

NODA News

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves its membership by promoting the art, science, and professionalism of dentistry, and by communicating the value of oral health to the community.

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BLESSED WITH MANY SUCCESSES

Dr. Guy Ribando is NODA's Honor Dentist for 2007

At the President's Banquet in March, Dr. Guy Ribando has been selected to receive the 2007 NODA Honor Dentist Award. Dr. Ribando has been a member of NODA, LDA, and ADA since he graduated from Loyola University's Dental School in 1965 where he was a member of Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity. He began his private practice of dentistry in Marrero, LA that same year. He has been a member of the NODA Board of Directors, culminating with his Presidency in 1999. He has served on the LADPAC committee for the LDA. He is also a member of the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy Society.

Outside of dentistry, Dr. Ribando has served as a past president, deputy district governor, secretary, and board member of the Marrero Lions club in Marrero. He has also been a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Order of Alhambra, the Barrataria Blvd. Civic Association, Board of Trustees of Saint Pius X Catholic Church, and Padua Community Services. He serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister for the visitation of Our Lady Church in Marrero and St. Anthony Catholic



DR. GUY RIBANDO

Church in Lafitte. He has received the 1973-74 Marrero Lions Club's *Lion of the Year*, the 1976 *Order of St. Louis* from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, a *Certificate of Service* from the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network in 1986, an *Outstanding Humanitarian Service* award from the Padua House Advisory Board in 1977-1983, and a *Best of the West* award in 1987 from the Hope Haven/Madonna Manor-Padua House. Dr. Ribando also served as a missionary dentist from 1989-1997 in Saltillo, Mexico. As president of NODA, he established the NODA missionary dentistry committee.

Dr. Ribando has been married to Diane Aycock since 1960 and together have 5 children: Maria Burmaster, DDS; Valerie Hemphill, DDS; Andrea Ribando, DJP; Thomas Ribando, BA; and Guy Ribando, III, DDS.

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New Executive Director Named

Your Board of Directors and Executive Director Search Committee members have given me the pleasure of assuming the duties and responsibilities as your new Executive Director. My name is Andrew T. Hale and I am very excited to be part of the New Orleans Dental Association organization. My past association management experience lends me many skills and experience that I will apply to your association. While my expertise is in organization management and great attention paid to details, I am qualified in the areas of membership, meeting planning, committee development, public relations and short/long range planning. I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors, Committee members, general membership and office staff to develop new ideas, face existing challenges, and help organize the association, but still building on the many past and present contributions of all those involved.

I am happily married with two children and reside in River Ridge. My whole life has been growing up within the New Orleans culture and environment. Our city has suffered greatly recently and all have been affected in some sort of way. The resiliency of people can never be underestimated to



ANDREW T. HALE

show what can be done if you want to get something accomplished.

Your Board of Directors, Committee members and office staff are working hard for you to bring value, overcome obstacles, and furnish you with a learning environment set in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere. I hope to visit with each and every one of you in April at the Annual Conference. Until then, I ask that the Lord God bless each one of you with his grace.

Best Regards,
Andrew T. Hale

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President's Message

by MARK CHANEY, D.M.D.

EYE ON A FUTURE OF EXPANDED GROWTH & SERVICE

Looking to the future, remembering the past are the bywords for the current activities of your New Orleans Dental Association.

With an eye on a future of expanded growth and service, NODA welcomes its new Executive Director, Andrew Hale. Mr. Hale brings an extensive background in working with non-profit organizations and in running a major conference. He recently served as Executive Director of the American Recovery Association. Please take time to welcome him aboard.

Special thanks to the NODA members who served on the Search Committee for the Executive Director: Drs. Bill Schmidt, Kevin Collins, Richard Gallagher, Ambrose Martin, Jerry Williams and Chris Brown. The Association appreciates the time and attention they gave to this important task.

Congratulations go to Dr. Jason Parker who headed NODA activities during Children's Dental Health Month. Jason did a terrific job in coordinating different venues to promote this event. Through his efforts, NODA received special recognition from the American Dental Association for its Give Kids a Smile Day. Thanks to all members who assisted with these worthwhile projects that demonstrate our interest in serving our community.

I hope all of you have marked your calendars and plan to attend the President's Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Plimsoll Club. If you have not yet received your special invitation by mail, please call the Central Office (834-6449) to sign up.

At this time, NODA will pay tribute to those who have made special contributions to its past achievements. It will be recognizing Dr. Guy Ribando, Honor Dentist of 2007, and Mrs. Mona Whittington, former Executive Director.

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WEB SITES

N.O. Dental Association
www.nodental.org

Check website each month for latest updates

N.O. Dental Conference
www.nodc.org

Certificates will be presented to NODA members who have participated in organized dentistry for 25 and 50 years. A truly outstanding evening is in store for you.

The New Orleans Dental Conference is just around the calendar so please take time to register if you have not done so already. Chairman Dr. Glen Dubroc tells me that Conference registration is going extremely well. Don't be left out!

Let me again say what I truly believe: **you are the key to a successful NODA!** Our members have made our past impressive. Please continue to lend your ideas, suggestions, and help in support of your New Orleans Dental Association. Together we are building a better future.

Mark Chaney, D.M.D.
President

THE CAP IS BACK

On February 2, the Supreme Court of Louisiana vacated the Third Circuit Court of Appeals judgement that the medical/dental malpractice cap was unconstitutional. However, it was only overturned on a technicality. They didn't say that the adequate remedy argument to reach a decision since the plaintiffs hadn't included it in their motions.

Ward Blackwell, Executive Director of the LDA, feels that there will still be a consensus medical/dental malpractice bill filed in the upcoming legislative session, which begins on April 30. He also feels that it is just a matter of time before someone else files a suit in the Third Circuit based on the adequate remedy argument unless there is a statutory change. This is the "fiscal only" session of the Louisiana Legislature. Each legislator is only allowed to file 5 non fiscal bills.



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NODA PROFILE

NODA News continues a series of profiles of members of all ages and various lengths of membership in the Association. You may be next!

Dr. Ribando: Hard working family man

When Guy Ribando graduated from Loyola Dental School in 1965, his wife Diane was already expecting their third child. From humble beginnings, living in the St. Thomas Housing project during dental school, the Ribando's have been blessed with many successes. "Dr. Guy" worked so hard during the early years of his dental practice that the time seemed to fly by. He set about becoming active in his church and service organizations right away when he and his wife settled on the Westbank in Marrero.

Now, there are five children and 17 grandchildren. Although he never had to mention it, he encouraged his children by example to be responsible leaders and to use their gifts to help others. Three of Dr. Guy's children are dentists. Guy III practices in Greensboro, NC and Valerie and Maria practice with him in Marrero.

Guy has been involved in the Marrero Lions Club, serving various offices including President and Deputy District Governor. He has also been in the Knights of Columbus, the order of Alhambra, Barataria Blvd. Civic Association and Crown Point Civic Association. He has served the handicapped of Padua House and serves as a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lafitte. He has earned many awards, including the Lion of the Year, The Order of St.

Louis, Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award from Padua House and The Best of the West Award. He is also a dedicated dental professional who constantly encourages young dentists to join organized dentistry and to get involved in the organization. He served as President of the New Orleans Dental Association in 1999 and has been an active member for many years serving on the

Legislative Committee, LADPAC and as a delegate to the LDA. Dr. Guy is also a member of the International College of Dentists as well as the chairperson of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and a member of Xi Psi Phi Fraternity.

Even though Dr. Guy is currently undergoing difficult medical treatments to prevent a recurrence of malignant melanoma, he is soldiering on bravely. He can't do two of his favorite things right now: dentistry and fishing. Once he completes his immunotherapy he expects to get back to his normal, energetic self. Forty-two years in dentistry have been good to Dr. Guy, and he speaks highly of his profession. He is a great "guy" in every sense of the word and we are proud to be his daughters.

Maria Ribando Burmaster & Valerie Ribando Hemphill

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Continuing Education Corner

In an effort to keep you informed about available C.E. opportunities at the LSU School of Dentistry, this area will be devoted to informational updates.

DATE	2007	COURSE / TITLE	CR. HRS.	TUITION
March 3-4		<i>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant w/Nancy Weiss, RDH, EDDA & Henrietta Frederick EDDA At LCHCC in Lafayette, LA</i>	24 hrs.	Auxiliary \$ 369.00
March 9-10		<i>Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry – Phase I w/Dr. Jimmy Eubank in New Orleans</i>	16 hrs.	DDS \$ 2,495.00
March 23		<i>Digital Dental Photography w/Dr. John Barksdale & Dr. Jerome Smith LSU Campus in Baton Rouge</i>	07 hrs.	1st. Reg. \$ 695.00 Add'l Reg. \$ 149.00 (Auxiliary only)
April 28-29		<i>Digital & Conventional Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries w/Drs. Thunthy & Hubar At LSUSD South Campus, Baton Rouge</i>	07 hrs.	Auxiliary \$ 369.00
April 28-29		<i>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant w/Nancy Weiss, RDH, EDDA & Henrietta Frederick, EDDA At LSUSD South Campus, Baton Rouge</i>	24 hrs.	Auxiliary \$ 369.00

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April 12-15
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