

MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain a cohesive organization that serves its membership by promoting the art, science and professionalism of dentistry, and by communicating the value of optimal oral health to the community.

VOL. 62 APRIL '24 NO. 04

NODA News

President's Message

by Linda T. Cao, D.D.S. – NODA President



It's the start of Spring! I would first like to thank my fellow board members, families, and friends who were able to

attend the President Installation Banquet held at Metairie Country Club on March 1, 2024. A special thanks to Dr. David DeGenova and Dr. Kristi Soileau for helping secure the venue and Andrew Hale for organizing this event!

I like to extend a heartfelt thank

you to all those who volunteered for the Team Smile Event held back in February 23, 2024. Over 200 children from Einstein Charter School received dental care and treatment from our volunteers from LSU School of Dentistry and local dentists in the city.

Our city hosted the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). The ADEA posthumously honored Dr. Henry Gremillion with the ADEA Chair of the Board Distinguished Service Award for his commitment and passion in dental education. Our NODA organization welcomed the ADEA along with

LSU School of Dentistry on March 11, 2024.

The Louisiana Dental Association had their annual House of Delegates meeting March 23, 2024. I would like to thank everyone who served as Delegates to represent our NODA district. Our district is the largest in the state!

A reminder that LSU School of Dentistry will host their annual Alumni Day meeting on April 6, 2024. And don't forget to sign up for our annual crawfish boil, which will be held on May 10th at The Kamp. More information will be provided in *NODA News*.



**Send your school news to:
The Tiger's Tooth Probe!**

...Where students, faculty and administration can submit a photo, news, and/or announcements relating to organized dentistry and charity events at LSUSD! Please submit your entry to both kmsperio@gmail.com and info@nodental.org.



Team Smile Volunteers - GKAS with Athletics sports team New Orleans Saints! Left to right: Jacobi, DA, Dr. Julia Cheuk, Dr. Charne' Thomas, Dr. Bich Nguyen, Dr. Linda Cao, Jenni Hew, RDH, Consuelo King, DA, Kalynn Petit, DA.

Oral Health Problems in Athletes

Submitted by Anthony Le, B.S. & Ilana Bresky, B.S.

Introduction

Many athletes in this regard find difficulty with access to dental/oral advice, and their views on prevention are often influenced by their network of peers, support staff, and affiliated sports organizations (1).

A consistent finding in published studies is that oral health of elite athletes is poor, in spite of the avoidable nature of most oral diseases, and their potential for impact on health, well-being, and performance in otherwise robust and highly prepared athletes. A review of 39 studies on oral health of athletes revealed dental caries in 15-75%, moderate to severe periodontitis in up to 15%, dental erosion in 36-85%, pericoronitis/impacted third molars in 5-39%, and dental trauma in 14-57% (2). Another two studies showed athletes generally had 46% caries, gingival inflammation at 58-85%, and periodontitis at 5-41% (3).

Caries

A study by the University College of London Dental Institute that was conducted on 352 athletes found that 49% of the athletes had untreated decay, and 32% of the athletes' oral health negatively affected training and performance (4). The high consumption of sports drinks, protein bars, and energy gels, as well as dry mouth from vigorous activity, all played a role in the negative effects on the athletes' oral health (5).

Normal pH levels of saliva ranges from 5.6 to 7.9, as described by the International Journal of Drug Testing. Saliva cleanses

the tooth surface and is saturated with calcium and phosphates that prevent acidic demineralization, which occurs when salivary pH is less than 5.5. Athlete's propensity for consuming high levels of sugar can result in demineralization and caries formation (6). For example, a 20-ounce beverage such as a vitamin water can contain as much as 32 grams of sugar (7). Thus, giving preference to plain water, which has a neutral pH of 7.0, will replenish dry mouth thereby increasing the pH levels of the saliva.

Topical fluoride use by athletes is also important in reducing dental caries; the fluoride binds and remineralizes the enamel surface providing a protective coating from acid and its destructive power (8).

Periodontal disease

A high carbohydrate diet has pro-inflammatory effects that can increase risk of periodontal disease (9), as can lack of attention to oral care and professional maintenance. In one study, it was found that those who had the highest physical fitness test scores had significantly better periodontal conditions than those who had greater pocket depth, attachment loss, and bleeding on probing (10).

Malocclusion/temporandibular joint disorders

Studies showed that lateral deflection of the mandible increased asymmetric muscular contractions from 14% to 86% in participants, while affecting a 17.7% reduction in athletes' muscular power (11)

The masticatory muscles and periodontal ligament provide the proprioception that contributes

to body balance; furthermore, missing teeth may affect the maxillomandibular position, which also may disrupt the symmetry of the sternocleidomastoid muscles' contraction pattern, and therefore affect head posture and body balance (12).

Erosion

Acidic foodstuffs and beverages are causes for erosion. Sport drinks have a pH ranging from 2.4-4.5, and many mineral salt replacements are also highly acidic (14). Additionally, salivary pH can decrease as intense physical activity produces high concentrations of CO₂ in the bloodstream (15).

Dehydration and drying of the mouth during sporting activity might further increase the impact of acidic drinks on erosion by reducing salivary flow and its protective properties (16).

Immune suppression/ host regulation

Immunoinflammatory protection against microbial challenges in the oral cavity could be compromised by exercise-induced immune suppression. Inflammation can increase levels of cytokines, which play a role in muscle fatigue and oxidative stress (17).

The systemic changes affected by dental/oral problems, such as changes in serum levels of inflammatory biomarkers, like C-reactive protein and interleukin, also appear in muscle injury (18), and thus may influence physical fitness, specifically muscle mass, strength, and function (19).

Continued on Pg. 6



SAVE THE DATE
 New Orleans Dental Conference
 & LDA Annual Session

April 10-11, 2025
 Crowne Plaza New Orleans



Insurance Solutions to Smile About.



ASSOCIATION SERVICES PROGRAMS



The LDA's Endorsed Insurance Broker

Malpractice	Personal Umbrella
Cyber Liability	Business Insurance
Worker's Compensation	and more

KNOWLEDGE YOU CAN TRUST™

Contact Stormy Blair at 888-503-5547 for more information

Brown & Brown of Louisiana, LLC-Association Services Programs

**Make today YOUR day with
 ADS Lovelace and Associates
 Your Practice Transition Team**



Please congratulate Dr. Dov Glazer for transitioning his New Orleans practice to Dr. Erin Katz



Please congratulate Dr. Pamela McCalister for transitioning her Natchitoches practice to Dr. Jason Gambill and Dr. Corey Cloud

PRACTICES FOR SALE

- Alexandria • Baton Rouge
- Cut Off • Donaldsonville
- Perio - Houma
- Jeanerette • Lafayette
- Orthodontic and Perio - Monroe
- Morgan City
- New Orleans • Oakdale
- Shreveport • Thibodaux

ASSOCIATE POSITIONS

- Alexandria • Baton Rouge
- Carenco • Covington
- Lafayette
- Lake Charles
- Lutcher
- Shreveport

View updated Listings and Associate Positions on our website!

ADS LOVELACE AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
 (225) 927-8015
 LovelaceAndAssociates.com
 All ADS companies are independently owned & operated.



Past Presidents

1921	Dr. George Mire	1956	Dr. Loyola G. Roeling	1991	Dr. Michael T. Robichaux
1922	Dr. Leo Dempsey	1957	Dr. Frederick J. Michon	1992	Dr. Emmett L. Zimmerman, III
1923	Dr. T.M. Terry	1958	Dr. Berteny G. Frick, Jr.	1993	Dr. Francis G. Martello
1924	Dr. Charles P. Kelleher	1959	Dr. Edward P. Burvant, Sr.	1994	Dr. Debra C. Arnold
1925	Dr. E.A. Gamard	1960	Dr. E. Harold Faget	1995	Dr. Randolph D. Green
1926	Dr. R.A. Gaston	1961	Dr. Nicholas T. Asproditos	1996	Dr. Terry F. Fugetta
1927	Dr. Eugene L. Fortier	1962	Dr. Joseph R. Seelig	1997	Dr. Anthea L. Grogono
1928	Dr. William John Healey	1963	Dr. Joseph O. Kuebel, Jr.	1998	Dr. Kenneth G. Schott
1929	Dr. A.C. Broussard	1964	Dr. Frank A. Kruse	1999	Dr. Guy A. Ribando
1930	Dr. W.S. Tucker	1965	Dr. Richard A. Walle	2000	Dr. James D. Roethele
1931	Dr. Sidney L. Tiblier	1966	Dr. Allen Copping	2001	Dr. Carol A. Stuckey
1932	Dr. Walter C. Hava	1967	Dr. Edwin T. Brown, III	2002	Dr. F. Thomas Giacona, Jr.
1933	Dr. S. D. Gore, Sr.	1968	Dr. Anthony B. Carimi	2003	Dr. Glenn C. Dubroc, Jr.
1934	Dr. Ronald C. Steib	1969	Dr. Eugene J. Fortier, Jr.	2004	Dr. David J. Hildebrandt
1935	Dr. M.B. Varnado	1970	Dr. Robert H. Charbonnet	2005	Dr. Kevin J. Collins
1936	Dr. G. O. Rosado	1971	Dr. Leo J. Schoeny (Honorary)	2006	Dr. William F. Schmidt, Jr.
1937	Dr. J. Melville Smith	1971	Dr. F. Ralph Dauterive	2007	Dr. Mark S. Chaney
1938	Dr. W.O. Goggin	1972	Dr. Benjamin J. Leggett	2008	Dr. Ambrose M. Martin, III
1939	Dr. Larry Dupuy	1973	Dr. John N. Estes, Jr.	2009	Dr. Jeffry A. Leeson
1940	Dr. Wallace M. Nicaud	1974	Dr. Terence E. Walsh	2010	Dr. Kristi M. Soileau
1941	Dr. Norman F. Gueno	1975	Dr. Frank L. Herbert, Jr.	2011	Dr. Laurie F. Moeller
1942	Dr. H. M. Moore, Sr.	1976	Dr. Vincent N. Liberto	2012	Dr. George H. Arch, Jr.
1942	Dr. Clyde G. Barthlemy	1977	Dr. Milford L. Kathmann	2013	Dr. Darrell P. Bourg, Jr.
1943	Dr. F. Harold Wirth	1978	Dr. Donald R. Toso	2014	Dr. Raymond J. Unland, Jr.
1944	Dr. Alvin Dansereau	1979	Dr. Clay C. Hunley	2014	Dr. Vincent L. DiLeo, Jr.
1945	Dr. L.B. Bourg	1980	Dr. Arthur J. Scott, III	2015	Dr. Donald P. Bennett
1946	Dr. Arthur L. Landau	1981	Dr. Edmond J. Ganucheau, Jr.	2016	Dr. Richard L. Owens, Sr.
1947	Dr. Alfred E. Smith	1982	Dr. R. Jack Cassingham	2017	Dr. Gustavo M. Coutin
1948	Dr. Charles Bartel	1983	Dr. Edmond J. Ganucheau, Jr.	2018	Dr. Kristopher P. Rappold
1949	Dr. L.A. Legett	1984	Dr. Edward C. Massett, Jr.	2019	Dr. Peter M. Tufton
1950	Dr. R. Wynn Irvine	1985	Dr. John D. Shea	2020	Dr. Byron C. Ganucheau
1951	Dr. Victor B. Marquer	1986	Dr. Carroll L. Wood, III	2021	Dr. Gizelle P. Richard
1952	Dr. L.L. Levy	1987	Dr. Anthony Miranda, Jr.	2022	Dr. James E. Burns
1953	Dr. Prescott E. Smith	1988	Dr. Peter L. Glaser	2023	Dr. Aubrey A. Baudean, Jr.
1954	Dr. Alvin N. Dumestre	1989	Dr. O. William Reeder, Jr.		
1955	Dr. Meffre R. Matta	1990	Dr. Darlene T. Bassett		



It's time to get out of the house and gather around the crawfish pot with your NODA family.

CRAWFISH PARTY

MAY 10, 2024

4:30PM – 7:30PM

The Kamp

2317 Hickory Ave | Harahan, LA 70123



Call **770.664.1982** today or visit **ADSSouth.com**

Knowledge.
Experience.
Dedication.

Dental Practice Sales & Transitions

Trust us for all your dental transition needs.

- Appraisals
- Brokering
- Practice Financing
- Associate Placement
- Equity Associateships



Earl M. Douglas, DDS, MBA
(770) 664-1982
earl@adssouth.com
Georgia, Louisiana,
North Carolina,
Alabama, Mississippi



James J. Howard, DMD
(910) 523-1430
jim@adssouth.com
North Carolina,
South Carolina, Virginia,
Maryland, Washington D.C.



Barry C. Farrell, MBA
(910) 508-2346
barry@adssouth.com
North Carolina,
South Carolina, Virginia,
Maryland, Washington D.C.



Clayton C. Cummings, DDS
(615) 414-0123
clayton@adssouth.com
Tennessee, Arkansas,
Kentucky



Chris Nunnally
(917) 552-7794
chris@adssouth.com
North Carolina,
South Carolina, Virginia,
Maryland, Washington D.C.



Virginia Douglas
(770) 664-1982
virginia@adssouth.com
Office Manager

Oral Health Problems in Athletes . . .

(Continued from Pg.2)

Injury, mouthguard issues, and appliance maintenance

Approximately 11% to 40% of all sports injuries involve the face, with the most common types being soft tissue injuries and fractures of the nose, zygoma, and mandible.

Besides its primary function against trauma, the mouthguard can also serve as a carrying agent for protective materials, such as chlorhexidine, fluoride, and casein, for microbial inhibition, decay prevention, and prevention of plaque adhesion, respectively (20).

Salivary diagnostics

Saliva hosts a broad spectrum of proteins, nucleic acids, electrolytes, heavy metals, hormones, drugs, and neurotransmitters. It can be defined as a veritable “body mirror”, reflecting the physiological, and pathological conditions of the entire body, as well as of the oral cavity (21). Saliva can therefore represent an important diagnostic and monitoring tool to help healthcare professionals assess athletes’ health or disease status (22).

Conclusion

Athletes should aim to better understand the risks associated with sport activities particular to their various fields of interest, and need to direct adequate attention to personal oral health status. There is a negative effect of poor dental health on physical fitness, performance, and cognitive function. Maintaining good fitness also requires striving for optimal oral health, which includes regular and proper diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring.

References

- Watt RG. Emerging theories into the social determinants of health: implications for oral health promotion. *Community Dent Oral Epidemiol.* 2002;30(4):241-247. doi:10.1034/j.1600-0528.2002.300401.x.
- Needleman I, Ashley P, Fine P, Haddad F, Loosemore M, de Medici A, Donos N, Newton T, van Someren K, Moazzez R, Jaques R, Hunter G, Khan K, Shimmin M, Brewer J, Meehan L, Mills S, Porter S. Consensus statement: Oral health and elite sport performance. *Br Dent J.* 2014 Nov;217(10):587-90. doi: 10.1038/sj.bdj.2014.1000.
- Azeredo FN, Guimarães LS, Luís W, Fialho S, Alves Antunes LA, Antunes LS. Estimated prevalence of dental caries in athletes: An epidemiological systematic review and meta-analysis. *Indian J Dent Res.* 2020 Mar-Apr;31(2):297-304. doi: 10.4103/ijdr.IJDR_764_18.
- Elite athletes have poor oral health despite brushing twice daily [Internet]. *ScienceDaily*; 2019 [cited 2024 Mar 15]. Available from: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/08/190823080012.htm>
- Reddy A, Norris DF, Momeni SS, Waldo B, Ruby JD. The pH of beverages in the United States. *J Am Dent Assoc.* 2016 Apr;147(4):255-63. doi: 10.1016/j.adaj.2015.10.019. Epub 2015 Dec 2.
- Gupta S. What is ph of saliva? | *livestrong* [Internet]. Leaf Group; [cited 2024 Mar 15]. Available from: <https://www.livestrong.com/article/192281-what-is-ph-of-saliva/>
- Weinberg S. 4 Sports Drinks That Have More Sugar Than A Snickers Bar [Internet]. *Delish*; 2017 [cited 2024 Mar 15]. Available from: <https://www.delish.com/kitchen-tools/a53226/four-sports-drinks-with-the-most-sugar/>
- Heather Hakes R. Athletes and dental caries: The power of acid on tooth decay [Internet]. 2023 [cited 2024 Mar 15]. Available from: <https://www.todaysrdh.com/athletes-and-dental-caries-the-power-of-acid-on-tooth-decay/>
- Baumgartner S, Imfeld T, Schicht O, Rath C, Persson RE, Persson GR. The impact of the stone age diet on gingival conditions in the absence of oral hygiene. *J Periodontol.* 2009 May;80(5):759-68. doi: 10.1902/jop.2009.080376.
- Oliveira JA, Hoppe CB, Gomes MS, Grecca FS, Haas AN. Periodontal disease as a risk indicator for poor physical fitness: a cross-sectional observational study. *J Periodontol.* 2015 Jan;86(1):44-52. doi: 10.1902/jop.2014.140270.
- Leroux E, Leroux S, Maton F, Ravalec X, Sorel O. Influence of dental occlusion on the athletic performance of young elite rowers: a pilot study. *Clinics (Sao Paulo).* 2018 Nov 29;73:e453. doi: 10.6061/clinics/2017/e453.
- Yoshida M, Kikutani T, Okada G, Kawamura T, Kimura M, Akagawa Y. The effect of tooth loss on body balance control among community-dwelling elderly persons. *Int J Prosthodont.* 2009 Mar-Apr;22(2):136-9. PMID: 19418857.
- Needleman I, Ashley P, Petrie A, et al. Oral Health and impact on performance of athletes participating in London 2012 Olympic Games: a cross sectional study. *Br J Sports Med* 2013;47:1054-8. doi: 10.1136/bjsports-2013-092891.
- Nascimento BL do, Zen IR, Demenech LS, Mazzetto NC de O, Spada PCP. Knowledge of triathlon athletes about the relationship between oral health and performance [Internet]. *Universidade da Região de Joinville- Univille*; [cited 2024 Mar 15]. Available from: http://revodonto.bvsalud.org/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&pid=S1984-56852015000400004
- Athletes and their Oral Health [Internet]. 2022 [cited 2024 Mar 15]. Available from: <http://www.centurydental.org/athletes-and-their-oral-health>.
- Mulic A, Tveit AB, Songe D, Sivertsen H, Skaare AB. Dental erosive wear and salivary flow rate in physically active young adults. *BMC Oral Health.* 2012 Mar 23;12:8. doi: 10.1186/1472-6831-12-8.
- de Queiroz Gonçalves, P.H.P., Guimarães, L.S., de Azeredo, F.N.A. et al. Dental erosion' prevalence and its relation to isotonic drinks in athletes: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Sport Sci Health* 16, 207–216 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11332-020-00624-8>
- De Souza BC, Ribas ME, De Oliveira AR, Burzlaff JB, Haas AN. Impact of gingival inflammation on changes of a marker of muscle injury in young soccer players during training: a pilot study. *Rev. Odonto Ciência.* 2012;27(4):294–299.
- Abramson JL, Vaccarino V. Relationship between physical activity and inflammation among apparently healthy middle-aged and older US adults. *Arch Intern Med.* 2002 Jun 10;162(11):1286-92. doi: 10.1001/archinte.162.11.1286.
- Gallagher J, Ashley P, Needleman I. Implementation of a behavioural change intervention to enhance oral health behaviours in elite athletes: a feasibility study *BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine* 2020;6:e000759. doi: 10.1136/bmjsem-2020-000759
- Pfaffe T, Cooper-White J, Beyerlein P, Kostner K, Punyadeera C. Diagnostic potential of saliva: current state and future applications. *Clin Chem.* 2011 May;57(5):675-87. doi: 10.1373/clinchem.2010.153767. Epub 2011 Mar 7. Segal A, Wong DT. Salivary diagnostics: enhancing disease detection and making medicine better. *Eur J Dent Educ.* 2008 Feb;12 Suppl 1(Suppl 1):22-9. doi: 10.1111/j.1600-0579.2007.00477.x.

Volunteers for SmileCon® 2024 in New Orleans Needed

by Glenn C. Dubroc, Jr., DDS - Chair, Committee on Local Arrangements

The American Dental Association is bringing SmileCon®, the ADA's premier continuing education and networking event, to New Orleans October 17 – 19. We will be seeking volunteers from across the state to serve in one of two roles: speaker concierges and hospitality positions. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact a member of the Committee on Local Arrangements or the New Orleans Dental Association office (504/834-6449).

Committee on Local Arrangements: Dr. Glenn Dubroc, Jr. (Chair), Dr. Donald Bennett (Co-Chair), Drs. Claudia Cavallino & Emily Eggart (Programs Committee), and Drs. Gregory Guerra & Taylor Haddock (Operations Committee). You can e-mail Dr. Dubroc at ituth@aol.com.

Volunteer Roles at SmileCon®

Speaker Concierge

Speaker concierges are the onsite liaisons between speakers and the ADA; each speaker concierge will manage a speaker's itinerary and ensure a timely schedule is maintained.

Responsibilities: The speaker concierge will reach out to the speaker before the meeting to welcome him/her to SmileCon®, greet the speaker upon his/her arrival to the course room (or other pre-determined location), make general announcements, introduce the speaker(s) and announce the course verification code number for continuing education credit at the end of the course.

Benefits: Confirmed speaker

concierges will be eligible for a complimentary Smile Pass registration. They will also receive continuing education credit for courses attended while volunteering, as well as complimentary meals and parking on the day of their assignment. If desired, the value of the complimentary Smile Pass can be applied toward the purchase of a Platinum Smile Pass.

Terms and Conditions: Only ADA member dentists are eligible to serve as speaker concierges. NOTE: The speaker concierge discount cannot be combined with other promotional discounts.

Hospitality Positions

Hospitality volunteers will be stationed throughout the convention center to welcome SmileCon® attendees and answer questions.

Responsibilities: Volunteers must be able to greet attendees and help answer questions in English (even better if you are bilingual in Spanish); be familiar with the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and surrounding area; and be comfortable standing in one location for a few hours.

Benefits: Confirmed hospitality volunteers will be eligible for a complimentary Dental Central Pass registration. Hospitality volunteers will also receive a SmileCon® t-shirt and complimentary meal

vouchers and parking the day of their assignment. If desired, the value of the Dental Central Pass may be applied toward the purchase of a Smile Pass or Platinum Smile Pass.

Terms and Conditions: Dentists, hygienists, and dental students are eligible to serve as hospitality volunteers. NOTE: The hospitality volunteer discount cannot be combined with other promotional discounts.

SmileCon® Registration is expected to open in May. Registration categories are:

Platinum Pass -- entitles the registrant to ALL continuing education sessions, including hands-on participation courses and Master Classes.

Smile Pass -- grants three-day access to Dental Central (ADA's Exhibit Hall) and all CE presentations, as well as entry to the Friday night party. Hands-on workshops and Master Classes may be added for an additional fee.

Dental Central Pass -- grants attendees 3-day access ONLY to Dental Central (ADA's Exhibit Hall) and any events and presentations hosted therein. This pass does NOT grant access to C.E. presentations other than those hosted within the Exhibit Hall.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS!!

Anyone knowing of any dentist who has made a significant contribution, gained an elective or appointive office, written an article, delivered a paper, or rendered unusual public service, please let us know! info@nodental.org

President's Banquet — Metairie Country Club

Photos courtesy of NODA staff



LDA President Dr. Vincent DiLeo, Jr. administers the oath to 2024 NODA Officers & Directors: Dr. Linda Cao (President), Dr. Gregory Guerra (President-Elect), Dr. Aubrey Baudean, Jr. (Immediate Past President), Dr. Marc Fruithandler (At-Large), Dr. David DeGenova (Treasurer), Dr. Glenn Dubroc, Jr. (Director to LDA), Dr. Gizelle Richard (Alternate Director to LDA), Dr. Kevin Collins (Alternate Director to LDA). Not pictured: Dr. Maria Burmaster (1st Vice President), Dr. Hillary Wright (2nd Vice President), Dr. Zachary Tanenbaum (Secretary), Dr. Kay Jordan (At-Large), Dr. Brant Schmidt (At-Large), Dr. Claudia Cavallino (Director to LDA).



President Dr. Linda Cao, Dr. Phuong Nguyen.



Master of Ceremonies Dr. Jack Devereux presents Immediate Past President Dr. Aubrey Baudean, Jr. with Past President's Award.



Dr. David Hildebrandt presents Dr. Vincent DiLeo, Jr. with Honor Dentist Award.



Dawn Assam, Dr. Ambrose Martin, III.



LDA President Dr. Vincent DiLeo, Jr. presents Dr. Aubrey Baudean, Jr. with LDA Past President Award.



LDA President Dr. Vincent DiLeo, Jr. presents Dr. Ambrose Martin, III with LDA 25-Year Tribute Award.

President's Banquet — Metairie Country Club

Continued from Page 8



Sandy Wilson, Dr. Vincent DiLeo, Jr., Jeanne Hildebrandt, Dr. David Hildebrandt.



Dr. Marc Fruithandler, Dr. Emily Eggart.



Sandy Wilson, LDA President Dr. Vincent DiLeo, Jr., LDA Executive Director Annette Droddy, Jason Droddy.

New Orleans Dentist Receives LDA Distinguished Service Award

by Rebecca Bordelon – LDA Director of Communications and Public Affairs



Dr. Jeffrey Leeson of New Orleans, LA, was named this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award during the 143rd House of Delegates of the Louisiana Dental Association

(LDA) on March 23, 2024. The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor bestowed by the LDA. It is given annually to LDA members who exemplify the highest standards of professional conduct in dentistry and make extraordinary contributions to organized dentistry and their communities.

Dr. Leeson has been a tripartite member of the LDA, the American Dental Association and the New Orleans Dental Association for 33 years. His involvement in organized dentistry is staggering. He was the longest-serving LDA Board member and has served as a NODA representative to the LDA Board.

For NODA, Dr. Leeson served as a delegate to the LDA, NODA President, Chairman of the 2016 New Orleans Dental Conference (NODC), and currently serves on the

NODC, Insurance & Hospitalization and New Orleans Dental Enterprises committees. In the past, Dr. Leeson was involved with the following NODA committees: Honors & Awards, Scientific Program, Arrangements and New Orleans Dental Enterprises.

Dr. Leeson began his career in dentistry with pre-dental curriculums at the Universities of Loyola and New Orleans. He then earned his DDS degree at the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry (LSUSD). He has practiced dentistry for over 30 years and has worked as a private practice owner for much of that time. Dr. Leeson is currently a member of the International College of Dentistry and a passionate advocate for organized dentistry.

NODA News is published every month with the exception of June and August.

Deadline for ads and editorial material is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Ads and news should be sent to: info@nodental.org

NODA News is a publication of the New Orleans Dental Assn.,
2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 153, Metairie, LA 70001. Phone (504) 834-6449



Special Financing Options For Medical, Veterinary And Dental Professionals

Whether you're financing new equipment, buying into a practice or establishing one of your own, we have just the right mix of financing solutions for your unique business needs. Talk to us today about how we can develop a customized plan to help you meet your financial goals and dreams.

Owner-occupied Commercial Real Estate (OOCRE) Financing

- Up to 100% LTV financing
- Competitive fixed-rate terms
- Flexible maturities up to 15 years available

Equipment Financing

- Up to 100% financing including software, service agreements, installations, taxes and more
- Competitive fixed-rate terms
- Flexible maturities up to 7 years available

Practice Buy-in Financing

- Up to 100% financing
- Competitive fixed-rate terms
- Flexible maturities up to 7 years available

Patrick D McKenna

patrick.mckenna@hancockwhitney.com
504-352-3770

05/18

A Hancock Whitney business/commercial checking account is required with this offer.

OOCRE financing program: Not available for refinance of existing Hancock Whitney Bank loans. Subject to annual relationship and financial statement review, as well as annual monitoring of certain covenants in loan agreement. "Owner-occupied" applies if the business member or affiliate occupies not less than 51% of the usable, net rentable space. Subject to origination fees and prepayment penalty.



All loans and other financing options are subject to credit approval. Terms and conditions apply. Other terms and special rates may be available. Talk to your banker for details. Hancock Whitney Bank, Member FDIC. Terms and conditions apply. Equal Housing Lender.

ACD/ICD Annual Dinner Jubans Restaurant – Baton Rouge, LA

Photos courtesy of Dr. Kristi Soileau & Annette Droddy



Everyone enjoying good hospitality and food.



Megan and Huong, staff of Dr. Kristi Soileau, assist with event planning for the ACD/ICD meeting.



Dr. Allen Rivas, ADA Trustee for District 12.



Dr. Mark Chaney, ICD Regent for Area 12.

March General Membership Meeting Jaeger's Seafood & Oyster House

Photos courtesy of Dr. Kristi Soileau



Everyone gathering together to enjoy the lecture of "Management of Complex and Highly Esthetic Cases. Treatment, Planning and Considerations."



Speaker Dr. Katherine Carmona, Scientific Program Committee Chair Dr. Gregory Guerra, Speaker Dr. Eva Gkoulitou.



Dr. Gregory Guerra presenting new membership certificates to Dr. Parker Ball and Dr. Phyllis Jackson-Williams.



Dr. CeCe Hazard (NODE gift card winner), Dr. Kevin Collins (NODE Chair).



Otto Mehrgut, The Coach Otto sponsor representative.



Dr. Kevin Collins (NODE Chair), Patrick McKenna, Hancock Whitney (the official bank of NODA) representative.

Bulletin Board

APPRAISALS, SALES, ASSOCIATESHIPS, PRE-RETIREMENT PLANNING

ADS South specializes in valuations and transitions for dentists. Learn how to protect your practice in case of death. Call Dr. Earl Douglas at 770/664-1982 or visit our website www.adssouth.com. Four Metairie practices and one North Shore practice sold. All sold for full price, cash at closing. If you're thinking about selling, this a good time to call Dr. Earl Douglas 770/664-1982 or earl@adssouth.com.

ENDO PRACTICE – NEW ORLEANS AREA (#9497)

Gross collections: \$1,266,252; 4 days a week, 3 operatories, 3,000 sq. ft. This exceptionally well-located and profitable jewel of a practice is now available for your purchase! The seller is willing to stay and assist with the practice transition if the buyer prefers. CBCT, X-NAV, Biolase Lasers, central Nitrous, and 3 treatment rooms fully equipped with Global Microscopes, intra-oral cameras, ultrasonics, and

Endo handpieces provide unique treatment possibilities. Over 3,000 square feet allows for future expansion of up to 5 additional treatment rooms. If your vision is to own a quality focused, service-oriented practice where you can grow and thrive, inquire with Dr. Earl Douglas at 770/664-1982 or earl@adssouth.com.

GENERAL DENTISTS NEEDED

Whether you are a recent dental school graduate or an established practitioner interested in pursuing new opportunities, Louisiana Dental Center offers dentists the ability to perform in an autonomous and collegial atmosphere without the burden of managing a practice. With numerous modern facilities scattered across South Louisiana, our practice is in a unique position to offer flexible and convenient scheduling options. If you're interested in joining our team of professionals, please contact Terry Ernst at 985/893-2240 or ternst@LaDentalCenter.com.

SATURDAY GENERAL DENTISTS

Louisiana Dental Center is seeking General Dentists interested in

working Saturdays at its locations throughout South Louisiana. If you're interested in joining our team of professionals, please contact Terry Ernst at 985/893-2240 or ternst@LaDentalCenter.com.

SPECIALISTS NEEDED

Louisiana Dental Center, a well-established and fast-growing group dental practice has great opportunities for specialists seeking flexible work options. Multiple locations and schedules ranging from 1 to 5 days a week. Orthodontists, Endodontists, Oral Surgeons, Periodontists and Pediatric Dentists are welcome. If you're interested in joining our team of professionals, please contact Terry Ernst at 985/893-2240 or ternst@LaDentalCenter.com.

UPHOLSTERY

Are your dental chairs looking shabby? Reupholstery could make a huge difference. Call me for a free estimate. Fast pick-up and delivery. James Melerine Upholstery. 504/430-2307

TELL 'EM YOU SAW IT IN NODA NEWS

When you patronize our advertisers

—and we hope you will—

tell them you saw their ad in *NODA News*.

These loyal friends help defray the costs of this monthly publication.

