



Dentist Day at Legislature

A large group of New Orleans area dentists rode a chartered bus to Baton Rouge for "Dentist Day at the Legislature." For more on the trip, see page 3.

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NODA News

Therapeutics, public awareness tape feature September 23 meeting

BY DR. CHRIS BROWN
and the Scientific Program Committee

The first meeting of NODA (the Ken Schott era) will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 1998 at 7 p.m. at LSUSD. The primary business to address is to have our members review the ADA marketing campaign. A certain amount of group whining will be allowed before we vote to endorse or reject the plan.

Immediately following the business meeting, Procter & Gamble Inc. will sponsor a one-hour C.E. program for all NODA members and their dental hygienists.

The focus of the discussion will be on remineralization techniques for tooth enamel. Procter & Gamble is bringing in Mr. Dave Gardner from their home office. He promises to also unveil the latest and greatest dental therapeutics the company has to offer. So, be the first on your block to be in the know.

As always a short social hour, replete with sumptuous treats and beer, will end our evening. Don't forget the \$50 dues rebate drawing!

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Three new specialties seek recognition

The Council on Dental Education and Licensure has received three new applications for specialty recognition.

One application, for the recognition of dental anesthesiology as a dental specialty, has been submitted by the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists.

A second application for the recognition of oral and maxillofacial radiology as a dental specialty has been submitted by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

A third application for the recognition of oral medicine as a dental specialty has been

submitted by the American Academy of Oral Medicine.

The Council will review these applications during its November 1998 meeting. Subsequently, the Council's recommendations regarding these applications will be forwarded to the 1999 ADA House of Delegates.

Individuals and organizations may elect to provide written comments on the applications. The applications will be available for review in the Council offices by appointment. Photocopies of the applications, including documentation, may be obtained from the Council for a fee of \$150 each. Payment must

accompany the written request for the application. Checks should be made payable to the American Dental Association.

The Council will consider written comments submitted by October 1, 1998. Comments must relate directly to the Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialties. A copy of the Requirements as approved by the 1995 House of Delegates is enclosed.

If there are any questions regarding the Council's specialty recognition process, call 1-800-621-8099, Ext. 2703.

President's Message

by KENNETH G. SCHOTT, DDS

I hope everyone had a nice, relaxing, and fun summer, but it's time to shake the sand out of our shoes and go back to work. Though it may seem that the activities of the Association come to a halt during June, July, and August, there is actually quite a bit of activity. The Board and the committee chairs are busy throughout this time setting the agenda for the next nine months.

One of the major activities that takes place during our "down time" is the set up of the scientific program for the coming year. Dr. Chris Brown and his committee have assembled a fine group of speakers for our monthly NODA meetings. Our September speaker is Mr. David Gardner whose topic will be "New Therapeutics."

Also, at the September meeting, we will again show the tape of the proposed ADA PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. This will be your last chance to view it and express your opinion. In October, our delegates will travel to San Francisco where this issue will be decided. If you haven't seen it, please come and give us your input. The date is Wednesday, September 23.

October will bring our annual Staff Appreciation Night. We are trying a new format this year. We have moved it to Friday, October 16, and staff members will be invited to bring their spouses. It will be held at the Bayou Barn in Crown Point, La. It will feature an outdoor atmosphere and food as well as music and dancing. This event will be partially underwritten by the ADA through the Membership Task Force program.

Once a year in the *NODA News*, we highlight some of the benefits of membership. You will notice this throughout this current issue. I would like to touch on a few that I consider most important. First and

foremost is education. Any NODA member can satisfy all of his or her state board mandated continuing education requirements for the price of the annual dues! Between the New Orleans Dental Conference and the scientific programs held in conjunction with our monthly meetings, twenty (20) hours of continuing education are readily available. All NODA members in good standing can attend these events at no charge.

Insurance is available through your association. This includes health, life, disability, and accidental death. A new program sponsored by Louisiana Dental Services and underwritten by Medical Protective also allows you to bring your office liability and your worker's compensation into one package.

I strongly feel that joining organized dentistry is the wisest move I made when I started my career. The friendships I have with dentists are among the most valued I have.

The New Orleans Dental Association has formed a for-profit subsidiary (New Orleans Dental Enterprises, Inc.) in an attempt to generate non-dues income. Hopefully through this venture, future dues increases (at least at the component level) can be held to a minimum. A New Orleans Dental Association affinity card through the Whitney Bank is already in place and other endorsement possibilities are also being explored.

The interest rate on the credit card is below market rate. There is also a standard card available for staff members or family members who might not qualify for gold card status. Remember, every purchase made results in a rebate

back to your association. If you haven't already signed up, you owe it to yourself to inquire about this valuable benefit.

Lastly, I would emphasize to you the importance of the fellowship available to you through the association. I strongly feel that joining organized dentistry is the wisest move I made when I started my career. The friendships I have with dentists are among the most valued I have. One of the reasons I have such good friends is because I decided to get involved. Don't always assume someone else will do it. Come out. Join our colleagues. Pick your favorite area of interest. There is always something for you to do.

**For more details on membership benefits, dues, etc., contact:
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PARTYING AT THE MANSION: Climaxing "Dentist Day at the Legislature" was a reception in the Governor's Mansion. Entertaining are, from left, Dr. Terry Fugetta, Dr. Carol Stuckey, Mrs. Marlene Wascom, Dr. Maria Burmaster, Dr. Ken Schott and Dr. Valerie Hemphill.

Plan your NODA year now

Each member was sent a set of Neon Green self-stick labels or stickers listing all the meetings and functions as scheduled on the following Calendar of Events. If you did not receive your set, please call the Central Office and Mona or Alice will be happy to send you a set as long as supplies last.

NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Sept. 23, 1998 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
"New Therapeutics"/Procter & Gamble
Mr. David Gardner

NODA STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

Fri., Oct. 16, 1998 – 7:00 pm
"Bayou Barn" – Crown Point, LA
(RSVP required)

NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Nov. 18, 1998 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
"TMD Splint Therapy"
Dr. Shawky Mohamed

NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Dec. 9, 1998 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
"Nasty Microbes"
Dr. John Mayo

NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Jan. 20, 1999 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
"Implants in the Esthetic Zone"
Dr. Hisham Nasr

NODA GENERAL/ELECTION MEETING & NEW MEMBER DINNER

Wed., Feb. 24, 1999 – Carlone's Restaurant
"Can We Do Well While Serving Others?"
Dr. Michael Robichaux

NODA INSTALLATION DINNER

Sat., March 27, 1999 – 7:00 pm
English Turn Golf & Country Club
Dr. Guy A. Ribando

NODA CRAWFISH BOIL

Fri., April 16, 1999 – 7:00 pm
American Legion Home
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NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., May 19, 1999 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
"New Computer Technology:
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Dr. William Davenport

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33 visit La. Legislature

BY DR. MARIA BURMASTER

Those who missed the fourth annual Dentist Day at the Legislature really missed an informative and entertaining occasion.

There were 33 NODA members and spouses who went to Baton Rouge on a chartered bus. Drs. Terry Fugetta and Ken Schott arranged for box lunches for all. Entertainment on the way up was provided by Dr. Carol Stuckey, with impromptu solos by Dr. Fugetta.

Upon arriving at the Capitol, we were briefed on pending legislation important to dentistry and met with legislators to present dental care kits provided by the LDA Alliance.

The evening reception at the Governor's Mansion featured food, drinks and music. Dr. Ronnie Vinson sang a dramatic solo with Drs. Stuckey, Maria Burmaster, Valerie Hemphill and Terry Fugetta providing musical accompaniment.

Dr. Guy Ribando, president-elect, rounded up the New Orleans delegation.

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Bragdon case is remanded to appeals court

(FROM THE ADA)

By now members have all heard about the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the Bragdon case.

In the 5 to 4 decision, the Court ruled that patient Sidney Abbott is protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act because of her HIV infection which is an impairment that substantially limits her major life activity of reproduction.

However, the Court remanded the case to the First Circuit Court of Appeals for further consideration of whether Dr. Randon Bragdon could nevertheless refuse to treat Ms. Abbott in his private dental office based on his claim that there was a direct threat of HIV transmission that could not be satisfactorily addressed by the use of universal precautions.

In remanding on the direct threat issue, the Court specifically "did not foreclose the possibility" that the First Circuit may again decide universal precautions are sufficiently efficacious to reduce the threat of transmission and thus compel a legal duty to treat patients with HIV.

For latest information on the case, see ADA ONLINE's home page www.ada.org which has details on the ruling and the ADA's statement.

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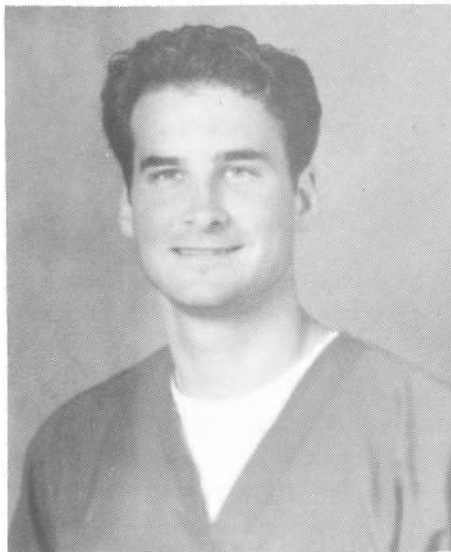
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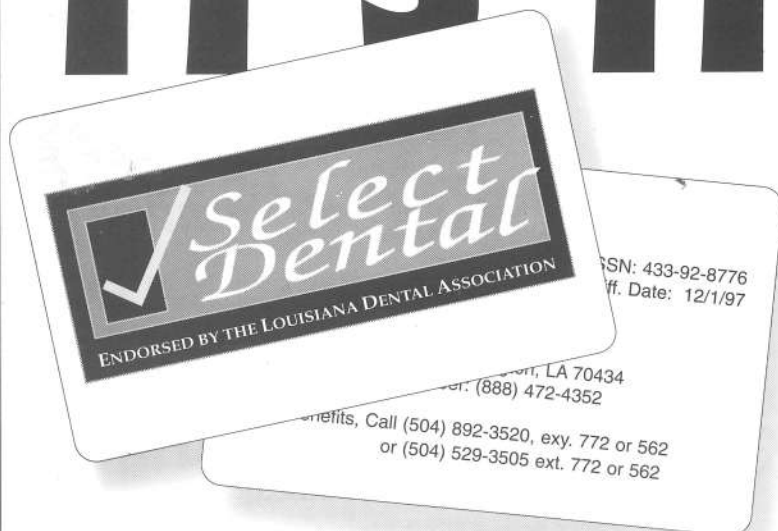
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Dr. Anthony Rainwater, who completed the advanced education programs in endodontics, received from the New Orleans section of the American Association for Dental Research its annual award for research he conducted while he was enrolled in the program.

The following dentists received certificates.

Advanced education in general dentistry, Drs. Nasir Al Hamlan, Edward Brown III, Stephanie Cornejo, Douglas Graybill, Jr., Chi Nguyen, Sean Smith, and Dominique Vidrine.

Endodontics, Drs. Blair Johnson and Anthony Rainwater.

General dentistry residency, Drs. Lorelle Baddley, Massoud Eftekhari, Daniel Gammage, Wayne Gary II, and Timothy Naomi.

Oral and maxillofacial surgery, Drs. J.D. Kisella, Robert Riggs, Jr., John Stover, and Curtis Urraro. Those who are in the oral and maxillofacial surgery program also receive the doctor of medicine degree from the LSU Medical Center School of Medicine.

Orthodontics, Drs. Paul Armbruster, Amanda Conti, Kay Daniel, and Danielle Dore.

Pediatric dentistry, Drs. Anna Lavda, Candice Richter, and Robert Oliver.

Periodontics, Drs. Brent Depta and Ali Shayestehmanesh.

Prosthodontics, Drs. Rowan Buskin and Basil Mizrahi.

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The American Dentists for Foreign Service Inc. is asking dentists to volunteer their services at dental operatories in various areas in Brazil. Dentists interested in volunteering should call the ADFS at 1-718-436-8686.

Source: ADA ONLINE, ADA News Daily, March 23, 1998



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	1998	COURSE / TITLE	COST
September 19		"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries" 07 cr. hrs. w/Drs. Thunthy & Hubar	Auxiliary \$ 120.00
September 25-27		October 30-November 1 December 4-6 "Cosmetic Dentistry Continuum Level I" w/Drs. Jimmy Eubank, Buddy Mopper, Jeff Morley Ron Lemon, Jerry Chiche, Michael Miller, Roger Levin & Mike Bellerino, CDT	DDS \$5,495.00 Auxiliary \$ 995.00 (Fees cover all three sessions)
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October 2-3		"Cosmetic Dentistry for the Pediatric Patient II" w/Drs. Lemon, Malone, Burgess, Dummett, et alia	DDS \$ 465.00 Auxiliary \$ 145.00
October 9		"Esthetic Dentistry" w/Dr. Mike Malone	DDS \$ 195.00 Auxiliaries \$ 95.00
October 16-18		"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" w/Dottie Austin, CDA	Auxiliary \$ 369.00
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Dec. 11-13			
Nov. 6		"Preparing for the Aging America" w/Dr. Linda C. Niessen	DDS \$ 195.00 Auxiliary \$ 95.00
November 21		"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries" w/ Drs. Thunthy & Hubar	Auxiliary \$ 145.00
December 11		"Last Chance Course IP" w/Drs. Cade, Lemon, Moerschbaecher, Sadan and Wood	DDS \$ 220.00 Auxiliary \$ 145.00
Dec. 11-13		"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" w/Dottie Austin, CDA	Auxiliary \$ 369.00
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January 8-10		March 5-7 April 16-18 "Cosmetic Dentistry Continuum Level I" w/Drs. Jimmy Eubank, Buddy Mopper, Jeff Morley Ron Lemon, Jerry Chiche, Michael Miller, Roger Levin & Mike Bellerino, CDT	DDS \$5,495.00 Auxiliary \$ 995.00 (Fees cover all three sessions)

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