

# 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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**JAN. 16 MEETING A TRIPLEHEADER**

## *Networking Social, New Member Reception, followed by Dinner and Lecture by Dr. Kristi Soileau*

**BY DR. GLENN DUBROC**  
(Scientific Program Chairman)

So much to do, so little time.

For the January 16 membership meeting, you can get a solid dose of member benefits in just one evening. For starters, the night will begin with a networking opportunity for those of you who are considering taking on an associate, partner, or simply hiring a dentist on a part-time basis.

In an effort to help our senior dental students start making post-graduation plans, we have invited those who plan to practice locally to attend this new NODA event. Call it a unique opportunity for you to meet with potential associates in a casual atmosphere.

On its heels will be the social gathering to welcome and mingle with our new NODA members. Dinner and an hour of continuing education top off the evening.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Kristi Soileau. The title of her lecture is "Variations in Gingival Surgery to Idealize Tissue Quality and Esthetic Outcome."

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at Carlone's (corner of Airline Hwy. and Labarre Rd. in Metairie). The itinerary and menus for the evening follow:

**7:00-7:30 p.m. Senior Student/NODA Member Networking Social.**

**7:30-8:00 p.m. New NODA Member Reception (Cash Bar in the Victorian Room).**

**8:00 p.m. Dinner & Lecture (Indoor Courtyard of Carlone's).**

The cost per person is \$27. We request your RSVP with pre-payment and entree selection no later than Friday, January 14 to the NODA Central Office (834-6449).

**MENU**

House Salad

Soup du Jour

**Entree:**

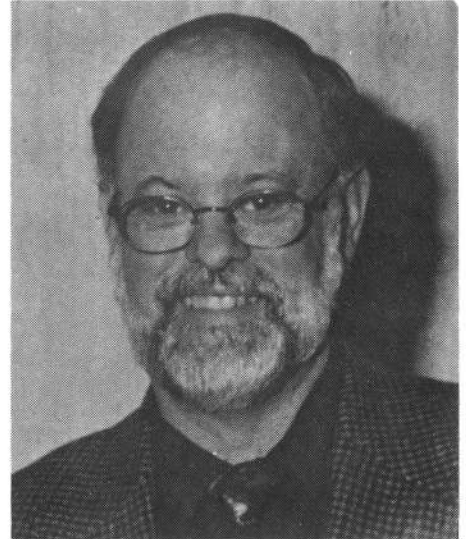
Catfish Carlone - fresh filet of catfish, pan sautéed and topped with crawfish tails and julienne mushrooms with a hint of sherry or

Roasted Tenderloin of Beef - sliced grilled choice tenderloin roasted with select seasonings and topped with marchand de vin sauce.

Entrees served with potato du jour, vegetable du jour, bread & butter, iced tea, and coffee.

Dessert: Brownie Mousse Cake

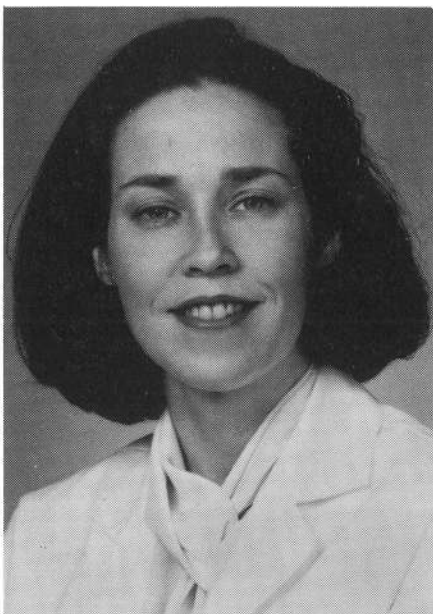
Why not call a member friend or get up a group to attend?



**DR. F. THOMAS GIACONA** has assumed the presidency of the New Orleans Dental Association, succeeding Dr. Carol A. Stuckey. A past general chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference, Dr. Giacona becomes the 84th president of NODA. His first presidential message and a listing of the new NODA Board are on page two.

### *Welcome New Members*

- Edward V. Brown, III
- John O. Burgess
- Robert Camenzuli
- Todd Canatella
- Ryan W. Comeaux
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- Henri B. Ford
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**DR. SOILEAU**

## President's Message

by F. THOMAS GIACONA, DDS

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

**H**appy 2002 to all of you!!! I hope that you have had a safe, joyous, stress-free Holiday Season spent with friends and relatives you love and cherish.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2002 NODA Board of Directors! As per the recent Bylaws change, the annual Election Meeting was this past December 18 at LSUSD with the 2002 NODA Board assuming their duties of office immediately after the election.

At the end of 2001, I asked the board members to commit to a Long Range Planning Meeting with the focus on "Revitalization" of NODA.

The last meeting of this kind was approximately six years ago and its results have served NODA well. We need to look forward again and continue to address the strengths and weaknesses of our organization, the concerns of our members, the drop in membership, and what we should do to keep and expand our membership.

NODA will continue to be an organization of professionals that will be of value to its members and to the community in which we practice and live. It is important to get more members involved in our committees that provide these services and it is up to the NODA Board to stimulate and provide the leadership to that end.

This Long Range Planning meeting will be on Friday, March 1, 2002 and will be facilitated by a member of the ADA staff from Chicago. We have been in contact with this gentleman, Mr. Ron Polinecki, who works with ADA con-

stituent associations specifically on these long range planning issues.

As you know, the ADA Annual Session will be here in New Orleans this October and Dr. Ken Schott and his Local Arrangements Committee are working hard to help it be a great success.

If you have not submitted your name as a volunteer during the annual session, please contact the Central Office as soon as possible. Volunteers will get a discount on their registration and free parking the day they volunteer.

Dr. Mark Chaney has been nominated by NODA for 2002 President-Elect of the LDA. The LDA's Nominating Committee was scheduled to make its decision the weekend of January 4-5, 2002. Congratulations to Dr. Chaney and give him your support.

Congratulations to Dr. Glenn Dubroc and Dr. Sandra Catchings on their efforts to organize a "networking" function between NODA members and LSUSD senior dental students who are interested in associating or purchasing a practice. This will occur prior to the January New Member Dinner Meeting at Carlone's. Please see the article in this *NODA News* for the details or contact the NODA Central Office.

Prior to the December annual election meeting, NODA members and representatives from the City of New Orleans met to discuss the tax that has been selectively enforced since its introduction several years ago. A motion was made and passed at the December meeting for NODA to get a legal and accounting opinion and to make a report at the January meeting. We are proceeding with this and I will advise you of these opinions.

Lastly, on behalf of the members of NODA, I would like to thank the 2001 NODA Board of Governors and Committee Chairs. Dr. Carol Stuckey, our now

past-president, provided outstanding leadership and we thank all of them for their hard work. These individuals have given a lot of their personal time in the name of NODA and for you and our community. Congratulations for a job well done.

Have a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year.

*Dr. Tom Giacona  
President*

## 2002 NODA Board

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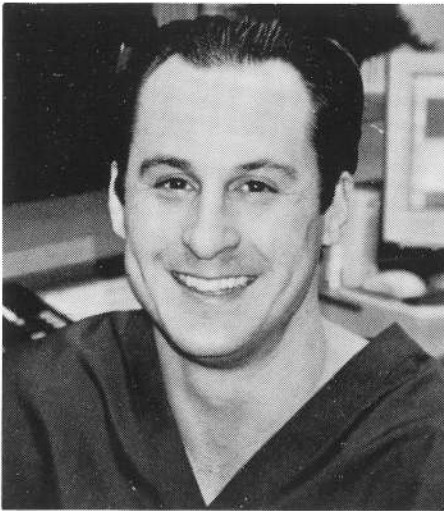
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# Plans move ahead for Children's Dental Health Month



**DR. PARKER**

#### Schedule of 2002 Events Children's Dental Health Month

January 18 – Seminar for Teachers and School Nurses, 9-12, Aud. A, LSUSD.

February 4 – Official Opening, 9-12, Louisiana Children's Hospital.

February 16 – Displays and dental giveaways at Lakeside Mall, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

February 18 – Alliance Program for School Children, LSUSD.

February 20 – Alliance Program for School Children, LSUSD.

February 26 – Alliance Program for School Children, LSUSD.

Date to be announced: Appearance by Happy Tooth and dental giveaways at New Orleans Brass hockey game.

"Don't Let Your Smile Become Extinct!" is the theme for National Children's Dental Health Month February 1-28.

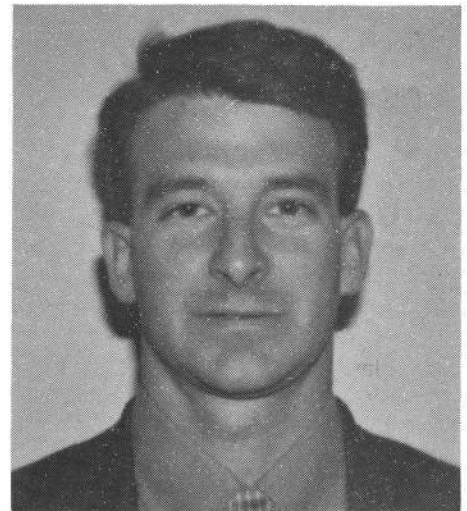
As it has for a half-century, NODA will join in the nationwide campaign designed to alert parents and children to the importance of lifetime dental care, beginning at an early age.

Dr. Jason Parker and Dr. Kevin Lacour are co-chairmen of the areawide NODA program beginning with the official opening day Monday, February 4 at Louisiana Children's Hospital.

Events during the rest of the month include a display and giveaways at Lakeside Mall, educational events for children at LSUSD, television spots on local stations and at Palace Theaters, a special "night" at a New Orleans Brass game, radio spots, presentations by NODA dentists at schools and other activities.

The campaign's theme refers to "Dudley the Dinosaur," the mascot who has highlighted Children's Dental Health Month graphics for several years. In the New Orleans area Dudley and his message will appear on thousands of milk cartons distributed by Barbe's Dairy to schools at lunchtime, as well as in stores.

National Children's Dental Health Month began as a one-day event in Cleveland, Ohio on February 3, 1941. The American Dental Association



**DR. LACOUR**

held the first national program in 1949. The event became a weeklong observance in 1955 and was extended to a month in 1981.

NODA holds an important prelude to the month-long event in the form of its annual "Teachers Seminar on Children's Dental Health" at the LSU School of Dentistry always staged in January.

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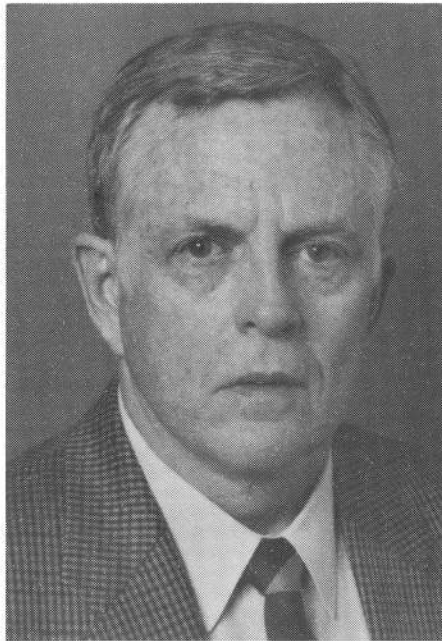
## Dr. Brannon heads national body

Dr. Robert B. Brannon, associate professor, LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry department of oral and maxillofacial pathology, was elected president of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

Dr. Brannon joined LSU after retiring from the US Air Force with the rank of colonel. He completed his training in oral pathology at Indiana University in 1973, where he received an M.S.D. degree. He established the first Air Force Oral Histopathology Center in Europe at Wiesbaden, Germany. Subsequent assignments included chairman, oral pathology department, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, and professor, Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland.

His appointments include military consultant to the USAF Surgeon General for oral pathology from 1982 to 1996. He completed his military career as chairman, department of oral pathology at the Air Force Institute of Pathology, and registrar, Registry of Oral Pathology of the American Registry of Pathology.

As chair of the department of oral and maxillofacial pathology of the AFIP, Dr. Brannon was director of forensic dentistry activities, pro-



DR. BRANNON

viding consultation to the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner from 1993 to 1996.

## Dental teamwork aids in tragedy

Dental teamwork and electronic dental identification triage were essential to the success of Operation Noble Eagle, "one of the most comprehensive forensic investigations in U.S. history," the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) said in a series of reports. AFIP is an agency of the Department of Defense.

"All avenues of forensic investigation were explored and deployed with zero defects," said Navy Captain Glenn N. Wagner, AFIP director. Officials offered new details on AFIP's medicolegal response to the September 11 terrorist attacks, which is code named Operation Noble Eagle.

Officials credit a multidisciplinary effort in which dentists and dental forensics played important roles in the identification of victims of the terrorist attacks and said they hope to make it easier for dentists and other health professionals to "send digital information to us directly" in future disaster investigations.

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## Dr. Germain to conduct Rossner Seminar

Dr. Lisa P. Germain, NODA member, will conduct the 19th annual Charles W. Rossner Seminar Friday, February 22 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel.

The seminar is an annual project of the Touro Infirmary Foundation. The late Dr. Rossner, also a NODA member, was a longtime member of the staff at Touro.

"Endodontics: The Art of Possibility" is the title of the seminar. Cost per person is \$50 and includes continental breakfast and two refreshment breaks. Advance registration is required. 6.5 AGD credit hours will be granted to those who attend the entire seminar.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, Dr. Germain holds her BS and DDS degrees from the University of Maryland. She completed her residency at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and received her M.Sc.D. and specialty certification from the Boston University/Goldman School of Dentistry.

Advanced registration is required. Seating is limited and reservations will be taken in the order in which full payment and necessary information is received. The seminar is focused for dentists but hygienists are invited.

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Dr. Raymond Yukna and his other members in the periodontics department at the LSU School of Dentistry have published several papers in 2001 regarding periodontal treatment and new techniques and devices. Among the publications are:

Owens KW, Yukna RA. Collagen membrane resorption in dogs: a comparative study. *Implant Dentistry* 10(1):49-58;2001.

Yukna RA, Evans GH, Aichelmann-Reidy MB, Mayer ET. Clinical comparison of bioactive glass bone replacement graft material and expanded polytetrafluoroethylene barrier membrane in treating mandibular molar class II furcations. *J Periodontol* 72(2):125-133;2001.

Palaiologou AA, Yukna RA, Moses R, Lallier TE. Gingival, dermal, and periodontal liga-

ment fibroblasts express different extracellular matrix receptors. *J Periodontol* 72(6):798-807;2001.

Aichelmann-Reidy ME, Yukna RA, Evans GH, Nasr HF, Mayer ET. Clinical evaluation of acellular allograft dermis for the treatment of human gingival recession. *J Periodontol* 72(8):998-1005;2001.

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