

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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Mark your calendar – '99-'00 program announced

NODA STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

Fri., Oct. 29, 1999 – 7:00 pm
 "Bayou Barn" – Crown Point, La.
 (RSVP Required)

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NODA GENERAL MEETING
 Wed., Nov. 17, 1999 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
 "Avoiding Sexual Harassment Litigation"
 Mr. Matt Farley, J.D.

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 and NEW MEMBER DINNER**
 Wed., Feb. 16, 2000 – Carlone's Restaurant
 "Dramatic Smile Makeover – Direct Resin
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 Dr. Corky Willhite

NODA CRAWFISH BOIL
 Fri., April 28, 2000 – 7:00 pm
 American Legion Home
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NODA GENERAL MEETING
 Wed., Dec. 8, 1999 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
 "Conservative Restorative Dentistry"
 Dr. John Burgess

NODA INSTALLATION DINNER
 Sat., March 18, 2000 – 7:00 pm
 Pontchartrain Center
 Dr. James Roethele

NODA GENERAL MEETING
 Wed., May 17, 2000 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
 "Oral Pathology"
 Dr. Jim Weir

NODA GENERAL MEETING
 Wed., Jan. 19, 2000 – LSUSD – 7:00 pm
 "Update in Aesthetics and Implant Dentistry"
 Dr. Avishai Sadan

**TABLE CLINIC COMPETITION
 LSUSD ALUMNI DAY**
 Friday, March 31, 2000 – LSUSD
 Table Clinics start at Noon

NEW ORLEANS DENTAL CONFERENCE
 September 27, 28, 29, 30, 2000
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TWO AWARDS UP FOR VOTE

December 1 is the deadline for submission of nominations for the NODA Honor Dentist Award and for the Victor B. Marquer Award for non-dentists.

The Honor Dentist Award is in recognition of outstanding contributions and exemplary conduct in the profession of dentistry made by a member of the NODA. Last year's recipient was Dr. Clay Hunley.

The Victor B. Marquer Award is in recognition of distinguished and dedicated service to the NODA by a non-dentist. Last year's recipient was Tony Abadie.

Please send your nominations and your reason for the recommendation(s) to:

Dr. Joe Kirn, Chairman, Honors & Awards Committee
 NODA, 2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 153
 Metairie, LA 70001

GO CAJUN AT STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

It's only a few minutes from the New Orleans city limits, but you'll think you're deep in the heart of Cajun Country.

It's the Bayou Barn in Crown Point, LA. Again this year it will be the scene of NODA's annual Staff Appreciation Night Friday, October 29 beginning at 7 p.m.

It's easy to get there. After crossing the Crescent City Connection, take the West Bank Expressway to Barataria Blvd. Turn left (south) to Hwy. 3014 (new 4-lane to Lafitte) and continue 6 miles to the junction with Hwy. 45. You're there!

You may already hear the lively music from the same band as last year – a four-piece group and female vocalist. And you'll probably inhale the aroma of the Creole-Cajun treats: a buffet offering gumbo, crawfish etouffee, potato salad, honey-grilled chicken and maybe a few Cajun surprises!

Beer, wine and soft drinks are included in the price, only \$25 per person.

Here's a chance to roll out the red carpet for your loyal staff and spouse. **REMEMBER TO RSVP** to the NODA Central Office by **OCTOBER 26**. The number is 834-6449.

Issue check to NODA and mail to 2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, LA 70001 with a list of your attendees.

NOMINATE OFFICERS FOR 2000-01

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2000-2001 NODA officers. As president-elect, Dr. Jim Roethele will serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Nominations are being solicited from all active NODA members and should be submitted to Dr. Roethele at the NODA Central Office, 2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 153, Metairie, LA 70001.

Officers to be elected are: president-elect, first vice president, second vice president, treasurer (2 years), one member, Board of Governors (1 year), one member, Board of Governors (3 years), one alternate delegate to ADA (3 years).

Nominations, which must be in writing and signed by two active, retired or life members in good standing, must be received in the NODA Central Office by Friday, November 12. Nominees must have agreed to serve if elected.

The Nominating Committee's slate of nominees will be announced at the December general membership meeting. At that time, additional nominations may be made from the floor or by vote. The February general membership meeting is the official election meeting. Officers will be installed on Saturday, March 18 at the installation dinner at the Pontchartrain Center.

President's Message

by GUY A. RIBANDO, DDS

MORE ABOUT POLITICAL ACTION

In my last President's Message I wrote primarily about political action and NODA members' participation in it. In the article I gave statistics that were provided by knowledgeable people with the intention of informing our members and also hoping to change the status quo.

I must apologize to those of you who felt slighted by what I wrote. I can understand how it might affect a person when another implies that he is not doing something that he should.

Being subtle is not one of my good qualities and I admit to being blunt at times. Yet I have had more positive feedback than negative and from my point of view the information I put in the article was worth disseminating.

As you all can see, political signs are popping up everywhere and the elections are not too far off. It is because of this I have decided to write more about political action and the profession.

It was brought to my attention that some people had contributed to ADPAC (American Dental Political Action Committee) which is great. ADPAC money supports candidates for the United States Senate and House of Representatives. None of any ADPAC contributions comes back to the Louisiana State Political Action. We have no statistics on ADPAC contributions.

The ideal way to support political action for the average member is to contribute through the component state society. When a contribution is made, the first \$25.00 goes to ADPAC – the rest remains in the state for local use. In this way NODA members' participation figures go up.

As you may have read on the front page of last month's newsletter, Staff Appreciation Night is being held again in Crown Point (my

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hometown). Those of us who attended last year had a great time. The dress is casual, there will be more than enough to eat and even more to drink. The band is great and last year we had some talented dentists entertain us. Hopefully they will again this year.

I am quite sure this year will be even better than last. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM STARTS IN LAFAYETTE

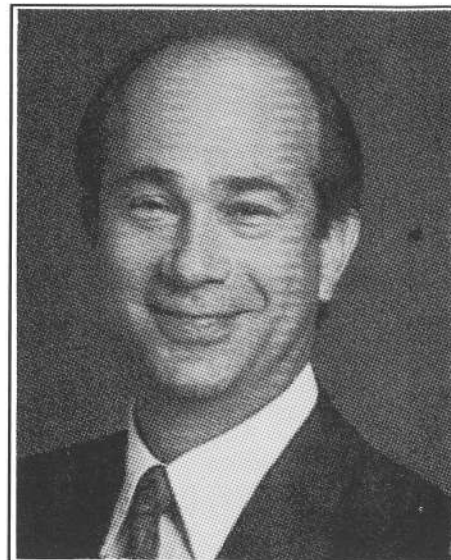
LSUSD Dean Dr. Eric Hovland's office reports that the satellite dental hygiene program located in Lafayette has been fully funded by the LSU Medical Center.

This fall, four students will be accepted into the Lafayette dental hygiene program. It will be a two-year bachelor's program. Students will be trained at the Lafayette Community Health Care Clinic (clinical work/patient care), and also

receive lectures via distance learning at the Louisiana National Guard Armory (next to the airport in Lafayette).

Prior to completion of a new building to house the program, four students will be the status quo. Plans are to graduate 8 (possibly 10) annually after the permanent facility is established.

(From the LDA)



DR. MARTELLO

Cerebral Palsy award to Dr. Martello

Dr. Frank Martello, clinical assistant professor at the LSU School of Dentistry and private practitioner in New Orleans, has received the United Cerebral Palsy Association Outstanding Community Service Award.

Presentation was at the UCPA national conference in Nashville. The award is given to those who through outstanding services with a UCP affiliate have significantly enhanced the lives of people with disabilities.

Dr. Martello has given his time, talents, and clinical skills at the Farhad Grotto Dental Clinic to UCP children and young adults with disabilities.

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Dental folks active in Special Olympics event

More than 70 volunteers from the LSU School of Dentistry and the greater New Orleans dental community in conjunction with Special Olympics, Special Smiles provided oral screenings and oral health education to 540 athletes during recent Special Olympics at Tulane University.

The screenings were crucial because they provided referrals and assessed oral status for those who don't receive regular care.

"It was obvious that some from rural parts of the state were in desperate need of dental care," said Claudia Cavallino, who had just finished her first year of dental school. "We saw a number of serious dental problems. We hope they follow through with the referrals we gave them."

Volunteers identified more than oral disease. "We took care of things that could become a problem," Dr. Frank Martello said. "For example, we identified a systemic problem that looked like mononucleosis in one athlete and referred him to his physician."

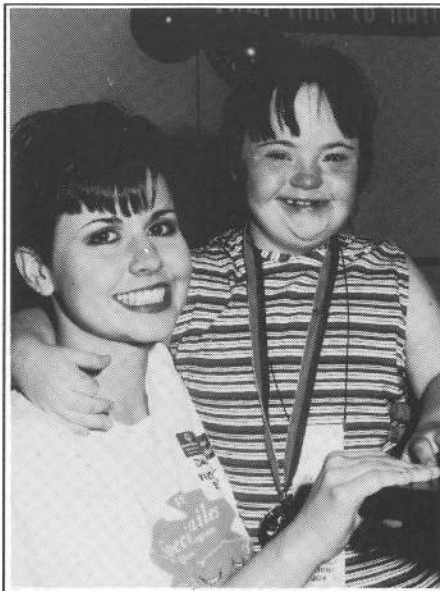
Besides providing a valuable health service to the athletes, SOSS introduced the special needs of this disabled population to the next generation of dental professionals. Participating in the screening helped to develop one's confidence, said Cavallino who, along with other first-year dental students, worked with either an upperclassman, LSUSD faculty member or private practitioner.

SOSS has several goals. It intends to raise dental professionals' awareness of the oral health concerns of those with special needs, including problems in receiving treatment, and to increase the number of dentists serving these patients. SOSS provides a list of regional dentists who care for those with special needs to all who participate in the Special Olympics, Special Smiles program.

Special Olympics, Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, and other organizations sponsor SOSS. The association was founded in 1993 by Dr. Steven Perlman of Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Since its inception, approximately 38,000 Special Olympics athletes have received SOSS services.



Young athlete learns proper brushing technique from LSU dental hygiene student Heather Bencaz.



Danielle Victoriano, president of the New Orleans Dental Hygiene Association, with one of the athletes.

Miami Winter Meeting Jan. 27-29

The 2000 Miami Winter Meeting & Dental Expo is being held January 27-29, 2000. Two full-day seminars on "Implants and Onplants" are presented. Hear the perspective from Michael S. Block, DMD, an oral surgeon, and W. Eugene Roberts, DDS, PhD, an orthodontist.

This three-day meeting offers something for everyone! General dentists, specialists, hygienists, dental assistants and technicians can attend comprehensive continuing education courses. Staff members are offered several practice management seminars. Two exhibit halls with more than 230 booths offer an opportunity to see the latest innovations first hand.

For further information, call 305-667-3647. Outside Florida or in Canada call 1-800-344-5860. E-mail: ecdds@ecdental.org. Visit our web site at www.ecdental.org and register on line.

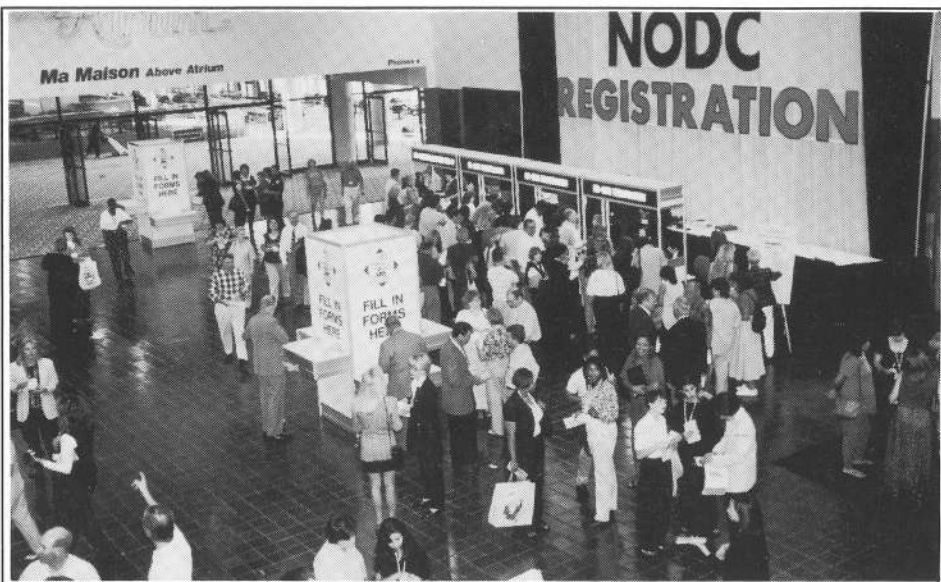
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My news _____

Name: _____

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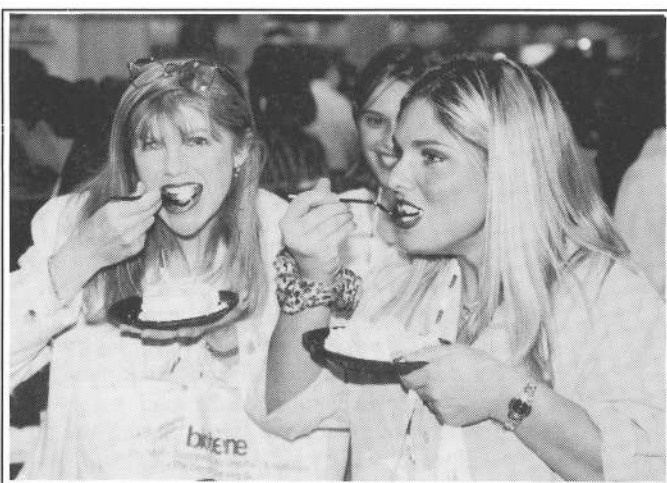
Registration time: greeting friends and classmates.

It was a conference to remember . . . lively clinical sessions; a super Welcome Reception and Dance; free refreshment breaks; a sprawling, busy exhibit hall; plenty of free prizes. The 50th Anniversary will be remembered.

Photos by
Dr. Tom Giacona and
Dr. Kristi Soileau



Exhibit Hall was busy place.



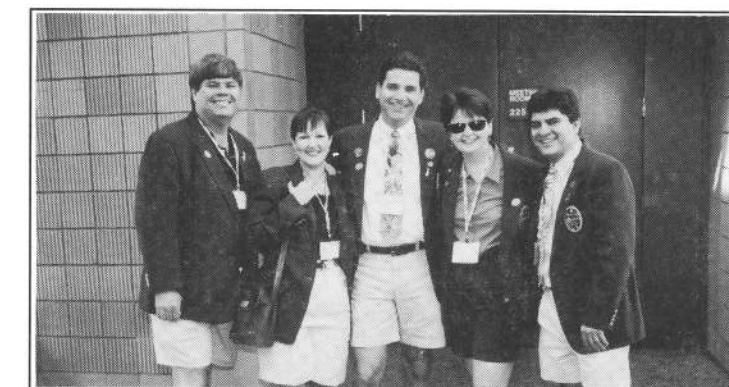
50th anniversary cake was served to all.



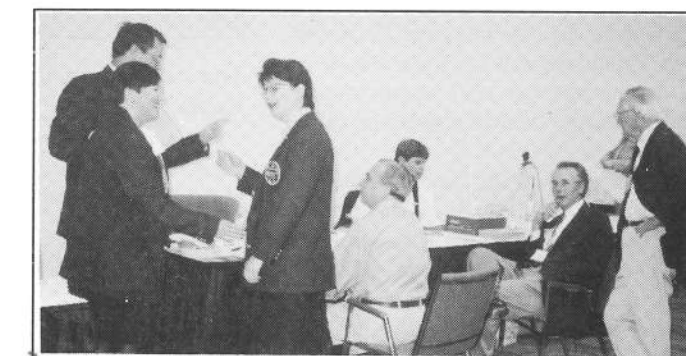
Hamming it up at the Luncheon Fashion Show.



Another packed clinical session.



Going casual on closing day: Drs. Schott, Andrews, Daroca, Stuckey, Campo.



Work went on non-stop in the Conference office.



Big crowds attended the lectures.



Incoming and outgoing: 2000 chairman Dr. Jerry Williams and '99 chairman Dr. Melanie Andrews.



A second line to end all second lines.



Dr. Schott awards \$500 check to lucky winner, Dr. Robert Scheuermann.

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! Dentists are selected at random.

Dr. Lacour: optimism and excitement

Only two and a half years into his practice, Dr. Kevin M. Lacour comes over as a young dentist brimming with optimism and excitement.

"I'm very excited about my staff. We've worked to build the practice. I love treating the patients," he says. No complaints anywhere.

He said he has an uncle who is a dentist, Dr. Lurry David Lacour of Baton Rouge, "and the initial idea may have come from that." But it was the removal of a wisdom tooth by Dr. Edward Vocke that solidified his career choice.

"It was one of the best experiences I've ever had," Dr. Lacour recalls. "I figured if I could help people the way he helped me, this was what I wanted to do."

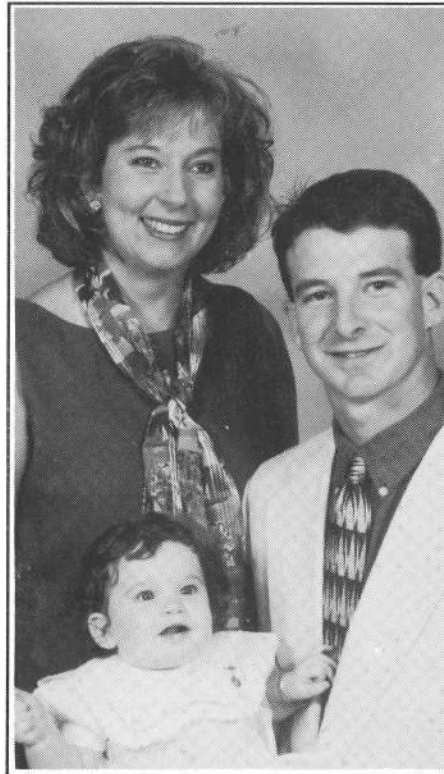
Born in El Paso where his dad was in the service, Kevin as a child moved with the family to Kenner where they spent 12 years before relocating to Destrehan.

He graduated from Destrehan High School in 1988, moving on to Louisiana State University where he earned his BS in microbiology with a minor in chemistry. After graduating in 1993, he entered LSU School of Dentistry where he received his DDS in 1997.

He immediately became an associate, splitting his time between the offices of Dr. Robert Foret in Thibodaux and Dr. Peter Glaser in Boutte. In November of 1997 he purchased a practice in Metairie where he now has his office at 3330 Kingman.

It's a solo practice. Dr. Lacour employs a business assistant, a chairside assistant and a part-time dental hygienist. He is a member of ADA, LDA and NODA as well as AGD. He works on the New Orleans Dental Conference as a room monitor and has been active in Children's Dental Health Month. Next year he will serve as co-chairman with Dr. Richard Ballard.

The doctor is married to the former André LeBlanc and they reside in Laplace. When he's



The Lacours: André, baby Cierra, Dr. Kevin.

not in his office you might find him on the golf course at Belle Terre Country Club or perhaps on a fishing trip.

The Lacours are the parents of a daughter, Cierra, age 2 1/2, whom they recently introduced to Disneyworld.

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Now, about those third molars . . .

Decisions on whether to extract third molars should be based on the most current scientific information and what is best for each individual patient, according to an article in the June 1999 *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*.

Samir E. Bishara, DDS, MS, reviewed some of the pertinent studies related to the management of third molars in an orthodontic context. He contends that the approach to third molar management can be expressed in two extremes:

1) Third molars should be removed even on a prophylactic basis, because they are frequently associated with future orthodontic and periodontal complications as well as other

pathologic conditions; and 2) There is no scientific evidence of a cause-and-effect relationship between the presence of third molars and orthodontic and periodontal problems.

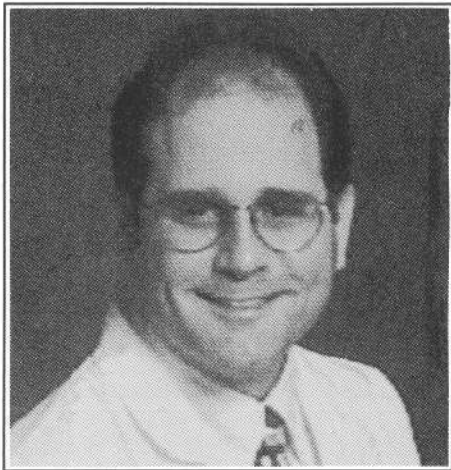
Bishara surveyed a group of 30 articles on third molar management, dating back to 1859. Based on the evidence in the literature, Bishara concluded that third molars play little or no role in lower incisor crowding and displacement, and that the only relationship between these two phenomena is that they occur at approximately the same stage of development (for example, adolescence and early adulthood).

As for potential impaction of third molars due to lack of space for their development or unfavorable inclination, Bishara suggests peri-

odic evaluation of the teeth starting around age 8 or 9.

He cites a 1981 study which concluded that current techniques for predicting impaction and eruption are not sufficiently reliable to determine at an early age which third molars should be removed.

Bishara says that if approximately 20 to 25 percent of third molars become impacted, then 75 to 80 percent of removals are not justified. Along with the periodic evaluation of the molars, starting around 8 or 9, he suggests extraction for those with unfavorable inclination in development, infection, nonrestorable carious lesions, cysts, tumors, and destruction of adjacent teeth and bone. (from the LDA)



DR. DELCAMBRE

AGD Mastership to Dr. Delcambre

Dr. Timothy Delcambre, associate professor of clinical general dentistry at LSUSD and director of the general dentistry residency program at the Medical Center of Louisiana, has received the Academy of General Dentistry Mastership Award.

Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry requires completion of more than 1,100 hours of continuing education; of these, at least 400 hours must be earned in courses devoted to the clinical application of a skill or technique.

A 1984 graduate of LSUSD, he completed the LSUSD/Charity Hospital of general practice residency in hospital dentistry and received a master of health administration degree from Tulane University. He is a diplomate of the American Board of General Dentistry and a fellow of the American Association of Hospital Dentists.

LDA Calendar

- October 9-13 – ADA Annual Session - Hawaii.
- October 15 – Fall 1999 *Louisiana Dental News* mail date.
- October 22 – ADA/LDA Peer Review Workshop - LDA Headquarters, Baton Rouge, LA.
- October 23 – State Primary Election.
- November 5-6 – Conference on Membership Recruitment & Retention - ADA, Chicago, IL.
- November 15 – Membership billings mail out.
- November 20 – State General Election.

PATTERSON DENTAL NOW IN HARAHAH

Patterson Dental Supply, Inc. has relocated to Harahan, LA. The company was formerly located in St. Rose, LA.

Patterson's new address is 550 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite G in Harahan. The phone number is 733-4455. Fax is 733-4469. In Patterson's recent *NODA News* ad the address was mistakenly listed as St. Rose. We apologize for the error. The company's 800 number (LA) remains 1-800-452-7213.



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October 16		"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries" w/Drs. Thunthy & Hubar 07 cr. hrs.	Auxiliary \$ 120.00
October 29		"Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and a Review of Chemotherapeutic Antiplateau Agents" w/Dr. Louis G. DePaola 07 cr. hrs.	DDS \$ 195.00 Auxiliary \$ 95.00
Nov. 5		"Personal Stress Assessment and Management" w/Dr. Keith Rossein 07 cr. hrs.	DDS \$ 165.00 Auxiliary \$ 85.00
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Dec. 10-12		"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" a/k/a "EDDA" w/Ms. Dottie Austin	Auxiliary \$ 369.00

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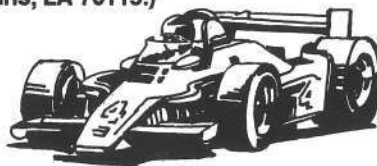
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