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**BIG EVENTS
COMING UP**

Here are two important April dates to circle on your calendar.

1. The annual NODA-LSUSD Student Table Clinic Competition, Wednesday, April 10 at the Vista Shores Club beginning at 7 p.m. Dr. Allan Rappold promises an interesting program with a wide variety of information and material to be presented by the students.

NODA presents cash prizes to the winners. Members, staff, and spouses are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

2. The annual Crawfish Party, Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Causeway Blvd. and River Road. There will be mountains of mudbugs, cold beer, and dancing to D.J. music.

**Kells Study Group
sets spring clinic**

The C. Edmond Kells Study Group will present a two-day spring clinic April 26-27 at the LSU Dental School. Topic will be "Esthetic Dentistry."

Dr. Paul Belvedere will be the clinician. The clinic will consist of one day of lecture and one day of hands-on experience.

Fee for the two-day event is \$300. For more information, call 466-9494.

HIV RISK: THE ADA POLICY

The American Dental Association has adopted the following policy in response to the Centers for Disease Control January 18 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* on the possible transmission of HIV from an infected dentist to three patients.

The dental profession has long adhered to a moral commitment of service to the public and an ethical obligation to protect the health of the patient. An advisory opinion to the American Dental Association's *Code of Professional Conduct* urges dentists who become ill or impaired to limit the activities of practice to those areas that do not endanger either patients or dental staff.

Currently, there is no scientific evidence to indicate that HIV-positive healthcare providers pose an identifiable risk of HIV transmission to their patients. There has been only one documented case of transmission from an HIV-infected healthcare provider to patients during the past ten years of experience with AIDS, an indication that the risk is infinitesimal. The ADA continues to believe that the recom-

mended infection control procedures are effective in preventing transmission of infection.

However, the recent case of possible HIV transmission from dentist to patient has raised some uncertainty about the risk of transmission from healthcare provider to patient. While there is evidence that this dental practice did not consistently adhere to all recommended guidelines for prevention of disease transmission, the precise mechanism of transmission in this case remains unknown. This uncertainty leads to the conclusion that the foremost concern of the dental profession must continue to be protection of the patient. Thus, until the uncertainty about transmission is resolved, the ADA believes that HIV-infected dentists should refrain from performing invasive procedures or should disclose their seropositive status.

The American Dental Association will assist and support infected dentists in sustaining meaningful professional careers.

(NODA members having questions about this policy may contact the ADA's divisions of Scientific Affairs, Dental Practice, or Legal Affairs. The ADA WATS number is 1-800-621-8099.)

AGD announces CE courses

The Louisiana Academy of General Dentistry has announced a number of courses to which NODA members are cordially invited.

For information, call Dr. John Portwood at 1-766-8278.

Date: March 16, 1991
 Speaker: Dr. Jeff Okeson
 Topic: "Clinical Management of Temporomandibular Disorders"
 City: New Orleans, LA
 Location: Sheraton - Airport

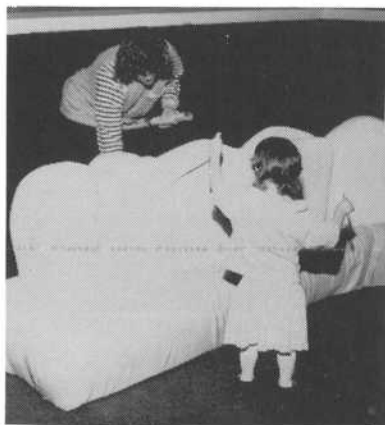
Date: June 14, 1991
 Speaker: Tom Snyder, D.M.D., MBA
 Topic: "Business Planning for Your Practice . . . A formula for Success"
 City: Baton Rouge, LA
 Location: Embassy Suites

Date: September 20, 1991
 Speaker: Dr. Ralph Phillips
 Topic: "What's new in Dental Materials"
 City: New Orleans, LA
 Location: To be announced

Date: November 1, 1991
 Speaker: Dr. Ross Nash
 Topic: "Focus on the Future with Cosmetic Dentistry"
 City: Lafayette, LA
 Location: Holiday Inn



Getting the children's dental health exhibit off to a good start at the Louisiana Children's Museum are, from left, Dianne Roy, city dental health department; Lynne Poissenot, NODA Auxiliary; Dr. Sam Miano, chairman; Kathy Waltemath, Children's Museum president; Dr. Tom Murphy, committee member, and Dr. Darlene Bassett, NODA president.



Flossing: Big teeth, little girl.



Procter and Gamble's Mr. Sparkle greets youngsters.

New budget makes changes in health programs

(From ADA Washington News Bulletin)

The budget law made significant changes in the federal government's largest health programs, Medicaid for the needy and Medicare for elderly and disabled Americans. President Bush signed the legislation November 5, calling it "the most comprehensive and substantial reform of mandatory 'entitlement' programs ever."

■ **MEDICAID** – The Association took part in a health-business coalition that persuaded Congress to expand the nation's largest publicly funded dental program to cover more poor children.

The law extends Medicaid coverage to all children through age 18 in families with incomes at or below the federal poverty level, a formula that defines need on the basis of family size, income and geographic location.

OBRA also:

★ Requires Medicaid to increase opportunities for pregnant women and children to **apply for coverage** by establishing sign-up locations at community and migrant health centers and places other than welfare offices;

★ Extends from 4 to 14 days the period during which a **nursing home** must complete the initial assessment of a newly-admitted resident.

■ **MEDICARE** – Physicians and others including **oral surgeons** who treat Medicare patients collectively will receive \$27.9 billion less in reimbursements over the next five years than was projected. Medicare beneficiaries will pay \$10.1 billion more toward their care, primarily through an increase in the monthly Part B premium from \$29.90 a month in 1991 to \$46.20 in 1995. \$6.3 billion will be shifted to private insurers.

Except for primary care services, physician fees are frozen until Jan. 1, 1992. Primary care fees increase by 2% Jan. 1, 1991; a 2% increase in all fees takes effect Jan. 1, 1992. Income subject to the **1.45% Medicare payroll tax** increases from \$53,300 now to \$125,000 in 1991.

■ **MILITARY** – Congress in the Defense budget authorized special pay for **reserve medical and dental officers** called to short-term duty in the Middle East as part of Operation Desert Shield.

■ **MINORITY HEALTH** – PL 101-527 established several new programs for the training of minority dentists and other health professionals and provides statutory authority for an Office of Minority Health, which was created administratively in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Committees named for 1991-92

NODA president Mike Robichaux has announced the following committee chairmanships for 1991-92:

Arrangements: Jim Gaubert; Conference: Terry Walsh; Constitution and Bylaws: Jack Cassingham; Council on Den Health & Den Care Programs: Roger Vitter; Directors to LADPAC: Donald Toso & Gizelle Richard.

Executive Office: Darlene Bassett; Honor Dentist: Joe Kuebel & Donald Toso - 1991; F. Ralph Dauterive & Frank Herbert - 1992; Vincent Liberto & Edward Faget - 1993. Hospital Dental Service: Ed Massett; Impaired Dentist: Jamie Manders; Insurance and Hospitalization: Jim Weir.

LDA Dental Education & Manpower: Phil DiSalvo; Legislative: Ralph Dauterive & Guy Ribando; Long Range Planning: Emmett Zimmerman. L.S.U. School of Dentistry Liaison: Allan Rappold; Membership & Orientation: Denise Derbes.

Nat'l Children's Dental Health Month: Sam Miano; Nat'l Senior Smile Week: Roger Vitter; NODA Dental Emergency Service: John Evans & Susan Roy; NODA News: Kristi Soileau; Nominating: Emmett Zimmerman; Operation Reach-Out: Jim Gaubert; Peer Review: Edmond Ganucheau; Public Relations: Art Scott.

Roster: Billie Gail Jeansonne; Scientific: Billie Gail Jeansonne; State Board of Dentistry Liaison: William Schmidt; Touro Dental Emergency Service Liaison: Jack Hudson; United Way: Ken Schott & Anthea Grogono.

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Dr. Soileau is editor and chairman of the NODA News Committee. Members are Drs. Joseph Asercion, Edwin Brown III, Ronald Carr, George Cerniglia, Frank Herbert and David DeGenova.

Picture from the Past



The year is 1947. The event is the annual banquet of the Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity at Loyola University. Dr. Frank Herbert contributed this photo and he's named 15 of those present. Anybody recognize any others?



- 1 - Dr. Robert F. Eastman (deceased) 2 - Dr. Allen Copping, President, LSU System 3 - Dr. Frank L. Herbert
- 4 - Dr. Anthony Carimi 5 - Dr. Francis (Frank) Abadie
- 6 - Dr. Frank A. Kruse 7 - Dr. Edwin T. Brown, III
- 8 - Dr. Eugene Garcia 9 - Frank L. Schneider - "Second Cup" columnist, T-P States Item 10 - Dr. Jeffrey Collins (deceased) 11 - Dr. Benjamin J. Legett
- 12 - Dr. Edward Burvant, Sr. 13 - Dr. Michael M. Heller
- 14 - Dr. Fred J. Wolfe (deceased) ADA Trustee
- 15 - Dr. Edward E. Levy, Jr.

Coming in April!

TWO ENJOYABLE NODA EVENTS

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 River Road & Causeway Blvd.
 Crawfish, Cold Beer, Dancing to Music by D.J.

DENTAL DATA

NEIGHBORHOOD DENTIST SAVES TARANTULA

Thanks to the kindness of a neighborhood dental clinic in Metairie, Louisiana, Rosie is alive and growing. Rosie is a pet Rose Tarantula.

Tarantulas periodically molt. For a few days after shedding the outer skin, the new exoskeleton is very soft and vulnerable.

Shortly after Rosie's last shedding, her abdomen was damaged. This type of damage can cause loss of hemolymph. If not attended to, a spider will dehydrate and die. The exoskeleton must be patched or stitched.

Rosie was patched with dental cement donated by Old Metairie Dental Clinic.

Rosie's wound was first cleaned. Next the dental cement was mixed and applied with a flat toothpick. In a matter of seconds, the cement was set and the spider was saved!

Rosie and her owners send thanks to the doctors and staff at the clinic for the dental cement and instructions in its use. And a very special thanks to them for the time they took to listen and care. ■

(Submitted by Paul Richard.)



ROSIE GETS PATCH JOB DENTISTS KICK SMOKING HABIT

Four out of five dentists do not smoke.

Why? Because they care about their health and they know what smoking can do to the teeth and soft tissues of the mouth.

Smokers have a risk of oral cancer that is four times greater than that of nonsmokers. Every year there are more than 27,000 new cases of oral cancer, and about 9,000 die from it. ■

When you reach the end of your life, you will never regret that you didn't pass one more exam, or win one more verdict, or close one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a child, spouse, parent or friend.

—Barbara Bush to Wellesley graduates, 1990.

TWO MOUTH RINSES GET ADA APPROVAL

The ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics has accepted two antiseptic mouth rinses for the prevention and reduction of supragingival plaque and gingivitis.

The two, manufactured by Vi-Jon Laboratories, St. Louis, Missouri and the Perrigo Co., Allegan, Michigan, are the third and fourth products accepted in this category.

The other two are Peridex, which is a prescription-only mouth rinse made by the Procter & Gamble Co., and Warner Lambert's Listerine, which is sold over the counter, as are the Vi-Jon and Perrigo rinses.

The Vi-Jon and Perrigo products are chemically equivalent to Listerine. Both manufacturers

will market their rinses under dozens of different brand names, depending on their client. ■

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent effort.

—John Ruskin

AMERICANS HAPPY WITH DENTAL HEALTH

More than 80 percent of the population consider themselves to be in good or excellent general health and are very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the present condition of their teeth (or dentures) and gums, according to a recent Gallup survey.

The survey consisted of telephone interviews with 1,000 Americans. Following are some of the survey results.

- Almost all respondents (99 percent) reported using a toothbrush to care for their teeth.
- More than two-thirds of the respondents (69 percent) used dental floss to care for their teeth.
- Females (74 percent) were more likely than males (65 percent) to use dental floss. Respondents also reported

brushing their teeth approximately twice a day. On average, respondents thought people should visit the dentist about twice a year. More than one-half reported they had a teeth cleaning done on their last dental visit.

Blue is the toothbrush color most often selected by consumers, according to a story in *The Wall Street Journal*. The story focused on toothpaste manufacturer surveys regarding the likes and dislikes of American consumers.

Some tooth brushing trivia garnered from the surveys:

- 37 percent of respondents say they've been using their current toothbrush for more than six months;
- 47 percent wet their toothbrush before they apply toothpaste;
- 24 percent wet their brush both before and after adding toothpaste;
- 14 percent prefer their toothbrush dry, not adding water at all.

The *Journal* article stated that "of all businesses, the prize for research may go to toothpaste makers." ■



NODA PROFILE

NODA's new president is used to leadership

NODA presidents continue to make history. Last year it was the first woman president in the association's 72-year history. This year Dr. Michael Robichaux becomes the first LSU School of Dentistry graduate to ascend to the top post.

Leadership is no stranger to Mike Robichaux. He's held positions of responsibility since his school days. He was president of LSUSD's charter class and founding dean Dr. Ed Jeansonne gives him a great deal of credit for helping to maintain student morale in the school's formative years.

"We occupied the old wooden barracks for most of our schooling," Mike recalls, "but, happily, moved into the new building for our final six months!" Following graduation in 1972, the new Dr. Robichaux was elected first president of the newly-formed Alumni Association.

After two years in the U.S. Navy, Dr. Robichaux in 1974 established his private practice of general dentistry which he continues in his office at 1101 Robert Blvd. in nearby Slidell, Louisiana.

Meanwhile he has continued his active career in helping to advance organized dentistry. He has served NODA via the Board of Governors, treasurer, vice-president, chairman of the long-range planning committee, and delegate to the LDA.

In 1983 he received the Academy of General Dentistry Fellowship Award, currently serves as vice-president of the Louisiana chapter and in 1993 will be president of the Louisiana AGD.

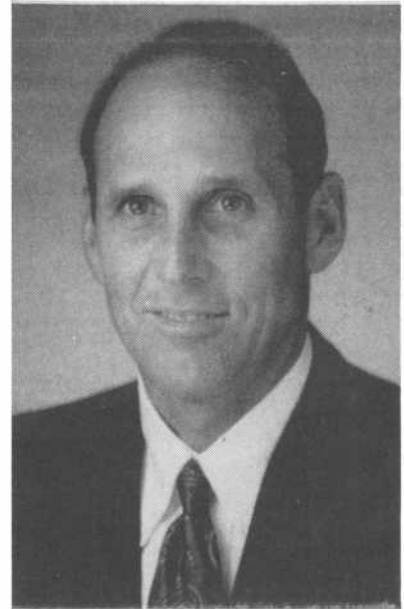
Mike has also been active with the New Orleans Dental Conference, heading up the scientific program committee in 1988. A strong believer in continuing education, he has amassed more than 1,000 hours of post-graduate training.

The 43-year-old president was born in Thibodaux and lived on a sugar plantation for 15 years before moving into the nearby city. In 1969 he married the former Anna Mae Blanchard of Thibodaux. They reside just outside Slidell with their two sons, Myles 18 and Hal 14.

"We live on the Morgan River on seven acres. Our backyard borders on the Honey Island Swamp," says Mike. "My favorite material possession is my John Deere tractor which I use to cut grass, grade my gravel driveway, and move dirt. It provides a wonderful diversion from the delicate, meticulous practice of dentistry."

Another of the president's great loves is golf. He calls it "my most favorite hobby."

"When I grow up I want to be a greenskeeper at a nice golf course," laughs Mike who plays to a three



DR. ROBICHAUX

handicap. He says golf has proven a wonderful family activity. Vacations are often centered on finding and playing new courses.

Mike is active in St. Luke's Catholic Church and has received the Order of St. Louis Medal for his work.

Regarding his plans and goals for NODA, Dr. Robichaux says:

"The New Orleans Dental Association is like a great ship that has been sailing along for over 70 years. I personally am pleased with the direction we're heading and plan no major shifts in its course.

"Balancing the budget, watching expenditures closely, increasing membership, providing a quality program for young graduates, and re-evaluation of the mission and purpose of NODA are some of what I hope to achieve. I want the association to be a little better when my year is up."

West Bank study club completes busy year

A new West Bank study club, Delta Dental Studies, has recently completed its first full year of activities. The club was formed to provide its members with access to continued education and the community with humanitarian services.

The organization requires each of its prospective members to prepare and deliver a continuing education program before becoming a charter member.

Last year's topics included such diverse sub-

jects as cosmetic dentistry, TMJ, periodontal disease, endodontics, removable prosthetics, and local anesthesia. Guest lecturers were also invited to add variety and differing viewpoints to the programs.

A second *raison d'etre* of the club and perhaps the most rewarding is providing dental treatment for the needy. During its first full year of existence the six club members are proud to have donated 185 man hours and close to

\$20,000 in dental services to needy individuals.

Patients came from several sources including Associated Catholic Charities' shelter for battered women, shelter for homeless families, and Truman School in Jefferson Parish. This year, Delta Dental Studies' pro bono goal is \$30,000.

Delta Dental Studies' charter members include Drs. Warren Ferrand, Robert Graziano, James Heurtin, Gerard Karam, C. E. Willhite, Jr., and Randy Wolfe.

BULLETIN BOARD

WANTED: Part-time dental hygienist. Laplace area. Call 536-3455.

DENTAL OFFICE ON VETS, two operators, fixed overhead, lab on premises. Call 888-6860.

FOR SALE OR LEASE: Mid-City office bldg. located at Canal and S. Carrollton Ave. Bldg. has 4 apartments on 2nd floor. First floor has two-operator dental office with small lab – 6 room medical office and 3rd office of 4 rooms. Each office may be rented separately. Dentist retired from this location has dental equipment for sale – dental instrument cabinets, sterilizers, air compressor, exodontia and dental hand instruments at reasonable prices. Call 288-9600.

DENTAL OFFICE FOR SALE including building at 651 Bonnabel, Metairie. Call Mike Heller, 861-8758, owner-agent.

WANTED: Dental cabinet circa 1900 or earlier. Mahogany, walnut, cherry or similar wood. Jack Pollock, 118 Bayberry Drive, Covington, LA 70433. Phone 504-892-6448.

DENTAL OFFICE BUILDING FOR SALE OR LEASE: 2,156 sq. ft. Can accommodate at least two dentists, 4325 Loveland near E.J. Hospital. Call Glen Higgins at 454-3300.

Members are welcome to submit classified ads to Bulletin Board. Send ad and check for \$25 per ad made out to NODA to: Dr. Kristi Soileau, 3600 Prytania St., 55 Lister Court, New Orleans, LA 70115.



Continuing Education Corner

In an effort to keep the membership attuned to available C.E. opportunities at the L.S.U. School of Dentistry, this area will be devoted to informational updates.

Friday,
March 8

LIVE TELESYMPOSIUM – WVUE STUDIOS = 9:45 A.M.-2:30 P.M.
"BRINGING PERIODONTAL SCIENCE TO THE DENTAL PRACTICE," featuring nine of the most noted periodontal clinicians in the country. Be a part of this live telecast. \$75 per person on site. Brunch to be served at 9:45 a.m.

Saturday,
March 23

Radiology Course for Dental Assistants. \$85.

Friday,
April 26

LSU Alumni Day featuring Dr. Jackie Dzierzak.

Friday-Saturday,
May 3-4

Hands-On Bleaching Workshop. Dr. Ron Lemon.
(Jazz Fest Weekend).

Friday-Saturday,
May 17-18

Third Annual Periodontal Surgery Hands-On Course.
Drs. Cassingham, Broxon, Caudill and Evans.

Friday,
June 7

"OSHA – Its Impact on Modern Day Dental Practice"

For information about these courses, call (504) 948-8584

COMING NODA EVENTS

April 10, 1991

LSU School of Dentistry Student
Table Clinics
Dr. Allan Rappold, Table Clinic Committee Chairman
7:00 PM, Vista Shores Club

7:00 PM, LSU School of Dentistry,
Auditorium A
Sponsor: Paine Webber, Incorporated

April 19, 1991

Annual Crawfish Party
7:00 PM, American Legion Hall

May 15, 1991

"Pharmacology Update"
Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher, Chairman, Pharmacology Department, LSUMC
Dr. Anthony Indovina, Oral Surgeon

WE WANT YOUR NEWS

Anyone knowing of any dentist who has made a significant contribution, written an article, delivered a paper, initiated or completed research, or rendered unusual public service, please call or write Dr. Kristi Soileau, 3600 Prytania St., 55 Lister Court, New Orleans, LA 70115. Phone: 899-2255.



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