

# 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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**A DOUBLEHEADER**

## Table clinics April 13

Students of the LSU School of Dentistry will present approximately 60 examples of their research and special studies at the annual NODA-LSUSD Table Clinic Competition Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the dental school.

One of NODA's premier projects, the event gives members a chance to renew links with the school and see what is being discussed in the classrooms, clinics and research labs.

Several NODA members will participate in the judging from 6 to 7 p.m. General viewing will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of the administration building.

Refreshments – finger sandwiches, wine and soft drinks – will be served. All members are urged to attend.

Competition will be in four divisions: dental students, dental hygiene students, post-graduates and laboratory technology students.

NODA will donate prizes of \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place in each division. Winning dental student receives a trip from Dentsply to the National Dental Student Table Clinic competition at the ADA annual conference.

Since the conference is in New Orleans next October, the winner will receive a complimentary room and a per diem expense allowance, but no plane ticket.

## Crawfish Fest April 15

Mudbugs, anyone? NODA will stage its annual free Crawfish Extravaganza Friday, April 15 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the American Legion Home, 3001 River Road at Causeway Boulevard.

There will be mounds of succulent crawfish, plenty of ice-cold beer and soft drinks to wash them down.

Then comes dancing to the music of Dan McKay and his "Mobile Oldies Sound Show," plus a hilarious contest or two. One year hula hoops was the big sensation.

The best news of all is that it's **FREE** to those who call the Central Office in advance for tickets. The number is 834-6449.

Without tickets the price at the door is \$10 a couple. So save 10 bucks. Call in advance for your free tickets.

This is the final NODA party before the summer break and it's a winner. You'll be surprised as how some of your colleagues and their spouses can shake a leg.

Blue jeans, cowboy hats, Bermuda shorts or anything casual fill the bill. Get together with your NODA friends and spouses for a lively evening.

Whitby Pharmaceuticals is sponsor of the party. Stop by and thank their representative.

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR ADA

The Committee on Local Arrangements for the ADA Annual Session is busy calling our members to commit to helping during the meeting.

If you are asked, volunteer and become one of the local hosts working to make guests from all over the world feel "The Spirit of New Orleans."

The ADA is dedicating one lecture room each day for simultaneous translation into

Spanish. We are especially in need of bilingual persons to work in the International Hospitality Lounge.

If you wish to work and have not been asked, call Terry Walsh at 887-8480 and volunteer.

This is our chance to show the rest of the world what New Orleans is about – great people. Join us and be part of the meeting.

### DENTAL HISTORY COLLECTION AT LSUSD

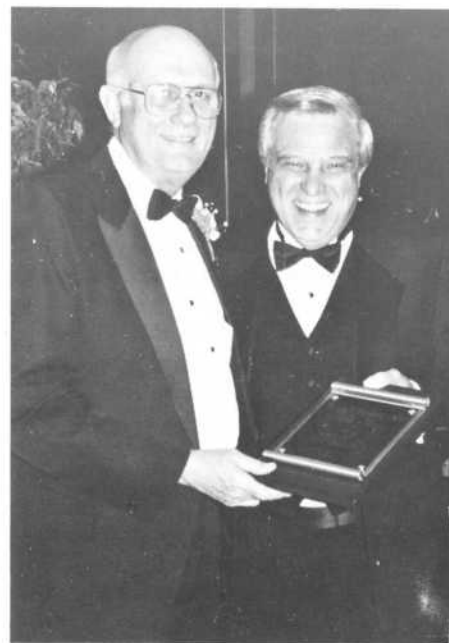
The New Orleans Dental Association recently contributed \$800 to a project at the LSU Dental School to preserve materials and documents relating to the history of dentistry in Louisiana.

The contribution, representing donations to the Vic Marquer Memorial Committee by NODA members and the Marquer family, was made in honor of Dr. Marquer, whose memori-

al portrait, commissioned last year by NODA, currently hangs in the school.

The historical collection will be displayed in an "Archives Room" in the school library, according to Liz Strother, school librarian, who heads the project.

Anyone having materials to contribute to the archives is asked to contact Ms. Strother at the Dental School or the NODA Central Office.



**HONOR DENTIST:** Dr. Frank Herbert, left, accepts the NODA Honor Dentist Award from Dr. Vincent Liberto at the Installation Dinner. More installation photos on page 5.

**NEW RULES BY STATE BOARD:** New rules affecting dental practice have been proposed by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. See page 4 of *NODA News*. Dentists may respond within 60 days from March 20. A public hearing will be held April 27 at 9 a.m. at the City Club for oral comments.

## NODA PROFILE

*New president paid her dues*

It may have started with remarks by her late father and mother.

"In school I loved my science courses, subjects like biology," recalls Debbie Arnold. "And I always enjoyed working on small and intricate things."

"Maybe you should think about dentistry," suggested Debbie's mom and dad.

The rest is history. The Mt. Carmel Academy senior, pondering a future career, is now Dr. Debra C. Arnold, top elected officer in the 650-member New Orleans Dental Association and second woman president in the association's 75-year history.

She was formally installed at the annual dinner March 12 at the Southern Yacht Club.

It's another milestone in a 17-year career that has combined solo practice, teaching and yeoman work in the cause of organized dentistry.

Rising through the ranks, the personable practitioner has paid her dues in the profession. She has served on numerous NODA committees, twice held the office of treasurer, and in 1989 took on the demanding post of general chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference.

After her pre-dental studies at UNO, the 1994-95 president entered LSU School of Dentistry in 1973, graduating with her DDS in 1977.

She served an associateship in the office of Dr. Clayton Barre and later that year set up her own practice in Metairie which she continues today at 2732 Athania Parkway.

Almost since graduation she has taught at LSUSD. She now teaches fixed prosthodontics to freshmen and sophomores.

Meanwhile, she has maintained her activity in professional groups. In addition to the LDA, ADA and AGD, she is a member of the American Academy of Dental Practice Administration. She is a trustee advisor of the American Fund for Dental Health. Some years ago the Wrigley Company named her to its dental advisory board.



DR. ARNOLD

As a woman in what was until recently an overwhelmingly male profession, Dr. Arnold brushes aside gender questions that "foster artificial sexual division within professions," adding only: "I personally have found dentistry to be a rewarding experience."

"I have enjoyed all of my professional associations and have not encountered any undue burdens or problems."

The new president comes from a family that places a high priority on education. Her sister Karen is a Ph.D. who teaches management and marketing at Loyola and her brother Lance is an attorney who holds both an MBA and JD.

Whenever she can get away from her office, Dr. Arnold may be found pursuing her hobbies of photography, scuba diving in Cozumel, Belize, Grand Cayman or Roatan, or snow skiing in Colorado, depending on the season.

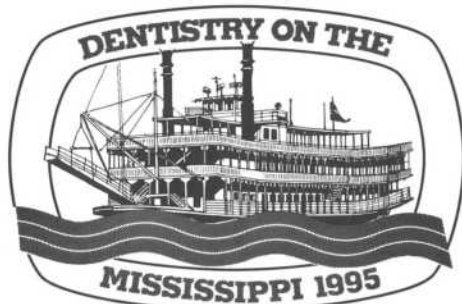
Among the goals she sets for her administration are ideas for having NODA become self-sustaining; working to establish a permanent exhibit at the Children's Museum; greater participation, camaraderie and sharing of knowledge among members and "continuous improvement in all that we do."

*Conference Corner*

Dr. Gordon Christensen of Provo, Utah, has been signed up to conduct a full-day pre-conference course entitled "Dental Update and Materials" at the 1995 New Orleans Dental Conference.

His course is August 30, 1995. The full three-day conference will follow.

Dr. Christensen, a private practitioner for 35 years, is considered one of the best – perhaps the best – conference clinician in America. He



conducts his own institute in Utah that draws dentists from throughout the U.S.

We'll have him all to ourselves at the Conference.

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Although our conference, "Dentistry on the Mississippi," is 16 months away – we're "dark" in 1994 in deference to the ADA here in October – a total of 110 exhibit booths have been sold for our 1995 event.

It is quite a tribute that our exhibitors would commit this far in advance. The reputation of New Orleans grows steadily.

Thanks are due to our diligent delegation at the Chicago Mid-Winter in February. They worked hard at contacting potential exhibitors, clinicians and participants.

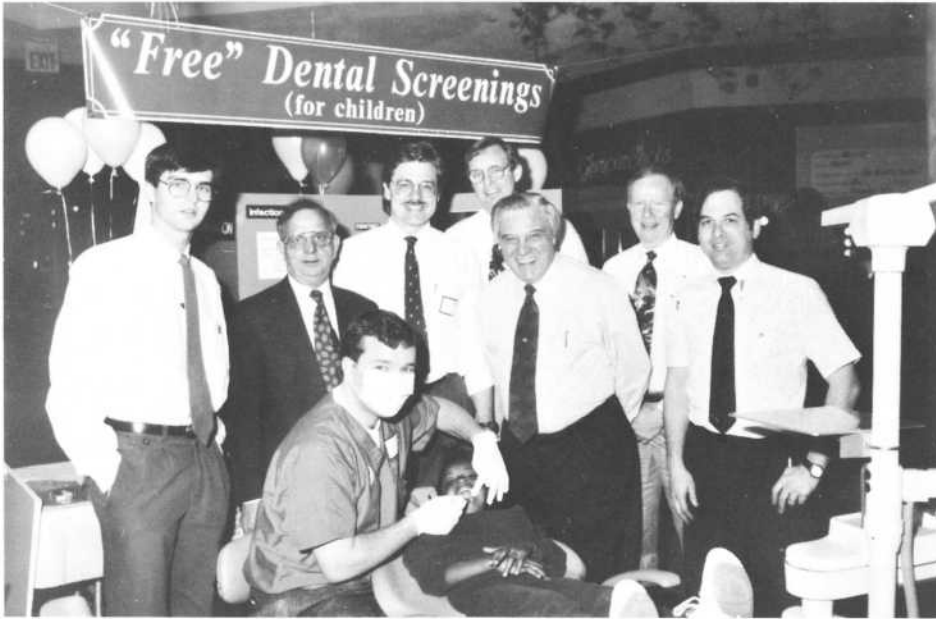
Anthea Grogono  
'95 General Chairman

## IMPLANT MEETING

The first meeting of the Louisiana Implant Study Club will be held Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Pfister Lab.

New members and interested colleagues are invited.

For more information, contact: Dr. A. J. Tridico at 241-0355.



Shown at NODA's exhibit at the Ochsner-ECMO Health Fair are, from left, dental student Kevin Terrell, Dr. J. M. Chadha, dental student John Lazzara, Dr. Joey Lacoste, Dr. Dennis Russo, Dr. Vincent Liberto, Dr. John Gillis and Dr. Ronald Curran.

## Many members turn out for Health Fair exhibit

Terry Ernst, Jr., 11-year-old winner of the second place Science Fair award at Chalmette Middle School, was proud to show his scientific table clinic entitled, *Tooth Decay and Gum Disease* at the New Orleans Dental Association's Health Fair exhibit at Lakeside Shopping Center, February 26.

The event was staged by Ochsner Hospital as the "ECMO Health Fair."

This year marked the ECMO Health Fair's 10th anniversary. ECMO is an acronym for Extra Corporal Membrane Oxygenation and identifies a machine which benefits critically ill new born and children whose lungs are not able to properly function.

Since the purpose of this fair was to benefit children, the New Orleans Dental Association felt a salute to Children's Dental Health Month would be appropriate. NODA's exhibit included a modern dental operator, complete with intraoral camera and sterilizer. Teaching aids, before and after pictures, and dental pamphlets and gifts filled the tables of the exhibit.

Representing the New Orleans Dental Association were 9 general dentists, 5 orthodontists, 4 pedodontists, 1 endodontist, 2 hygienists, 9 dental students, 5 dental assistants, and 1 professional photographer and freshman medical student (Mrs. Lorrie Metzler Lacoste).

While Dr. Ann Uhry was not able to attend, her contribution of "before and after" pictures

is appreciated. A cheer goes to Dr. David Hoffman, who was not able to attend due to a special wedding ceremony – that of his daughter. But he supported the event with visuals and the help of his assistant, Maria Bourgeois.

The team of dental professionals who made this all possible was as follows: Dr. Tony Trantacoste, Dr. John Gillis, Dr. Dennis Russo, Dr. Gregory Strain, Dr. Debra Arnold, Dr. John Celino, Dr. A. C. Lyles, III, Dr. Wendy Maes, Dr. Joseph Lacoste, Dr. Jack Clotworthy, Dr. David DeGenova, Dr. J. M. Chadha, Dr. Glen Dubroc, Dr. A. J. Smith, Dr. Stanley Simons, Dr. Vincent Liberto, Dr. Ronald Curran, Dr. Pam Shaw.

Also Dr. Carolyn Kerr, Kim Fontenot, RDH, from the office of Dr. John Gillis; and Bobbie Dubroc, RDH, from the office of Drs. Frank Giardina and Justin Hentricks; Daniel Shea, Jamielynn Hanam-Jahr, Lauren Gagliano, John Lazzara, Kevin B. Terrell, Sally Bowie, Christene Anthony, Troy King and Brian Benoit, Deby Thompson, Sue Williams and Lynn Ruiz from Dr. Wayne Dilzell's staff, Maria Bourgeois from Dr. David Hoffman's staff, Donna Malbrough from Dr. John Celino's staff, and Gwen Ernst from Dr. Joseph Lacoste's staff.

Special thanks go to Hill Dental, which provided a modern dental operator setting. Hill also provided a glance into the high tech world of dentistry with a Pro Scope intraoral camera

## Welcome, New Members

Dr. Mary Aichelmann-Reidy  
 Dr. Lisa C. Bailey  
 Dr. Alfred W. Broxson  
 Dr. Maria R. Burmaster  
 Dr. John L. Cloninger, III  
 Dr. Glen J. Corcoran  
 Dr. Gustavo M. Coutin  
 Dr. James M. Crouch  
 Dr. Damon J. Dimarco  
 Dr. Kenny Duff  
 Dr. David A. Dupont, Sr.  
 Dr. William D. Duvic  
 Dr. Gordon E. Fletcher  
 Dr. José R. Gonzalez  
 Dr. Ina Griffin  
 Dr. Valerie R. Hemphill  
 Dr. Craig A. Henry  
 Dr. J. Lee Hochstedler  
 Dr. Eric J. Hovland  
 Dr. Dolphus C. Jackson  
 Dr. Alfred J. Jeanfreau  
 Dr. Judith A. Johnson  
 Dr. Michele M. Leggio-Putnam  
 Dr. A. C. Liles  
 Dr. Steven J. Locascio  
 Dr. Wendy M. Maes  
 Dr. Lisa Mauriocourt Moss  
 Dr. Kendall P. Parker  
 Dr. Pierre R. Pierce  
 Dr. Gregg J. Roy  
 Dr. Wynn C. Russo  
 Dr. J. Brent Scott  
 Dr. Pamela R. Shaw  
 Dr. Robert J. Spears  
 Dr. Katherine M. Stallworth  
 Dr. Grace M. Szomi  
 Dr. Mital Thakore  
 Dr. Gerard R. Tully

and a Statim Sterilizer, with a 6-minute sterilization cycle used throughout the day.

Procter and Gamble co-sponsored the exhibit. This company provided pamphlets, posters, toothpaste and other gifts. It is appropriate to acknowledge the help of Richie Rieth from Hill Dental and Hugh Felterman from Procter and Gamble.

This project was proposed by Dr. Frank Martello as a way of enhancing NODA's image in our community. Through the planning and coordination of Dr. Joseph Lacoste along with the help of Mrs. Marcie Celino, Mrs. Carolyn Russo and Ms. Gwen Ernst, NODA's involvement with the Ochsner ECMO Fair represents a positive step towards public awareness and recognition of the professionals it represents.



## State Board proposes new rules in four areas

### Dentists may comment on changes; public hearing set for April 27

**FROM: Louisiana State Board of Dentistry  
March 14, 1994**

**Dear Interested Person:**

Enclosed please find four Notices of Intent which the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry (Board) has submitted to the Louisiana Register for publication in its March 20, 1994 edition. We have also included summaries of our approved Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements concerning these Notices of Intent.

Our Board has not prepared a preamble to these Notices of Intent, but this letter will hopefully apprise you of all necessary information supporting the intended action, which is in compliance with R.S. 37:760(8).

The rules the board intends to adopt are as follows:

**1. LAC 46:XXXIII Chapter 3 "Dentists",  
Rule 301 "Advertising by Dentists."**

As you can see, even the title of this rule has been amended to clarify the advertising restrictions placed on dentists practicing in the state of Louisiana. This rule is being revised to prevent misleading or misrepresentative advertising. During the past year over seventy (70) licensees were sanctioned for violating this rule. We hope this revision will promote better compliance by our licensees. Amendments are:

a. The definitions of "Pediatric Dentistry" and "Periodontics" have been amended to conform with definitions accepted by the American Dental Association.

b. The requirement of listing "General Dentistry" or "Family Dentistry" in print larger than other services offered has been amended to also include "and/or bolder and noticeably more prominent" than other services offered. It is believed this will facilitate a better understanding of this requirement.

c. Advertising by specialists has been clarified. Specialists who advertise services other than their specialty must advertise their specialty in print larger and/or bolder and noticeably more prominent than other services offered.

d. We have also clarified rules for practices wherein general dentists and specialists practice together. They are required to list "Family Dentistry and Specialty Practice" larger and/or bolder and noticeably more prominent than any service offered.

**2. LAC 46:XXXIII, Chapter 5 "Dental Assistants", Rule 506, "Dental Assistants National Board Examinations for Expanded Duty Dental Assistant Certification."**

This rule is being added to facilitate understanding of R.S. 37:751(L) wherein a person employed by a licensed practicing dentist who has passed the Dental Assisting National Board (D.A.N.B.) examination may apply for expanded duty dental assistant certificate confirmation from the Board. There are several D.A.N.B. examinations which are not acceptable for this certificate confirmation. The examinations for (A) Certified Dental Assistant, (B) Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assisting, and (C) Certified Orthodontic Assisting courses are the only courses acceptable to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry for certificate confirmation.

**3. LAC 46:XXXIII, Chapter 15, "Anesthesia/Analgesia Administration."**

These rules are being promulgated to facilitate, improve, and clarify existing legislation regulating the administration of anesthesia/analgesia by dentists on dental patients in the state of Louisiana. At the next available opportunity the Board shall introduce legislation completely revising R.S. 37:793.

Promulgation of these rules, and revision to R.S. 37:793 is necessary for several reasons. First, promulgation of these rules is necessary to bring our anesthesia regulations up to date. Many changes have been made in education. The American Dental Association has revised its guidelines which these rules satisfy and even exceed.

Secondly, many advances have been made in technology and equipment necessary for the administration of anesthesia/analgesia. By placing many of the proposed requirements in rules, the Board will be able to adapt in the future in a more expedient manner. As the legislature of the state of Louisiana now only considers non-fiscal matters every other year, expediency is more important than ever before.

Lastly, these rules provide bright clear guidelines for dentists who administer anesthesia/analgesia in the state of Louisiana. Present R.S. 37:793 leaves many gray areas which result in confusion for the dentists administering anesthesia/analgesia in the state of Louisiana. These rules and our anticipated revision to R.S. 37:793 which is available upon request will bring greater clarity to dentists and safety to the public.

**4. LAC 46:XXXIII, Chapter 16, "Continuing Education Requirements."**

These rules are being promulgated to bring the dental profession in line with other profes-

sions which require continuing education for licensure. It has long been felt that continuing education helps practitioners stay abreast of changes and improvements in the field. Dentists will be required to obtain 20 hours of continuing dental education, and dental hygienists will be required to obtain 12 hours of continuing dental hygiene education each calendar year in order to renew their licenses. The particulars are set forth in the rules. In addition to the Board's rulemaking authority as set forth in R.S. 37:760(8), the legislature granted authority to the board under R.S. 37:760(13) to "require and determine by rule, minimum requirements relative to continuing education for relicensure and recertification" during the 1993 regular legislative session.

These rules will become effective January 1, 1995 thereby requiring the continuing education to be obtained during the calendar year 1995 for relicensure in 1996.

Interested persons may present their comments within 60 days of publication of these rules in the March 20, 1994 Louisiana Register. Those interested persons requiring oral presentation or argument may present their views during a public hearing to receive comment which will be held on April 27, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the City Club located on the 5th floor of 1515 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Please direct your inquiries to Mr. C. Barry Ogden, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, 1515 Poydras St., Suite 1850, New Orleans, LA 70112. Telephone (504) 568-8574, FAX (504) 568-8598.

*Sincerely,*  
*C. Barry Ogden*  
*Executive Director*

#### TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Dr. Joe Dongieux reminds NODA members that the Jefferson Toastmasters meet every Tuesday night at the Metairie Road Whitney Bank Building.

Dr. Dongieux is president of the club. Members interested can call him at his office for further info.



INSTALLATION DINNER A WINNER



NEW OFFICERS, from left, Drs. Miano, Goodspeed, Soileau, Arnold, Martello, Ribando, Green, Reeder, Ganuchau and Grogono. Missing: Dr. Gaubert, Dr. Barsley.



New president flanked by sister Karen and brother Lance.



Drs. Martello and Arnold with Presidential Plaque.



Plenty of lively conversation at Southern Yacht Club event.

**1994 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

- President - Debra C. Arnold DDS
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***Dr. Quinn speaks to TMJ surgeons***

Dr. Jim Quinn, LSU School of Dentistry, presented a lecture entitled, "Arthroscopic Treatment of Advanced Degenerative Temporo-Mandibular Joint Disease" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Temporo-Mandibular Joint Surgeons recently in Key West, Florida.



## *More on Disabilities Act*

(Final of a series)

For the past six months, *NODA News* has published excerpts from an ADA booklet sent to all members some months ago. Additional copies of the booklet may be obtained for a fee by calling the ADA at 1-800-621-8099.

The booklet presents a number of questions regarding the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act that concern employment and employees.

The employment provisions apply to employers having fifteen (15) or more employees. Those employers in this category can obtain the rules by calling for a copy of the booklet.

The following questions from the ADA booklet concludes our series.

**Where can I get further information and answers to my questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act?**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has for sale a booklet entitled "What Business Must Know About the Americans with Disabilities Act." Contact the Chamber at 1615 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20062, or call 800/638-1450 for credit card orders. BOMA,

the Building Owners and Managers Association International (1201 New York Ave. N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20050. 202/408-2662) has available information about complying with the building accessibility requirements of the Act.

Organizations such as the Easter Seal Society and architects' groups are possible sources of information. There may be disabled advocacy groups in your community that can help. Also, your state rehabilitation services agency may be helpful.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Americans with Disabilities Act, has an information line. The telephone number is 202/514-0301 (voice) and 202/514-0301 (TDD). The Department of Justice and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission have jointly published a brochure entitled, "The Americans with Disabilities Act Questions and Answers," which you may want to request by calling the information line noted above.

For further information, you may call the American Dental Association, Division of Legal Affairs, at extension 2874.



DR. LINN

### *Dr. Linn honored by East Jeff*

Dr. James M. Linn, Jr. has been honored by the East Jefferson Hospital Auxiliary as a recipient of one of its Great Lady/Great Gentlemen Awards for 1994.

Dr. Linn was one of four men and four women honored. He was cited for his work with the Metairie Rotary Club, including its Deaf Olympics and Christmas party for handicapped children. A member of the Rotary's board of directors, he is also active with the Archdiocese of New Orleans' community appeal.

Dr. Linn, a longtime member of NODA, is a former editor of *NODA News*. He has his practice at 3324 Hessmer Ave. in Metairie.

## *LSU faculty members cited by dental groups*

Faculty members of LSUSD who are NODA members have been cited recently by various dental groups.

Dr. Michael Block has been named recipient of the Arnold K. Maislen Award given under the auspices of New York University for major contributions to oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett, Jr. has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Gary McDonald, Dr. Gerard Chiche, Dr. Marshall Gottsegen and Dr. Dummett have been awarded fellowships by the American College of Dentists.

Dr. R. Jack Cassingham served as 12th District representative at the biannual Council on Dental therapeutics.

Dr. Jim Weir has been appointed LSUSD liaison to NODA and new faculty member Dr. Georgia McDonald is a new member of our association.



## *Coming in May!*

LAST MEETING UNTIL FALL  
"Selling Dentistry with Video & Camera"

Demos By: Oral Vision, Polaroid & Others

Wednesday, May 18 7 p.m. LSUSD

Special: Grand Drawing for Year's Dues Rebate!



## Evaluating a provider contract? These six 'tips' may help you

Does it seem like you receive a new dental provider contract almost every day? Is your "IN" box filled with contracts that you are considering signing? In order to help you better evaluate those contracts, the ADA's Contract Analysis Service offers you the following six "tips":

**Please note: This information is not intended as legal advice, nor can it serve as a substitute for consultation with one's own attorney.**

**1. Read the contract.** If, after reading the contract, you are seriously considering signing, contact your state dental society to obtain a copy of "What Every Dentist Should Know Before Signing a Dental Provider Contract" and to inquire as to whether the society has in its files a contract analysis prepared by the ADA's Contract Analysis Service.

You should also have the contract reviewed by your personal attorney, especially if you expect that it will have a significant impact on your patient volume.

**2. Ask questions.** For example, you may want to ask the dental benefit organization (DBO), what employers are offering the plan? Is there an 800 telephone number for provider questions? How is patient eligibility and coverage verified? Who reviews claims? How can I appeal claims decisions? Are there any restrictions on specialty referrals?

Must I participate in any grievance, utilization review and quality assurance programs? If so, what are the procedures and standards, who are the decision-makers, what are the consequences of adverse decisions, and how can I appeal those decisions? How can the contract be amended? The fee schedule? If I agree to participate in this program, must I also participate in other programs established by the DBO? Will the terms differ?

**3. Make sure that you have the entire agreement.** Before signing, obtain and review all attachments, schedules, exhibits and manuals referenced in the contract. Generally, items referenced in the contract are binding on the parties and are considered to be part of the agreement.

Also, if you and the DBO have clarified certain important points over the telephone or in a separate writing, make sure that your attorney actually includes those points in the final agreement that you sign. Oral or written understandings outside the actual agreement that you have with the DBO might not be enforceable.

**4. Understand what happens if things go wrong.** Is there a requirement that you indemnify and hold harmless the DBO in certain situations? Do you agree to be "solely responsible" for all dental advice and treatment? Do you release the DBO from liability for certain acts or omissions? If the DBO becomes insolvent, are you prevented from collecting from patients the amounts you are still owed?

**5. Know how to get out.** How and when may one party notify the other that it wants to terminate the agreement? For what reasons? At termination, must you give the DBO free copies of all records and radiographs of covered patients? Have those patients agreed to release their records?

Must you complete "treatments in progress" and, if so, how will you be compensated? Who will notify the patients? Must you agree not to solicit certain patients for a period of time after termination? Which patients and for how long?

**6. Keep a fully-signed, dated copy of the agreement in your files for easy reference.** During your relationship with the DBO, questions on procedures, policy and contract terms will arise from time to time. For your protection, you will want to have a complete copy of the contract that was signed and dated by both parties, plus all attachments, schedules, exhibits and manuals relating to that contract.

*Michele H. Thorne, J.D.*  
Director, ADA's Contract Analysis Service  
Division of Legal Affairs

**Organized  
Dentistry  
Needs  
You.  
Pick a NODA  
Committee  
and  
Become Active.**

## Pay dues the painless way

Wouldn't you rather pay your 1995 NODA/LDA/ADA dues in relatively small monthly installments instead of one lump sum?

Here's how it works:

Join NODA's Automatic Bank Draft Program (ABD) early in the year (preferably this month) and a monthly amount will be automatically deducted from your checking account through the end of the year.

Then, when January 1995 rolls around, you will be paid up (NODA, LDA and ADA dues) in full for 1995. Easy and painless. No invoices, no checks to write.

You can join the plan simply by writing or calling Mona Whittington at the Central Office (834-6449) and requesting the necessary forms. She'll take it from there.



NODA News is published every month with the exception of June, July and August. Deadline for ads and editorial material is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Ads and news should be sent to Dr. Kristi Soileau, 2820 Napoleon Ave., Suite 470, New Orleans, LA 70115.

Dr. Soileau is editor and chairman of the NODA News Committee. Members are Drs. John Braud, Jr., Steven Collins, David DeGenova, Barry Goodspeed, Frank Herbert, Hector Maldonado and Wallace Serpas III.

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**OFFICE SHARING AVAILABLE** in newly renovated and modern general dentist office in Metairie. Call 885-8869.

**PART-TIME DDS FACULTY** needed for Screening area at LSU Dental School in the Department of Oral Diagnosis. Position available July 1, 1994. LSU Dental School is an EEO/AA employer. Contact Dr. Charles H. Boozer, LSU Dental School, 1100 Florida Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119-2799.

**DENTAL OR MEDICAL SPACE AVAILABLE:** 2727 Houma Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana. 2,000 sq. ft. – 4 or 6 treatment rooms., also 1,000 sq. ft. – optional. Call 454-0864.

**DENTAL OFFICE, BUILDING,** dental equipment, business office equipment, lab and supplies, reception room, furniture and practice for sale. \$85,000 firm. Metairie-Kenner area. 443-1171.

(Classified ads are \$25 each. Send ads to Sherri or Susan in Dr. Kristi Soileau's office, 2820 Napoleon Ave., Suite 470, New Orleans, LA 70115 Deadline for May issue is April 10.)

**DR. HERBERT TO SPEAK**

Dr. Frank Herbert, LSU School of Dentistry, will present a seminar for the Louisiana Council on Child Abuse on Tuesday, April 19, at 11 a.m. in Centroplex in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

His topic: Dentist's Role in Detecting Child Abuse.

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Kristi Soileau, Editor

**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
April 8	"Non-Surgical Endodontics – Alpha to Omega" Dr. Eric J. Hovland & Dr. Ronald R. Lemon	Dentist Auxiliary	\$145.00 \$ 65.00
April 15-16	The F. Harold Wirth Memorial Lecture "Predictable Restorative Excellence" Dr. Henry Tanner Dr. Ronald Presswood	Dentist Auxiliary	\$265.00 \$115.00
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