

All aboard for Dentist Day at Legislature

Have you ever been to the Legislature?

No? Well, May 3 is a perfect time to go. It's the annual Dentist Day at the Legislature.

A NODA-chartered bus will leave New Orleans at 12 noon sharp for Baton Rouge, according to Dr. Richard Ballard, legislative affairs chairman. It's all free with bus fare, box lunch and refreshments complimentary.

The all-day event is sponsored by the Alliance of the Louisiana Dental Association and the LDA itself.

Here is the schedule:

12 noon: Departure from the vacant Winn Dixie parking lot at 17th St. and Severn behind Lakeside Shopping Center. Those who sign on must be there at 11:45 a.m.

2 p.m. Briefing by state officials, including Office of Insurance.

4 p.m. Visit with legislators.

6 p.m. Reception at the historic Pentagon Barracks near state capitol.

Members are urged to call 834-6449 to reserve their seats on the bus AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Cancellations and last minute phone calls can be made by cellular phone to Dr. Ballard at 228-8215.

Here's a chance to combine an educational session on dental-legislative issues with a fun trip.

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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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DR. NIXON IS PRE-CONFERENCE CLINICIAN

Dr. Robert L. Nixon, co-director of the Center for Esthetic Excellence in Chicago, will conduct the All-Day Pre-Conference Course at the 52nd annual New Orleans Dental Conference Wednesday, September 19 at the Morial Convention Center.

The all-day session opens the three-day conference. The NODA-sponsored event will move to a larger section of the Morial Center because several sessions overflowed last year's facilities.

Dr. Wilson, a leader for two decades in the field of esthetic restorative dentistry and a pioneer in the development of ceramic laminate veneers, maintains a practice emphasizing quality-oriented esthetic dentistry in Beverly Hills, California.

A large portion of the lecturers for the coming conference has been named. Speakers include: Judy Bendit, hygiene and workshops;

Dr. Douglas Damm, oral pathology; Dr. Robert Edwab, oral surgery and workshops; Dr. Lisa Germain, endodontics and workshops; Dr. Henry Gremillion, TMD/occlusion.

Also Dr. Anthony Indovina, CPR workshops; Dr. Roland Meffert, implant/periodontics; Risa Pollack-Simon, practice management; Odette Pollar, "Smart Ways to work"; Carol Tekavec, management/insurance; Dr. Dwight Weathers, OSHA/infection control.

Also Dr. Jim Weir, oral pathology, and Dr. Corky Wilhite, anterior composite workshop. Additional clinicians are still to be named.

Keynote speaker at the opening session September 20 will be Dr. James B. Maas who will speak on "Power Sleep and Peak Performance." A complimentary coffee party with a variety of beignets, pastries and a jazz band will follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CRAWFISH SEAFOOD PARTY

Fri., April 20, 2001 - 7:00 pm
American Legion Home
(RSVP required)

NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., May 16, 2001 - LSUSD - 7:00 pm
"Endodontia Update"
Dr. Lisa Germain, DDS

NEW ORLEANS DENTAL CONFERENCE

September 19 through 22, 2001
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SEAFOOD FEAST SET APRIL 20

The annual NODA Crawfish Party - just to be safe, let's make that the "NODA Seafood Party" - will be held Friday, April 20 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Causeway Blvd. and the Mississippi River.

As always, spouses and dates are cordially invited. And you can't beat the price. It's FREE to those who call in advance for tickets (834-6449).

The staff and committee are combing the area like the FBI on a manhunt to locate sufficient quantities of mudbugs to satisfy NODA appetites and the outlook looks good! The shortage

doesn't appear as critical as two or three weeks ago. Just to be sure, there are plans to fill in with other types of seafood and goodies as needed.

So don't worry. Plan to be there. But BE SURE to call in advance to reserve your tickets. Admission at the door is \$10 per couple. As always, there will be lots of beer and soft drinks to wash down the seafood.

Program chairman Dr. Tom Giacoma said there will be a SHORT business meeting before the mudbugs are unveiled.

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President's Message

by CAROL A. STUCKEY, DDS

LOOKING AHEAD

As I write my first President's Message for the *NODA News*, I am overwhelmed by the many issues facing our dental profession, and more specifically, Louisiana dentists.

Our NODA delegates to the LDA held a caucus meeting Monday, March 12, to review the 20 resolutions submitted to the LDA House of Delegates which met in Alexandria, Saturday, March 17. Many of these resolutions are either of a housekeeping nature, or obviously positive resolutions, and were likely to pass without a lot of comment. A few are more controversial and sure to generate lively discussion on the house floor: the PR campaign, general supervision, records acquisition by the State Board without notice, among others.

Several years ago amendments to the LDA Bylaws were proposed to the LDA House of Delegates excluding Retired and Retired Life Members in the component delegate apportionment to the LDA House of Delegates. At that time many of the NODA Delegates vigorously defended the inherent rights of these members on the house floor, and warned the LDA that this move would not only remove members' rights, but was also in conflict with the Bylaws of the ADA. Despite the persuasive arguments of NODA Delegates, the LDA body passed the resolution to exclude the Retired and Retired Life Members in the apportionment of delegates. This prompted our complaint to the ADA (*initially begun in Dr. Anthea Grogono's term as President, researched and developed by Dr. William Reeder, and presented to the ADA in December of 2000 by Dr. William Reeder and Dr. Robert Barsley). In February of this year, the ADA ruled basically in favor of the NODA complaint. Now the LDA must restore all areas where the Retired and Retired Life members were excluded from the LDA Bylaws, and there

is a resolution that attempts to address this. Our thanks to the tireless efforts of NODA Representatives is due here.

During my term as your president I promise to do my very best to serve you. In preparation for the coming year I have outlined several goals I would like to briefly share with you. I intend to expound on these goals in my address at the Installation Banquet on March 31 at the Metairie Country Club and I encourage each of you to attend.

First of all, I would like to advance the vision of our Immediate Past President, Dr. Jim Roethele, by continuing the development of the NODA website and the website membership roster. For those of you interested in having your photo in the roster, please send it to the Central Office if you have not done so already. I worked hard last year as chair of the Roster Committee to help Dr. Roethele accomplish this goal, and I hope to continue the development of the website during my term. Our website address is www.nodental.org, but temporarily the site is at www.nodc.org/nodental.htm.

A second goal is the expansion of New Orleans Dental Enterprises to a Core Committee similar to the Core Committee for the New Orleans Dental Conference. The current president, Dr. David Hildebrandt, has done a terrific job with NODE, and he has concurred with me that the opportunity for strategic planning with NODE is now and the ideas are limitless.

Thirdly, and no less importantly, I've appointed our President-elect, Dr. Tom Giacomina, as Chairman of an Ad-hoc Committee with the goal of changing the timing of our nominations and elections to integrate with the LDA Bylaws so that NODA will never again be in the position where the LDA can choose our ADA Delegates or Alternate Delegates for us.

There are other areas that I will be dis-

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cussing during the Installation message and I look forward to sharing these with you then. It is only with the help and participation of the membership that we can accomplish these goals, and I thank you now for your continued support.

Those of you reading about these issues who have strong feelings regarding some or all of them, please call or write the NODA Central Office to share your views and ideas with the leadership. **Those of you looking to serve, please let us know especially when nominations are opened for the succeeding year's leadership. We need you!** Those of you in the silent majority out there every day doing your best and depending on the leadership to hold or change the course of the future of dentistry, I hope we don't let you down. **Let us know your ideas so that we may make decisions in your best interest - we won't know if you don't tell us!** To the unsung heroes who work tirelessly on our behalf, with little or no recognition, thank you. Your volunteer efforts help all of us.

It is an honor and a privilege to be a dentist. It is even more an honor and a privilege to serve our organization of dentists. Our organization embraces the democratic process so that those of any opinion have the right to express their views within the guidelines of the bylaws and the parliamentary process. The right to be heard is inherent and full and open discussion is encouraged. Any member in good standing may be nominated and run for office. I believe that our recent election meeting was an excellent

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Dental outreach continues . . .

Children's Dental Health month may be over but the work of dental education continues.

The dental profession has long been a leader in the area of instruction in dental care and prevention of dental disease. NODA members wishing to give a talk or program at schools near their home or office are reminded that the NODA Office has a variety of colorful posters, coloring and puzzle sheets on dental care.

This material can be picked up at the Central Office. Call 834-6449 to make the arrangements.



This lecture at the Louisiana Children's Museum drew an audience of interested parents and children.



At the East Bank Regional Library in Metairie this group of children learned about teeth and made lab coats like the dentist wears.



Kindergarten is not too soon for students to hear a presentation on dental care. This class at Trinity School shows interest.



Third graders at Trinity School pose for photo during their session on dental care.

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example of the effectiveness of the democratic process. For those of you on the side of the minority opinion in this year's election, while I may not have agreed, I'm sensitive to your views, and I've been enlightened by your opinions. I'm looking forward to working together toward accomplishing the mission of NODA: "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."

Clearly, the issues facing us today require careful consideration in order to preserve the

legacy that has been handed down to us in dentistry and to ensure that this legacy remains for future generations. Our ability to plan for the future, our ability to stand united, and our courage to succeed in the face of adversity will determine the future of our organization and our profession.

*Carol A. Stuckey, DDS
President*

*It should be noted that NODA's appeal to the ADA was the first appeal of a component on behalf of membership rights to the ADA in recent history.

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CRITICAL ISSUES AND THE FUTURE

BY DR. RANDY GREEN
Past President, NODA

It is important for all NODA members to understand and appreciate the critical issues that have recently been resolved and how these decisions have impacted the future of NODA and our own New Orleans Dental Conference.

Three years ago, the LDA House of Delegates ruled to exclude all Retired/Retired Life members from its bylaws and operating manual for the House of Delegates (HOD). This violation of the ADA Bylaws, in essence, prevented Retired/Retired Life members from enjoying the full privileges of membership. Under these changes, Retired/Retired Life members could not serve as a delegate or as an officer of the LDA and would not be included in the computation of delegates to the LDA House.

The latter repercussion of this ill-advised legislation would deny NODA one, possibly two, delegates to serve on NODA's behalf at the HOD. This may seem to be an insignificant number to many of you, but upon further analysis, one can easily determine the critical difference between 23 and 25 delegates.

Remember, a bylaws change requires a two-thirds vote of the 75-member delegation which can have a profound impact on such statewide issues as assessments and the Statewide Public Relations Program. For these past three years, your NODA Board of Governors and its delegates to the LDA House have striven to right this wrong by exposing these errors and have the LDA once again conform to ADA Bylaws by reinstating the privileges of our Retired/Retired Life colleagues.

Since these efforts continued to fall on deaf ears at the LDA, a Task Force was appointed by NODA to submit a formal complaint to the Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA) of the ADA. After almost two years of research, correspondence, and hearings, I am proud to report that the ADA has ruled in NODA's favor. The CEBJA has, in fact, directed the LDA to conform to all ADA Bylaws by returning all Retired/Retired Life members to their full privileges including holding office and serving as a delegate at the LDA HOD.

Furthermore, the CEBJA has ruled that all Retired/Retired Life members must be included in the computation of delegates to the House. It is, therefore, imperative for all NODA members to realize that if it were not for the diligence and foresight of a few fellow members, that NODA once again would have lost critical representation in an arena where it is already grossly under-represented.

I extend my thanks to Bill Reeder, Anthea Grogono, Bob Barsley, and Debra Arnold for their dedication to this matter. The unfortunate fact remains that this expenditure of valuable time and energy could have been put to far better use in the name of organized dentistry had the LDA Board and HOD simply complied with our reasonable, logical request three years ago. What a waste!!

On another positive note, three proposed bylaws changes, which could have irreparably divided NODA and our conference, were soundly defeated at the February New Member Dinner. I haven't seen this many members attend a general meeting since Pete Glaser opposed Carroll Wood for the NODA Presidency almost 20 years ago. In fact, this meeting looked more like a Past President's Reunion than a New Member Dinner.

If these bylaws were presented to increase attendance, then it was a total success. Since this was in all likelihood not the case, the defeat of Resolution #1 prevented NODA from revisiting the Dark Ages when association board members were always at odds with the conference hierarchy and vice versa. The defeat of this resolution preserved the formula that has allowed our conference to flourish. Why anyone would want to divide our resources and leadership into two separate camps at a time when we have what everyone else wants, that is, a successful conference, defies all logic.

The defeat of Resolutions #2 & 3 basically preserved the right of any NODA member to be duly elected as an officer or member of the Board based on his or her qualifications, dedication, experience, and years of service. Oddly enough, these changes would have altered the same bylaws that have withstood the test of time and have successfully endured the reign of numerous past presidents and board members.

It is never a good policy for any organization to change its bylaws to accommodate an individual situation. Therefore, it is as it should be. Any member in good standing is eligible to attain a leadership position in NODA. The defeat of these resolutions allows a candidate's qualifications and track record to decide the final outcome in the election process. Your position in line to move up the ladder should never be a factor nor should it be a deterrent to seeking higher office if you have met all of the necessary criteria.

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Lastly, there is the issue of our hotly contested race for Alternate Delegate to the ADA from NODA. Considering all the controversy that this position has drawn, statewide and nationally at the ADA, one would conclude that since this is Louisiana, there must certainly be a great deal of money at stake. That not being the case, simply stated, one year ago, when this job was virtually anyone's for the taking, no one expressed an interest except Anthea Grogono.

Once the word spread that Dr. Grogono, an out-of-state, highly qualified, member in good standing, was to serve as NODA's Alternate Delegate to the ADA, interest began to mount, albeit too late. Remember, the LDA has a deadline to submit one name for this position. And to this date, Anthea has done nothing to lose it. We are now faced with the dilemma of an LDA Board-endorsed candidate running against a NODA general membership-endorsed candidate to be decided at the LDA HOD.

This is the result of NODA's Election Meeting, as per our Bylaws, being held after the LDA deadline for submitting one name for this position. I am certain that NODA and President-elect Carol Stuckey will make the necessary bylaws changes to avoid this unpleasant situation from occurring in the future.

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ALWAYS, PATIENTS COME FIRST

(Reprinted with permission from the CRA Newsletter)

There was a time in dentistry when *patients* came first. Industry & clinicians were focused equally, but separately, on excellence of treatment. Above all, practitioners & industry were to do no harm to the patient. Patient treatment was a service. Profit resulted from serving many patients well. There was a time when clinicians who wrote in journals & spoke at dental meetings paid for their own research & travel, & considered it an honor to speak. Clinicians met in study clubs where they showed & discussed difficult cases, & studied products & techniques.

Today, much has changed. Institutions including universities, state & national professional organizations, teaching institutes, journals, speakers, & writers have become heavily funded by industry. Differences between research and promotional information are becoming difficult to distinguish. Clinicians are trying to short cut personal study by relying on opinions of prominent clinicians, some with undisclosed affiliations with industry.

This problem was addressed recently in a national publication where they referred to industry-affiliated clinicians as "hired guns" (AGD Impact, Oct. '00, PP. 6-9). The problem is clinicians have always relied on trusting each other when discussing patient treatment, so industry-affiliated clinicians are a departure from a long standing system.

Many manufacturers do their best to provide pre-market research before products are marketed. However, in the rush to market, many clinical trials have been eliminated, resulting in serious product problems. Recent examples are:

- Hybrid ionomer cements that expand & fracture teeth when used for bases & post cementation, & can fracture all-ceramic restorations when used as luting agents.
- Resin crown systems that delaminate from their metal & fiber sub-structures.
- Class 2 resin formulations that change so frequently clinicians cannot report problems before a new product appears.
- New resin curing lights that fail to cure all restoratives & adhesives, & undisclosed initiators in several different resins.
- In-office bleaches claiming to need curing lights, but showing no visual difference when lights are not used.
- Dentin-enamel adhesives & core buildups that do not adhere to each other properly.
- Disinfectants that do not kill in the presence of the body fluids that carry pathogens in dental environments.
- Perio treatments said to improve pocket depths by values within the error zone of perio probe measurements.

CRA was started 25 years ago when 5 study clubs from 5 states decided clinicians needed to study their products *before* routine use on patients. CRA's international volunteer network was designed to separate the work from outside funding & other influences to assure objective & candid reporting. In addition, CRA's non-profit status means it does not have owners, executives, or stockholders to support. *CRA's only reason to exist is to identify excellent products & bring them to the attention of clinicians.* These are the important products that create a win-win-win situation for industry, clinicians & patients.

Today, there are many groups & individuals who provide independent, unbiased evaluations of products. However, did you know that some prominent leaders charge for product evaluations, charge for use of their organization's name & information in ads, charge exorbitant prices for product photos in annual books, charge to associate personal names with products, & receive income from product evaluations & endorsements in diverse ways such as stock options, donations, vacations, gifts, special speaking engagements, & dental equipment & materials for their private offices?

With these practices, it is getting more difficult to know what & whom to trust. However, there are two things every clinician can do to distinguish fact from fabrication:

1. *Consider your dental practice a microcosm of clinical research & record which patients receive products & treatments you are interested in tracking. Recall those patients, get their feedback, & record what you see.*

2. *Organize a study club & test the information, products, & techniques that interest you. Try new products on each other & on interested parties such as local industry reps, then track the results.*

THE POINT IS TO TEST WHAT YOU READ & HEAR BY SEEING & EXPERIENCING PERSONALLY. CRA welcomes being put to these tests. We know you will confirm what we report because CRA is a network of real world clinicians using products in real world clinical tests in their own dental offices. We know that in spite of what some people might try to make you believe, eventually the truth comes out – but often not before a number of patients experience problems.

CRA strongly encourages clinicians & companies to return to the *patient* as the central focus in dentistry. When patients are the central concern, product performance will not be a concern because all will desire the best for those they serve.

CRA pledges to continue independent & unbiased reporting to help you secure the best care for your patients. You will continue to receive extensive product comparisons, careful research addressing controversial topics, & test protocols & full data open to all on CRA's web site & by visiting CRA in Provo, Utah.

(This article was suggested for publication in *NODA News* by Dr. Joe Kirn.)

Critical Issues and the Future

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Regardless of the outcome at the LDA House, six out of the eleven voting members of the LDA Nominating Committee (actually, the Board of Directors) should not have been allowed to make this decision for NODA. NODA alone should have this privilege and the House should respect this selection. However, don't expect that to happen.

As a past Conference chairman, past NODA President, past NODE President, and LDA Director, I felt compelled to set the record straight for those of you who attended the New Member Dinner and, particularly and regrettably, for the over 500 members who did not.

In closing, as most of you know, I have decided to step down as your Director on the LDA Board. I have served NODA in this position for the past 5 years, having taken the place of my good friend and colleague, the late Dave Hoffman. I have made many friends and renewed many friendships on the LDA Board. I have no regrets and I am proud to have served for NODA in this capacity. Never once did I lose sight of whom I was representing. I contributed to the LDA on NODA's behalf without compromising NODA's integrity. I will continue to represent LSUSD on the LSU Health Science Center Foundation Board. Thank you again for granting me the privilege of serving NODA for these many years.

Should this apply to dentists?

(Reprinted from Medical Practice Communicator April 1999)



We physicians often grumble about the amount of time in our daily practice that is spent on the telephone – fielding patient's questions about medications and lab results, providing reassurance, even diagnosing ailments and offering therapeutic advice. A colleague of mine who maintains a busy internal medicine practice estimates that he devotes two to three hours a day to telephone consultations.

As with an office visit, effective communication by phone demands patience, diagnostic skills and clinical acumen that come with experience. The telephone also exposes physicians to medicolegal liability. For example, erroneous medical advice to a patient who calls complaining of atypical chest pain may well be the initiating event in a malpractice law suit. Monthly phone bills for a doctor's office can also be a sizeable expense.

So why don't physicians receive appropriate reimbursement for the time and expertise required in telephone consultation? Perhaps our profession's altruistic ideals and historic disdain for the monetary and business aspects of medical practice led to the tradition of "free" telephone time. (I suspect that patients demanding access to their doctors via e-mail and the Internet is becoming the next market pressure.) After all, lawyers consider their time on the telephone for business and contact with clients to be "billable hours." The average Philadelphia attorney sets a fee of \$150 to \$250 per hour,

charged in increments of one-tenth of an hour. Is billing for telephone use by doctors justifiable, and if so, has the medical profession forever lost the prerogative to charge a fee or bill third-party payers for their time in this manner?

As insurance reform evolves and policies change, I propose that this issue, like the concept of billing for physician home care services, should be addressed. No, doctors won't make a fortune as they dial for dollars (nor should they), but such an important communication tool in the doctor-patient relationship demands appropriate compensation, especially in today's climate of shorter office visit and shrinking reimbursements. What do you think?

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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. Taggart: Patients become friends

Last year Dr. Charles F. Taggart II celebrated his 40th year in the practice of dentistry.

A life member of ADA-LDA-NODA, he has practiced in New Orleans East since 1962 and in his present office in the Medical Center of East New Orleans since 1975. His partner every step of the way has been his wife, the former Patricia Ann Daniel of New Orleans.

They met in 1959 when he was in his senior year at Loyola University School of Dentistry and she was a senior studying medical technology in Loyola's College of Arts and Sciences. They both graduated in 1960 and married in November of that year. A partner in more ways than one, Patricia also serves as office manager and chairside assistant.

Born in New Orleans, Charles Taggart graduated from St. Bernard High School, a Benedictine institution in Cullman, Alabama. He started his pre-dent studies at Loyola in 1953 and in 1956 moved on to dental school.

"My dental class was truly a unique group," Dr. Taggart recalled. "We bonded in our freshman year and stuck together to support and encourage each other. Lifelong friendships were formed that are still alive after 40-plus years of being tested."

After graduation came two years as a lieutenant and dental officer at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

Does he remember any particular dental professors? Several names come to Dr. Taggart's mind, such as Dr. Bob Eastman, the famed restorative specialist. "Everybody remembers Dr. Eastman. He was unforgettable," said Dr. Taggart. Another is Dr. Victor Halperin in oral pathology. "I'm thankful for Dr. Halperin every day I open my office," he said, adding, "Dr. John Donaldson in oral diagnosis was most kind and compassionate . . . a true gentleman. It has been my pleasure to care for the dental needs of John's wife for many years."

Dr. Taggart is a man of lively and numerous interests. Several years ago he was written up in *NODA News* for his hobby of growing orchids. He has moved from horticulture to sculpture in wood and clay, along with photography.

His carved statues of religious figures embellish an altar that he and Mrs. Taggart have in their home. For the past 13 years the Taggarts have been conductors of two prayer groups that meet in their home where Mass is celebrated twice a month.

Their Catholic faith also plays a large part in their extensive travels. They visited Medjugo-



DR. TAGGART AND PATRICIA

ria, Yugoslavia, and Rome on their first pilgrimage in 1989 and returned to Rome in the jubilee year of 2000 where they collected relics of the pillar of the Scourging of Christ, bone fragments of five of the Apostles, and a fragment of the bones of St. Appelonina, patron saint of dentists.

They have visited shrines in France, Ireland, Germany, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Holy Land, and Guadeloupe in Mexico. They've visited the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz where St. Maximilian Kolbe and the newly canonized St. Edith Stein were martyred along with thousands of others.

Says Dr. Taggart: "Auschwitz is a monu-

ment to mankind's inhumanity to man and leaves a lasting impression on anyone who visits it."

Dr. Taggart has been active in dental activities. He served for five years as registration chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference when NODA took on the registration process from the outside firm that handled it.

The doctor and Patricia are the parents of three children. Son Chuck has his master's in film from Loyola Marymount after earning his bachelor's from Loyola New Orleans. He works in film production for HBO in Hollywood. Daughter Marie has her bachelor's from LSU and is an ICU nurse at West Jefferson Hospital and daughter Melissa has her degree in advertising from USL and is manager of a boutique in Lafayette.

Dr. Taggart says he has scaled down his work schedule but "I still enjoy my profession, especially seeing patients whom I have been caring for for 10, 20, 30 or more years." He adds: "When you look after the oral health of people and families for that many years, they are not just patients. They have become friends."

"I've been blessed by the Lord with good health and as long as that continues, I have no immediate plans to retire."

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		w/Drs. Roy Nakal, John Barksdale & Jerome Smith	Aux.	\$ 169.00
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		4-Hour Hands-On Course held at the <i>Ask about our Early Bird Special Price</i> <u>Grand Casino Islandview Resort in Biloxi, MS</u>		
April 21		"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries"	07 cr. hrs.	Auxiliary \$ 120.00
		w/Drs. Thunthy & Hubar		
April 20-22		"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" a/k/a "EDDA"		Auxiliary \$ 369.00
		w/Dottie Austin, CDA, EDDA	24 cr. hrs.	
April 27-29		June 8-10		July 20-22
		"Cosmetic Dentistry Continuum - Level II" a/k/a/ Advanced Anterior Esthetics	66 cr. hrs.	DDS \$7,500.00
		w/Dr. Eubank & Dr. Morley		
June 1-2		"4-Handed Rotary Endodontics"	14 cr. hrs.	DDS* \$1,495.00
		w/Drs. Lemon, Simon & Himel	* Fee includes one Dental Assistant	
June 15-17		July 27-29		September 7-9
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June 22-23		"Esthetic Prosthodontic Review/ Treatment Planning Workshop"	14 cr. hrs.	DDS Fri-only \$ 249.00
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