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WINTER 2026

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**Snohomish County
DENTAL SOCIETY**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER, Dr. Tyler Rumble

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, SCDS! As we turn to a new year in 2026, we look at January 19th, as it marks Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve...You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." ~MLK.

This year, I challenge you to find a way to serve others. This can be utilizing your dental degree or doing something outside of dentistry. SCDS provides numerous opportunities to help serve others, including Toothapalooza, Lahai Health Clinic, and the Seattle-King County Clinic. Also, you can coach a youth sports team, volunteer at an animal shelter, serve at your local church, or help cook meals for those in need. MLK said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" This year, in the spirit of MLK, I challenge you to find a way to serve.

GALA FUN! ANOTHER GREAT PARTY IS IN THE BOOKS!



Snohomish County Dental Society & Foundation Members were feeling the tropical vibes November 7th. The annual Gala was enjoyed by nearly 120 members, guests and others in the dental community. The event was supported by 18 corporate sponsors including: Bank of America, BEST for Dentistry, Burkhardt, CMDD, Crest/Oral B, DDSMatch, Helsell Fetterman, McVay Transitions, MD Architects, NSK Dental, Omni Practice Group, Practice by Numbers, Seaport Dental Services, Trosvig Dental Lab, US Bank, WDIA and Wells Fargo Bank. We appreciate their involvement and all they bring to our profession. The Foundation raised over \$7,000 for local dental programs and access to care. A new addition this year was the mini silent auction. Attendees found some great deals on fun items like a bourbon collection and golf for two. We also introduced the "Gold Crown" raffle this year. Dr. Tiina Oviir donated \$500 in Alaska Airlines certificates, and raffle tickets were sold at a slightly higher price, resulting in more money for the Foundation. As in past years, Dental Assisting students, from Sno-Isle Tech, volunteered to help with the event. Sno-Isle Tech has been a Foundation grant recipient for many years. The Special Recognition for Volunteer Excellence Award was presented to Dr. Greg Fjærø for his years of volunteerism to the Society and the Foundation as well as many other organizations in our area. Dr. Fjærø has participated in dental mission trips, volunteered with MTI dental vans and given his time to assist students at Sno-Isle Tech, among other things. SCDS welcomed WSDA Board President Dr. Lisa Egbert, and her husband, Dr. Mark Egbert. We also welcomed Spokane Dental Society Executive Director Lacy McCormick who attended with her significant other Paul Swanson. Paul assisted with the MC's duties alongside our Board President Dr. Tyler Rumble. Live music was provided by our own Dr. Andrew Sholudko and Matt Palmer. They played classic rock, oldies from the 70's, 80's and 90's. Stay tuned for details on next year's event. It's always a great time for a good cause!

Membership Renewal: A Closer Look at What's Involved!



By now, you have probably received your membership renewal information for 2026. Renewals are administered by WSDA on behalf of the ADA and local Societies. WSDA sent both email and physical renewal information in early December. If you have not already submitted your renewal, we urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. Since 2025, Washington has been part of a national pilot program to significantly reduce dues to our members. Thus far the pilot, which will last for three years, has been successful. At the local level, SCDS continues to offer educational, social and informational benefits to members making their local membership a key part of what they receive from the tripartite (state, national and local entities).

Members sometimes ask why they cannot belong to just one entity rather than all three. The value that *all* three contribute can be overlooked. Each entity brings their own strengths to the value proposition. There are administrative aspects that the State and national organizations deliver, that a small, local organization could never provide on their own. Conversely, local societies offer an environment where networking, relationships and collegiality can flourish. Just as your practice relies on the strength of each team member, so the tripartite relies on what each entity brings to best support our membership.

If you have appreciated aspects of your membership — at the state, local or national levels — this is a great time to share information with your co-workers who might not be involved! SCDS is a vibrant society with a diverse membership made-up of varied practice modalities, ages, genders and ethnicities. We offer virtual classes for those who might not be able to attend monthly in-person meetings, as well as other social events, local volunteer opportunities and leadership.

If you are retired, or close to it, don't drop your membership! Keep your license active and volunteer. Get CE credits to keep your license current. Life Member dues are zero. You are a life member if you have had consecutive membership for 30 years, or non-consecutive membership for 40 years. At any point in your practice journey, organized dentistry is the antidote to professional isolation and a place for growth.



LIFE MEMBERS 2025

Honoring those members who have earned Life Member Status, for 30 years of consecutive membership, or 40 years non-consecutive membership, in 2025. We value your commitment to organized dentistry and our Society.

LIFE MEMBERS

- Dr. Raymond Bogaert
- Dr. Ranjiv Hayre
- Dr. Michael Karr
- Dr. David Killen
- Dr. Jennifer A. Meader
- Dr. Loree Olson-Bolin



Life Member Dr. John Skibiel at a member meeting in 2025. Also shown, Dr. Michael Gross.

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Multiple Dental Practices for Sale by Omni Practice Group in Western Washington. Contact Omni Practice Group at 877-866-6053 or info@omni-pg.com for more details. View our nationwide listings at omni-pg.com.

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Well-Established Everett Practice

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Edmonds, WA Dental Office for Sale - 4 Ops, Excellent Reputation 4 fully-equipped operatories. Gross production over \$400,000. Asking price: \$275,000. Contact Steve Kikikis at 425-905-6920 or steve@omni-pg.com. Lic.#130877 (WAD483)

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High-Visibility 4-Op Everett Practice with RE

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◀◀ Toothapalooza volunteers 2025 at ICM in Everett

TOOTHAPALOOZA: 19 YEARS AND COUNTING!

Something new for 2026! Toothapalooza Community Access Night is scheduled for **Thursday, February 19th, from 3:00 -7:00 pm**. The date and time change will better accommodate Imagine Children's Museum (ICM) primary audience - kids! We are looking for 7-10 volunteer dentists to provide "mini" exams to the event attendees. This is basically a visual exam that takes about 5 minutes. Are you retired? Dig out your loops and join us! Kids from the ages of 2-12 have a blast exploring the children's museum and learning about good oral health. For some families, this may be their only exposure to dental professionals. For kids, it's a very non-threatening, fun way to learn that seeing a dentist isn't scary. Imagine Children's Museum has various oral health inspired games and activities, as well as "Toothy" the Toothapalooza mascot! The Tooth Fairy will also be there. In 2025, Toothapalooza Access Night had over 1,500 attendees. Toothapalooza is presented, in part, through support from the ADA and Give Kids A Smile, as well as the Arcora Foundation and local equipment vendors. The Snohomish County Dental Foundation is a major supporter of this initiative. Email Sandra at info@scdentists.com to learn more about volunteering for this 19th annual event!



Toothapalooza Volunteers 2025

Dental Action Day 2026



Maybe you've thought about volunteering at Dental Action Day but you felt unsure about what you would say to your elected officials. You're not alone! As Dr. Tyler Rumple states, "You will be surprised how much your elected representatives do not know about dentists!" It's our duty to support our occupation by educating those in power to the finer points of our profession. Dental Action Day will be held January 22, in Olympia. In 2026, WSDA plans to reintroduce workforce legislation to help address our state's severe shortage of hygienists and assistants. Building on their success in 2025, WSDA will also introduce additional dental benefits reform legislation that would prohibit arbitrary age and frequency limitations on dental preventive care coverage such as fluoride varnish. SCDS plans to have several members attending DAD in 2026. Take a day off to speak up for dentistry. Meet other SCDS members and learn more about how dentists can impact change in Washington. To learn more, go to the WSDA website at: www.wsda.org/member-center/advocacy/dental-action-day One profession, one voice!

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VIRTUAL MEETING 7 - 9PM



Presentation: Infection Control in the Dental Setting. In 2020, the Washington Dental Commission (formerly the Dental Quality Assurance Commission) approved infection control regulations in accordance with the CDC's 2016 Infection Control Standards. In this one-hour CDE Course, Will Gilmore will detail the requirements, and emphasize the importance, of the 2020 Infection Control regulations. All members and their staff are welcome to participate.

About our Presenter: Will Gilmore has been educating dentists and their teams about WISHA, HIPAA, and Infection Control regulations for more than 10 years. He started Elevate Compliance in 2024 to provide an alternative option to the "same old" compliance companies out there. Will understands what it takes for a practice to be in compliance and is eager to share his knowledge and expertise.

Registration: Please RSVP no later than noon on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026**. Special thanks to our Sponsor Nakanishi Dental Lab.

Learn more on our website and register for this class at www.scdentists.org/meetings-events.

Presentation: Radiographic Pathology: Interpreting Images in 2 & 3 Dimensions. This case-based review of dental imaging will introduce participants to common dental imaging findings seen on both 2D and 3D images; focus will be provided to help participants identify, describe and make management and/or referral decisions when abnormalities or pathologic findings are identified.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize clinical and radiographic abnormalities.
- Describe and document findings in the health record.
- Develop and align a differential diagnosis and management plan.
- Engage other healthcare providers in the provision of care.

About our Presenter: Dr. David Klingman, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, PNWU-SDM, is a graduate of New Jersey Dental School. He completed a hospital-based GPR, a year of oral medicine training, a 2-year comprehensive dentistry program, and 3-year residency in oral & maxillofacial pathology. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served as the senior consultant for Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, has held academic appointments at Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, West Virginia University, and Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, and has over 30 years' experience in healthcare education. Learn more on our website and register for this class at www.scdentists.org/meetings-events.

Presentation: Sustainable Smiles: Integrating Eco-Friendly Practices in Dentistry.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the impact of climate change on general and oral health.
- Explain the environmental impact of dental practices.
- Identify effective strategies to reduce waste and carbon emissions in dentistry.

About our Presenter: Dr. Ivy F. Lin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral Surgery and serves as the Assistant Director of the General Practice Residency at the UWSOD. She earned her DMD with distinction from McGill University and completed a GPR at the University of Washington. In 2022, Dr. Lin obtained a Master of Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, where she focused on climate change mitigation and health policy. Since then, her work has centered on advancing sustainability in dentistry through education, research, and advocacy. She founded the Climate Action and Sustainability Team at UW School of Dentistry, currently serves as Chair-Elect of the American Dental Education Association's Sustainability in Dentistry Special Interest Group and is a member of the Climate Taskforce with the Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility. Dr. Lin has received the Stephanie Davis Waste Reduction Award from Health Care Without Harm and the UW Husky Sustainability Award.

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