanish and is patient and calm, and spends nearly half of every day helping refer people to their existing dentist (when they don't know who it is) or referring our member dentists to new patients. **Cheers to Sofia... our SFK and SFBK programs so appreciate your dedicated work and passion!!**

CATHY LEVERING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SACRAMENTO DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER



Kicking Off Smiles for Kids

August officially kicks off the school year's Smiles for Kids program. We had the first of two nurse meetings with our partners and we're all looking forward to another impactful year.



February was Children's Dental Health Month!

Dr. Madeline Majer (Cold Springs Dental Office) and Drs. Stephanie and Matt Sandretti (Galleria Smile Designs and Elk Grove Orthodontics) spent the day at their children's preschool teaching the kids about teeth and dental health. They shared goodie bags from our Foundation with all the kids and, of course, they were accompanied by the Tooth Fairy!

Honoring Cathy Levering

At the September 2023 General Meeting, our very own Cathy Levering received a standing ovation when Dr. Todd Gray presented her with DentaQuest's Health Equity Hero Award. This award honors individuals or organizations improving healthcare access for people with the greatest needs and fewest resources.

We are so proud of Cathy, SDDS members and all who support the SDDS Foundation. In her honor, DentaQuest donated \$5k to the charity of Cathy's choice... she chose our Foundation. Thank you DentaQuest!



In the Sacramento region, the power of collaboration and compassion shines brightly through the Smiles for Kids program, an initiative spearheaded by the Sacramento Dental District Society Foundation. We are proud to be a part of the Smiles for Kids program. We have been helping kids pro bono for over 20 years. We have created beautiful smiles and built confidence in so many people.

At Holt Orthodontics, we've witnessed firsthand the profound difference such collaborations can make in the lives of those in need. In 2023, a young girl and her brother became recipients of pro bono orthodontic treatment through this enduring partnership. Their journey was not just about enhancing their smiles but also about restoring their confidence and well-being.

One day, the sister called at 4:10pm with pain due to what she thought was a wire poking. When she arrived at the office, it was clearly not the wire poking but a huge abscess in the area that 2 weeks ago she had her wisdom teeth extracted in another country. To complicate matters, the family's dentist (not in Smiles for Kids) was unable to accommodate the urgent need for care.

It was in this moment of uncertainty that the collaborative spirit of the dental community shone through. Holt Orthodontics reached out to Serenity Oral Surgery, where the patient was welcomed as a walk-in. Dr. Don Kim swiftly diagnosed the infection, prescribed antibiotics, and provided reassurance—all at no cost to the grateful patient. This act of kindness not only resolved the immediate health issue but also reaffirmed the profound impact of collective efforts in delivering holistic dental care.

As we were walking with the patient and her mom over to the Oral Surgery office, mom said they have never been under such good care as they have been with our office and she never dreamed both her children would have such wonderful smiles as they do now. Mom is very grateful for this opportunity and for SDDS. **Mom said how confident both her children have become and the SMILES MEAN EVERYTHING to them now.**

DRS. TYLER AND MARK HOLT AND THE HOLT ORTHODONTICS TEAM
SDDS MEMBERS AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

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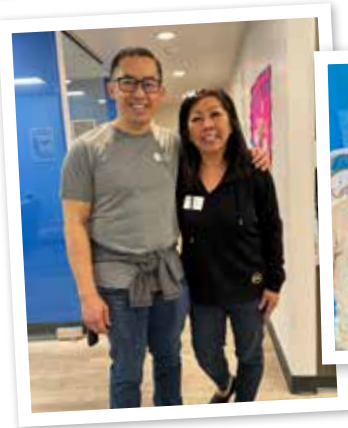
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2024 Smiles for Kids Day



Our Cups Runneth Over with Smiles!

We want to extend a huge thank you to our Smiles for Kids Day sites this year. These doctors and team members opened up their offices on Saturday, February 3 to help dozens of children in need in our community. Their huge hearts make the Foundation programs a success and we appreciate every one of them.



Thank you...

to our SFK Day Sites

Ascot Family Dental
 Pediatric Dentistry of Sacramento
 Sheldon Grove Family Dental
 Smile Kingdom Dental

to our SFK Day Doctors

Dr. Miriam Behpour	Dr. Fatemeh Mahboub
Dr. Thais Booms	Dr. Purvak Parikh
Dr. Andrea Cervantes	Dr. Jyothsna Reddy
Dr. Nathan Chronister	Sabalam
Dr. Barry Dunn	Dr. Jennifer Ryan
Dr. Julie Hernandez	Dr. Matthew Sanders
Dr. Paul Johnson	Dr. Rajbir Sanghvi
Dr. Jose Juarez	Dr. Jeff Sue
Dr. Jamie LaPierre	Dr. Ken Wong
Dr. Chris Lee	Dr. Dexter Yee

And to our many SFK Day Volunteers!



I've been a donor site for Smiles for Kids since 2009. I can't express enough how wonderful of an experience it is. We are all too familiar with how easy it is to become immersed in everyday, non-stop challenges that surround business ownership. Somehow the passion for dentistry and helping those less fortunate in our community. **This one day, however, provides the opportunity to rediscover the WHY in our profession and to remember the joy in giving back!**

ANDREA CERVANTES, DDS
 SDDS MEMBER AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER



I volunteered at “Smiles for Kids Day” at Ascot Family Dental again like last year (because it was awesome!).

It was wonderful having so many volunteers (including 2 tooth fairies!) come together to help however they can, to make this event a lovely experience for so many kids. Thanks to the SDDS for making it all possible.

Seeing the smiles on the kids’ faces after they had finished their dental treatment is the best!! :-)

MIRIAM BEHPOUR, DMD, MBA
SDDS MEMBER AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER

Thank you...

to Sacramento State University Pre-Dental Club for donating backpacks to give out on Smiles for Kids Day!



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.

– Margaret Mead

Bump Dinner Makes a Huge Impact

Over the years, the Bump Dinner has had 270 attendees since 2004 and raised a total of \$177,000 for the Foundation and some of the bidders are always “regulars” - overbidding and having fun bumping to get “in.” The Bump Dinner that was auctioned off at the 2023 Holiday Party raised \$27,000; a special thank you to those buyers. It is the one-timers as well as the multi-timers have helped make this evening one of the very “heart of the Foundation” events!

A huge thanks for inviting us to your home one more time for the super cool BUMP dinner! What a blast we had – the awesome d’oeuvres that had us roaming from room to room, a mini adventure in itself. The fun stories and wine intros from Bruce and catching up with old friends and meeting a few new faces was so nice.

Hearing about how this all started and the tales behind the CELEBRATE cookbook and going home with a copy of the book made the night even more memorable. The hospitality by the SDDS team: Della, Jessica, Sofia, Anne, Danielle, Jen along with our “SDDS friend Ed” made us feel so special. We left with big smiles, dancing taste buds from the tasty food preparations that must have taken days to prepare and fun small conversations from the buzzing dinner table. A BUMP dinner party to remember, cheers to many more!

- Ash Vasanthan, DDS, MS



I wanted to make sure to convey a heartfelt thank you and gratitude from Elaine and I to Cathy, Bruce, fellow BUMPers, and especially the SDDS staff for the hard work, creativity and camaraderie during this edition of the BUMP dinner.

With a market share and engagement rates at heights not seen in large member associations of any level, it’s important to celebrate these achievements and continue the legacy SDDS has built with Cathy at the helm as Executive Director.

Great words from Presidents Vasanthan and Hillendahl, Drs. Patel and Keating.

Cathy and Bruce - Thank you once again for opening your home and providing warm hospitality.

The courses were phenomenally creative and delicious. Thank you so much for your marvelous recipes which we are perusing as I write.

Very proud of this association of dedicated leaders. Thank you all.

- Wallace Bellamy, DMD

As a Bump Dinner first timer, I am still in awe over all aspects of this incredible evening. I am very much looking forward to reliving some of those delicious treats as we will enjoy the leftovers at tonight’s Foundation Board meeting.

- Greg Heise, DDS



Thank you to the...
2023 Bumpers

Drs. Gabrielle Rasi & Kevin Tanner
Dr. Viren & Sonja Patel
Drs. Ash & Anna Vasanthan
Dr. Wallace Bellamy & Elaine Ferrari
Dr. Lisa Dobak & Ron Kipp
Dr. Kevin & Sue Keating
Dr. Carl & Deborah Hillendahl
Drs. Paul Phillips & Susan Saidi-Phillips
Dr. Greg & Shawn Heise
Dr. Andrea Cervantes & Larry Rockriver
Wendy Ankele Beseda

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SACRAMENTO DISTRICT
DENTAL SOCIETY

Foundation Annual Report

of the Sacramento District Dental Society



By **Carl Hillendahl, DDS**
2023 Foundation President

The Heart of Our Society

Looking Back at the SDDS Foundation in 2023

The 2023 Sacramento District Dental Foundation Annual Report is at hand. As President of the Foundation, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2023 Annual Report. It is the mission of the Foundation to promote the oral and general health of the public by serving as the charitable arm of the Sacramento District Dental Society (SDDS) and the dental community. We do that through our various programs supported by our fundraising events, donations, grants and investment income. Our Foundation's financial strength is the strongest it has ever been and our fiscal goals are to fund our programs and continue to grow our assets. Refer to the Foundation financial statement included in this issue.

Charitable foundations rely on investment income to sustain their operations and fulfill their philanthropic missions. In 2000, The Foundation had total assets of \$262,000. In 2003, we began writing grant requests for our Smiles for Kids program. In 2007-2008, the million-dollar challenge was presented to the Foundation Board of Directors by Dr. Robert Gillis (RIP), with the goal of creating a perpetual fund for the future, as well as other funds for our projects. The focus on growing assets resulted in attaining that goal by the end of 2012. Today SDDF is a \$3.3 million Foundation. Kudos to the generosity of our members, our entire dental community and friends of the Foundation.

2023 was a great year for the Foundation. COVID became a distant memory (my last 'bout with COVID December 2022). Our fundraising events were well-received by our members last year. The Golf Tournament was sold out. I had a great time at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course being the 'non-golfing host' and performing staff duties and visiting with the participants. The sense of camaraderie was overwhelming. Our Broadway Series had a good turnout and provided many of us with a

good evening of entertainment and a great way to support the Foundation. The Silent Auction at the Holiday Party netted considerable returns for the Foundation. Thank you to the members who bid on the "Bump Dinner" - a \$30,000 donation to the Foundation!

Grant income was exceptional in 2023, the puppet show receiving special consideration from Liberty Dental Plan, Access Dental Plan and the Lincoln Kiwanis Club. Other donations were received from DentaQuest and Columbia Bank. A special thank you to Dr. Wai Chan and Dr. Ruby Yu and the Yee Family for donating to their eponymous scholarship funds, which will offer financial aid to our future colleagues.

I am proud to acknowledge that both the SDDS and SDDF Boards of Directors have made pledges to support the Foundation, in addition to being annual members. The Foundation currently has 509 dues paying members and our goal next year is to get to 600.

About 30% of SDDS members are also Foundation members. Dues are only \$75 and hasn't changed since Foundation membership was conceived in 2012. SDDF, with our various programs, generates considerable goodwill within our community. Being a member allows you to support and participate in the goodwill of the Foundation. Please sign up for membership today.

Thanks to the volunteers who opened their offices and their staff that helped provide needed treatment to kids in need of care on Smiles for Kids Day. SDDF works with local elementary school nurses to screen students for dental needs and provide guidance to enable these students and their parents to obtain dental care. Options include referral to their family dentist, referral to MediCal Dental and/or the local Geographic Managed Care office, or referral to the SDDF Smiles for Kids program. The GMC program, with the

help of SDDS navigating patients to a dental home, has been so successful at treating eligible patients that the quantity of Smiles for Kids Day patients is about one tenth the volume we were seeing ten years ago. Our Smiles for Kids program is smaller today thankfully. We can concentrate more in our efforts in education through the popular, very entertaining and informative "puppet show."

Smiles for Big Kids (which began in 2009) is our ongoing program providing needed care to adults who do not have the means to get care. These patients are referred to the Foundation by our dental community, our members, our partner organizations; the treatment provided is usually pro-bono with appropriate expenses covered through the Foundation. The treatment provided is typically life changing and patients are very gracious for having received the dental care. Read about their stories within this issue.

Dental staff shortage has been with us for several years now. SDDF, in partnership with the FADE Foundation in El Dorado Hills, has awarded scholarships to motivated RDAs to help with tuition for the RDAEF program offered at FADE. In 2023, we started a scholarship program targeting dental assistants to help them obtain their RDA certification. This DA to RDA scholarship program had low interest from dental assistants and was put on hold, maybe to be resurrected in the future.

This year we are hosting our 4th Gala in October. We will be "putting on the ritz" at the Hyatt on October 26. The 2024 Gala will be a great time to dress-up, enjoy a fabulous dinner, dancing, adult beverages and auction. Hoping you will invite your friends, family and colleagues. See you there.

With the Board of Directors and our Executive Director, Cathy Levering, I feel honored to help guide our Foundation into the future. To all our members and donors, thank you for your generosity. ■



2023 FOUNDATION FINANCIALS - LOOK AT HOW WE'VE GROWN!

CURRENT ASSETS

CHECKING / SAVINGS

	2001	2008	2013	2019	2021	2022	2023
Charitable Fund	\$26,399	\$117,878	\$181,110	\$0 (closed)	\$0 (closed)	\$0 (closed)	\$0 (closed)
General Fund <i>Includes SFK/SFBK beginning in 2016</i>	\$15,244	\$173,921	\$484,774	\$963,000	\$1,127,252	\$1,090,080	\$1,190,280
Helen Hamilton Fund <i>Operating, program and grants monies</i>	\$93,776	\$73,668	\$151,128	\$273,102	\$343,525	\$310,375	\$352,567
Perpetual Fund	\$123,680	\$182,672	\$619,182	\$1,230,890	\$1,522,523	\$1,464,542	\$1,688,756
TOTAL CHECKING / SAVINGS:	\$259,099	\$554,287	\$1,460,013	\$2,466,991	\$2,993,300	\$2,864,998	\$3,231,604
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		\$1,750	\$4,031	\$11,204	\$46,565	\$7,529	\$49,630
PREPAID EXPENSES:		\$5,174	\$19,788	\$8,459	\$77,659	\$35,627	\$11,597
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$259,099	\$561,211	\$1,460,013	\$2,486,654	\$3,117,524	\$2,908,154	\$3,292,832

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

	2001	2008	2013	2019	2021	2022	2023
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$304	\$17,522	\$0	\$2,832	\$218	\$433
Deferred Revenue <i>(Other Current Liabilities)</i>	\$0	\$4,119	\$10,301	\$11,438	\$10,770	\$14,981	\$9,295
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$0	\$4,424	\$27,832	\$11,438	\$13,602	\$15,198	\$9,728

EQUITY

	2001	2008	2013	2019	2021	2022	2023
Retained Earnings	\$260,550	\$560,339	\$1,052,822	\$2,157,908	\$2,676,839	\$3,103,922	\$2,892,955
Net Income	-\$1,451	-\$3,551	\$379,359	\$317,309	\$427,083	-\$210,967	\$390,149
TOTAL EQUITY:	\$259,099	\$556,787	\$1,432,181	\$2,475,216	\$3,103,922	\$2,892,955	\$3,283,104
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	\$259,099	\$561,211	\$1,460,013	\$2,486,654	\$3,117,524	\$2,908,154	\$3,292,832

ACTIVITY

REVENUE

Fundraisers	\$99,609
Member Donations	\$118,307
Other Donations	\$44,970
Foundation Dues	\$40,541
Program Grants / Contributions	\$142,139
Investments	\$280,810
TOTAL NET REVENUE:	\$730,046

EXPENDITURES

Programs / Outreach	\$138,566
Scholarships	\$19,500
Contributions	\$24,218
General / Administrative	\$146,583
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$339,898
EXCESS EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE:	\$390,148

Your Donations Support These Foundation PROGRAMS & OUTREACH

PROGRAMS



Our largest and most far-reaching project, Smiles for Kids® (SFK) (originally founded in 1991 by Dr. Gerard Ortner and Dr. Don Rollofson) was adopted and expanded by the Foundation in 2003. It partners member dentists with local schools to screen and provide dental education to thousands of children each year. From the screenings, underinsured and underserved children are treated by member dentists and their teams on SFK Day each February. Children are then “adopted” for further pro bono treatment – including specialty and orthodontic treatment. Each year, thousands of dollars in pro bono treatment is provided to children in the five county SDDS area. Smiles for Kids is making great strides toward reversing the disheartening statistics that plague the children of our community.



The Smiles for BIG Kids® (SFBK) program kicked off in 2009 to provide necessary dental services to uninsured and low-income adults. While SFK addresses the dental needs of children, SFBK promotes oral health to adults, provides donated dental treatment for uninsured, low-income adults age 15+ who are in need of urgent dental care, as well as education on maintaining proper oral health. This program is available to all area adults who meet the program’s eligibility requirements, and especially targets the needs of our community’s low-income elderly population, as well as the parents of children served by the SFK program. Since the program’s inception, over \$1.9 million in services has been provided.



In 2005, the Foundation partnered with a metal refinery and began Crowns for Kids® (CFK) to benefit Smiles for Kids. In this program, member dentists collect scrap metal from their patients’ dental treatment in CFK jars, the jars are collected and sent to the metal refinery (Star Group), and the refinery sends a check to the Foundation each month. Since 2006, CFK has raised almost \$500,000 – and it all goes to benefit SFK!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Puppet Show Dental Education

Thanks to two very generous sponsors, we are able to offer two educational puppet shows that travel to local area schools informing and entertaining our community’s children. We hope the message will make it’s way back home and impact the entire family.



1st Tooth OR 1st Birthday

The 1st Tooth or 1st Birthday campaign targets not only member dentists and the public, but the medical community (especially pediatricians). The message? Kids need to be seen by a dentist early, before problems arise. This early education and prevention message — and the 1T1B magnet and logo — is seen on bus tails, in medical offices as well as dental offices.

SMILES FOR KIDS TO DATE BY THE NUMBERS

573,345

Kids served since 1991

1534

School screenings by SDDS Members



\$15.9 million

in Dental Treatment

81,800

Kids reached with Puppet Shows

THOUSANDS

HAVE VOLUNTEERED



1,265

Kids received orthodontic treatment since 1996

17,433 KIDS TREATED SINCE 1991



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From the moment I chose dentistry, my goal was to make a difference. Over 20 years in practice and with SDDS, I've found fulfillment in extending care to those who need it most.

Smiles for Kids has always been a special project. Helping children brings me immense joy, a passion further inspired by being a mom of three. **The Foundation's focus on children perfectly aligned with my own, making it a natural choice for giving back.**

A successful career has offered many rewards, but the most valuable is the opportunity to make a positive impact. With each passing year, I realize the true gift lies not in what I receive, but in the joy of giving back.

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DR. MARYAM SALEH
SDDS MEMBER AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER



From the SDDF Treasurer

Looking Back at the SDDS Foundation in 2023

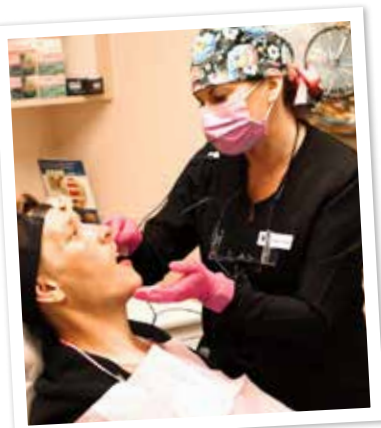
By **Kevin Keating, DDS, MS**
2023 Foundation Treasurer

The Foundation Board and Finance Committee has reviewed the annual financial report and found that the Foundation's financial health is in good shape. The Foundation's CPA has reviewed and filed the 2023 taxes. The Board also reviewed the Foundation's conservative investment portfolio with no recommendations for significant modification through allocation rebalancing. The Foundation is well-suited to continue its commitment to improve the oral health of the community through its charitable activities.

Building Confidence Smiles For Big Kids

By **Sandra Fouladi, DDS**
SDDS Member and Foundation Supporter

Mattie walked into our practice as a new patient late last year. He was looking for a dentist in the neighborhood. He was just a genuine guy, very polite and respectful to our team. His mouth had been neglected during the years of his young life that he spent without dental insurance, a lack of adequate homecare, and prioritizing his kids' needs over his own. He was embarrassed by his teeth and in pain. We had the opportunity to team up with my husband, Dr. Reza Fouladi at Sacramento Oral Surgery, and our lab, Noah Denture Lab, to improve his situation. We helped Mattie move into an immediate denture. Almost immediately, his confidence shifted; he is smiling more. His road forward will not be easy, but he is headed in the right direction. It feels good to be able to give back and make a difference.



Smiles for Big Kids 2023-24

Participating Dentists

Dr. Dean Ahmad
Dr. Craig Alpha
Dr. Paul Binon
Dr. Thais Booms
Dr. Kirsten Chang

Dr. Nanlin Chiang
Dr. Jeffrey Delgadillo
Endodontic Associates
Dr. Reza Fouladi
Dr. Sandra Fouladi
Dr. Bryan Judd

Dr. Alexander Kaplan
Dr. Tim Mickiewicz
Dr. Aneel Nath
Dr. Jerome Pielago
Dr. Moji Radi
Dr. Mathew Sanders

Dr. Damon Szymanowski
Dr. Chirag Vaid
Dr. Eric Young

Participating Labs

Bella Denti Lab
Fusion Dental Arts
Hana Dental Lab
Nelson Dental Designs
Noah Dental Lab



Making a Difference is a Team Effort

By Paul Binon, DDS, MSD
SDDS Member and Foundation Board Member

Amanda, a 31 year old single mom was referred for a full upper denture. On examination, she had significant periodontal issues and multiple missing teeth on the lower arch. Also, a key molar (#31) required a root canal, build up and a crown. I reached out to members of SDDS for perio and endo support. Dr. Eric Young provided endodontic treatment on # 31 and Dr. Dean Ahmad provided periodontal treatment consisting of selected extractions and aggressive periodontal treatment. On completion of the preliminary treatment on the lower arch, a crown and a removable partial denture was made along with a full upper denture. Prosthodontic laboratory support was provided by Nelson Dental Designs.

SMILES FOR BIG KIDS
BY THE NUMBERS SINCE 2009

666 PATIENTS COMPLETED
807 PATIENTS PLACED



46
AVERAGE AGE
OF PATIENTS

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY
OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY

\$5000 Average cost per
patient in 2023

PARTNERS WHO REFER

Clara's House | Women's Empowerment
Everyone for Veterans | St. John's Shelter
Project Safe Haven | Refugee Services
Dentists/Specialists Private Referrals | WEAVE



\$1.934 million
in Dental Treatment

FIVE
LABS PARTICIPATING

19 Patients completed
treatment in 2023

Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

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Thank you 2023 Foundation Members

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

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Dr. Daniel Aclan
Dr. Eva Adams
Dr. Gregory Adams
Dr. Nima Aftatooni
Dr. Nahid Afshari
Dr. Arash Aghakhani
Dr. Dean Ahmad
Dr. Samer Alassaad
Dr. Samer Albadawi
Dr. Ashkan Alizadeh
Dr. Marwa Alkordy
Dr. Craig Alpha
Dr. Jessica Alt
Dr. Dale Alto
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Dr. Paul Barkin
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Dr. Stuart Beach
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I met Malachi 5 yrs ago when he and my son started playing football together. Malachi is a very kind and friendly young man, but he never smiled for the camera, instead he would make faces and look away quickly to hide his smile when he laughed. I begged Malachi to smile big for a picture and went looking for help with getting him braces. I am so thankful an ortho office recommended I apply for assistance from the Smiles for Kids program.

The Smiles for Kids team has been delightful. Dr. Steven Anderson's staff are so welcoming and kind and Dr. Nanlin Chiang's office, Valley Oral Surgery, who pulled his eye teeth was amazing as well! Malachi is always very excited to go to his adjustments, he never forgets and even calls to remind me of his appointments. He is beyond grateful and his smile is now huge all the time! It blesses my soul to see his transformation from being ashamed of his appearance to confident!

The best part of this gift of a beautiful smile is that it will accompany him everywhere he goes for the rest of his life. He will enjoy this gift every time he looks in the mirror, every time he goes out for a job interview, and especially when he meets the girl of his dreams. He will take this gift to the streets to help the homeless because that is his dream. The effect it will have on his future is literally immeasurable, so thank you Smiles for Kids from the bottom of our hearts.

BARBIE MUNOZ
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New Dental School Student Scholarship Coming in 2024

Do you know someone applying for dental school? The Foundation Board voted to introduce a new dental school student scholarship in the amount of \$3000 to any undergrad student graduating (or graduated), entering and accepted for the upcoming cycle of dental school. This scholarship will be available for any university graduating student. This Foundation Scholarship is available to SDDS members who recommend students, mentees, friends and/or family members. Please spread the word. This scholarship is in addition to the Yee Family Scholarship, which is available to only CSUS graduates.

Along with the nearly \$2 million dollars in grants and contributions received for our Foundation programs since 2003 for Smiles for Kids and Smiles for Big Kids, it can't go unmentioned that the SDDS Foundation has received four other MAJOR donations... definitely "from the heart." Just saying thank you cannot begin to show the appreciation and gratitude that we have for these major donations – but our membership (and the readers of this edition of *the Nugget*) hopefully will make note and say a special thank you and prayer for these generous gifts from the heart.

\$104,000 (2023) Dr. Wai Chan & Dr. Ruby Yu Dental Student Scholarship

The Foundation was honored in 2022 that Dr. Chan and Dr. Yu pledged to the perpetual fund a wonderful opportunity for CNU Dental Students! They have committed to the perpetual fund a \$600,000 donation, paid yearly through 2030. In 2031, a scholarship will be awarded to one CNU dental student each year in the amount of \$5,000 per year for four years, totaling \$20,000 for each student awarded. This scholarship recognizes the Society's and Foundation's commitment and partnership to California Northstate University's School of Dental Medicine and their wonderful students. Thank you, Dr. Chan and Dr. Yu!



\$217,000 (2013) Robert & Lolita Oates Charitable Trust

Given to the Foundation by the parents of Past President Dr. James Oates and his brother, Edward Oates; given to the Perpetual Fund and the largest gift the Foundation has ever received. This donation will continue helping to provide opportunities for our Foundation's goals and purposes now and in the future. ■



SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Dental Students for Dental School

Auxiliary Staff Members
(EF, DA to licensure)

RDH Awards
(in partnership with Carrington College)

Scan here to Donate
to the Foundation



Are you a member of our Foundation?

It only costs \$75 a year to be a member of our Foundation. The Foundation funds our Smiles for Kids and Smiles for Big Kids programs!

Will you join? Email us at sdds@sdds.org to become a member and make a difference.

Thank you for supporting the Foundation!



I am Venita Jelks, a Family Advocate with the Elk Grove Unified School District. One of my responsibilities is to schedule dental screenings for all Title 1 schools on the Westside of the 99 highway. As one of the first recipients of the 2022 Health Service Hero Award, I am deeply honored to share my experience with the SDDS. In October 2016 I had the pleasure of being part of the first M.O.U between Elk Grove Unified School District and The Center of Oral Health. What an amazing partnership.



I have worked with the Sacramento District Dental Society “Smiles for Kids” for the past 14 years. I recall a time during “Smiles for Kids” weekend I had a kiddo about to start junior high school, he was ashamed of his teeth, he needed braces. I met with his mother, she shared her concerns regarding her son’s physical and emotional state. She just could not afford to help him.

I reached out to Sofia, asking, was there anything we could do, can we help this kiddo? She said, let me see what I can do, let me make a few calls. A day or two later Sofia emailed me with the best news ever! I called Mom, she was overwhelmed with joy, she could hardly speak.

A few days later I contacted Mom for a follow up, she was crying so I could not understand a word! She was so grateful and appreciative. She stated the appointment was great! The doctor took him as a patient at no cost to the family. She said the braces changed her son’s life.

Her son was so excited about junior high school and his new smile. **Being a part of a life-changing moment in a child’s life is a blessing and forever altering. The joy of helping, supporting, or navigating a family through a dental crisis never gets old.** Until this day the SDDS/Early Smiles Dental Team are forever faithful.

Just last week Sofia assisted me with urgent care for a little kindergartner who has been in pain for a few weeks. Sofia made an appointment the next day! Mom was unable to find a ride, again Sofia went the extra mile and provided another doctor. Just Amazing!!!!

VENITA JELKS

FAMILY ADVOCATE: ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Unprecedented Times Three Recipients for the Kodama RDAEF Scholarship

Christina Joyce, RDAEF

Drs. Stefanie Shore and Laurie Hanschu

A year after receiving the Kodama EF Scholarship, I have so much to reflect on and be grateful for! It was an honor to receive a great education that successfully taught me all I would need to know to pass my licensing exam. I learned valuable skills to provide my patients with great care. I have been able to take stress off my bosses by taking over appointments and even have my own column of patients one day a week. Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to fulfill a goal I'd had most of my 25-year career in dentistry. I never had the resources to make going to school possible. The Kodama Scholarship and FADE changed all of that.

- Christina

Having an RDAEF in our office has been a great help! Christina received a wonderful training and is very capable in providing treatment. We can see more patients and accommodate their needs more quickly than before. I can trust her to perform all of her duties and it helps take the load off of me as the Doctor. Thank you, SDDS, for providing the Kodama scholarship!

- Dr. Stefanie Shore

Brittany Crary, RDAEF

Dr. Colby Smith

I couldn't be happier with the education Brittany received through the Kodama scholarship. She gained proficiency so quickly, I was amazed. Our patients and team truly benefit from her added skills, knowledge, and scope of practice on a daily basis.

- Dr. Colby Smith



Pictured left to right: Dr. Colby Smith, Brittany Crary, Andrea Cordero, Dr. Darcy Kasner, Dr. Laurie Hanschu and Christina Joyce

Andrea Cordero, RDAEF

Dr. Darcy Kasner

Expanded Functions Dental Assistants are instrumental in enhancing dental practice operations and patient experiences. Their advanced training enables them to provide comprehensive chairside assistance, increase productivity, and expand treatment offerings. EFIIIs contribute to improved patient satisfaction through personalized care, effective communication, and adherence to quality standards. By integrating EFIIIs into the dental team, practices can optimize efficiency, deliver high-quality care, and foster lasting patient relationships.

- Andrea

I am grateful for this program in advancing the skill set of assistants. It has broadened the clinical understanding of Andrea and allowed her to further her career goals in dentistry. In addition, able to serve our patient population in a better way.

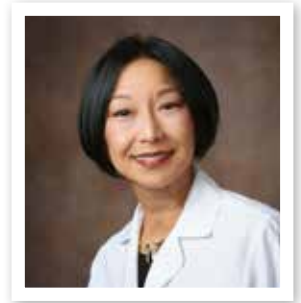
- Dr. Darcy Kasner

\$75,000 (grant began in 2018) The Dr. Beverly Kodama/Delta Dental Foundation Scholarship for Allied Education

Dr. Kodama (who served on the Delta Board of Directors) partnered with Delta Dental Foundation to establish a scholarship to help defray the educational costs for dental assistants and other allied team members. Dr. Kodama always felt that allied team members were the heart of a dentist's practice and wanted to give back to that cause so that other dentists will benefit from wonderfully trained staff.

Geared specifically toward the dental assistants and also the EF curriculum, the SDDS Foundation is in partnership with FADE (the Foundation for Allied Dental Education) to help defray costs for those applicants who qualify.

While Dr. Kodama is no longer with us, her legacy and passion for allied team members carries her memory on. ■



Congratulations to Jessica Hinojosa, RDA

Ms. Hinojosa was awarded the Kodama Scholarship at the January 2024 General Meeting. We later reached out to her sponsoring doctor, Dr. Guerra to see how things were going and this is what he had to say:

We're super excited to share the great news about the

Kodama scholarship our main dental assistant Jessica Hinojosa got to dive into the Extended Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA) program. It's been a game-changer for us and our patients!

Our assistant is rocking the EFDA program, learning all sorts of advanced stuff, from doing more complex dental work to handling patients like a pro.

It has been tough but totally worth it. Our patients are getting faster and even better care now. With our assistant stepping up, we're breezing through appointments more smoothly and can help more folks in less time. Plus, our whole team's feeling extra pumped about learning and growing together. It's made a big difference in how we do things around here, making our practice even better. In short, this scholarship has been a win-win our assistant's skills are through the roof, and our patients and practice are loving the benefits. Things are looking up, and we're just getting started.

- Dr. Miguel Guerra

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2023	Jessica Hinojosa, RDA
2022	Andrea Cordero, RDAEF
2022	Brittany Crary, RDAEF
2022	Christina Joyce, RDAEF
2021	Chrissie Love, RDAEF
2021	Christina Bueno Rubio, RDAEF
2020	Emily Sierck, RDAEF
2020	Tammy Roach, RDAEF
2019	Marie Tran, RDAEF

Watch for the new
scholarship application term
- coming this summer

The FADE Institute Pays It Forward!

At The FADE Institute, the students and faculty have a campaign called "Pay It Forward." Each student gives up the equivalent of one cup of coffee (\$4) per month to contribute to this campaign. The total raised and donated to the Foundation from February—June 2023 was \$1,913

Thank you to the students and faculty at The FADE Institute for this generous donation to the Kodama Fund (this fund provides scholarships for auxiliary students)!



Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- 2023 **Nicholas Her**
UCLA School of Dentistry
- 2023 **Tala Sawaqed**
Temple University
School of Dentistry
- 2022 **Jordan Swindle**
University of Southern California
- 2022 **Alejandro Albarran Montoyo**
University of the Pacific
- 2021 **Ashley Velasquez**
Tufts University
- 2021 **Sam Morrar**
University of Southern California
- 2020 **Marc Toma**
Western University College
of Dental Medicine
- 2019 **Kylee Homecillo**
Western University College
of Dental Medicine
- 2018 **Kevin O'Brien (Kenji)**
University of the Pacific
- 2018 **Anthony Luong**
Western University
Health Sciences
- 2018 **Andy Dinh**
UCLA School of Dentistry
- 2017 **Allicia Lucich**
University of Las Vegas School of
Dental Medicine
- 2016 **Paul Dubinetsky**
Roseman University of Health
Sciences, College of Dental
Medicine
- 2015 **Soniya Patidar**
Western University
Health Sciences
- 2015 **Yana Gerhardt
(Shcherbanyuk)**
Arizona School of Dentistry
& Oral Health (ASDOH)
- 2014 **Svetlana Guevara-Lara**
UCSF Dental School
Currently practicing in Sacramento

Dental Student Scholarship Endowed by the Yee Family

This dental scholarship began in 2014 to assist our new dental students matriculating from CSUS. The Yee Family has a heart for higher education, and recognize the costs of dental school for future dentists. In honor of the partnership SDDS has with the CSUS Pre Dental Club, the Yee Family Scholarship wants to pay it forward, since more than 15 members of the Yee Family are dentists! The Yee family continues to donate funds to this scholarship. ■



Thank you Yee family!

Nicholas Her

UCLA School of Dentistry

Hello SDDS Members! My name is Nicholas Her, and I am a first-year dental student at the UCLA School of Dentistry (Class of 2027). My first year at the UCLA SOD has been enlightening to say the least! Being a modern-day dental student comes with highs and lows from exams, quizzes, and projects creeping around the corner every single week (I'm sure nothing much has changed since your time as students, good ole dental school). However, I'm a believer that pressure makes diamonds, and the intense curriculum pushes us to be better future dentists.

The most difficult part of dental school so far has been the volume of workload presented to us in such short time periods. It has been a challenge to balance a personal life and remember even small details (anniversary dates with my girlfriend for example... yikes) with everything that dental school consists of. We recently had a didactic midterm with 23 PowerPoint lectures squished into in 2 weeks (bring back any traumatic memories?!). However, on a positive note, UCLA SOD provides us with a strong foundational didactic curriculum along with vast opportunities and resources for specializing in any dental specialty. As of right now, I am juggling the decision between pursuing a career in General Dentistry or Oral Surgery (chucking wizzies = \$\$\$!). Throughout our curriculum in the next 4 years, we will be exposed to all dental specialties, and I am excited to see what the future has in store for me! Stay tuned!





Tala Sawaqed

Temple University School of Dentistry

My first year of dental school has been an incredible journey and a very challenging one. I have taken many courses that helped me build foundational knowledge to understand the profession of dentistry. Courses such as Biochemistry, Histology, Anatomy, Neuroanatomy and Dental Materials. I have also taken preclinical courses, Restorative Dentistry 1 and 2, where I practiced my hand skills and improved my manual dexterity. We started the school year with wax-ups to familiarize ourselves with the anatomy of the maxillary and mandibular teeth. And as the year progressed, we transitioned to composite and amalgam filling, and drilling class I, II, III and IVs. I truly enjoy my time in the preclinic, It has become the highlight of my year. I also had the opportunity to shadow student doctors in the clinic and learned how to comprehensively treat patients and educate them on oral hygiene. Living away from home has been hard, but knowing that I'm pursuing my dream career makes all the challenges worth it.



Exploring the city of Philadelphia has also been very fun! There's so much yummy food and cool stuff to do here. My favorite thing to do in the city is trying out different local coffee shops and reading a book while I enjoy a cup of coffee. It's a nice break from school and helps me relax.

Marc Toma

Western University College of Dental Medicine

Hello! My name is Marc Toma and I am a 4th year dental student graduating from Western University of Health Sciences this May. These last four years of dental school have been a great journey with lots of personal and academic development. I could not have been more fortunate for the cohort of classmates I met, and the memories made along the way. Before starting dental school, it was my childhood dream to pursue a career as an Oral Surgeon, as I had made up my mind at 6 years old (there are photos!). Through the guidance of my parents and great mentors along the way, I am excited to say this dream is now a reality! This summer I will start Oral Surgery residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. I am looking forward to an enriching four years and this next step in my career!



For over a decade, I have been privileged to work with the Sacramento District Dental Society's Smiles For Kids program. This remarkable initiative allows me to provide pro bono orthodontic services to children in need within our community. It's more than just straightening teeth; it's about giving these young individuals a reason to smile with confidence, something that many of us take for granted.

Each case is a unique journey, not just in the complexity of the dental issues we address but in the stories of resilience and hope that each child brings to my practice. These children, often from underserved backgrounds, show incredible strength and optimism in the face of challenges. Being able to contribute to their journey towards a brighter future is an honor and a profound responsibility.

The Smiles For Kids program stands as a testament to what can be achieved when professionals come together to give back to their community. It has been a deeply rewarding experience, enriching not only the lives of these children but also my own, both professionally and personally. This work has taught me the true value of service and the lasting impact of kindness. It's a privilege I cherish deeply and I am committed to continuing this service, one smile at a time.



DR. MATTHEW SANDERS
SDDS MEMBER AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTER

Foundation of the Sacramento District Dental Society

Capitol Periodontal Group: Why WE Contribute to Crowns for Kids



Capitol Periodontal Group's consistent contributions to the Crowns for Kids program stems from our deep-rooted commitment to community welfare and pediatric healthcare accessibility.

Recognizing the crucial role dental health plays in overall well-being, especially in children, our group prioritizes initiatives like Crowns for Kids, which facilitates dental screenings for underserved or uninsured children in public schools. By supporting this program, Capitol Periodontal Group not only addresses immediate dental needs but also contributes to preventive care and education, fostering healthier communities in the long run. Our sustained involvement for over 15 years underscores our dedication to making a tangible difference in the lives of children who may otherwise lack access to essential dental services.

Proudly leading in donations since 2008, we hope to inspire and instill value for small businesses alike to heighten awareness for social responsibility, embodying the ethos of giving back and supporting vulnerable populations.



CROWNS FOR KIDS HAS RAISED TO DATE...

2006 **\$9,351**

2007 **\$15,126**

2008 **\$9,054**

2009 **\$30,645**

2010 **\$26,031**

2011 **\$24,449**

2012 **\$38,009**

2013 **\$27,782**

2014 **\$22,628**

2015 **\$20,292**

2016 **\$17,415**

2017 **\$28,857**

2018 **\$19,365**

2019 **\$25,220**

2020 **\$22,060**

2021 **\$28,926**

2022 **\$33,033**

2023 **\$25,529**

GRAND TOTAL
\$423,772

CROWNS FOR KIDS - *Call us for a jar pickup* Totals since the beginning of the program

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2007
# repeat donors	102	100	114	62	106	110	111	79	128	110	130	110	87	41	47
# new donors	3	2	6	4	4	3	14	4	16	14	15	20	32	26	44
# pickups	105	101	120	66	109	116	125	83	144	124	145	133	120	67	93

Ways You Can Support the Foundation

The Sacramento District Dental Foundation is funded solely through contributions, bequests, fundraising events, donation of services, planned giving and grants. Funds raised are used to aid and promote the oral and general health of the public through education, service and treatment in the fields of preventative and curative dentistry. How fortunate are we!

Foundation Members

Raised \$40,540 in 2023

Being a member of the Foundation is the easiest way to help support the Foundation. It's \$75 a year.

Donors/Contributors

Raised \$129,887 in 2023

There are so many ways to donate to the Foundation. You can make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, attend or participate in one of the events listed on this page, you can send a check, call in with a credit card or visit the website to make a donation to the Foundation! Visit www.sdds.org/foundation/donate-become-a-member/ learn more and donate.



Swing for Smiles Golf Tournament

Raised \$33,750 in 2023

There are multiple ways to get yourself involved in this awesome annual event! You can sign up yourself as a single golfer and get placed with a team, or grab three of your friends and sign up as a foursome! There are also lots of great sponsorship opportunities: sponsor anything from a tee or green all the way up to lunch for the day!

The Swing for Smiles Golf Tournament is a great day of golf, fun with friends and vendors all in support of our wonderful Foundation!

Other Ways to Give

- ✓ Adopt
- ✓ Volunteer

Crowns for Kids

Raised \$25,529 in 2023

Get one of our Crowns for Kids (CFK) jars to collect scrap metal from patients' dental treatment! The jars are collected and sent to the metal refinery (Star Dental Refining), and the refinery sends a check to the Foundation each month. When you have a few crowns collected (jar does not need to be full!), call SDDS at 916-446-1227 for a pick up! Over the years, there's been over 1,600 pick ups, with a total of \$423,772 raised.

Dentists Do Broadway and Music Circus

Raised \$5,570 net in 2023

If you enjoy theater and Broadway shows, consider buying tickets through us! When you buy your Broadway/Music Circus tickets through SDDS the proceeds benefit our Foundation! Luckily, we started back to the theater in 2023!

Silent Auction/Holiday Party

Raised \$6,400 in 2023

Gift items to be used in our Holiday Party Silent Auction or as raffle prizes are always appreciated. (Bump dinner listed below)



Bump Dinner

Raised \$27,000 in 2023

The Bump Dinner has raised \$177,000 to date! The Bump Dinner is the most highly sought after offering at our Holiday Party's Silent Auction. It's held at the Levering home, worked by the SDDS staff and planned and cooked by Cathy herself. The evening starts with cocktails, passed appetizers and is followed by a 7-9 course meal. Thanks to 270 SDDS members who have supported this event since 2004!



Shred Day

Raised \$1,290 in 2023

The shred event is free to SDDS Foundation members who have less than 10 boxes to shred. If they have 10 or more boxes, we ask that a \$100 donation be made to the Foundation. For SDDS members who are not members of the Foundation, it is \$100 for 1-9 boxes and an additional \$100 for 10 or more boxes. A great member benefit!

SAVE THE DATE!

May 2, 2024

Big Day of Giving

On May 2nd donate to the **Sacramento District Dental Foundation**

Big Day of Giving/Giving Tuesday/Spirit of Giving

Raised \$4,556 in 2023

These are specific days that happen annually to help non-profits reach out to the community for donations.

In lieu of sending holiday treats or thank you gifts to colleagues, make a donation in their honor to the SDDS Foundation. The SDDS staff will send a note on your behalf notifying them of your contribution.

Smiles for Kids 2023-24

Our Cups Runneth Over with Smiles!

Thank you to all volunteers for our SFK program. We did our best to make sure kids were screened, referred, taken care of, transitioned to existing dental offices and funneled into our program. Thank you to all the dentists who continue to say “yes” to adopting kids each year.



SFK Screenings - Dentists & Teams

Dr. Charles Beach
Dr. Robin Berrin
Dr. Colleen Buehler
Dr. Erin Carson
Dr. Wai Chan
Dr. Juan Chavez
Dr. Paul Denzler
Dr. Matthew Gustafsson
Dr. Paul Johnson
Dr. Richard Kennedy
Dr. Sean Khodai
Dr. Michelle Kucera
Dr. John Noe
Dr. Justin Pfaffinger
Dr. Jordan Priestley
Dr. Lindsey Robinson
Dr. Jennifer Ryan
Dr. Sevan Yergatian
Dr. Michael Young

SFK Day - Dentists

Dr. Miriam Behpour
Dr. Thais Booms
Dr. Andrea Cervantes
Dr. Nathan Chronister
Dr. Barry Dunn
Dr. Julie Hernandez
Dr. Paul Johnson
Dr. Jose Juarez

Dr. Jamie LaPierre
Dr. Chris Lee
Dr. Fatemeh Mahboub
Dr. Purvak Parikh
Dr. Jyothsna Reddy Sabalam
Dr. Jennifer Ryan
Dr. Matthew Sanders
Dr. Rajbir Sanghvi
Dr. Jeff Sue
Dr. Ken Wong
Dr. Dexter Yee

SFK Day - Sites

Ascot Family Dental
Pediatric Dentistry of Sacramento
Sheldon Grove Family Dental
Smile Kingdom Dental

SFK Day - RDAs

Madison Bellin
Veronica Briseno
Eduarda Camper
Kathy Gillian
Mercedes Lozano
Karley McCrary
Taryn Mullen
Maria Myers
Myla Pelito

Allison Reinig
Danny Sandoval
Ashley Shafor
Joycelyne Valdez
Kimberly Yanez

SFK Day - RDAEFs

Jennifer Pilgram
Melissa Regino

SFK Day - DAs

Kayla Camper
Mya Claudio
Mercedes Estrada
Gabriela Martinez
Hunter Reinig
Kashia Torgirsson

SFK Day - RDHs

Angie Bout
Jessica Caballero
Sydney Earley

SFK Day - Volunteers

Joseph Cates
Yarell Gasca Reyes
Sofia Gutierrez
Adela Henry
Ian Henry
Justine Intemann-Milligan

Rachel Juarez
Jasmin Nelson
Christine Roy
Bethany Sapigao
Chelsea Shatia
JJ Sue
Mary Torres
Nicole Wates
Addie Wong
Della Yee

Adopt-a-Kid 2023

General Dentists

Dr. Mohamed Ahmed
Dr. Cudick Azurdy
Dr. Andrea Cervantes
Dr. Christopher Chan
Dr. Jonathan Collins
Dr. Justin Diederichs
Dr. Kenechukwu Eze
Dr. Ethan Fox
Dr. Julie Hernandez
Dr. Daniel Juarros
Dr. Bryan Judd
Dr. Gagandeep Kandola
Dr. Evan Lomen
Dr. Edward Montalbo
Dr. Denisse Montalbo
Dr. Purvak Parikh

Dr. Navneet Sahota
Dr. Charles Smurthwaite
Dr. Joel Whiteman
Dr. Kristy Whiteman
Dr. Raj Zanzi

Oral Surgeons

Dr. Craig Alpha
Dr. Nanlin Chiang
Dr. Jeffrey Delgadillo
Dr. Grace Lee
Dr. Ken Wong

Orthodontists

Dr. Greg Adams
Dr. Robert Alexander
Dr. Steve Anderson
Dr. Thais Booms
Dr. Brian Crawford
Dr. Kent Daft
Dr. Jeffrey Elenberger
Dr. Greg Evrigenis
Dr. Christian Favero
Dr. Kelly Giannetti
Dr. Mark Holt
Dr. Jeffrey Kwong
Dr. Andrew LaFlamme
Dr. Brandon Martin
Dr. Marina Milstein
Dr. Matthew Molitor
Dr. Christopher Myers

Dr. John Oshetski
Dr. Michael Payne
Dr. Ryan Plewe
Dr. Paolo Poidmore
Dr. Daryl Proctor
Dr. Don Rollofson
Dr. Matthew Sanders
Dr. Matthew Sandretti
Dr. Damon Szymanowski
Dr. Alan Tan
Dr. Jamson Wu

Pediatric Dentists

Dr. Jessica Alt
Dr. Jude Crutchfield
Dr. Lora Foster Rode
Dr. Paul Johnson
Dr. Jose Juarez
Dr. Ian Marion
Dr. Sydney Moore
Dr. Scott Pyo
Dr. Jeff Sue
Dr. Janice Work

Endodontists

Dr. Clifford Wong
Dr. Scott Young

Periodontists

Dr. Dean Ahmad

Smiles for Kids - What's NEW...

OUR MEMBERS ARE:

- Adopting lots of kids in their practices
- Adopting entire families who are still recovering from hardships due to COVID
- Volunteering to help refugee kids and families
- Agreeing to be on “our list” of volunteers to adopt patients in need (thank you!)

OUR SDDS FOUNDATION:

- Continues to fund our Puppet Shows
- Continues to receive calls from the school nurses to help kids in pain

Do you want to adopt a kid in need? An adult?

Just email us at smilesforkids@sdds.org

We'd love you to participate!



We are so thankful for...

Our Members, Partners & Sponsors

46 schools screened by 30 SDDS members

307 schools screened by Early Smiles, Sacramento

30,000 kids screened in 2023



141 puppet shows in 2023 seen by 26,500 kids!

Thank you!

to our Smiles For Kids and Smiles for Big Kids
2023 Grantors and Sponsors!



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GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE YEARS—SINCE 2001

Year Received	Program	Amount Awarded
Access Dental Plan		
2023	SFK	\$10,000
ADA Foundation		
2014	SFK	\$10,000
2003	SFK	\$15,000
ADA Foundation - Harris Grant		
2010	TT1B	\$5,000
California Endowment		
2010	SFK	\$25,000
California Wellness Foundation		
2015	SFBK	\$150,000
CDA Foundation		
2011	SFBK	\$10,000
2010	SFK	\$10,000
2008	SFBK	\$10,000
2007	SFK	\$9,250
Center for Oral Health		
2023	SFK/SFBK	\$7,500
Columbia Bank		
2023	SFK	\$10,000
CPS Community Action Network		
2004	SFK	\$2,500
Del Webb Foundation		
2016	SFK	\$20,000
2014	SFBK	\$25,000
Delta Dental		
2018	Scholarship	\$75,000
2011	SFBK	\$20,000
2004	SFK	\$10,000
DentaQuest		
2023	SFK	\$5,000
Dignity Community (CHW) Grants		
2023	SFK (Yolo)	\$53,485
2012	SFK/BK	\$50,000
2011	SFK	\$40,000
2010	SFK	\$25,000
2009	SFK	\$25,000
2008	SFK	\$20,000
Foundation of Allied Dental Education EF Students		
2023	Kodama Scholarship	\$1,908
First 5 Children's Coalition/ Cover the Kids		
2006	SFK	\$22,500
Health Net		
2021	SFK	\$10,000
Henry Schein Foundation (Supplies)		
2023	SFK/SFBK	\$25,000
Henry Schein Supplies Grant/CDA Foundation		
2014	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2013	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2012	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2010	SFK/SFBK	\$50,000
2008	SFK	\$50,000

Year Received	Program	Amount Awarded
LIBERTY Dental Plan		
2023	Puppet Show	\$30,000
2021	SFK	\$10,000
Kaiser Community Benefit		
2012	SFK	\$20,000
Oates Charitable Trust		
2013	Perpetual Fund	\$217,000
Oral Health Fndn of the Pierre Fauchard Academy		
2020	SFK	\$5,000
2020	SFBK	\$7,500
2018	SFK	\$5,000
Patterson Foundation		
2016	SFK	\$10,000
2014	SFK	\$13,400
Ronald McDonald House Charities		
2014	SFK	\$2,500
2009	SFK	\$10,000
2004	SFK	\$6,667
Rotary Club of Sacramento/ Bids for Kids (BFK)		
2005	SFK	\$65,725
Rumsey Community Fund		
2004	SFK	\$2,500
Sacramento District Dental Society		
2023	Contribution	\$25,000
2021	Contribution	\$40,000
2016	Contribution	\$15,000
2015	Contribution	\$10,000
2014	Contribution	\$10,000
Sacramento Region Community Foundation/ Give Something Back Fund		
2006	SFK	\$1,054
2005	SFK	\$1,216
Sacramento Region Community Foundation/ Knapp Fund		
2021	SFK	\$7,000
2019	SFK	\$5,000
2018	SFK	\$5,000
2017	SFK	\$5,000
2016	SFK	\$5,000
2015	SFK	\$5,000
2014	SFK	\$1,000
2013	SFK	\$5,000
2012	SFK	\$1,000
2011	SFK	\$1,000
2010	SFK	\$1,000
2009	SFK	\$1,000
2008	SFK	\$1,000
2007	SFK	\$1,000
2005	SFK	\$1,000
2004	SFK	\$1,000
Sacramento Region Community Foundation/ Luchetti Fund		
2004	SFK	\$3,333

Year Received	Program	Amount Awarded
Sierra Health Foundation		
2007-2009	SFK	\$122,000
2005	SFK	\$32,863
2004	SFK	\$10,000
2003	SFK	\$10,000
Sutter Health Sac Sierra Region (sponsorship, not grant)		
2023	Puppet Show	\$3,000
2021	Puppet Show	\$1,500
2020	Puppet Show	\$2,500
2019	SFK/Puppet Show	\$2,500
2018	SFK/Puppet Show	\$2,500
2017	SFK/Puppet Show	\$2,500
2016	SFK	\$2,500
2015	SFK/TT1B	\$2,500
2014	Gala	\$2,500
2014	SFK	\$2,500
2012	SFK/TT1B	\$40,000
Teichert Foundation		
2009	SFBK	\$5,000
United Concordia		
2023	SFK	\$3,500
2020	SFK	\$3,500
2019	SFK	\$3,500
2018	SFK	\$3,000
2017	SFK	\$2,500
2016	SFK	\$2,500
2015	SFK	\$2,500
2014	SFK	\$3,500
2013	SFK	\$3,500
2012	SFK	\$2,500
2011	SFK	\$2,500
2010	SFK	\$2,000
Wells Fargo		
2013	SFK/SFBK	\$5,000
Yee Family Fund		
2014-2023	Scholarship	\$84,000
Yu & Chan Scholarship Fund		
2023	Scholarship	\$104,000

Total Grants \$1,103,152
Total Program Contributions \$753,759
Total Scholarship Grants \$264,908

Total Programs \$2,121,819
Pledges & Contributions \$1,339,600

\$3,461,419



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Smiles for Kids Grants

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Liberty Dental Plan
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Access Dental Plan

Smiles for Kids Contributions

\$34,054

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March 5, 2024

Highlights of the Board Meeting



By **Jeffrey Sue, DDS**
2024 Secretary

President Call To Order and Report

Dr. Vasanthan called the meeting to order at 6:13pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recapped what a great start to the year the SDDS has had. He thanked the SDDS staff for facilitating and hosting a successful MidWinter (MW) Convention, SFK, Bump Dinner all in February. MW comments were: everyone seemed to have had a good time and everyone felt happy. This was the largest MW ever. We expressed the importance of keeping the family feeling even if we continue to get larger. Dr. Vasanthan also elaborated on opposing the Measure C ballot measure (election day is today, the day of the Board meeting). SDDS contributed \$9,950 to oppose this proposed business tax that would increase the tax by 812%. Note: the measure was defeated.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Sue explained the membership report. The SDDS continues to surpass goals. As of January of 2024 our market share was 82.4%. We are continuing to add new members with a total of 21 to start the year. Our list of events, programs, and service continue to engage our members leading us to an engagement rate of 83% of actives.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Aflatooni reported that finances look very strong. Our DMD program is back to normal with 112 participating. The 2023 Fiscal Year end report was given to the Board and approved. Total Income was \$1,605,184 and total expenses were \$1,458,260. Our program revenue remains strong with MidWinter revenue bringing \$141,000 net. Everything is under budget and income is above budget. Our conservative investment philosophy worked well this year (compared to 2022) and the market came back so our reserves continue to look good. The recommendation is to stay conservative with investments. SDDS donated \$25K to the Foundation at year end.

Committee Reports

LDC/Nominating: Dr. Dobak reported a strong Board and ExComm slate. She presented the slate of nominees from the Leadership Development Committee. The slate was approved as presented. See slate on page 15.

Foundation: The Foundation voted to introduce a new dental school student scholarship in the amount of \$3000 to any undergrad student graduating (or graduated), entering and accepted for the upcoming cycle of dental school. This scholarship will be available for any university graduating student. This is in addition to the Yee Family Scholarship, which is available to only CSUS graduates.

Membership Committee: The committee has some great ideas proposed for engagement and activities/events for the year. Dim Sum Brunch is scheduled for April 13th and the Ice Cream Social July 31st. New member dinner in September as well as a Job Bank event.

Continuing Education Committee: Drs. Sue and Vaid shared that the CE committee worked primarily on GM ideas and will be meeting again in March to work on MW program speakers.

CPR Committee: Dr. Alpha reported the committee is doing great, and he will continue as an instructor as he goes through the chairs. The instructors have been doing great and need to continue to test. CPR has been great for the CNU students as they take their course with SDDS – a great service to CNU! Thank you to all of our CPR instructors!

Board Of Component Representatives Report

Dr. Felahy reported that the HOD reference committee is meeting in person Nov. 8 and 9. He shared that the BCR is still working through “growing pains” and continues to develop. The CDA Membership, Judicial Council and Peer Review Committees were set back to be reviewed by last year's House. Membership will be reviewed at next BCR meeting in the upcoming meetings.

Old Business

MediCal Dental update: The RFP contracts will be announced in June.

GM Meetings: Drs. Aflatooni and Sue discussed the upcoming GM meetings. The DMD program will launch on April 1st and our upcoming speakers for 2025 are tremendous!

Executive Director Review and Pinning: Dr. Lisa Dobak explained the Past Presidents pin “tradition;” Cathy has been given a pin for Executive Director/Mama Bear Forever so Cathy can wear it proudly at events.

Dr. Dobak reported that the ExComm did the evaluation of the Executive Director performance. The ExComm felt that our Executive Director has performed at an extremely high level and is a testament to the success of the SDDS.

New Business

New task forces / workgroups for 2024 – approved by the Board: Cathy shared on ideas and task force/workgroup suggestions for new ideas, ways to involve people to “try them out.” Task Forces will begin in April.

- CSUS PreDental Club Advisory workgroup – to work with CSUS Pre Dental Club officers
- Foundation Gala workgroup
- Think Tank (what do members want from SDDS? what do they need?)

Medical Loss Ratio Discussion (MLR-DLR): Dr. Alpha reported on the DLR/MLR. Discussion was presented on the dilemma of supporting or not supporting the bill. More research to do.

Executive Director's Report

Cathy reported on Program for 2024 and Board hosts signed up. MidWinter final report was given, Golf tournament is filling up for May. Lots of events in February, a busy spring is set!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Next Board meeting: May 7, 2024

Check Out Our RECENT EVENTS

March General Meeting

Our March General Meeting was slightly different than usual, we had food stations instead of a sit-down dinner. We've had mixed reviews, but overall it was a success. Thank you to our fascinating speaker Quincy L. Gibbs, DDS for his lecture on Understanding Immediate Load Full Arch Prostheses!



April General Meeting

Dr. David Hatcher spoke for us at the last General Meeting on A Diagnostic Approach To Occlusal Anomalies. It's always an honor to have such an esteemed professional at our meeting.



Grafting with Dr. Tamir Wardany

Dr. Tamir Wardany offered a two-part course in March. The first was a lecture via webinar that could be taken alone. The second was a hands-on course available to those who took the lecture. The SDDS classroom was a sight to see with all kinds of tools on loan from H&H Company, pig jaws and eager students. If you didn't have an opportunity to take this course, you really missed out. But fear not, we're working on bring it back in the Fall.



Members Having Dim Sum

Several of our members and their friends and families had a lovely Dim Sum Brunch at Yue Huang in Natomas. Casual settings are great for getting to know each other, we encourage you to join us next time.



YOU ARE A DENTIST. You've been to school, taken your Boards and settled into practice. End of story?

Not quite. Are you up to speed on tax laws, potential deductions and other important business issues?

In this monthly column, we will offer information pertinent to you, the dentist as the business owner.

YOU THE DENTIST, THE BUSINESS OWNER

Smile Savers: Tax Strategies for Dentists Making a Difference

By **Shannon Blackmon**

Thomas Doll
(SDDS Vendor Member)

In the world of philanthropy, the dental profession stands out for its critical impact especially for children in underserved communities. Did you know that 85% of charities operate without any paid employees, relying entirely on volunteers to deliver their vital services? This reality underscores the significance of volunteer dentists, whose expertise and compassion can bridge the substantial gap in dental care accessibility and keep kids smiling.

Understanding Tax Deductions for Charitably Inclined Dentists

As a volunteer dentist, you might wonder about the potential tax advantages of your work, whether on a dental mission, adopting a kid in your practice, volunteering to help refugee kids and families, or making a cash gift. It's crucial to recognize that only contributions to 501(c)(3) charities, as designated by the IRS, are eligible for tax deductions. To leverage these deductions, you must itemize your taxes, a practice less common now given the high standard deduction of \$29,200 for married couples in 2024. If your giving doesn't meet this threshold, an effective strategy is to "bunch" two years of contributions in one for a larger combined total deduction.

Note that if you own a pass-through entity like a sole proprietorship, a partnership, or an S-Corp, any donations by your company will flow through to your personal tax return. A C-Corp has an annual deduction limit of 10% of the entity's taxable income.

What Can and Cannot Be Deducted?

Travel Expenses: Deductible only if travel is exclusively for charitable work. This excludes any travel mixed with personal pleasure or business. Eligible expenses

include transportation, lodging and meals, without the restrictions applied to business-related deductions. Note that luxury accommodations or minimal service combined with leisure activities do not qualify. Gas, oil, parking fees, and tolls for travel to the volunteer site, are deductible.

Direct Out-of-Pocket Expenses: You can deduct unreimbursed expenses directly related to volunteer work with a qualified organization. These expenses must not be personal or family related.

Uniforms: Costs for purchasing and cleaning uniforms required for volunteering are deductible.

Non-Deductible Expenses: The value of your time or services and any personal or pleasure-related expenses cannot be deducted. Also, providing space or supplies without direct out-of-pocket expenses doesn't qualify for deductions.

Special Considerations for Retirees

When it comes to writing checks for charities, people aged 70½ or older have the option of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from their IRAs, capped at \$100,000 per year. QCD's aren't deductible as charitable contributions but they are a way to reduce your adjusted gross income (AGI) without needing to itemize. There is now a one-time option to make a QCD up to \$50,000 through a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT), Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT), or Charitable Gift Annuity.

Donor-Advised Funds

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) offer a way to claim a substantial deduction in a high-

income year, like the year in which you sell your practice or sell property with a high capital gain, allowing for the distribution of funds to charities like the SDDS Foundation. Gifting highly appreciated stock to the DAF is particularly tax-efficient since the charity receives the stocks at fair market value without incurring capital gains and the donee receives an immediate deduction of up to 30% AGI.

Limits and Documentation

- Cash donation deductions are limited to 60% of your adjusted gross income (AGI), and noncash donations to 30%. Excess amounts can be carried over for 5 subsequent years.
- For contributions or unreimbursed expenses above \$250, a contemporaneous written acknowledgment from the charity is required.
- Keeping detailed receipts and records of all charitable activities and donations is essential for tax purposes.
- Donations must be made within the tax year in which you claim the deduction.

The beautiful thing about giving is that it benefits the recipient, the community, and the giver. The work you do as volunteer dentists in providing essential dental care to underserved communities is invaluable. Understanding the rules and conditions can help you maximize your giving, spend less on taxes, and create a legacy of saving smiles. ■

You can reach Shannon by email at shannonb@thomasdoll.com or by phone at (925) 280-5766

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Step 2 – Complete the HeartCode BLS Online course

- Written examination is part of the online course – 84% to pass
- Print a copy of your HeartCode BLS Online Course Completion Certificate (bring this copy to the skills test)

Step 3 – Attend the IN-PERSON Skills practice session and skills test at the SDDS Office.

Step 4 – Your American Heart Association BLS (CPR) card will be issued digitally via email. Physical cards are no longer issued.

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Throwdown - The Scanner Dilemma
Jenny Apekian, DDS; Darrell Chun, DDS, MAGD and David Lopes, DDS

OCTOBER 8, 2024 3 CEU, core

The Many Myths of Pediatric Dentistry
David Rothman, DDS, FAAPD, FACD, FICD

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 3 CEU, core

Immediate, Early or Late Implant Placement
Tamir Wardany, DDS, DABOI

JANUARY 14, 2025 3 CEU, core

“SDDS Talk” Night - 15 on 15 – Multi-Topic Pearls (15 Minutes, 15 Slides, 5 Speakers/Topics)
Amanda Chen, DDS; Jeff Delgadillo, DDS; Mohd Khalaf, DDS; Estella Kim, DDS and Richard Knight, DDS, MS

MARCH 11, 2025 3 CEU, core

Embracing Contemporary Composites in the Modern Era
Joel Whiteman, DDS

APRIL 8, 2025 3 CEU, core

Effective Techniques On How To Work With Special Needs Population
Wade Banner, DMD

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

Featuring music and lyrics by Grammy Award® winner Sara Bareilles (“Love Song,” “Brave”), WAITRESS is “a little slice of heaven!” (Entertainment Weekly). The story of Jenna, a waitress and expert baker who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. This uplifting musical celebrates friendship, motherhood and the magic of a well-baked pie.



TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

Audiences of all ages will delight in this plunge into the undersea world of SpongeBob SquarePants, hero of the animated TV series and now a Broadway star. This irresistible story of friendship features original songs by Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, They Might Be Giants and other iconic music artists.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

JERSEY BOYS is the Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the true story of four blue-collar kids who wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide – all before they were 30.



TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

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Jan 16 • Apr 16 • May 21 • Oct 1

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Jan 16

Nominating/Leadership

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Jan 30 • Mar 11

Advisory Committees

Continuing Education Advisory

Jan 30 • Mar 19 • May 21 • Sept 17

Nugget Editorial Advisory

Feb 27 • Sept 16

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TBA

Budget and Finance Advisory

TBA

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Other

SacPAC

Sept 30

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Nov 8-9

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Volunteering

By California Employers Association (SDDS Vendor Member)

Do you have any upcoming events where you might ask your employees if they are interested in volunteering to help? For example, the SDDS Foundation supports events such as Smiles for Kids and some SDDS members generously give their time, energy, office space and hearts to this or similar events. Your office staff may be interested in pitching in to help but the question is, are they working as your employee on this day and need to be paid or can they be considered volunteers and not be compensated?

The State of California has taken a closer look at volunteers, so employers must be cautious in considering if employees should be paid for an event or if they can really be classified as a volunteer. Someone who is truly a volunteer is offering his or her services for public service, religious or humanitarian objectives. An event similar to Smiles for Kids would meet that criteria but you must be very careful to ensure

employees know that this is a charity event, not a work event and that their participation is not required, but strictly voluntary.

There are several steps that you can take to ensure that it is clear to everyone that this is a volunteer event for charity. Here are some best practice suggestions when employees volunteer for events:

Step 1 - Hold a staff meeting prior to the event to let employees know about it and inform them that it is voluntary.

Step 2 - Have each employee sign a document prior to the event acknowledging that they understand they will not be paid, it is a charity event and they are not required to be there.

Step 3 - Ensure that no adverse action is taken against anyone who does not agree to volunteer for the event.

If you participate in the event and want to require your employees to be present, then they must be paid. Anytime you require an employee to participate in any event (charity work, training, CE, etc.) they must be compensated for their time. ■

Making sense of it all

We know how confusing all of these laws can be, and that is where we come in. We are CEA, the California Employers Association and we power the SDDS HR Hotline. CEA is a human resource employers association that serves thousands of businesses throughout California. CEA is committed to providing you with Peace of Mind and the support you need to be a better employer.

Questions on this article or any HR issues? Call the SDDS HR Hotline at 888-784-4031 and we will help you get in compliance.

Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

Smiles for Kids

Volunteers needed: Doctors to "adopt" patients for Smiles for Kids for follow-up care. To volunteer, Contact: SDDS office 916.446.1227 • smilesforkids@sdds.org

Smiles for Big Kids

Volunteers Needed: Dentists willing to "adopt" patients for immediate/emergency needs in their office. To Volunteer, Contact: SDDS office 916.446.1227 • sdds@sdds.org

California CareForce - Sacramento

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Willow Dental Clinic

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CCMP (Coalition for Concerned Medical Professionals)

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GREATER VACAVILLE AREA: *New Listing!* GP, 5 Ops, 30 Yrs. Goodwill, Seller Must Sell Fast, High Traffic Location, 1,700 Sq. Ft. 2022 GR \$449K. #3328

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New Members

PRATEEK SOOD BRAR, DDS

General Practice

Dr. Brar earned his dental degree internationally, graduating in 2022. He is currently working at Western Dental & Orthodontics.

GURBIR DHALIWAL, DDS

General Practice

Dr. Dhaliwal earned his dental degree from Mexico - Universidad De La Salle in 2023. He is currently working at Woodland Dental Smiles and is married to fellow SDDS member, Veerpal Dhaliwal, DDS.

MARK VINCENT DONATO, DMD

General Practice - Transferred

Dr. Donato earned his dental degree from A.T. Still University – Arizona School of Health Sciences in 2021 where he also completed his residency in 2022. He transferred to SDDS from Contra Costa Dental Society and his current work location is pending.

CAMILLE LEONG, DDS

Orthodontics

Dr. Leong earned her dental degree from University of San Francisco School of Dentistry in 2020 and graduated from Eastman Dental Center in 2022 with a specialty degree in orthodontics. She is currently working at Kids Care Dental and Orthodontics at the Greenback office.

KYLE MCNULTY, DDS

General Practice

Dr. McNulty earned his dental degree from the University of Utah School of Dentistry in 2021. He transferred to SDDS from Napa-Solano Dental Society and is currently working in Fairfield. He and his wife are expecting their first child and looking to move to Folsom or Placer County later this year.

ANGEL SANCHEZ-FIGUERAS, DDS

General Practice

Dr. Sanchez-Figueras graduated from UCLA School of Dentistry in 1983. He transferred to SDDS from San Fernando Valley Dental Society and is currently the California Dental Director for SDDS Vendor Member, LIBERTY Dental Plan. He enjoys spending time with his two sons and his first grandchild.

JOE YUN, DDS

General Practice

Dr. Yun earned his dental degree from University of San Francisco Dental School in 2018. He is currently a faculty member at California Northstate University. He is an avid Arizona sports teams fan and enjoys reminiscing about the 7-seconds-or-less Suns!

Pending Applicants:

Franklin Niggebrugge, DDS

Congratulations to Our New Retired Members!

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Richard Brown, DDS
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Kevin Lee, DDS
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Wayne Riggert, DDS
Travis Titlow, DDS

TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS:
1,350

TOTAL RETIRED
MEMBERS: 361

TOTAL DUAL
MEMBERS: 10

TOTAL AFFILIATE
MEMBERS: 7

TOTAL STUDENT
MEMBERS: 130

TOTAL CURRENT
APPLICANTS: 1

TOTAL DHP
MEMBERS: 53

TOTAL NEW
MEMBERS FOR 2024: 31

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In Memory of Dr. Alan Budenz

By Nima Aflatooni, DDS

There are people who you meet in life that make you better. Dr. Alan Budenz was such a person. He was always one of my favorite instructors. He loved to teach and always encouraged his students. I kept learning from him from Anatomy lab at UOP to his local anesthesia lectures later in my career. He loved to educate and did so with empathy and compassion, yet he always let us know: "There's more to life than just teeth." And he definitely lived it. From swimming back and forth to Alcatraz twice and jumping out of helicopters to ski in Antarctica, Alan was a certified badass. Yet he was so humble, so down to earth. He would always love to meet up for a beer (or a tequila in his case). He was the type of man who, despite his innumerable accomplishments, was so incredibly genuine. The type of many who put everyone above himself. I feel fortunate to have been one of his students, one of his colleagues, and later one of his friends, as we served on CDA's Board of Managers. God bless you, Alan. You set the bar and will always be an example of the type of dentist and man I strive for.



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Dr. Tex Mabalon and Dr. Tiffany Giang on expecting their first baby this fall!

Dr. James Musser on being awarded the Cathy Levering Oral Health Hero Award at the Second Annual Heroes in Healthcare Reception on April 4, 2024. Dr. Musser was chosen for this prestigious award for emulating the values of the award's namesake – selfless service to helping children suffering from oral health issues, unrelenting effort to ensuring those services are seen through to completion and tireless dedication making changes systemic changes in the Medi-Cal Dental world. We have known for many years everything Dr. Musser does for the children in Sacramento and from all over California. He is very deserving this of honor! (1)



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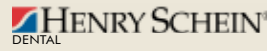
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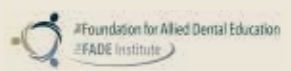
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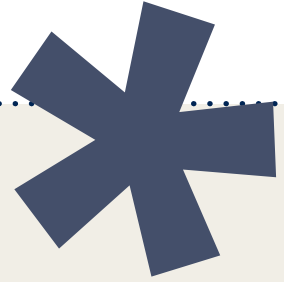
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- 3** Licensure Renewal
Infection Control and California
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Lisa Saiia, RDA
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4 CEU, Core
- 14** General Membership Meeting
Forensic Files: IDs, Records
and Rewards
Mark Porco, DDS
- 22** Continuing Education Course Webinar
HIPAA - Are You In Compliance?
Travis Watson; Abyde - VM
12–1pm / 1 CEU, Core

JUNE

- 12** Licensure Renewal Webinar
A Safe Approach to Opioids
in Dental Practice
Casey Grover, MD and Reb Close, MD
5:30–7:30pm / 2 CEU, Core
- 18** Webinar
Harassment Prevention for
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*California Employers
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11am–12pm / Employees / 1 CEU, Core
11am–1pm / Supervisors / 2 CEU, Core

AUGUST

- 10** CPR BLS Renewal
CPR – AHA BLS Blended Learning
Skills Testing, 3 Time Sessions
8–8:45am, 9–9:45am, 10–10:45am
SDDS Classroom / 3 CEU, Core

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committee meetings



Dental Day with the River Cats
River Cats vs. Round Rock Express | June 20, 2024 | Sutter Health Park

Upcoming GENERAL MEETING

MAY 14 Forensic Files: IDs, Records and Rewards

Tuesday • 3 CEU, Core • \$95 regular (begins 5/1) / \$99 late (begins 5/13)
Presented by Mark D. Porco, DDS

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Learning Objectives:

- How a dental identification is made
- Which dental records are important, and why
- How this work helps our communities

5:45pm: Social & Table Clinics | **6:45pm:** Dinner & Program
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