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Honor Dentist nominations sought

Nominations are being accepted for the NODA Honor Dentist Award.

Dr. Anthony Miranda, Jr., chairman of the Honor Dentist committee, said nominations should be submitted in writing, signed by a NODA member, and forwarded to the Honor Dentist committee chairman no later than December 30, 1990.

He said the committee will meet in January, at which time all nominations will be considered.

The award was established by NODA several years ago to provide recognition for dentists for meritorious service. Nominees must be members of NODA, LDA and ADA (active or life). They must have conducted themselves in an ethical manner during their dental careers and should have been active in community or professional service.

Nominations can be sent to: Dr. Anthony Miranda, Jr., 4432 Conlin St., Suite 2A, Metairie, LA 70006.

New dues plan for recent grads

The ADA has initiated a "Special ADA Dues Payment Program" designed exclusively for dentists who have graduated from dental school or graduate training within the last five years.

Eligible dentists may use a special "check" to pay association dues as well as other optional dues-related charges. The dentists then repay the amount *interest free* over a six-month period.

Dentists who are eligible and interested can apply now in time to pay their 1991 dues, due January 1, 1991.

After sending the dues payment "check" to NODA (including ADA, LDA, NODA dues and any options desired such as ADPAC), dentists will be billed in equal amounts each month for six months until the balance is paid. *No interest will be charged during this period.*

There is a \$1,500 limit on this program each year. The program is limited to payment of dues and related expenses. Checks must be made out to NODA.

A special application form must be used and this is available by calling Mona at the NODA Central Office, 834-6449.

Dr. Quinn directs seminar in Belgium

Dr. James Quinn, LSUSD faculty member, recently served as co-director of a two-day lecture and laboratory course on temporomandibular joint arthroscopic surgery held for the European Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Quinn was co-director of a similar course sponsored by the University of Florida Medical School and the Miami Arthroscopic Research Foundation.

DR. CHICHE ON ESTHETICS

Talk slated at Nov. 14 meeting

Did you miss Dr. Gerard Chiche's seminar at the New Orleans Dental Conference? If you did, you'll have another opportunity to hear him when he presents:

"Improving Esthetics in Fixed Prosthodontics" at the November 14 meeting of the New Orleans Dental Association.



DR. CHICHE

Dr. Chiche's seminars are truly awe-inspiring. He is a dental artist. Don't miss this opportunity to learn some of his state of the art techniques for creating esthetic restorations.

Dr. Chiche is an associate professor of fixed prosthodontics at LSUSD where he maintains a very active intramural practice. He has lectured extensively to both national and international audiences, and is the author of the newly released text book, **Essentials of Dental Ceramics, An Artistic Approach.**

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium "A" at the LSU School of Dentistry. The agenda lists a short business meeting and Dr. Chiche's presentation, followed by a social hour with wine, beer, cokes, and good friends. Mark your calendars for a great meeting.

This meeting is being sponsored by First National Bank of Commerce. The bank's representative, Mr. Gregory Rizzo, will be at the meeting to discuss your banking needs. Please thank him for their support.

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Make your gift to United Way!



United Way

The United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area kicked off its 1990 general campaign on September 13. This year's goal is \$17,650,000.

Your tax-deductible contribution can be designated to the Louisiana Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped. The foundation's number is 40500. If you wish to earmark your donation for the foundation, be sure to indicate No. 40500 on your pledge card.

Spearheading the role of dentists in this year's fund raising is Dr. Jimmie Gaubert. To help his division reach its goal of \$13,000, Dr. Gaubert has sent a mailing to area dentists requesting their donations to the United Way.

To help, simply indicate the amount of your contribution and any agency designation you wish, sign the pledge card, and return it to the United Way.

All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

NEW ORLEANS DENTAL ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 1990-1991

November 14, 1990

"Improving Esthetics in Fixed Prosthodontics"

Dr. Gerard Chiche, LSUSD Faculty

7:00 PM, LSU School of Dentistry, Auditorium A

Sponsor: First National Bank of Commerce

December 5, 1990

Staff Appreciation Dinner

"Dealing with Difficult People and Patients"

Mrs. Connie Podesta, Communicare, Inc.

7:00 PM, Southern Yacht Club

Sponsor: Healthco Dental

January 16, 1991

"Splint Bleaching"

Dr. Ronald Lemon, LSUSD Faculty

7:00 PM, LSU School of Dentistry, Auditorium A

Sponsor: Gilsbar, Inc.

February 20, 1991

New Member Dinner Meeting

Dr. Darlene Bassett, New Orleans Dental Association President

Dr. William Walsh, Louisiana Dental Association President

7:00 PM, Smilie's Restaurant Plantation Room

Sponsor: Medical Protective Company

March, 1991

President's Installation Dinner

Dr. Michael Robichaux

Time, Date, and Place to be announced

April 3, 1991

LSU School of Dentistry Student Table Clinics

Dr. Allan Rappold, Table Clinic Committee Chairman

7:00 PM, Vista Shores Club

April 19, 1991

Annual Crawfish Party

7:00 PM, American Legion Hall

May 15, 1991

"Pharmacology Update"

Dr. Joseph Moerschbaeher, Chairman, Pharmacology Department, LSUMC

Dr. Anthony Indovina, Oral Surgeon

7:00 PM, LSU School of Dentistry, Auditorium A

Sponsor: Paine Webber, Incorporated

Board of Governors approves nine new members

The NODA Board of Governors at its October meeting approved and forwarded to the general membership for election into the association the names of the following dentists:

Dr. Martin D. Davison, sponsored by Dr. O. William Reeder, Jr.

Dr. H. Olin Desonier, sponsored by Dr. James Sevier.

Dr. Hugh F. Bullard, sponsored by Dr. Wayne Dilzell.

Dr. Paul A. Clark, sponsored by Dr. Robert J. Clark.

Dr. Bonnie M. Murphy, sponsored by Dr. Thomas Murphy.

Dr. Peggy E. Walsh, sponsored by Dr. John Moffatt, Jr.

Dr. Jeffrey K. Roby, sponsored by Dr. Peter L. Glaser.

Dr. Stuart A. Pickens, sponsored by Dr. James Curley.

Dr. Wynn Kapit, sponsored by Dr. Patricia Summers.

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Dr. Soileau is editor and chairman of the NODA News Committee. Members are Drs. Joseph Asercion, Edwin Brown III, Ronald Carr, George Cerniglia, Frank Herbert and David DeGenova.

Coming in December!

STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER

"Dealing with Difficult People and Patients"

Mrs. Connie Podesta, Communicare, Inc.

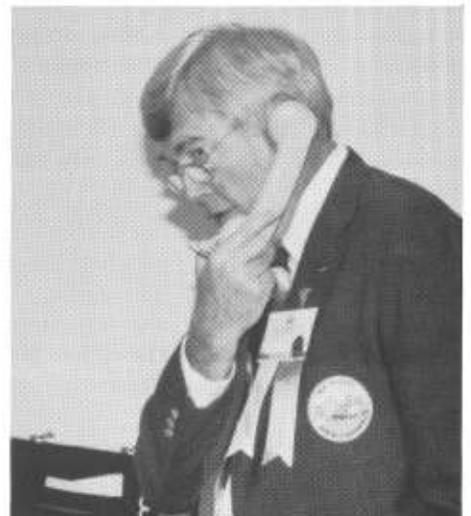
December 5, 1990

7 p.m.

Southern Yacht Club

Sponsor: Healthco Dental

***NODA News
goes to the
Conference***



DENTAL DATA

DENTISTRY FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Farhad Grotto is opening a new dental clinic in Harahan for dentistry for the handicapped.

All dentists and hygienists interested in volunteering their time to this worthwhile cause are asked to contact Dr. Frank Martello at 891-9119. ■

NO SURPRISES ON STATE ISSUES

Many states are facing similar legislature and regulatory issues, according to the Department of State Government Affairs' recent survey.

And according to the department, it came as no surprise that dental auxiliary issues topped the lists of current activity in most states.

Twenty-four states reported dental hygiene activity such as a push for relaxed supervision or expanded functions, and 22 states reported activity in the area of dental assisting regulation or legislation.

Other "hot" issues cited were: anesthesia (19 states), medical waste (14 states), regulation of dental laboratories/technicians (nine states), licensure by credentials (six states), mandatory continuing education for dentists (eight states), licensure fee increases (eight states).

Also, assignment of benefits (six states), denturism (five states), freedom of choice (five states), TM disorders (four states), foreign dental graduates (four states), denture identification (four states), advertising (four states), discrimination based on degree of provider (four states).

Also, disclosure of patient HIV information (four states), fluoridation (four states), AIDS discrimination (two states), practice ownership (one state), waiver of co-payments (one state) and prompt payment (one state). ■

YOU'RE INVITED TO BOARD MEETINGS

All NODA members are welcome to attend meetings of the Board of Governors. Board meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month. However, it's best to call the Central Office at 834-6449 to confirm the date and place.

Cash bar is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and meeting at 7. Dinner reservations should be made several days in advance. ■

LICENSURE HANDBOOK AVAILABLE FROM AADE

The American Association of Dental Examiners recently published a handbook outlining the structure and licensure and disciplinary activities of state dental boards throughout the nation.

Called *Composite*, the handbook was compiled from 1989

FEMALE DENTISTS' RANKS GROWING

There really are differences between female and male dentists, reports Dr. H. Barry Waldman in the *Ohio Dental Journal*. In the 1988-89 academic year, women represented one-third of the first year classes in dental schools.

In 1987, 6.2 percent of all dentists, more than 8,500, were professionally active women. The article predicts that by the year 2000, there will be more than 22,000 female dentists, and in 2020 almost 30 percent of all professionally active dentists will be women.

Dr. Waldman reports:

- About 49 percent of female dentists married a person with a graduate or professional degree, compared with 22 percent of male dentists.

- Almost 30 percent of female dentists are married to a dentist, compared to 2 percent of male dentists.

survey results of the 53 licensing jurisdictions.

Composite includes information on the following:

- state board structure and operations;
- number of licensed individuals in each state;
- 1988 board disciplinary actions and 1987 complaint statistics; and
- state licensing requirements.

Charts are provided detailing the more than 25 categories of final board disciplinary actions for each state. A chart also is provided highlighting the different violations corresponding to the board actions.

Composite is available for \$15 from AADE. For more information or to receive a copy, contact AADE, using the ADA WATS line, extension 7464. ■

DENTISTRY HAS PATRON SAINT

Did you know that dentistry has a patron saint?

It's St. Apollonia, daughter of a Roman magistrate who was tortured for her Christian beliefs. Her torturers smashed her teeth, cracked her jaws and threatened to burn her alive.

Canonized a saint 50 years later, she was eventually assigned a place in the church calendar. During the Middle Ages, workers' guilds selected patron saints. Dental operators chose St. Apollonia. There are shrines to her at the school of dentistry at Loyola University in Chicago and another at St. Cecilia Church in Boston. ■

- One-third of all female dentists report taking a leave of absence from their dental career for child rearing.

- Female dentists averaged more weeks of absence from their dental career because of personal illness than their male counterparts.

- Female dentists spend more time taking care of their children and doing housework than male dentists.

- Female dentists spend less time in the dental office than their male counterparts, but spend slightly more time treating individual patients.

Different work activities

Female and male dentists under 45 years of age report differing working habits. For example, in 1987:

- Female dentists worked fewer hours than male dentists.
- Female dentists worked differently than male dentists, spending slightly more time in

diagnostic and preventive procedures and scheduling slightly longer hours.

- Female dentists earned less money than male dentists. A female GP earned net income of 61.9 percent of the average male specialist and between 52.2 and 77.4 percent of their male GP counterparts.

- Female dentists treated slightly more patients with dental insurance benefits and slightly more patients who are members of a racial minority. ■



NODA PROFILE

Dr. Wilderman: Distinguished educator, practitioner, friend

Editor's Note: This profile of Dr. Wilderman was written several weeks ago upon his retirement from private practice. Dr. Wilderman, a life member of NODA and teacher of many NODA members, died of a heart attack October 12. Because of his stature in the profession and his service to dentistry, it was decided to run the article as written.

Malvern N. Wilderman retired at the end of June, turning his practice over to another periodontist. He will now be able to spend more time with his family on his cattle ranch, the W-6, in Carriere, Mississippi. He will also be cataloging his research papers and his many, many clinical slides.

Mal was born in Bellville, Illinois and graduated from St. Louis University Dental School in 1943. After graduation he joined the Army to serve his country in WWII. During his first year of service in Texas he met Marie and they were married. This past August marked their 47th wedding anniversary. Mal and Marie have two sons, a daughter and three grandsons.

After spending some time in the European Theater of Operations, Mal returned to his home town of Bellville and set up a practice in general dentistry. After a few years in practice his interest in periodontics initiated his desire to further his education in that field. He graduated from Loyola University of Chicago in 1959.

During his time at Loyola he had the privilege of studying under some of the world-renowned periodontists, such as Dr. Balian Orban and Dr. Harry Sicher.

In 1959 Dr. Wilderman and his family moved to New Orleans where he served as director of the department of periodontology at Loyola University Dental School. After Loyola closed the dental school he served in the same capacity at Louisiana State University until 1975. During his years at the dental schools he also had a private practice which he continued after leaving his position at the school until his recent retirement.

During the years Mal traveled far and wide to lecture on his favorite subject, periodontics. And many of his former students will remember this was his favorite subject.

Although Dr. Wilderman received many grants and much recognition



DR. WILDERMAN

for his research and dedication to periodontics, the one he received from Loyola University of Chicago as "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" has a special place on his wall.

His memberships include the American Academy of Periodontology, American Dental Association, New Orleans Dental Association, Louisiana Dental Association, Western Society of Periodontology, Louisiana Society of Periodontics, Southwest Society of Periodontics, International Association for Dental Research, International College of Dentists, Federation Dentaire Internationale, Xi Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Xi and Omega Kappa Upsilon.

Recently his secretary Marilyn and his dental assistant Heidi, who were both with him in private practice for 23 years, summed up all our feelings for Mal: "Dr. Wilderman was a great boss and also a good friend with always a listening ear for us. We learned something new from him every day. We love him and we will miss him very much."

Mal, enjoy your retirement, but don't forget all of us to whom you gave so much. We want to see you at all the conventions and meetings whenever your colleagues are together. You may have retired from private practice, but we still need you.

Fear: Hints for your patients

Does fear keep your patients out of your dental chair? If so, you're not alone. About 12 million people in the United States are dental phobics and sacrifice good oral care because of their fright.

Dr. Carl H. Jepsen, co-founder of The Health Center for Medical, Dental and Psychological Services in San Diego, offered the following advice for dental patients who have a fear of visiting the dentist in *The Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society*.

- If you're anxious or fearful about dental treatment, the best advice is to tell your dentist. Talking about fear is often the first step in overcoming it.

- Coffee, tea, cola, chocolate and cocoa have caffeine – a stimulant – in them. Drinking or eating these foods and beverages can make you jittery or agitated. Stop consuming them six hours before your appointment.

- Talk to your dentist about a signal, such as raising your hand, that will make him or her pause when you need a break during treatment. This will establish your sense of self-control and gives you a chance to request additional anesthetic if you need it.

- While sitting in the dental chair, fold your hands over your abdomen. It is reassuring to cover the solar plexus area of the abdomen.

- Eat a snack high in protein, like cheese, about 40 minutes to an hour before your appointment. This will reduce agitation and irritability that accompany hunger.

- Breathe. When we're afraid, we tend to hold our breath. Lack of oxygen increases anxiety. By maintaining a regular breathing pattern, you can markedly reduce your fear.

- Use a counseling procedure called neuro-linguistic programming (NLP) to help you neutralize your fears. NLP is a fast and effective treatment for many fears.



BULLETIN BOARD

DENTIST RETIRING: Well established practice in Jefferson for sale. Building for sale or lease. For further information, call 737-2672 after 8:00 P.M.

DENTIST to share office space at excellent Lakefront location. General dentists or specialists. Phone 282-5557.

DENTAL HYGIENIST needed for Marrero office. Phone 341-4225.

DENTAL OFFICE ON VETS, full lab on premises, part-full time associate. Phone 888-6860.

Nominations accepted for '91 officers

The NODA Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of President-elect Dr. Michael T. Robichaux, is accepting nominations for 1991 officers.

Nominations may be submitted to any member of the committee. They must be in writing and signed by two active, life or retired members in good standing. The committee's nominations will be announced at the December general membership meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Members of the committee are Dr. O. William Reeder, Jr., Dr. Edmond J. Ganucheau, Dr. R. Jack Cassingham, and Dr. Allan P. Rappold.

Officers will be elected at the February meeting and will be installed in March.



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.

Thursday,
November 8

NUTRITION AND DENTISTRY program begins. LSUSD, 5-7 p.m.
See article below for complete schedule.

Friday,
November 9 thru
Sunday,
November 11

**IMPLANT PROSTHODONTICS AND THE ROLE OF MODERN IMPLANTOL-
OGY IN ORAL REHABILITATION**
Co-sponsored by the American Society of Osseointegration and the LSU School
of Dentistry.
Cost: \$375.00. Exhibits, Demonstrations, Hands-on Clinics, the latest in Prosthetic
Implantology.

Saturday,
November 10 thru
Friday,
November 16

16TH ANNUAL ORAL SURGERY REVIEW
A comprehensive review and update of oral and maxillofacial material and
techniques to prepare those who plan on taking Board Examinations.
Dr. Jack Kent - Course Director with a faculty of 18 noted clinicians from
throughout the country. Landmark Hotel.

Friday & Saturday,
December 7 & 8

ADVANCED HANDS-ON COMPUTER WORKSHOP
Dr. Wm. Davenport, LSU School of Dentistry.

Saturday,
December 8

RADIOLOGY FOR THE DENTAL AUXILIARY
(Same as Oct. 27 course above)

January 9, 1991
June 5, 1991

**FIFTH ANNUAL DENTAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION REVIEW COURSE
FOR CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTING**
Wednesday Evenings 6-9 P.M.
Faculty: Dorothy Austin, Henrietta Frederick.

For information about these courses, call (504) 948-8584

Nutrition series to begin at LSUSD

A series of programs on "Nutrition and Dentistry" will be held by the LSUSD department of physiology beginning Thursday, November 8 in room 4309 of the dental school.

Members of NODA are invited to attend the sessions which are held from 5-7 p.m. Dr. Tetsuo Nakamoto is program director. Here is the schedule of lectures:

Nov. 8 - "Nutritional Assessment in Office Practice." Ms. B. LeGardeur, Dept. of Medicine.

Nov. 15 - "Vitamin C in Oral Health." Dr. R. Barrett, Dept. of Oral Diagnosis.

Nov. 29 - "Nutrition and Cardiovascular Disease." Dr. A. Bhattacharyya, Dept. of Pathology.

Dec. 6 - "Nutrition and Obesity." Dr. J. Porter, Dept. of Physiology.

Dec. 13 - "The Effects of Bulimia on Dental Parameters and Bone Density." Dr. P. Howat, LSU Baton Rouge.

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, 3600 Prytania St., 55 Lister Court, New Orleans, LA 70115. Phone: 899-2255.



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