

# 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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## UPDATE ON LESIONS

### *Pathology chief to speak at December 11 meeting*

BY DR. DAVID HILDEBRANDT  
Scientific Program Chairman

**W**hat are the most common lesions in Louisiana? Dr. Jim Weir, professor and head of the department of oral and maxillofacial pathology at LSUSD, will discuss the pathology most likely to be seen in your office at the next NODA general membership meeting Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium B of the LSU School of Dentistry.

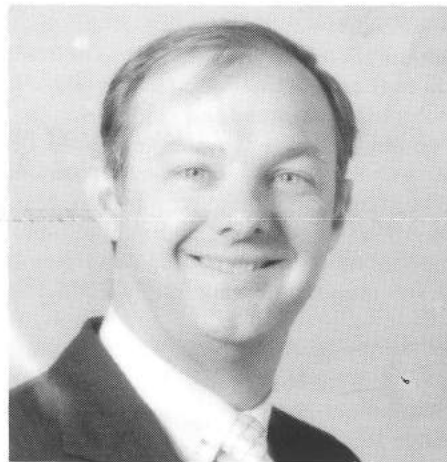
For this meeting NODA is inviting all the hygienists in the New Orleans area. Please let the hygienists who work in your office know about the meeting.

Dr. Weir is one of the most distinguished and popular professors at LSUSD. He received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Tennessee. He received his residency certificate in oral pathology from Emory University, and his doctor of jurisprudence from Loyola in New Orleans.

Dr. Weir is both a fellow and diplomat of the American Academy of Oral Pathology. He has received numerous awards from many prestigious organizations and has been invited to lecture throughout the United States.

His list of publications is very extensive and includes many well-known journals.

After the meeting, we will have the usual food and libations. Please stay and enjoy the



**DR. JIM WEIR**

camaraderie of your fellow dentists and hygienists from throughout the area. We look forward to seeing you there.

### *Election slated at December meeting*

The NODA Nominating Committee met on October 30, 2002 and presented the following list of nominees for NODA's officers and elective positions. Election of officers will be at the December general meeting.

**OFFICERS:** President, Dr. Glenn Dubroc; President-elect, Dr. David Hildebrandt; Past President, Dr. Tom Giacona; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Kevin Collins; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. William Schmidt; Secretary 2003/04, Dr. David DeGenova; Treasurer 2004, Dr. Sandra Catchings.

**ELECTIVE POSITIONS:** Board of Governors 2003, Dr. Debra Arnold; Board of Governors 2003/04, Dr. Guy Cresson; Board of Governors 2003/04/05, Dr. Ambrose Martin; LDA Director 2003, Dr. Chris Brown; LDA Director 2003/04, Dr. Tom McCoy.

**NODA's recommendations to the LDA for ADA Delegates:** ADA Delegate 2003/04, Dr. Eric Hovland; ADA Delegate 2003/04/05, Dr. Robert Barsley.

**NODA Delegates to the LDA House of Delegates:** Dr. Debra Arnold, Dr. Richard Ballard, Dr. Henry Bradford, Dr. Maria Burmaster, Dr. Todd Canatella, Dr. Sandra Catchings, Dr. Kevin Collins, Dr. Russell Cresson, Dr. David DeGenova, Dr. Glenn Dubroc, Dr. Larry Frost, Dr. Byron Ganucheau, Dr. Tom Giacona, Dr. David Hildebrandt, Dr. Kevin Lacour, Dr. Ambrose Martin, Dr. Allison Moise, Dr. Guy Ribando III, Dr. Garry Salvaggio, Dr. Brandt Schmidt, Dr. William Schmidt, Dr. Ryan Thibodaux, Dr. Vance Wascom, Dr. Lisa Wyatt.

Alternate Delegates are presently being confirmed. Nominating committee members included Drs. Glenn Dubroc, David Hildebrandt, Richard Ballard, Henry Bradford, and Vance Wascom.

## *Dues News: Read form carefully; Bank Draft Program offered*

All members should receive their 2003 dues renewal forms **BY DECEMBER 1**. If you do not receive your form by that date, call Mona at the Central Office, 834-6449, and another form will be sent immediately. **Remember dues for the year, 2003 are due by January 1, and must be paid by March 31 to maintain membership in good standing in NODA, LDA and ADA.**

Please review your form carefully and make any changes needed to insure all personal information is current and accurate. Your form should be signed and returned, with appropriate dues payment, to the NODA Central Office, and remember to make a copy for

your files – particularly for tax purposes. If you have any questions, call Mona before you send in your forms.

For future dues, we offer a convenient and painless way for payment a year in advance – NODA's Automatic Bank Draft Program. Sign up by January 15, 2003 and a monthly installment will be deducted from your specified checking account through December, 2003.

After the December installment is deducted, your projected dues for the year 2003 will then be paid in full! You may join the program in any month; however, payments are determined by the number of months left in

the year.

For example, the fewer the months you have to pay, the higher the amount of the installment. You can continue "rolling over" in the program each year by completing a new authorization form through the Central Office.

Give it some thought. You'll never have to worry about paying your dues in a lump sum again! As always, call Mona at the Central Office for more details and any other dues information you may need.

*The entire NODA staff wishes each of you a safe and joyous Holiday Season and a happy and prosperous New Year!*

## President's Message

by F. THOMAS GIACONA, DDS

### A YEAR FLIES BY

**H**ard to Believe . . . another Holiday Season is upon us! It is equally hard to believe that my year as your president has flown by.

So much has happened in 2002. We began the year with the New Member Dinner in January which also included the LSUSD senior students in a networking program with NODA members who were interested in associateships or buying/selling practices.

Plans are being finalized to repeat this in 2003 with enhancing the information given to them. In February, I asked the NODA Board to commit to several meetings focusing on the long range plans of NODA. Everyone agreed we needed to concentrate on member retention and recruitment.

Out of the first meeting came the Town Hall Meeting we had last May and, a plan that the individual board members would take more responsibility in the workings of the NODA committees. I hope the future presidents and board members of NODA will embrace this concept of accountability with increased responsibility, activity and continue to build on the work of this board.

At subsequent meetings we focused on the revitalization and involvement of NODA members. As a result you will also see a different scientific program that includes social activities as well as quality CE and a board that will be more active in the work that NODA does for the community through its committees.

In April we had our annual crawfish boil and combined it with Staff Appreciation Night.

This received positive reviews and plans are to combine them again this year. Mark your calendars for April 11, 2003.

**W**e had a great Children's Dental Health Month with Dr. Kevin Lacour as chair and working with Gwen Giacona and the Alliance. Plans are being developed for CDHM 2003. Dr. Greg Strain will co-chair with Kevin. Special thanks to Gwen and the Alliance members who do so much in dental education.

Under the leadership of Dr. Glenn Dubroc, your delegates to the 2002 LDA House of Delegates fought successfully against an increase in LDA dues with the understanding that we need better budget information before revisiting an increase in dues. To their credit, the LDA Board has made great strides in this area that will benefit all LDA current and future members.

Speaking of the LDA . . . congrats to Dr. Mark Chaney who was elected LDA president-elect! I would also like to point out Drs. Manders, Schmidt, Arrington, Soileau, DeGenova, and Shannon Simons for the quiet work they do on very important committees.

**O**nce again I have to express how proud I am of how NODA hosted the ADA Annual Session! Dr. Ken Schott, Normalee Ward, and the Committee on Local Arrangement Chairpersons did a fantastic job organizing the rest of us. We set a standard for hospitality that the rest of the host cities can only hope to achieve! Mega-thanks to all of you who volunteered!

I can't leave the office without a thank you to the hard working NODA Board of Governors, NODA Committee Chairs, and especially to Mona Whittington, our executive director. Without her daily commitment and dedication to NODA, we would be in trouble! Many thanks for all that you do for us, for all that you

have done for me during the past year. Also thanks to the rest of NODA's 2002 staff, Ann, Marie, Alice - your help has been much appreciated!

It has been a privilege to be your president! I look forward to being an active "has-been" . . . an involved "what-was." Congratulations to Dr. Glenn Dubroc, your 2003 president, and the 2003 Board of Governors. I will continue to be involved in the mentoring and educational programs we have revitalized. I will do what I can to strengthen our profession . . . I hope you do the same . . . get and stay involved. There is so much we can accomplish in organized dentistry!

Happy Holiday Season . . . Peace!

Tom Giacona, DDS  
President

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ECHOES FROM THE ADA ANNUAL SESSION



Long lines awaited many of the sessions.



NODA representatives assist registrants. Over 400 locals assisted.



Visitors head for a New Orleans lunch.



Attendees throng exhibit hall between sessions.

Photos by Dr. Kristi Soileau

*A Special Thanks to the Volunteers*

BY DR. KEN SCHOTT

Everyone who volunteered and helped at the recent ADA session has probably received a letter of thanks for their help. If we accidentally missed you, please accept my sincere thanks for your help in making the meeting a tremendous success.

The total attendance was near 32,000. We had over 400 volunteers. There were almost 250 dentists, more than 75 staff and spouse volunteers, and 100 dental students who helped during the session.

You who served made the jobs of the CLA co-chairs easier and made everything run smoothly because of your diligence and dedication. You were a fine credit to dentistry and to the type of hospitality for which New Orleans is known.

Several people served above and beyond. When asked to take an extra session, they cheerfully accepted. I don't want to mention names, or single out any particular person or persons because I might forget someone, but one family accepted several extra assignments at the last minute.

I am truly grateful for everything they did. In addition, many people who were not assigned on a particular day, stopped by the check-in room, and let us know that they were in the building if help was needed. This is the type of effort that made everyone look good.

A captain is only as good as his crew. I was lucky to have tremendous CLA co-chairs, a good and loyal CLA vice chairman, and an invaluable executive secretary. They all did their jobs so well that they made me look good.

A special thanks to Dr. Terry Fugetta, Dr. Melanie Andrews, Dr. Debra Arnold, Dr. Joe Campo, Dr. Ron Mancuso, Dr. Gabe Daroca, Dr. Glenn Dubroc and Mrs. Normalee Ward. I am lucky to consider all of them friends as well as colleagues. **I extend a special thanks to the spouses of all of the volunteers. It is because of your support that they were able to serve.**

Thank you again. You made Louisiana and especially New Orleans look like the winners they are.



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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. Smith: A dental tradition

To say that Dr. Ewell T. Smith comes from a dental family is putting it mildly. "I had four uncles and three cousins who were dentists," he said. "I believe at one point we were the largest dental family in the South and maybe the country."

It was also a family of athletes. Doctors A.D., Lel, Bob and Ewell A. (Bill) Smith were noted athletes at Loyola. Dr. Ewell himself was a track man at Jesuit High and played blocking back in a backfield that starred Richie Petitbon who went on to a long career as a player and coach in the NFL.

After graduation from Jesuit in 1956, he went to LSU where he earned his BS in chemistry and biology. A sojourn at Northeastern State at Monroe for pharmacy studies followed. After a while, he and Vance Wascom, his close friend and best man in his wedding, decided that dentistry was what they really wanted.

They entered Loyola and received their DDS degrees in 1965. Dr. Wascom is also a practicing dentist today and a member of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

Following graduation Dr. Smith went straight into the Navy Dental Corps at Little Creek, VA near Norfolk. He went to leadership school at Annapolis. He was discharged as a lieutenant in 1967. He immediately opened his practice in — where else? — the Maison Blanche Building. In 1982 he moved his practice to his Metairie building and remained there in the practice of general dentistry until his retirement in 1997.

From 1974 to 1997 Dr. Smith served as a full clinical professor in the department of general dentistry at LSUSD where he taught many of today's NODA members. He was named an honorary faculty member of the Edmond Kells Honor Society and was voted



**DR. SMITH**

outstanding clinical instructor. For 30 years he was a consultant in dentistry for the Louisiana Department of Hospitals. In 1978 he received his masters in education from UNO.

He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, Pierre Fauchaud Academy and the International College of Dentistry.

Dr. Smith and his wife, the former Elaine Blereau, are the parents of three sons, Ewell M., 35, executive director of the La. Seafood and Marketing Board, and twins Dean and Derek, 24. All have their degrees as psychologists.

Dr. Smith, though retired, keeps his license and follows developments in dentistry closely. He is an avid follower of LSU athletic teams. He and Elaine enjoy dining out and the ballet. He also likes to participate in the stock market and real estate.

Looking back on his life and career, he especially mentions his Jesuit education. "Jesuit High made me," he maintains. "It laid the foundation. Loyola refined the act."

## Dr. Schiele honored by dental techs

In honor of the retirement of Dr. Raymond Schiele and his many years of dedicated service to the LSU School of Dentistry program in dental laboratory technology, the Louisiana Dental Laboratory Association presented to Dr. Schiele, formerly director of clinics for LSUSD and its coordinator of the dental laboratory technology program, a Special Merit Award.

The award was presented by Jude Trafficano, CDT, president of the LDLA, at the annual awards luncheon in Biloxi, Mississippi, during the annual conference for the Louisiana & Mississippi dental laboratory associations.

Trafficano announced that the annual scholarship the LDLA will present to the top student in the LSU dental laboratory technology program will be known as the Dr. Raymond Schiele Educational Scholarship.



Dr. Schiele, left, and Mr. Trafficano.

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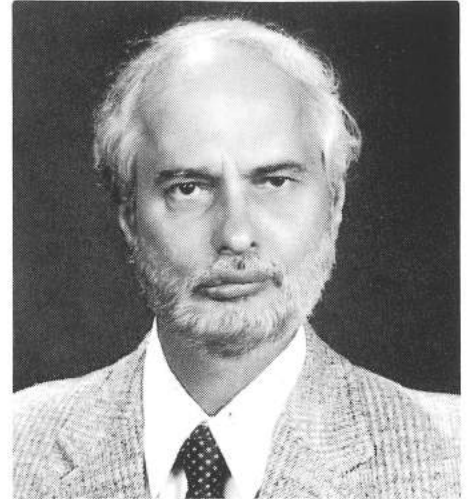
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*General Dentistry*, the peer-reviewed journal of the Academy of General Dentistry, has appointed Dr. Kavas Thunthy, professor, LSU School of Dentistry department of oral diagnosis, medicine and radiology, to its advisory board.

### *Dr. Cade promoted in National Guard*

The Louisiana Army National Guard has promoted to colonel Dr. James Cade, professor in the LSU School of Dentistry department of oral diagnosis, medicine and radiology and the department of oral and maxillofacial pathology. With more than 19 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard, he is currently the state dental surgeon for the Guard.



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### NODA MEMBER EXHIBITS PAINTINGS AT OCHSNER

"New Orleans Paintings: River to Lake," a series of paintings by Dr. Louis Munro, a retired life member of NODA and one of the founders of the New Orleans Dental Conference, was on display November 1-30 at Ochsner Foundation Hospital.

Dr. Munro, who has served as president of the New Orleans Art Association, has been actively painting for 30 years. He began his study of art with John McCrady and attended the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts. As a community service he taught oil painting to senior citizens at the People Program for three years.

### ROSSNER SEMINAR

Dr. Steven LoCascio, prosthodontic specialist, will be the speaker at the 2003 Touro Rossner Dental Seminar Friday, January 31 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel, 901 Airline Drive in Kenner.

Title of the seminar is "Predictable Treatment of the Edentulous Patient with Complete Denture Prostheses."

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DATE	2002	COURSE / TITLE	CR. HRS.	TUITION
December 13		<i>Last Chance VI</i> w/Drs. Marty Zase, Ed Swift and C. Mason, RDH, C. Springstead, RDH and D. Victoriano, RDH	07 hrs.	DDS \$ 249.00 RDH \$ 129.00 Lab Tech \$ 149.00 Auxiliary \$ 95.00
January 3		<i>"Incorporating Principles of Occlusion into the Everyday Practice of Dentistry"</i> w/Dr. Bernie Williams	07 hrs.	DDS \$ 295.00 Lab Tech \$ 195.00 Auxiliary \$ 145.00
January 10-12		<i>"Level I-Cosmetic Dentistry Continuum"</i>	72 hrs.	DDS* \$ 6,395.00
February 7-9		w/Drs. Eubank, Mopper, Morley, Chiche, et alia		Auxiliary \$ 995.00
March 14-16				*Covers all three sessions
January 17-18		<i>"Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning: A Systematic Approach"</i> w/Dr. John C. Kois	14 hrs.	DDS \$ 665.00 Lab Tech \$ 225.00 Auxiliary \$ 185.00
February 15		<i>"Oral Medicine for the G.P."</i> w/Dr. Michael Glick	07 hrs.	DDS \$ 249.00
February 21-23		<i>"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant"</i> a/k/a/ "EDDA" w/Dottie Austin, CDA, EDDA	24 hrs.	Auxiliary \$ 369.00
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