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THE LAW AND YOUR DENTAL PRACTICE

*Legal presentation, election, new members welcome
highlight February 28 dinner meeting*

BY DAVID J. HILDEBRANDT, DDS
Scientific Program Chairman

February's General/Election Meeting will be one you will not want to miss.

The highlight of the evening will be a presentation by The Medical Protective Company on the legal ramifications which influence your dental practice.

However, we will also enjoy an excellent dinner at Smilie's Restaurant to honor our new NODA members.

The combined New Member Dinner and Election Meeting will be Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. Smilie's Restaurant is located at 5725 Jefferson Highway (on the right, a little past Clearview). There is plenty of free parking.

There will be a cash bar at 7 with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. The dinner is complimentary to members who joined in 1995. Cost for all others is \$24, with RSVP required by February 23.

Here is the tasty menu:

Gumbo and salad to begin. Indicate on your check your choice of these entrees:

- Trout Smilie w/crabmeat or
- Petit (8 oz.) Filet

Dessert will close the meal.

Our legal update will consist of two presentations. Mr. Raymond Daigle, Jr., will be speaking on the legal issues involved with hiring and firing of employees and also will be addressing the subject of sexual harassment in the dental office.

Our second speaker, Mr. Steve Pizzo, will be presenting legal concerns with charting and documentation of dental records. The "Americans with Disabilities Act" will also be discussed.

All of these topics influence the way we have to practice dentistry in the 1990's, and we are looking forward to this very important update.

Both of our speakers are with the law firm of Blue Williams, LLP. Mr. Daigle received his law degree from LSU in 1993 and Mr. Pizzo received his law degree from Loyola University in 1979.

The monthly drawing for a \$50 dues rebate will be held immediately following the election. So be sure to be on time to cast your vote for next year's officers and to be eligible for free dues. All stubs are retained for the full year's dues rebate drawing in May.

Our sponsor for the evening is The Medical Protective Company. Please tell Mr. Dale Weaver thank you for his support of the New Orleans Dental Association.

Dr. Anthea Grogono has been nominated as president-elect. Nominees for the other main offices are (to be announced), first vice president; Dr. Barry Goodspeed, second vice president, and Dr. Jim Gaubert, treasurer. Dr. Joseph Kim continues as secretary.

Dr. Terry Fugetta holds the current position of president-elect and will become president in March. Dr. Randy Green will then serve as past president.

Members of the board of governors, directors to the LDA and a delegate to the ADA will also be elected.

Children's Dental Health Month Underway

Attention, doctors:

You can play an active role in Children's Dental Health Month, NODA's premier public service project underway throughout February.

Just call up an elementary school near your office or home and ask if you can make a talk on lifetime dental care, beginning in the home. Some suggest shooting for the third grade level. Smaller schools may combine several lower elementary grades.

NODA has attractive posters you can distribute. It's called NODA's "Adopt-a-School" program.

Two major dental exhibits are other features of Children's Dental Health Month, sponsored nationally by the American Dental Association and locally by NODA. One is at the Louisiana Children's Museum, 420 Julia St. The other is at the Freeport McMoran Daily Living Science Center, 409 Williams Blvd. in Kenner's Rivertown Complex.

"Discover the Clues to a Healthy Smile" is the theme of the 1996 event.



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President's Message

by RANDOLPH D. GREEN, DDS

This year will be remembered as the dawning of a new era for the New Orleans Dental Association. From this point on, NODA will be legally referred to as NODA, Incorporated, a non-profit corporation, and the parent corporation of New Orleans Dental Conference, Inc. and New Orleans Dental Enterprises, Inc.

This new structure will allow our association to protect its assets, pursue non-dues revenue sources, and ultimately provide additional membership benefits without increasing dues or imposing assessments.

It will allow future administrations to function in a fiscally responsible manner and financially sound environment. This in turn will stimulate newer and more creative programs for future NODA members. I encourage you to pass by the Central Office to review the Articles of Incorporation for our newly formed corporations. Final approval of our new corporate structure will take place at the February general membership meeting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

The new NODA, Inc. logo as presented by the Cedotal Company has been approved by the Board and will appear on all NODA stationery, the NODA credit card, and in all public relations promotions and commercials.

Sometime this month, you will be receiving the detailed terms and applications for the new NODA credit card from Whitney Bank. Don't throw this one away! This card is vital to the

continued success of our association.

Your participation in this program makes three very strong statements: #1) that we support the principles and goals of organized dentistry, #2) that we alone have the control of the funds these cards will generate, and #3) that we alone will make the decisions of how to reinvest these funds back into our own association.

Keep in mind that the Whitney will honor your present credit limits and transfer all present card balances to your new NODA card to simplify the transition.

Efforts are continuing to involve Northlake, Bayou, and Baton Rouge components in a joint public relations campaign through the Cedotal Company. Together we can defray production costs of commercials and share air time that will display our individualized logos.

This project is certain to promote a feeling of goodwill among the components and allow us to work together in providing a positive image for dentistry to our respective communities.

As always, your comments and participation in all NODA programs can only strengthen our association. In that spirit, I would encourage all NODA members to attend the LDA's House of Delegates' meeting to be held in Baton Rouge on March 15. Whether you are a delegate, an alternate delegate or simply an observer, your presence alone will be significant. I look forward to seeing you there.

Randy Green, DDS
President, NODA

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A research protocol to investigate such possible allergic reactions to metals, with specific attention to PFM's containing Palladium, has been developed.

The study will involve history and examination, tissue sampling, metal analysis, and contact allergy testing.

STREAMLINE YOUR DUES-PAYING

NODA's Automatic Bank Draft Program (ABD) offers a streamlined and less bothersome way to pay your 1997 dues.

Join ABD early in the year (preferably this month) and a monthly amount will be deducted from your checking account through December 1996. Then on January 1, 1997 your NODA/LDA/ADA dues will be paid in full.

Note: We're talking about 1997 dues, not 1996 dues which are due in full right now (if you haven't paid them yet.)

To join the plan, just call Mona Whittington at 834-6449 for the necessary forms.

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DENTAL DATA

LSU STUDENT WINS RESEARCH COMPETITION

Fourth-year LSU School of Dentistry student Kenneth C. Jordan received first place for the outstanding presentation in clinical research at the Hinman Student Research Symposium in Memphis.

Dr. Michael Block, LSUSD director of research and professor, department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, was his advisor for "Diapical Angle Lengthening Using Distraction Osteogenesis."

The Thomas P. Hinman Meeting and the University of Tennessee, Memphis, College of Dentistry co-sponsor this competition which attracts students and postgraduates from across the nation. ■

VACCINATE FOR BEST PROTECTION

Personal protective barriers help prevent the majority of cross-infections in dental personnel but immunization is the most effective method to reduce risk, according to an article in the October *The Dental Assistant*.

OSHA standards require immunization records be maintained for the Hepatitis B vaccine and others as they become recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Two vaccines now becoming available are Hepatitis A and varicella zoster (chicken pox), reports Dr. John Molinari, professor and chair, department of biomedical sciences, University of Detroit/Mercy School of Dentistry.

No requirement exists for health care workers to have these two new vaccines, but it is important to be aware of their availability and indications for use, the article notes. ■

DENTAL DECAY MAY BE INHERITED

Why can some people eat lots of sweets and starches and still not get cavities?

A study published in the *Journal of the American Dental Association* suggests a genetic basis for resistance to tooth decay.

People who don't get many cavities might have natural components in their saliva that neutralize plaque acids. Another possible explanation is the presence of protective molecules that interfere with decay-producing bacteria.

Also, people who are resistant to tooth decay have significantly fewer protein-bound fatty substances that can affect the ability of plaque to penetrate a film that forms on the tooth. ■

DENTAL IMPLANTS FOR ADOLESCENTS

Dental implants are usually associated with dental patients as an alternative to dentures. But initial results of a study by the National Institute for Dental Research suggests that dental implants may help treat adolescents who have lost teeth to accident or disease.

A major concern about placing implants in teenagers was that the patient would outgrow the implant structure. But in the group of teenagers studied, the implant anchored so well into the bone that it moved with the jaw during growth. Ninety-three of the 100 implants evaluated were successfully placed. ■



PHYSICIANS' INCOME DROPS?

Physicians' median income may have fallen for the first time, according to a Nov. 17 report in the *New York Times* that cited American Medical Association statistics.

In 1994, the average doctor earned \$150,000, 3.8 percent less than the 1993 average of \$156,000, the report said. AMA sources say the report is preliminary.

Included in tabulations were resident and federally-employed physician pay which would lower the average.

Source: *SAD ONLINE* ■

NEW HOME PAGE FOR ADA ONLINE

The rapid growth of ADA ONLINE (<http://www.ada.org>) since its launch June 30 has resulted in a redesigned and reorganized home page.

The new home page incorporates in four categories all the information and features of the old page:

- **News**, including the unique Dental News Digest, which is updated daily; preview of *ADA News* and the *Journal of the American Dental Association*; the electronic versions of three newsletters (*Washington Report*, *Dental Advocate* and *State Legislative Report*); news releases; links to 80 other Internet World Wide Web sites.

- **Practice & Profession**, including the ADA Managed Care Resources Kit; approved resolutions of the 1995 ADA House of Delegates; Event Calendar; Constituent and Component Directories; State-specific Information.

- **Products & Services**, including the Product of the Month; ADA 1 PLAN information; JADA subscriptions.

- **Consumer Information**, including topics such as baby bottle tooth decay; cleaning teeth and gums; diet; endodontic treatment; gum disease. ■

DENTISTRY: THE FUTURE

The American Dental Association is optimistic that patients may see the following dental care developments in the next five years:

- Bone putties that will be used to repair bony defects caused by advanced gum disease and severe damage to bones that don't bear heavy weight or stress.

- An antimicrobial gel that can be applied to pockets in the gums that are affected by acute infections. The gel will make it easier to apply antibiotics to areas of gum that are affected by the bacteria that cause periodontal disease.

- Diagnostic techniques that will assist the dentist in identifying specific strains of bacteria responsible for gum diseases. DNA tests will allow dentists to determine which strain of bacteria is causing gum disease, enabling dentists to select the appropriate antibiotic treatment.

- New laser applications in dentistry that will enable dentists to perform procedures with less discomfort. Because lasers do not cut tissue like a scalpel, healing time and pain are decreased.

- Reversal of tooth cavities through re-mineralization by mouth rinse or toothpaste. Currently, dentists can use aggressive fluoride treatment to reverse small surface cavities. Jon Suzuki, DDS, vice chairman, ADA Council on Scientific Affairs, believes dentists will eventually be able to reverse larger surface cavities, decreasing the need for fillings. ■



Dentists, labs cited for donated services

Eighty-three NODA members and eight New Orleans laboratories have been cited for their participation in the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program of the Louisiana Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped.

The Donated Dental Services program was formed in 1986 by the Louisiana Dental Association with the assistance of several influential members of the Legislature.

Participating dentists are matched with handicapped and elderly people who cannot afford needed treatment and are ineligible for public assistance.

Donated Dentistry Services participants in 1995 were the following doctors and labs:

Aguilar, Jorge M.; Bassett, Darlene T.; Block, Michael S.; Boos, Edward J.; Boudreaux, Charles A.; Braud, Jr., John; Britsch, Ronald W.; Burmaster, Maria; Burvant, Jr., E.P.; Cerniglia, George P.; Charbonnet Jr., Clayton J.; Comeaux, George T.; Curran, Ronald A.; Delaune, Duane P.; Delcambre, Timothy; Derbes, Denice L.; DiLeo Jr., Vincent L.; DuBois, K. Richard; Dumas Jr., Willard L.;

Faget, E. Harold; Felder, Susan M.; Ferrand, W.J.; Fletcher, Gordon; Fournet, Leon F.; Franck Jr., John; Franco, George; Ganuchau Jr., Edmond; Gaubert, Jimmie; Germain, Lisa; Glazer, Dov; Graziano, Robert J.; Grogono, Anthea; Gruner, Richard E.; Guerra, Louis R.;

Heidingsfelder, C.E.; Heurtin, James A.; Hildebrandt, David J.; Hoffritz, Michael K.; Hogue, Laura; Hoppe, Cary J.; Hudson, Jack A.; Indovina, A.A.; Kahn, Philip J.; Karam, Gerard A.; Killeen, John J.; Kopfler, Edwin L.; Kreller, Andrew; Lane, Robert E.; Leggio, Ronald; Liberto, Vincent N.; Lindsay, Joseph Lloyd; Lonergan III, Maurice A.; Lynne, Sheldon;



PICTURE FROM THE PAST: Two of dentistry's greats, the late Dr. L.D. Pankey of Miami, left, and the late Dr. F. Harold Wirth of New Orleans, with their wives, are shown at the 1979 New Orleans Dental Conference. Dr. Pankey holds an award presented by the Conference for his contributions to the profession. Dr. Peter Glaser was '79 chairman.

Mabry, Tom; Martello, Frank; Massett, Edward C.; McCabe, Charles T.; McDonald, Georgia; Morice, Natchez J.; Musselman, Robert; Paul, John L.; Quinlan, William J.; Ribando, Guy A.; Richardson, Ed; Ritchie, John; Robichaux, Mike; Roethle, James D.; Rooney, J. Michael; Rouhana, Michael N.;

Schott, Mark; Shaw, Pamela; Soper, Mary P.; Sturm, Kathryn; Summers, Patricia G.; Tomaszewski, James P.; Toso, Donald R.; Unland Jr., Raymond J.; Villars, Ronald; Vinson, Ronnie; Walsh, Peggy; Walsh, Terence E.; Willhite Jr., C.E.; Wolfe, Randolph J.

Lab Participants for 1995:

A & D Lab; Galland Dental Lab; M.A. McDonald Dental; Master Tech, Inc.; Paramount Dental Inc.; Pfisterer-Auderer Dental; Selser Dental Lab; West Bank Dental Lab.

Mark Your Calendar

NODA INSTALLATION DINNER

Sat., Mar. 23, 1996 - 7:00 pm

Chateau Country Club

Dr. Terry Fugetta

NODA CRAWFISH PARTY

Fri., April 26, 1996 - 7:00 pm

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NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., May 15, 1996 - LSUSD - 7:00 pm

"A Symposium On Dental Adhesives"

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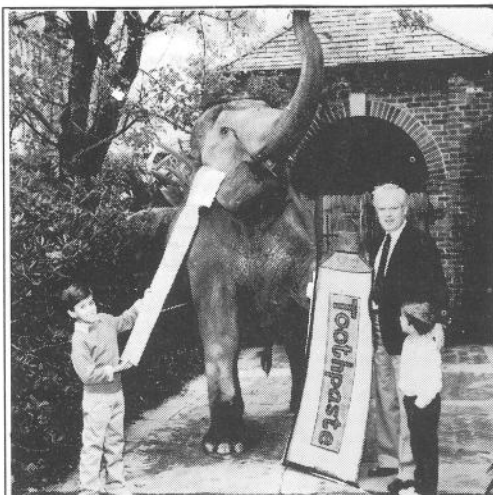
CONFERENCE

August 28-31, 1996

"Reaching For The Apex"

New Orleans Hilton Riverside

PICTURE FROM THE PAST: Jean, the elephant at Audubon Zoo, joined in promoting National Children's Dental Health a few years ago. Looking on are Dr. David Hoffman, general chairman that year, and his young friends Christopher, left, and Dustin Ericksen.



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NODA PROFILE

Dr. Duvigneaud: Dentist and artist

What does an oral surgeon do to relax? Dr. J. Donald Duvigneaud finds his relaxation in painting in oils.

"We take two trips a year, one in winter and one in summer," explains Dr. Duvigneaud. "We take lots of pictures. When we get back, I paint some of the scenes that we enjoyed."

People have asked to buy some of his works, says Dr. Duvigneaud. "But I really paint for my own enjoyment and to give to friends."

A graduate of Jesuit High and the Loyola University Dental School, Dr. Duvigneaud originally wanted to be an orthodontist, but found himself leaning more and more to oral surgery.

He was further influenced in that direction by an oral surgeon he greatly admired, Capt. William Flaherty, with whom he served in the U.S. Navy. Dr. Duvigneaud put in two years of active duty on a submarine tender out of San Diego, retiring after reserve duty with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Then came three years of post-graduate study in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Charity Hospital. In 1962 he opened his own office in the specialty in — where else? — the Maison Blanche Building, then still a mecca for dentists.

He moved in 1972 to his present office at 815 Causeway Blvd. where his staff consists of an office manager and a chairside assistant. He is also affiliated with Mercy/Baptist Hospital.

NODA News continues a series of profiles of members of all ages and various lengths of membership in the Association. Dentists are selected at random.

As in all aspects of dentistry, there have been changes in oral surgery. A big change has been the growth in implants, Dr. Duvigneaud points out. Dentures are no longer an inevitable part of growing old.

"The dentist who doesn't get involved in implants will be missing quite a bit in his or her future practice," he says.

Dr. Duvigneaud is married to the former Nancy Velasco, originally from Caracas, Venezuela. Her father was Venezuelan consul general in New Orleans. It's natural that their travels often take them to South and Central America as well as Aruba and other Caribbean nations where they have friends.

In their U.S. travels the dentist says they favor California, especially San Francisco and the surrounding wine country.

The Duvigneauds are the parents of four children: Donna, who is in the shipping business in Memphis; Donielle, a registered nurse; Dondra, a new mother, and J. Don, who is living and working in shipping in London.

"And five grandkids," the dentist proudly adds.

The doctor also is active in his church. St. Pius X, where he is a Eucharistic Minister.



Dr. Eric Hovland, right, dean of the LSU School of Dentistry, presided as president of the 41st Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners January 26-28 at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside. Dr. Charles Lester, left, president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, presided as vice presi-

Conference Corner

One hundred nineteen exhibit booths have been sold already for the 1996 New Orleans Dental Conference August 28-31 at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside.

"Reaching the Apex" is the theme of the 47th annual conference headed by Dr. Lisa Germain, general chairman. The concept of the theme is to bring clinicians and participants together in pursuit of excellence.

The conference continues to grow. The 1995 event drew dentists from 36 states, close to a new record. A big help no doubt was the article carried during the summer on the front page of the *ADA News*.



The growing reputation of the New Orleans conference is reflected in the fact that there were 15 dentists from California in attendance, 13 from Illinois, 10 from New York, 4 from Connecticut, 7 from Michigan.

The 1996 conference will also be on Labor Day Weekend, a date that seems to be gaining in popularity as the dentists get used to it. Labor Day is September 2, 1996.

Meanwhile, Dr. Germain's Core Committee meets monthly to analyze last year's conference and identify features that were especially popular and others that might be altered or improved.



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Continuing Education Corner

In an effort to keep the membership attuned to available C.E. opportunities at the L.S.U. School of Dentistry, this area will be devoted to informational updates.

DATE	COURSE / TITLE		COST
1996			
March 8	Non-Surgical Endodontics: Alpha to Omega w/Dr. Ronald Lemon, et alia 7 cr. hrs.	Dentist Auxiliary	\$155.00 \$ 75.00
March 9	“Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries” SOLD OUT	Auxiliary	\$ 95.00
April 19-21	“Expanded Duty Dental Assistant” a/k/a/ “EDDA” with Dorothy Austin, CDA 24 cr. hrs.	Auxiliary	\$ 369.00
April 27	“Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries” 7 cr. hrs.	Auxiliary	\$ 95.00
May 24	Alumni Day – “The Golden Age of Dentistry” w/Walter Halley 7 cr. hrs.	Dentist Auxiliary	\$145.00 \$ 65.00
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