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Anyone planning to attend the ADA Annual Session in Kansas City October 13-17, 2001, who would like to help in the New Orleans booth, please contact Ken Schott (288-4245), Terry Fugetta (454-7008), or Normalee Ward at

the NODA office (834-6449).

We could use some volunteers for a few hours to help distribute promotional materials for the ADA Annual Session to be held in New Orleans in 2002.

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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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NODA'S DENTAL MISSIONARIES

by DAVID M. ARRINGTON, DDS

One of my objectives in accepting the chairmanship of the NODA Missionary Dentist Committee is to establish support and rapport between the dentists who give of their time and talents for people in need.

I am very thankful to Dr. Guy Ribando (past NODA president) for having the wisdom, compassion, and insight to establish this wonderful committee.

Many of you might ask, "What is a Missionary Dentist?" The word Mission means being sent on some special work or service. My

hero is a person named Jesus Christ and He has called me and all Christians to be "On Mission" when He said "go into all the nations and teach (help) them."



Dr. Arrington saying goodbye to patients in Nicaraguan village.

Simply put, a missionary dentist is one who is willing to sacrifice in order to travel to other poor countries to help the underprivileged and needy. Others might ask "Why travel, we have needs here in the U.S.?" If you have ever traveled to a 3rd world country then you have witnessed the true starkness of human need.

The poor people of the world live without sanitation, electricity, or running water. There is an overwhelming need for dental care coupled with a severe lack of trained dental professionals in these countries. Children cry themselves to sleep at night with toothaches and adults try to find a way to break off an abscessed tooth so that it might drain and relieve pain.

I have seen this firsthand on many occasions as I have taken 10 such trips to the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, & Costa Rica.

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AGD HONOR TO DR. BASSETT

The Academy of General Dentistry has awarded Darlene T. Bassett, DDS of New Orleans the AGD's prestigious Mastership Award. It was presented during the Academy's annual meeting in New York.

Dr. Bassett joins a select group of dentists who have completed the most rigorous continuing dental education program in general dentistry. She earned the award by completing more than 1,100 hours of quality continuing dental education in the 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 400 hours of hands-on-courses. To date, over 1,000 AGD members have earned mastership honors.

Dr. Bassett graduated from the Loyola University of the South School of Dentistry in 1971 and practices in New Orleans. She is the editor of the *Louisiana AGD* and president of the Louisiana chapter of the International College of Dentistry. She is also a member of the American College of Dentistry, the American Dental Association and the Louisiana Dental Association.

Academy of General Dentistry is a non-profit organization of more than 37,000 general dentists dedicated to staying up-to-date in the profession through continuing education.



DR. BASSETT

President's Message

by CAROL A. STUCKEY, DDS

CONFERENCE SEEING STEADY IMPROVEMENT

As many of you have no doubt noticed, the 52nd annual New Orleans Dental Conference offered on-line registration at www.noda.org. It's so easy now. The improvements made to online registration this year have laid the groundwork for easy online registration for years to come. Free registration for the conference is yet another benefit of your membership in the New Orleans Dental Association.

This year's theme, "Flavor of the Future," presented another exciting lineup of speakers, exhibits, and social events. Many thanks to the Chairman, Dr. Robert Barsley, our Executive Director, Dr. Debra Arnold, and the Core Committee for an outstanding job in the production of a first class conference.

A special thanks is due also for Ms. Normalee Ward, executive secretary for the conference. Each year she has the huge task of assisting a Core Committee of dentists in the

performance of their duties so that the conference continues to run like a well-oiled machine.

Our scientific chairman Dr. Glenn Dubroc is working on an excellent lineup of speakers for the New Orleans Dental Association general membership meetings. We are looking forward to the exchange of ideas with our colleagues combined with an excellent agenda of continuing education.

For the dues-conscious member out there, at each meeting there is a drawing for \$50 dollars off your NODA dues. And at our May meeting each year, there is a grand dues drawing for the winning member's full dues for the entire year!

Every general meeting you attend gives you an additional chance to win the grand dues drawing in May. So drop that hand piece, put up your syringe, and come on out to general meetings this year. You'll be glad you did!

Carol A. Stuckey, DDS
President

Dentists urged to use DR plans

The ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs recently learned the time is ripe for dentists to take advantage of a rising tide in direct reimbursement dental plans.

New survey results show the number of DR plans rose 22 percent from 378 in 1999 to 462 in 2000. By comparison, there were 328 reported DR plans in 1998 and 212 in 1997.

"Dentistry enthusiastically supports the DR concept and patients should know it," says Dr. Charles Cuttino, CDBP member and chairman of the council's Dental Benefit Information Service subcommittee.

An ADA DR promotional campaign has

more than quadrupled the amount of DR spending in the dental marketplace since 1997. In 2000 alone, DR plan participants generated nearly \$95 million in fee-for service, freedom-of-choice dentistry.

"This is a critical time," says Dr. Cuttino. "ADA members can be our most valuable DR resource. When patients complain to their dentists about problems with dental plans, it's an ideal opportunity to share information about DR. Dentists and their staffs can answer questions from the public and refer DR leads.

Source: www.ADA.org, *Today's News*, July 16, 2001

N.O. DENTAL ENTERPRISES SEEKS NEW BUSINESS

BY DR. DAVID J. HILDEBRAND
Chairman, New Orleans Dental Enterprises

The New Orleans Dental Association's for-profit arm, New Orleans Dental Enterprises (NODE), is currently looking for businesses that benefit our members.

If you know of a business that has given you good service, please call or e-mail Dr. David Hildebrandt at (985) 643-0304 or davhild@bell-south.net.

NODE currently contracts with Whitney National Bank for NODA's Visa card and TransNet Connect for long distance service. We hope to soon have a contract with a disability insurance provider with special contract provisions for dentists.

As NODE continues to grow, NODA will become financially stronger and the likelihood of any dues increases will diminish.

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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.

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Dental missionaries bring aid to many

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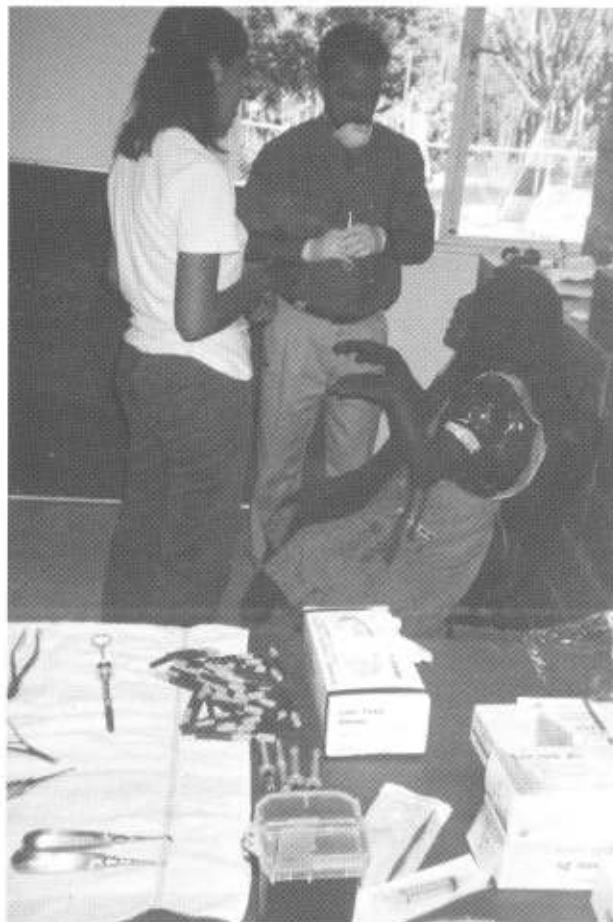
The encouraging part is that there are many compassionate dentists right here within NODA who donate their time and talents to help such people in true need.

NODA has decided to contribute \$1,000 to this committee on a yearly basis that will be available to dentists who take these trips to help defer their costs. We have also received commitment from Patterson Dental Co. that they will match over and above any supplies requested from them by this committee for any other dentists. Our committee will also accept donations of supplies and/or money for future trips.

I believe the missionary dentists provide a much needed service to people who have little to no access to dental care. These mission trips are life-changing experiences especially once you have received some of the heartfelt hugs, tears, and thank yous.

I would like to hear from anyone who has taken a mission trip before, or someone who is interested in going on such a trip. It is very important that we get to know one another so that we might share with each other, and help encourage others to participate with us.

Please E-mail me at Davtoni@aol.com. Applications for trip support can be received from me, and everyone applying is treated equally with all supplies and monies received by this committee. If you are interested in helping me with this committee, please call me at 885-0467. I would like to leave you with a quote that I think applies to all dentists: EXCELLENCE: It's what we stand for . . . It's what we do . . . It's who we are!



Dr. Arrington treating Oaxacan Indian girl in mountains of Mexico.



Portable mission dentistry set-up.

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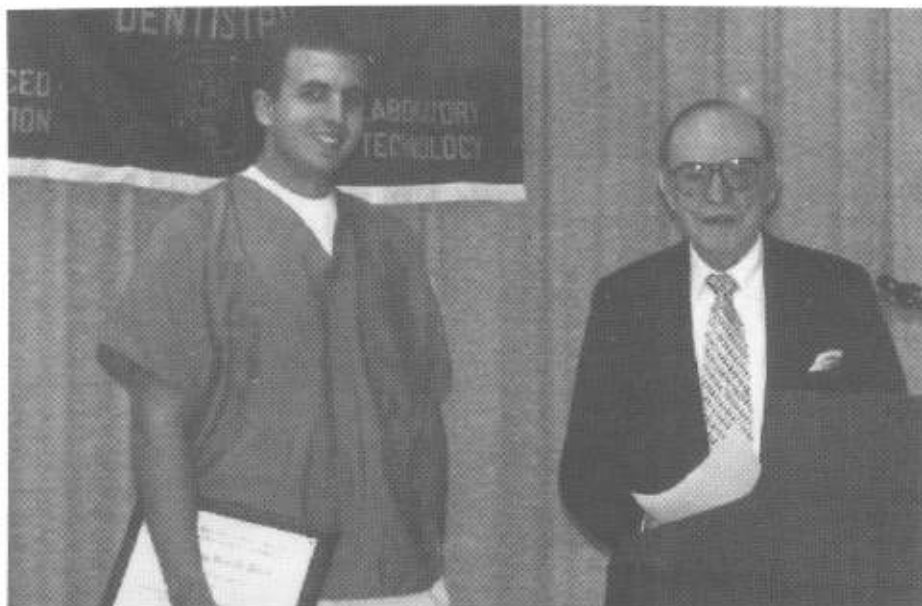
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Ryan Perry receives P. Sidney Neuwirth Award from Dr. Neuwirth.

LSUSD awards certificates to 33 post-doctoral residents

The LSU School of Dentistry advanced education programs awarded 33 certificates to post-doctoral residents in 11 specialty programs. In addition, the New Orleans section of the American Association for Dental Research presented its research award to Dr. Stanislaus Waguespack IV for his study "Evaluation of Lingual Positioned Skeletal Anchorage to Widen the Mandible."



DR. WAGUESPACK

The following received certificates in their specialties.

Advanced education general dentistry: Drs. Hisham Barakat, Mary Bell, Brent Chauvin, Diana Fat, Troy Lefort, and Joseph Porter.

Endodontics: Drs. Joanna Davis and Theodore Neff.

General dentistry residency: Drs. Charles

Brown III, John Iennusa, Jr., Jonah Moore, Susan Roshan, Trace Rutherford, and Jan Ville-marette.

Oral medicine and General practice residency: Dr. Kishore Shetty.

Oral and Maxillofacial surgery: Drs. Steven Gollehon, Jose Marchena, and Eric Scheufler.

Orthodontics: Drs. Robi Craig, Melanie Grafton, Christopher Robinson, and Stanislaus Waguespack IV.

P. Sidney Neuwirth Award goes to Ryan Perry

Ryan Perry, a native of Baton Rouge and now a fourth-year dental student at the LSU School of Dentistry, received the 2001 P. Sidney Neuwirth Award for his achievements as a third-year student in operative dentistry.

The faculty of the LSUSD department of operative dentistry and biomaterials presents the award each year to a third-year student whose dedication to dental training has led to a higher level of skill development.

Dr. P. Sidney Neuwirth, retired New Orleans dentist, sponsors the award and the \$500 that accompanies it to recognize students who show an outstanding commitment to the mastery of dental knowledge and clinical refinement.

Pediatric dentistry: Drs. Jill Donaldson, Leslie Jacobs, Stanley Saunders, and Johnny Starkey.

Periodontics: Drs. Jeffrey Bartruff, Michael Bartruff, Amer Suleyman, and Sotirios Vastardis.

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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.

Dr. Gustafson: He enjoys his work

Dr. Harry P. Gustafson, Jr. has conducted a solo practice of dentistry for 35 years and seems to have enjoyed every minute of it.

"I handle it all, from initial exam to perio, endo and the rest, except for ortho and unusually difficult cases that require a specialist," he says. He even does prophylaxis himself "since my hygienist left after 17 years a few years ago." He does employ a dental assistant and receptionist in his office at 10001 Lake Forest Blvd. in East New Orleans.

Since moving to Diamondhead, Mississippi in 1988, Dr. Gustafson works three days a week. And he sticks to his daily routine: "I take a lunch break from 12:30 until 2. I have a treadmill in the back office and exercise every day. Then I catch up on my phone calls and have lunch," he related.

He also belongs to a Nautilus club in Diamondhead and exercises every day he is there.

A native of New Orleans and graduate of Cor Jesu (now Brother Martin) High School, Dr. Gustafson earned his BS at USL (now University of Louisiana-Lafayette). He entered the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1962 as the only out-of-state student in the class, graduating in 1966.

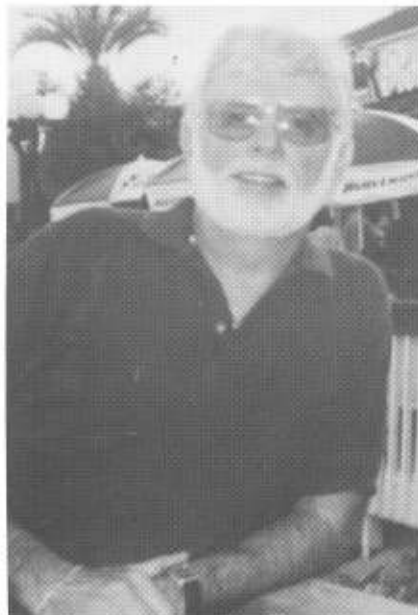
Then came two years in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps at Jacksonville, Arkansas. He was discharged as a captain in 1968. He was also a married man, having wed his sweetheart, Jan Melancon of New Orleans.

He opened his practice that year, practicing solo, but sharing office expenses with Dr. Peter Fortier. In 1970 he purchased the practice of Dr. Jim Clynes, who became a specialist in periodontics.

The Gustafsons have three children: Lori, who is married to Stephen Lundgren, an engineer (and head of the popular band, the Bucktown All-Stars); Todd, whose wife Megan is a senior in nursing at Southeastern University. He's planning to open a flooring business in Denham Springs. Son Eric is a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Gustafson adds: "And two beautiful grandchildren, Caroline and Camille."

Dr. Gustafson and Jan like to take cruises. They recently returned from Jamaica, the Cay-



DR. GUSTAFSON

mans and Cozumel. Next year they've scheduled a visit to San Juan, St. Thomas and St. Croix.

The doctor is an avid golfer and is active as a lector and hospitality minister at Annunciation Church in Kiln, Mississippi. He has been active in professional circles, having served as secretary of NODA in 1985-86 and as host and registration worker for the Conference where he had the pleasure of hosting his dental school dean, Dr. Scotty McCallum.

He is also active in pro bono work for the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped and was first chairman on the NODA Honor Dentist Committee.

American Heart Assn. Lists Top 10 Advances

Since 1996, the American Heart Association has compiled its annual Top 10 List of Research Advances. Topping the list for 2000 is the completion of the sequencing of the human genetic code. The complete list includes:

1. cracking the genetic code;
2. the genetic basis of familial primary pulmonary hypertension (PPH);
3. adult stem cells used to repair failing heart;
4. gene therapy to prevent reblockages;
5. atrial fibrillation, novel approach to treatment;
6. new approaches to preventing stroke;
7. advances in Cardiac Imaging;
8. dietary sodium and high blood pressure;
9. heart-healthy diet shows benefits in children;
10. advances in treating cardiac emergencies.

More information about these advances can be found at <http://www.strokeassociation.org>.

Source: *Access*, American Dental Hygienists' Association, March 2001



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Dr. Ricardo Caicedo has joined the LSUSD department of endodontics as a full-time faculty member. Formerly dean at the Colegio Universitario Colombiano School of Dentistry, he received a certificate in endodontics from the University of Louisville.

Colgate award to Dr. Yukna

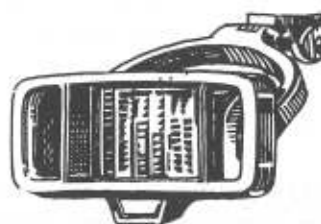
Dr. Raymond Yukna, professor and coordinator of postgraduate periodontics at the LSU School of Dentistry, was awarded the Colgate Visiting Professor of Periodontics and completed a month-long visit in New Zealand.

He spent two weeks at the University of Otago in Dunedin, which has the only dental school in New Zealand, presenting lectures and seminars, reviewing research projects, and discussing teaching methods. He then spent two weeks presenting lectures to the New Zealand Periodontal Academy and local dental societies throughout the country.

Dr. Yukna recently received a special citation from the California Society of Periodontics for outstanding teaching, research, and service.



DR. YUKNA



Booklet issued on Sjogren's syndrome

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases has made available a free booklet on Sjogren's syndrome.

Questions and Answers About Sjogren's Syndrome provides 36 pages of facts about living with the autoimmune disorder and organizations to contact for further information. Specific topics addressed include:

- causes, symptoms and diagnosis of Sjogren's syndrome;
- what to do about dry mouth and eyes;
- other parts of the body affected by Sjogren's syndrome;
- the connection between Sjogren's syndrome and lymphoma;
- research currently underway on Sjogren's syndrome;
- sources of additional information.

To order a copy, call toll-free at 1-877-226-4267, visit the NIAMS Sjogren's syndrome Web page at www.nih.gov/niams/healthinfo/sjogrens/, or write NIAMS Information Clearinghouse, 1 AMS Circle, Bethesda, MD 20892-3675.

Source: www.ADA.org, *Today's News*, April 30, 2001

Julia Roberts' Dentist Keeps His Promise

Twenty-six years before Julia Roberts won an Oscar, her hometown dentist made a pledge to his young patients: If any of them won a major prize, he would give every child in Smyrna, Georgia, a tube of toothpaste.

This year it was payoff time for Dr. Ted Aspes, reports the Associated Press in a March 28 article. Aspes said he had two families waiting for him in the parking lot the day after Roberts won the best-actress award for "Erin Brockovich."

By late afternoon, Aspes had given out hundreds of tubes of mint-flavored toothpaste.

The dentist, whose long-ago pledge also covered honors such as the Grammy, Heisman Trophy and Rhodes scholarship, wasn't caught by surprise. He expected Roberts to win and had ordered 10,000 tubes of toothpaste the week before.



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Dr. Ariel Raigrodski, assistant professor in the LSUSD department of prosthodontics, has received diplomate status from the American Board of Prosthodontics.



Charlotte Connick, RDH, assistant professor of general dentistry at the LSU School of Dentistry, received fellowship in the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities.



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October 4		"Treatment of the Medically Compromised Patient in the Dental Office" w/Dr. Louis Paola	DDS \$ 149.00 Aux. \$ 119.00
October 20		"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries" w/Drs. Thunthy & Hubar	Aux. \$ 120.00
October 18-20		"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" a/k/a "EDDA" w/Dottie Austin, CDA, EDDA	Aux. \$ 369.00
November 2		"Harold F. Wirth Memorial Lecture: Passion*People*PMA*Profits" w/Drs. Michael Schuster, Mike Robichaux & Jerry Tully	DDS \$ 95.00 Aux. \$ 75.00
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