

# NODA News

**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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## PROSTHETICS

*Get latest scoop at Dec. 13 meeting*

**BY DAVID J. HILDEBRANDT, DDS**  
Scientific Committee Chairman

**A**re you up to the minute in prosthetic dentistry? Dr. James Andrews and Mr. Charles Selser will accent some of the latest innovations at the NODA general membership meeting Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at the LSU Dental School.

The drawing for the \$50 remission on NODA dues will take place promptly after opening remarks, so don't be late! Entry stubs are retained for the full year's dues remission drawing in May.

Dr. Andrews is a nationally recognized speaker who has received acclaim for his work and research with the Andrews Bridge and Alabama implant system.

This system has been shown to restore a feeling of naturalness, unimpaired optimum phonetics, obstruction of food impaction, reduction of torque to abutments, and to provide complete access for optimum hygiene.

To quote Dr. Andrews, "These restorations do more than replace teeth and tissue. They restore self images and personality impact!"

Mr. Selser is also recognized in many dental forums for his speaking engagements. He will be presenting new techniques with all-ceramic restorations.

Mr. Selser has more than 10 years of experience as a certified ceramist. His technical excellence has been demonstrated in working with the crystal porcelain technique and IN-CERAM glass infiltrated restorations.

Our sponsor for the evening will be the Procter and Gamble Distributing Co., W. Hugh Feltzman, section representative. Of course, we will be providing refreshments for the social time after the meeting. Be sure to stop by and thank Hugh and Procter and Gamble for their support. I look forward to seeing you there.

### State license renewal changes

The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry has made a number of changes in its license renewal procedures for 1995. Each dentist will receive his renewal packet in early December.

Please note an increase of \$15 in the renewal fee, resulting in a total fee of \$140. Deadline for submission of all forms and payment of this fee has been changed to January 31, 1996.

"We especially call this to each dentist's attention because the delinquent fee is rather substantial," according to Dr. Vincent N. Liberto, immediate past president of the state board.

In addition, this year a one-time notarization of the anesthesia analgesia permit application is required. The renewal form required to be notarized includes: Nitrous, Conscious Sedation with Parenteral Drugs and General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation.

Finally, please complete all required information regarding your Continuing Education courses taken in 1995.

### Mark Your Calendar

**NODA/LSUSD CRUISE**

Jan. 20-27, 1996 - Commodore Line -  
"Enchanted Isle"  
"A Synopsis of TMJ Management"  
Dr. Ron Auvenshine

**NODA INSTALLATION DINNER**

Sat., Mar. 23, 1996 - 7:00 pm  
Chateau Country Club  
Dr. Terry Fugetta

**NODA GENERAL/ELECTION MEETING**

New Member Dinner - Wed., Feb. 28, 1996,  
Smilie's Restaurant  
"Legal Ramifications Of Your Dental Practice"  
Mr. Dale Weaver - The Medical Protective Co.  
Lagniappe - A Comedy Skit By  
"The NODA Players"

**NODA CRAWFISH PARTY**

Fri., April 26, 1996 - 7:00 pm  
American Legion Home  
R.S.V.P. Required - 834-6449

**NODA GENERAL MEETING**

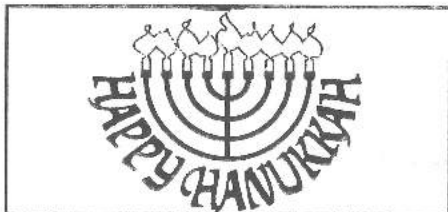
Wed., May 15, 1996 - LSUSD - 7:00 pm  
"A Symposium On Dental Adhesives"  
Dr. Anthea Grogono

**47th ANNUAL NEW ORLEANS DENTAL CONFERENCE**

August 28-31, 1996  
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## President's Message

by RANDOLPH D. GREEN, DDS

**D**espite the numerous distractions our LDA Board has caused NODA this year, we have continued to pursue and accomplish some very positive plans of action that we are certain will have a very profound impact on the future success of our association.

Most notable of these plans is the adoption of an aggressive public relations campaign recently approved by our Board of Governors. The high-profile campaign to be implemented by the Cedotal Company beginning next year is certain to have an immediate and long-term impact on the practices of all NODA members.

Not only will the public we treat be made more aware of their own dental needs and the accomplishments of organized dentistry in our area, but this also will provide NODA a unique opportunity to join neighboring components – such as, Northlake, Bayou, and Baton Rouge – in a project vital to our continued success.

Additionally, NODA's Board has recently approved plans to incorporate NODA. This is an idea that is long overdue for a variety of reasons, one of which is the paramount question of liability. This will also allow NODA to protect the conference and properly deal with non-dues revenue sources.

The NODA Board recently formed two very important ad hoc committees. The Managed Care Committee to be chaired by Dave Hoffman will have the task of formulating resolutions for the State Legislature to consider

regarding the issue of managed care and how it affects the way we all practice dentistry.

The Equal Opportunity Committee to be chaired by myself will have the challenge of submitting resolutions to the LDA Board and the LDA House of Delegates in an effort to have NODA and other under-represented components more fairly represented at the state level. Any member who wishes to serve on either of these committees or who would like to contribute their ideas to these issues should contact Mona at the NODA central office.

The 1996 Dues Renewal forms will be mailed the first week of December. As in the past, dues are due January 1 and must be paid by March 31 to maintain membership. If you do not receive your form by December 15, please call Mona in the Central Office at 834-6449. It is most important that your form be completed in its entirety and mailed back to the NODA office along with respective dues. Remember, returning your form by March 31 insures your listing in the NODA roster. (The Central Office suggests you make a copy of your completed form to retain for your files.)

LADPAC is as important as ever in influencing our legislators to vote in the interest of dentistry. I urge everyone to contact their legislators or friends of legislators to have our concerns and messages heard where it really counts.

In closing, NODA is on the threshold of a new and exciting direction and future. The leadership of NODA encourages each of our members to seriously consider volunteering your time and talents on any one or more of our committees. As always, we continue to be open to new and innovative ideas. And we will always welcome additional manpower to get the job done.

I also encourage our members to contact personal friends in other LDA components to let them know the truth regarding NODA and the many positive programs in which we are involved. This may be the most effective method we have at our disposal to dispel the many lies and misconceptions regarding NODA around the state.

To quote my esteemed predecessor, "We can no longer afford to bury our heads in the sand on any of the important issues facing each of us in our profession. In numbers we have strength. We must maintain and support the organization that gives us this strength."

Randy Green, DDS  
President, NODA

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# JACK HENRY RAYSON

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BY FRANK L. HERBERT, DDS

Jack Henry Rayson was born in the town of Gonzales, Texas. He was educated in Texas public elementary and high schools there and graduated among a class of 62 students.

After graduation he entered the University of Texas in Austin for pre-dental training and then on to the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston for his dental education.

While in dental school he joined the U.S. Air Force senior program and was commissioned a second lieutenant. After graduation in 1957 he and Donna were stationed in Roswell, New Mexico until he was discharged in July of 1961. General practice in San Antonio followed until he decided that education was really what he wanted to do. So he got a faculty appointment in the department of prosthodontics at Baylor University College of Dentistry in Dallas.

He left Baylor in January 1967 for a position at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and was there until 1969 when he followed his Kentucky colleagues Mike Romano, Ray Luebke and John Coughlin to New Orleans and the LSU School of Dentistry.

After 10 years in prosthodontics he became assistant dean for clinics, then associate dean and then dean.

The rest is history. Jack Rayson guided the LSU School of Dentistry to the summit of excellence for which it is universally recognized. His retirement in August of 1993 climaxed a 16-year stint as dean. It was as much a surprise to Jack as it was to everyone else that his tenure had been that long – time flies when you're having a good time. And it was a good time!

Unfortunately, his retirement years were dogged by the illness that finally took his life.

However, Jack continued to live life to its fullest without the slightest hint of the suffering that only he and Donna knew he was experiencing. He was a role model for all of us to the very end.

The words that St. Paul wrote in the evening of his life apply equally as well to the life of Jack Rayson. "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me."

### SLEEP APNEA & DENTAL THERAPY

The sudden cessation of breathing during sleep, known as sleep apnea, is a common and potentially life-threatening disorder that affects as many as five million Americans, mostly men.

A study published in the *Journal of the American Dental Association* reports that sleep apnea is treatable through dental therapies that can achieve as much as a 50 percent reduction in symptoms and enable patients to sleep.

A simple mechanical appliance which opens a wider space in the patient's throat and allows for an easier air passage helped to cure subjects studied of their apnea. This new prosthesis is one of several treatments available, including surgery, weight-loss, and the use of other mechanical devices. ■

May we remind you to

## Keep Christ In Your Christmas

What is Christmas if not the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

Prayer and thanks to God are the essentials of this time of love, joy and peace.



May yours be a true observance of Christmas in your family, in your office (by appropriate decorations), in your greeting cards and in your relationships with friends and patients.

Dentists serving on the "Keep Christ in Your Christmas" Committee:

Dr. John J. Colomb III, Dr. Ernest J. Cook, Jr., Dr. Terry F. Fugetta, Dr. Dan S. Lehon, Dr. Robert J. Morris, Dr. Alvin W. Nolan, Dr. William J. Quinlan, Dr. Kenneth G. Schott.

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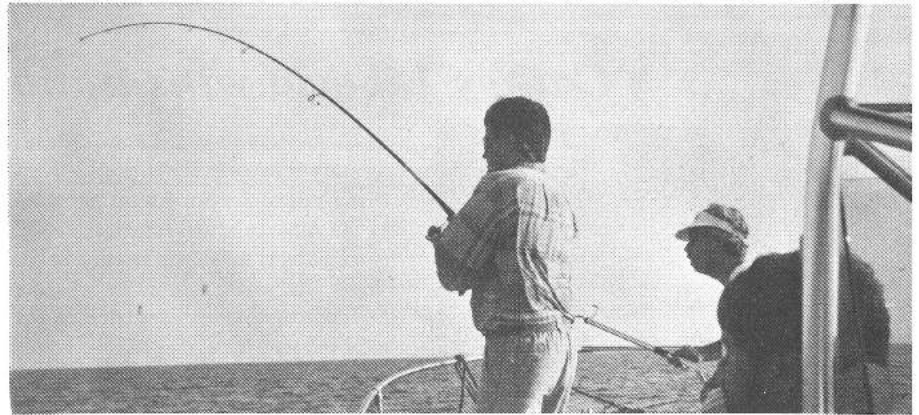
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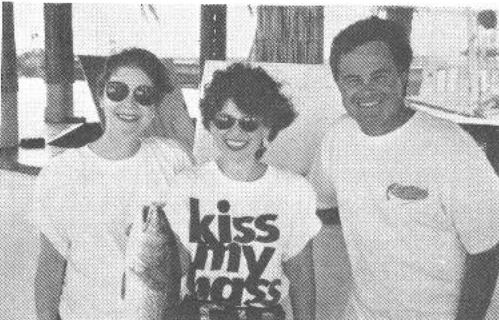




Drs. Mark Chaney, Milford Kathmann, Ron Mancuso and Ken Schott (L to R) enjoy a little refreshment after a hard day of fishing.



"Reel him in, Randy!" cry Dr. Green's fishing mates.



Drs. Deb Arnold, Lisa Germain and Randy Green show off Lisa's prizewinning redfish.



Behind those shades is president-elect Dr. Jerry Fugetta.



Dentist-fishermen gather to celebrate successful trip.

## FISHING RODEO A BIG SUCCESS

BY GEORGE P. MARSE, DDS, MS  
Rodeo Chairman

The first annual N.O.D.A. Fishing Rodeo was held as planned and everyone had a great time. There were over 20 participants fishing out of eight boats. We all gathered at City Limits after fishing for great food and laughs.

Results are as follows:

**Biggest Speckled Trout - Ronnie Leggio**

**Biggest Red Fish - Lisa Germain**

**Biggest Flounder - Ron Mancuso**

**Biggest (and only) Catfish - Ron Leggio**

We plan to make our fishing rodeo an annual event. If you missed this year's rodeo, plan early to make our next one.

## NODA members patent orthodontic device

A device invented and patented by two NODA members may mean the beginning of the end for those extraoral headgears sometimes needed in orthodontic treatment.

Dr. David Hoffman, a Metairie orthodontist, and Dr. Michael Block, professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at LSUSD, developed a highly specialized type of subperiosteal implant.

It is a thin 8 mm diameter titanium disc coated on one surface with hydroxyl-apatite. It is inserted subperiostally in the mid-palatal region. The entire surgical procedure takes less than 10 minutes.

Because the device rests on the surface of the bone it has been named "Onplant" to distinguish it from the typical endosseous implant. Also, since it is surface mounted it is applicable in the juvenile or adolescent group.

Osseointegration occurs in approximately four months. At that time, the device is exposed and a post abutment is inserted. The

upper molars are then connected to the post via a trans-palatal arch wire. In this fashion the absolute stability of the implant is transferred to the molars.

It was developed out of frustration with the extremely low compliance rate of most orthodontic patients.

After successful testing of the procedure on dogs and monkeys, the device was used on four human patients with equal success.

Because the device is in place 24 hours a day, as opposed to the 12 hours a day headgears are supposed to be worn, it has the potential to cut treatment time in half. As designed the device withstands 160 pounds of sheer force. This unanticipated strength has given the onplant the potential for applications other than anchoring molars.

The success of the device has been licensed to Nobelpharma Group (Branemark). Additional testing will still need to be done to fulfill FDA requirements.

### WE WANT YOUR NEWS

Anyone knowing of any dentist who has made a significant contribution, written an article, delivered a paper, initiated or completed research, 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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## Cathey Liberto wins national award



CATHEY LIBERTO

Catherine Liberto of New Orleans recently received the Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Award presented by the Alliance of the American Dental Association at the annual meeting in Las Vegas. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to dentistry on the local and state level.

As an active Alliance member for 27 years, Cathey has used her talents to promote dentistry and dental health education. She initiated "The Sugarless Shack" and networked school students and senior citizens through the "Smile-A-Grams" program.

Cathey is a past president of the New

Orleans and Louisiana Alliance and has served as dental health education chairs for both organizations, has initiated successful fund raisers, and has participated with local health fairs and the Louisiana Children's Museum.

Cathey is married to Dr. Vincent N. Liberto, a pediatric dentist in New Orleans. They have seven children and six grandchildren.

The Alliance of the American Dental Association is a national organization for spouses of dentists which promotes community programs for dental health education.

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## Nominating Committee to announce slate at Dec. 13 meeting

The Nominating Committee of the New Orleans Dental Association will announce its slate of nominees at the December 13 general membership meeting.

At that time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Dr. Terry Fugetta, NODA's president-elect, is chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Board members on the committee are Dr. Fugetta and Dr. Debra Arnold. Non-board members are Dr. Kenneth Schott, Dr. Lisa Germain and Dr. George Marse.

The February general membership meeting is the official election meeting. Installation of the 1996-97 officers will be at the annual dinner Saturday, March 23 at the Chateau Country Club.

### LSUSD STUDY SEEKS PATIENTS

If you suspect any of your patients are showing signs or symptoms of allergy (redness, swelling, burning, lichenoid) to any cast or placed metal restoration, please contact Dr. Thomas P. Shopper at LSUSD Department of Oral Diagnosis at 948-8623.

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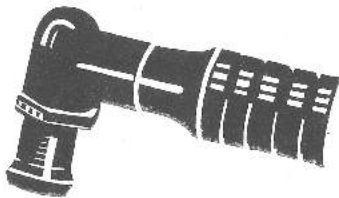
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Terry Fugetta, President-Elect  
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**LDA ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 15**

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