Protect, Be Wise and Prepare for Our Work Together Again!

Dear SCDA Family:

As we go through some of the most treacherous and stress-filled times any of us have ever been exposed to during our lifetime, it is more important than ever to reach out to our fellow colleagues. Last week I called our current President, David Miller, to offer support while he is navigating the horror at his hospital in New York. Please send a word of encouragement out to our fellow colleagues and no matter what religious or non-religious affiliation you may be, keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Please take care of your patients, staff, residents, students and yourself. Both mental and physical wellness are vitally important. Encourage exercise, meditate, take vitamin D, and eat a balanced diet. If you or a staff member is overwhelmed, please ask for help. Most states, hospitals, or universities have created a mental health network to help providers cope with this pandemic. We will need everyone available once we return to “normalcy”.

To improve communication during this crisis, we will use this updated version of this “Wisdom” newsletter to explore and exchange ideas within our SCDA community. Please share ideas and insights so we can help each other and the staff and populations we serve. I look forward to seeing you at the big SCDA family reunion in August where we can decompress, relax, and escape. During this time, professional friendships are more important than ever.

Please be safe, social distance and wash your hands,

Stephen Beetstra DDS, MHSA
President-Elect
SCDA 2020 AWARD WINNERS

We are honored and excited to present the winners of this year’s SCDA’s Awards. Special thanks to the 2020 Award Committee Members for their efforts to make selections from a group of very strong contenders for these Awards. These individuals represent the strongest qualities of character and dedication to their profession. They are being recognized for the difference they have made to the quality of oral health care for special populations. It is a pleasure to recognize their contributions to the purpose of SCDA and to our profession.

1. Ronald Ettinger Award – Dr. Leonardo Marchini, DDS, MSD, PhD
2. Chasko Distinguished Service Award – Robert Hollowell, DDS, FAAHD, DABSCD
3. Harold Berk Award – Stephanie Munz, DDS, FSCDA
4. Education Award – Teresa Johnson, DDS, MS, MPH
5. Saul Kamen Award – Nancy Dougherty, DMD, MPH, FADPD, DABSCD, DABPD

Join us in congratulating our SCDA Awards winners during our 2020 Business Meeting in San Diego at the Bayside. Your presence at the 2020 annual meeting will allow you to support these excellent persons, in addition to providing you with excellent opportunities for enrichment and professional development.

WATCH FOR YOUR 2020 MEMBERSHIP DECAL
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!