NEWSLETTER OF MAY 2024



Save the Date: MAY 15 IN-PERSON MEETING

WSDA and the State of the State



We welcome Dr. Nathan Russell, WSDA Board President, to share the "State of the State". Dr. Russell grew up in the farm country of Southern California

and moved to the Seattle area in 1995 after marrying his sweetheart, Brooke. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in Cell & Molecular Biology and Finnish. He also earned his dental degree from the University of Washington. Upon graduating from dental school, Dr. Russell enlisted in the United States Air Force as a medical officer in the Dental Corps. While in the military, he attended specialty residency training at Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center. He has been a dentist in Bremerton and Bainbridge Island since 2006. Recently, Dr. Russell went back to the UW Foster School of Business to obtain his MBA degree. Together with his wife and five children, they are proud and involved members of their community. Dr. Russell maintains his service in the Air Force as an active reservist at McChord AB (JBLM). He will share WSDA accomplishments and what is ahead for WSDA in the future. We will also recognize our new SCDS officers and honor those who are moving out of leadership.

PLACE: Shawn O'Donnell's restaurant banquet room, 122 - 128th St SE, Everett, Free parking located in the back.

TIME: 6:00PM meet & greet, no-host bar and sponsors, followed by buffet dinner, and program, ending by 9:00PM.

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COST: Complimentary for SCDS member dentists, \$40 pp for all guests. Payable by cash or check at the door (no debit/credit).

RSVP by Monday, May 15.

EMAIL: info@scdentists.org or text/call 360-419-7444. Or, register on our website — **www.scdentists.org.** Vegetarian meals by advance request only.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER, Dr. Nick Conley

Greetings esteemed colleagues! As I write this final newsletter, I am reflecting on the past year and the benefits of being a member of our dental society. It has been an honor to help lead our local group of dentists in providing valuable continuing education, exciting social events, and camaraderie amongst our members.

This year we heard from many presenters on a variety of topics including a successful annual seminar focused on anterior esthetics. These courses were helpful to me in my daily practice and I hope you all were able to pick-up some tips to aid you in your pursuit of providing excellent dental care. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics you would be interested in please reach out to Sandra and we will try to incorporate those into our upcoming monthly meetings.

It has been a pleasure connecting with more of you at our social events including the summer Aquasox baseball game, our redesigned annual Gala, and our most recent new grad happy hour event. We consistently hear from our members that the most valuable part of being involved with our society is the ability to socialize with others in our profession. We seek to provide spaces where our members can learn and build lasting friendships which I believe help lead to a more fulfilling career

This month, we will hear from Dr. Nathan Russell, WSDA board president. This meeting is critical to understanding what exactly the ADA and WSDA are doing to benefit our profession. It is especially valuable this year as the SCDS is experiencing a decline in membership which is consistent with declining memberships of all types of organizations throughout our country. It is most frequently reported that members do not feel the value of membership equates to the amount of annual dues. This concern has been heard and Dr. Russell will share with us all what our dues are going toward and how that benefits us in ways that are harder to realize. I look forward to seeing you all May 15 at Shawn O'Donnell's to learn more about what our tripartite (ADA, WSDA, and SCDS) membership offers.

Nicholas J. Conley, SCDS President

SUMMER SOCIAL AT AQUASOX GAME IN EVERETT

Bring your whole team to watch our local team!

The SCDS Executive Committee is excited to announce the second annual



member baseball event. Join us on **Sunday, July 21** for baseball, barbecue and beverages. Members are encouraged to bring their families and staff to enjoy this social event. The barbecue begins at 2:30PM. Meet our sponsors, take photos with Webbly the mascot and have fun with our Snohomish dental community. The game begins at 4:05PM and your tickets are included. No charge

for members and one guest. Additional guests are \$25 each. Each adult guest will receive one drink voucher and all guests will receive an Aquasox baseball cap, courtesy of our sponsors. Space is limited to 150 attendees so register early for this great gathering! A registration form is included in this mailing, or you can sign up by calling the SCDS office at 360-419-7444. Thanks to our generous sponsors: Trosvig Dental Lab, Helsell Fetterman, and Omni Practice Group. We'll see you at the ballgame!

Remember to Vote for the 2024 - 2024 SCDS Officers

Look for your electronic ballot link in your email. New officers will be announced at our May 15th meeting!



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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to the following volunteers who are "retiring" from leadership. They have given so much of their time in support of the dental society over the years!

- ◆Dr. Naghmeh Izadi SCDS House of Delegates representative, 10 years.
- Dr. Michael Whalen House of Delegates representative, 9 years.
- Dr. Clio Samia-Lindenauer Executive Committee and officer, 7 years.
- Dr. JiWon Gwak Executive Committee, 4 years.

All of these busy dentists have made time to support our organization and we are grateful. They will be recognized at our May member meeting.

PREVIEW OF '24 -'25 SCDS **MEETINGS & EVENTS!**

Plan ahead for SCDS member meetings and activities coming in 2024-2025. We break for the summer and then reconvene in September with more great programming. Get two of your state required classes, plus a lot more! We'll be having informative virtual classes as well as in-person meetings. Your local society is the heart of membership!

- ► Health Equity training Fall 2024
- ► Gala Friday, November 1, 2024
- ► Infection Control January 2025
- ► WEO Media on Marketing -February 2025
- ► Toothapalooza February 2025
- ▶ Dental Action Day 2025