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MISSION STATEMENT

To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves to promote the art, science, and professionalism of dentistry, and to communicate the value of oral health to the community.

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**CONFERENCE
CORNER**

Dr. L. Stephen Buchanan, noted endodontist from Santa Barbara, Calif., will conduct the all day pre-conference clinic kicking off the 48th annual New Orleans Dental Conference August 27-30, 1997 at the Hilton.

The conference committee is in high gear as it engages clinicians and completes other arrangements for the four-day session.

As of March, 135 exhibit booths have been engaged, eight more than at the same time last year.

Other clinicians engaged so far include:

- Dr. Alan Boghosian, Chicago, dental materials.
 - Dr. Harold Crossley, Cockeysville Hunt Valley, Md., pharmacology & drug abuse.
 - Ms. Jennifer de St. Georges, Monte Sereno, Calif., practice management and communications.
 - Dr. Robert Edwab, Morganville, N.J., oral surgery for general practitioners & office emergencies.
 - Dr. David Garber, Atlanta, esthetic dentistry.
 - Dr. Henry Gremillion, Gainesville, Fla., temporomandibular dysfunction.
 - Dr. John Molinari, Detroit, infection control.
 - Dr. Jeffrey Morley, San Francisco, esthetic dentistry.
 - Ms. Connie Podesta, Plano, Tex., self-esteem and dealing with difficult people.
 - Dr. John Svirsky, Richmond, Va., oral pathology.
 - Ms. Carol Tekavec, appointment control & office management.
 - Dr. Walter Turbyfill, West Columbia, S.C., removable prosthodontics.
- Other clinicians are being added steadily.

'TOOTH AVULSION MANAGEMENT'

**April 16 meeting speaker
has lectured widely**

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett, one of the city's busiest speakers at national dental conferences, will conduct the scientific portion of NODA's general membership meeting Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the LSU Dental School.

His program is entitled, "Tooth Avulsion Management."

Dr. Dummett is subbing for the scheduled speaker, LSU Dean Dr. Eric Hovland, who must be out of town on April 16. Dr. Dummett, director of LSUSD's advanced program in pediatric dentistry, will cover:

- The American Association of Endodontics guidelines for avulsed teeth.
- New information on soaking medium and storage of avulsed teeth.

As always, refreshments will be served following the discussion period. Also, don't forget the monthly drawing for the \$50 dues rebate. Tickets are kept in preparation for the grand drawing for a full year's dues rebate at the May membership meeting.

Dr. Dummett has presented scientific programs to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, California Dental Association and Toronto Academy of Dentistry as well as the Chicago, Hinman, New Orleans and other dental conferences.

A diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and licensed to practice in



DR. DUMMETT

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Louisiana, he has lectured internationally in Costa Rica, Jamaica, Canada, Brazil and Mexico.

A member of the LSU faculty since 1974, Dr. Dummett is on the board of trustees of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He holds his DDS and MSD degrees from Indiana University.

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All aboard for Baton Rouge!

Dentist Day at the Legislature is fast approaching. Please call the N.O.D.A. office to reserve your seat on the bus.

A bus has been chartered for Wednesday, May 7 to take the N.O.D.A. delegation to Baton Rouge and back. N.O.D.A. will provide a box lunch and drinks. There are 46 seats on the bus. Please call as soon as you can so we can get a count in case we need more than one bus. (Spouses welcome)

There may be some issues coming before the Legislature that we will need to keep abreast of and this will be a good time to let our legislators know where we stand.

**Agenda for Dentist
Day at Legislature**

- 11:00 AM** Bus to leave for B.R. from parking lot of Schwegmann's on Vets Blvd. near Lakeside (behind Burger King). Everyone should be prompt, at least 15 min. early.
 - 1:00 PM** Legislative briefing in Dept. of Insurance Bldg. meeting room. (Same place as last year - next to Capitol.)
 - 3:15 PM** Dentists meet with legislators during session. (We will pass out dental packets, as was done last year.)
 - 6-8:00 PM** Reception at Governor's Mansion for legislators.
 - 8:00 PM** Bus back to N.O. Should be back by 10 PM.
- RSVP to Central Office, 834-6449.

NODA PROFILE

Dr. Grogono takes reins

England's loss is NODA's gain. Since coming to the U.S. of A., Dr. Anthea Grogono has carved out a noteworthy career in dentistry circles.

Now she's become the third woman president in the 77-year history of the New Orleans Dental Association. She believes she may also be the second fulltime LSUSD faculty member to head the 600-plus member society.

A native of London, Anthea can barely remember when she didn't want to become a dentist. "Certainly it goes back to high school days," she recalls. "I think my dad planted the seed," she adds, though he was not a dentist.

She attended King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, earning her bachelor of dental surgery degree in 1964. While at the college she met her future husband, Dr. Alan Grogono, now chairman of anesthesiology at Tulane University School of Medicine.

The Grogonos initially came to the U.S. when Dr. Alan accepted a staff appointment in Syracuse, New York. They returned to London for a year or two as their family grew. Then it was back to Syracuse where Dr. Alan rejoined the university and hospital staff. Dr. Anthea achieved her New York license and began the private practice of dentistry.

New Orleans entered the picture in the eighties when Alan accepted a position on the staff of Tulane School of Medicine. Dr. Jack Rayson, the late dean of LSU Dental School, assisted by offering Anthea a part-time position teaching removable prosthetics while she worked on becoming licensed to practice in Louisiana.

Then came a couple of years of private practice as an associate of Dr. Bob Charbonnet, followed by an appointment to the fulltime LSUSD faculty where she is now an associate professor in the department of general dentistry.

Meanwhile, Dr. Grogono has been steadily active in the affairs of organized dentistry as



DR. GROGONO

well as dental education. In 1995 she served as general chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference, and has served in a number of posts in NODA.

She is faculty representative of LSU to the American Association of Dental Schools, and has recently been elected to membership in the International College of Dentistry, in addition to the usual dental organizations. She sees patients one day a week in LSUSD's intramural practice.

Away from medicine and dentistry, the Grogonos are devoted sailors. Their greatest pleasure is racing their Rhodes 19 sloop in Lake Pontchartrain. They have also chartered larger boats for sailing in such places as Turkey and the Caribbean.

The doctors are the proud parents of four children. They are David, a worldwide sailor who sailed in the last Olympics representing the Cayman Islands; Sally, a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston; Martin, the only married one, who is in advertising in Concord, Massachusetts, and Ann, who works in finance and investments in New York City.

Surveying the outlook for her term as NODA boss, Dr. Grogono says simply, "I hope to keep everything going. Our recent presidents have launched some excellent programs."

She said she would like to push a sort of Big Brother program "to encourage our young people and have experienced dentists support them as they begin their practices."



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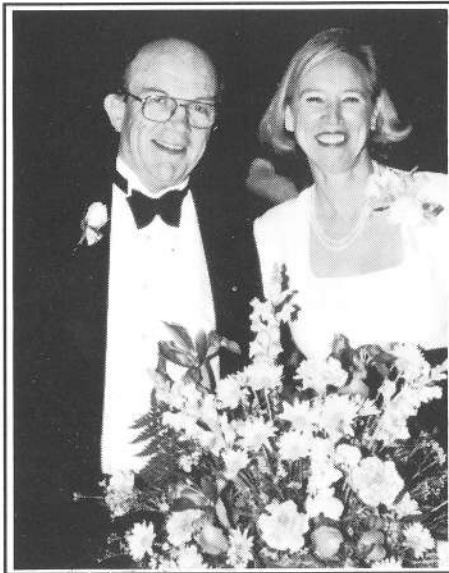
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Installation gala snapshots



The Drs. Grogono: NODA'S First Couple.

NODA installed its new officers for '97-'98 in a gala dinner at the Chateau Golf and Country Club. Taking the reins as our 79th president was Dr. Anthea Grogono. She succeeds Dr. Terry Fugetta.

Also inaugurated were Dr. Ken Schott, president-elect; Dr. Barry Goodspeed, first vice president and Dr. Guy Ribando, second vice president. Dr. Joseph Kirn and Dr. Jim Gaubert remain as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Board members and delegates to LDA and ADA were also installed.

A highlight was the presenting of Dr. Lou Grush with the NODA Honor Dentist Award. The Dr. Victor Marquer Award for outstanding service by a non-dentist was presented to Dan Gutierrez of Total Audio Visual Services.



Dr. Grush accepts Honor Dentist Award from past recipient Dr. Vincent Liberto.



Office staff, dentists well-represented.

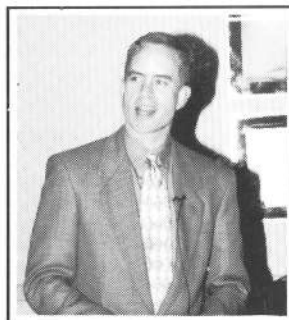


Party was a success judging from these smiles.

New Member Dinner

Southern Yacht Club on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain was the scene of the annual New Members Dinner. A large crowd was on hand to greet our new colleagues and listen to a presentation by Dr. Corky Willhite on "Smile Design: Blueprint for Success in Cosmetic Dentistry."

New officers for '97-'98 were elected, and recipients of NODA's honor awards were announced.



Dr. Corky Willhite, speaker.



A large crowd . . . new and old members.



Members meet their new colleagues.



A view of the head table.

Mark Your Calendar

TABLE CLINIC COMPETITION
Wed., April 9, 1997 – LSUSD – 7:00 p.m.
Annual LSUSD/NODA Student
Table Clinic Competition
Dr. J. Sean Hubar, Chairman

NODA GENERAL MEETING
Wed., April 16, 1997 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
"Tooth Avulsion Management"
Dr. Clifton O. Dummett

NODA CRAWFISH PARTY
Fri., May 16, 1997 – 7:00 pm
American Legion Home
RSVP Required – 834-6449

**48TH ANNUAL NEW ORLEANS
DENTAL CONFERENCE**
Aug. 27-30, 1997
"Tour of Excellence"
New Orleans Hilton Riverside

WE WANT YOUR NEWS

Anyone knowing of any dentist who has made a significant contribution, gained an elective or appointive office, written an article, delivered a paper, or rendered unusual public service, please call or write Dr. Kristi Soileau, 2820 Napoleon Ave., Suite 470, New Orleans, LA 70115. Phone: 899-2255.



DR. RUSSO

1997 NODA OFFICERS

Here are your new NODA officers and Board of Governors. Don't hesitate to make your views known to them.

President, Anthea L. Grogono, B.D.S.; President-Elect, Kenneth G. Schott, D.D.S.; 1st Vice-President, Barry E. Goodspeed, D.D.S.; 2nd Vice-President, Guy A. Ribando, D.D.S.; Secretary '97/'98, Joseph D. Kirn, D.D.S.; Treasurer '97, Jimmie J. Gaubert, D.D.S.

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Director to LDA '97, Debra C. Arnold, D.D.S.; Director to L.D.A. '97/'98, Randolph D. Green, D.D.S.

Immediate Past President, Terry F. Fugetta, D.D.S.

ADA to hold practice management session

The Council on Dental Practice of the American Dental Association will present a two day conference, *Dentistry as a Business: Bridging the Gap Between Money, Management and Marketing*, July 18-19, 1997, in Chicago at ADA Headquarters.

Dentists, spouses and business assistants are invited to attend this program which is arranged into three tracks. *Money and Investing; Practice Administration; and Practice Marketing.*

Some of the best known speakers on these

topics will present insights and winning strategies that can make for financial good sense and enhance satisfaction with dentistry. Ms. Terry Savage, the well-known financial consultant, analyst and author will be the keynote speaker.

Early registration is available prior to June 2, 1997. Early registration fees are \$230 for ADA members; \$325 for non-member dentists; and \$155 for office staff, spouses and others. Call the Council on Dental Practice office at 312-440-2895 for more details and registration information.

FAUCHARD SCHOLARSHIP

Timothy Melancon, a fourth-year dental student at the LSU School of Dentistry and a Metairie resident, has received from the Pierre Fauchard Academy its Senior Student Scholarship Award for his leadership, academic and clinical excellence, and dedication to the advancement of dental literature.



DR. LILES

WHERE ARE GEORGE'S TEETH?

George Washington's teeth – which are not made of wood – are in the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore which opened to the public in June 1996, reports *Forum*, Fall 1996, newsletter of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.

Besides Washington's dentures, the museum also houses Queen Victoria's dental instruments, Robert Kennedy's home fluoridation unit, a doll house dental cabinet, a toothbrush collection and a sterling silver ether inhaler.

WE APOLOGIZE

For what? For transposing the captions under the photos of Dr. Wynn Russo and Dr. A.C. Liles in last month's Children Dental Health spread. Dr. Liles was chairman, and Dr. Russo distributed Mardi Gras beads. Afterward, Dr. Wynn and his wife Jody visited patients throughout Children's Hospital. Family friend Jane Thompson donned the Happy Tooth costume to entertain the youngsters. Many thanks!



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Biomaterials group meets in N.O.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Society For Biomaterials will convene April 30-May 4 in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Throughout the five days, biomaterials researchers from more than 30 countries will share biomedical research, explore new techniques, and discuss new scientific developments.

The 41 topical scientific sessions cover every discipline of biomaterials science, including cell interaction, cardiovascular, dental, drug delivery, ocular, biomolecular engineering, and more. Special symposia include *Tissue Engineering in Dentistry*.

For additional information and registration, contact Society for Biomaterials, 6518 Walker Street, Suite 150, Minneapolis, MN 55420, U.S.A. (telephone 012-977-0100, fax 012-927-8127).



Drs. Ritchie, Barsley cited by American College of Dentists

Dr. John R. Ritchie, head of the LSU School of Dentistry department of general dentistry, and Dr. Robert E. Barsley, director of the Louisiana Dental Medicaid Program and the Dental Health Resources Program at LSUSD, have received fellowships in the American College of Dentists.

Selection for fellowship is based on nomination and a peer review which considers a nominee's contributions to oral health care, dental research, and education.

Only 3% of dentists in America are fellows of the ACD, whose mission is to aspire to the highest ideals for dentistry through its promotion of ethics, professionalism, optimal oral health, and the enhancement of education of dentists.

Each fall, the ACD inducts approximately 300 new fellows in its convocation ceremony held during the annual meeting.

LSU Table Clinic competition April 9; NODA members invited

All NODA members are cordially invited to attend the annual Student Table Clinic competition Wednesday, April 9 at the LSU Dental School.

This is an excellent time to re-visit the school, meet many of the students and mingle with former classmates and professors while noting what is being accomplished in the classrooms, clinics and laboratories.

NODA, a longtime sponsor of the

event, provides money awards for winners and runners-up among dental students, lab technicians and post graduate students. The New Orleans Dental Hygienist Association awards prizes to hygienists.

Judging of the clinics will take place from 6-7 p.m. with clinics open for viewing from 7-8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Study looks at causes of implant failure

Although the Branemark Implant System has repeatedly shown high success rates in long-term studies, Crawford A. Bain, BDS, DDS, MEd, MBA, reports in *The International Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Implants*, (Vol. 11, no. 6, 1996), that several authors have reported patients who have lost an above-average number of implants.

To date, writes Bain, the primary factors that predispose to implant failure are low bone density (type IV bone) and smoking.

According to Bain, twice as much type IV bone is found in moderate to heavy smokers as in light smokers and nonsmokers. He believes it likely that long-term smoking predisposes people to poor bone quality.

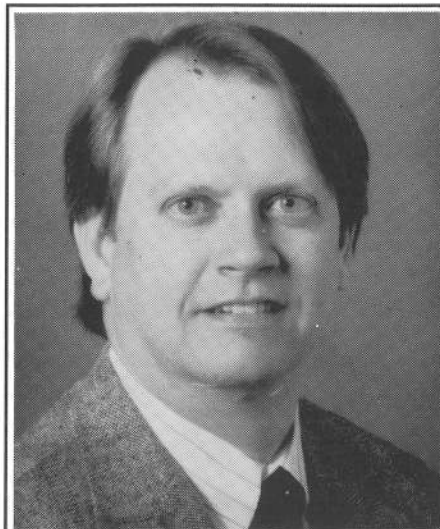
Bain conducted a study to determine

whether a smoking cessation protocol influences the success rate of Branemark implants in those who follow it.

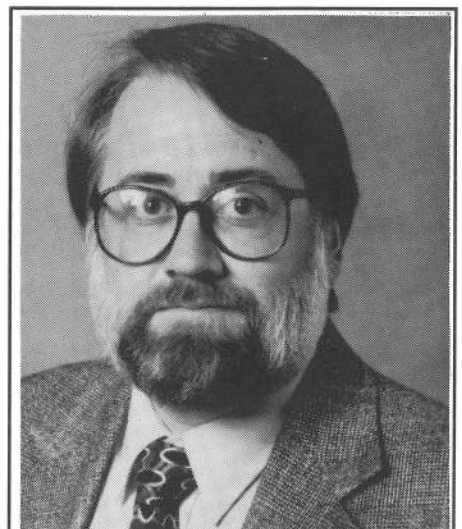
The results showed a significant difference between the failure rate between nonsmokers and patients who continued to smoke and between smokers who followed the cessation program and those who continued smoking.

Although cessation of smoking demonstrates considerable promise in improving success rates of implant patients, Bain notes that long-term smokers and/or very heavy smokers are less likely to benefit from smoking cessation than are light and short-term smokers.

Bain stresses the need for further research to identify the exact mechanisms whereby tobacco influences implant integration at the cell level.



DR. BARSLEY



DR. RITCHIE

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**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.

DATE	COURSE / TITLE		COST	
May 3	"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries"	Auxiliary	\$ 95.00	
	<i>Alumni Day Presentation</i>	07 cr. hrs.		
May 23	"Great Communication = Great Production"	Early Bird After April 23		
	w/Ms. Cathy Jameson	Dentist	\$155.00	\$175.00
		Auxiliary	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00
June 13-15	"Basic Implants"	21 cr. hrs.	Dentist	\$595.00
	w/Drs. Finger, Guerra, Chiche & Block			
June 20-21	"Advanced Crown & Bridge"	14 cr. hrs.	Dentist	\$465.00
	w/ Dr. John Kois			***
** Discounted fee available for those who participated in Dec. 13-14 & April 4-5 courses.				
July 4-5	"Gulf Coast Potpourri"	0.8 cr. hrs.	Dentist	\$129.00
	w/Drs. Robert Brannon & Bert Wood		Auxiliary	\$ 95.00
	at the Broadwater Beach Resort Hotel - Biloxi, MS			
July 9	"New Aspects of Dentistry"	07 cr. hrs.	Dentist	\$245.00
	w/Dr. Gordon J. Christensen		Auxiliary	\$ 95.00
July 10-13	"A Continuum on Implants"	32 cr. hrs.	Dentist	\$1,395.00
	w/Drs. Christensen, Smiler, Garber, Salama & Lewis			
July 18-20	"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" a/k/a EDDA		Auxiliary	\$369.00
	"Comprehensive Continuum of Cosmetic Dentistry"			
	Part I	Part II	Part III	
	Sept. 12-14, 1997	Oct. 24-26, 1997	December 12-14, 1997	
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