

# Community board honors dentists for supporting drug education in schools

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The award acknowledged the dentists' dedication in fighting drug abuse in the greater New York area by supporting the office of Dr Bernard Fialkoff and the Fialkoff Dental Study Club's free drug education program for New York City children. The award was given as part of a presentation to the 65 attending dentists, encouraging all to get involved in community activities such as this community service program and the "Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives" oral health care program for youth.



The event took place at the educational group's monthly meeting at Laterna Restaurant in Bayside, Queens. Fialkoff, a Queens periodontist and dental implant specialist, founded the club in the mid '90s and originated using the Foundation for a Drug Free World's drug education program for New York City children by providing free presentations to schools and after-school programs throughout New York.

Since February, his office has conducted more than 80 free drug education events in the city's five boroughs, including at schools such as JH 190, Dreyfus Intermediate School 11 and PS/IS 217, and such after-school programs as YMCAs, Bronx Works, Police Athletic Leagues and numerous others.

The study club has an audience of 60 to 100 dentists each month. It focuses on raising dental excellence, standards and camaraderie in the New York boroughs. The club will continue its monthly meetings with a presentation in November by Dr Steven M. Katz and in December by Dr Harold Edelman, who will be instructing on the New York State Mandatory Infection Control Course.

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