

# NODA News

## 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.*

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## 2024 NODA Honor Dentist: Byron C. Ganucheau, D.D.S.

by David J. Hildebrandt, D.D.S.



The New Orleans Dental Association Honors & Awards committee is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2024 Honor Dentist: Dr. Byron Ganucheau. Dr. Ganucheau will be presented with this award at the President's Banquet on March 14 at the Southern Yacht Club. A 1996 graduate of the LSU School of Dentistry, Byron is a past Chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference / Louisiana Dental Association's Annual Session and past President of the New Orleans Dental Association.

When asked about his career path, Dr. Ganucheau related that he had decided on his career choice after working in his father's dental office. Byron worked in the lab

during the summers. He was 23 years old when he chose to pursue a career in Dentistry.

Following, graduating from LSU School of Dentistry, Byron became involved in organized dentistry by attending the monthly General Membership meetings, which led to him taking on the Membership committee, then At-Large Board member along with being a room monitor for the NODC/LDA Annual Session before becoming the Chairman of the 2018 NODC/LDA Annual Session. After his term as NODC chairman, he became NODA President in 2020.

His commitment and volunteerism in dentistry and his community befit a recipient of the Honor Dentist award. Byron's professional affiliations include:

- American Dental Association
- Louisiana Dental Association
- New Orleans Dental Association
- Fellow, International College of Dentistry
- Fellow, American College of Dentists
- Academy of General Dentistry
- Dental Lifeline Network

Dr. Raymond Unland, Jr. also influenced his participation in organized dentistry by asking him to join boards of various organizations. Byron states, "Friendships formed

over the years and there are many colleagues that I have relied on for their opinions on different situations. My advice to recent and new graduates is GET INVOLVED!! The organization and its branches (NODE and NODC) are always looking for volunteers. Everyone has certain God given talents and opinions/ideas that can be utilized within the association. Personally, I found my niche was Public Relations Chair for the NODC/LDA Annual Session. You are never too old to be a part of organized dentistry. By participating, you can help shape the future of your chosen career. Dentistry is a wonderful career that will always be around regardless of being a general dentist or specialist."

For relaxation, Byron enjoys working on cars, building and repairing things, being on the water, going to his home in Biloxi, and helping others.

Dr. Ganucheau stated, "Being chosen as this year's Honor Dentist is an award that I never thought I would receive. I am truly humbled to have been nominated by colleagues for this award. To me, it means that various accomplishments while performing in various capacities were noticed by colleagues even though I like to 'fly under the radar' and stay out of the spotlight."



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## President's Message . . . by Gregory P. Guerra, D.D.S. – NODA President



February is here, bringing with it exciting events and updates for the New Orleans Dental Association. As we embrace the festive spirit of Mardi Gras, let's also focus on the milestones and gatherings that define our community this season.

Children's Dental Health Month is in full swing. Give Kids a Smile will take place on February 7th at the LSU School of Dentistry. Dr. Linda Cao will head this important event, which focuses on promoting oral health among children. This initiative is an excellent opportunity

to raise awareness and inspire good dental habits in our youngest patients. Let's all support Dr. Cao and the mission to create healthier smiles for the future.

Looking ahead to March, the President's Installation Dinner will be held on March 14th at the Southern Yacht Club. This elegant evening will include the presentation of several awards, including the prestigious Honor Dentist Award, which will be given to Dr. Byron Ganuchau for his remarkable contributions to our field. Additional awards will honor the dedication and achievements of other outstanding colleagues. This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together, so be sure to attend and show your support.

On March 19th, our next scientific meeting will feature Dr. Michael S. Block, DMD, who will present "Simplifying full arch cases – use of digital methods to plan and orchestrate efficient treatment with all of your referrals – with minimal chairside conversion." His lecture will focus on planning and orchestrating efficient treatment with referrals while minimizing

chairside conversions. This session promises to provide valuable insights and techniques to enhance patient care. Mark your calendar for this important learning opportunity.

April brings the New Orleans Dental Conference and Louisiana Dental Association's Annual Session, scheduled for April 10th and 11th, followed by the Louisiana Dental Association's House of Delegates meeting on April 12th. Special thanks go to Dr. James Burns, the conference chairman, for his excellent leadership in organizing this event. We also extend our gratitude to all members who have volunteered to participate as delegates or alternate delegates. The caucus meeting for the delegates will be held on April 3rd at the NODA office.

As we move through this vibrant season, let's take a moment to appreciate the passion and commitment that make our dental community so special. Have a fun and safe Mardi Gras, and we look forward to seeing you at these exciting events!

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*107<sup>th</sup> President of the New Orleans Dental Association*

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 2005 Dr. Kenneth G. Schott  
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 2016 Dr. Kristi M. Soileau  
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 2018 Dr. David J. Hildebrandt  
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 2021 Dr. Claudia A. Cavallino  
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Director to LDA	Dr. Dr. Glenn Dubroc, Jr	2025   2026	2 years
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Delegate to ADA	Dr. Mark Chaney	2024   2025   2026	3 years
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*\* Dr. Jorge Rodriguez finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> year term of Dr. Claudia Cavallino (becoming President-Elect)*

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# You Don't Have to Go Far for Great Speakers

by James Burns, D.D.S. – NODC/LDA Annual Session Committee Chair



Happy February my NODA Family. Soon it will be Mardi Gras season, and the parades will be rolling. I would like to ask everybody to be safe while enjoying our wonderful city. Being the son of a New Orleans Police Officer, while attending the parades, please let the officer nearest you know how much you appreciate the long hours they put in to protect the public during Mardi Gras. Also, by this time you have probably had your fill of King Cake. Which brings up the burning question of all New Orleanians. Is McKenzie's King Cake really a king cake or is it just bread with coloured sugar on top? Second question being, how do you take a bite of it without all the sugar falling off the top? These

are the questions that keep me up at night. OK, on to serious issues. As of February 1st, you have one month to sign up for our Conference before your registration rates will go up on March 1st. So, if you haven't registered already, what are you waiting for. Come have a good time, while getting your Continuing Education.

Our speakers highlighted for this month are two local speakers that are very entertaining presenters. First is Dr. Cyrus Ardalan. Dr. Ardalan attended Tufts University



Dr. Cyrus Ardalan

School of Dental Medicine and received his degree in 2007. He opened Crescent City Endodontics in 2018 and teaches part-time at the LSU School of Dentistry as a clinical

instructor of Endodontics. He is also a Diplomat of the American Board of Endodontics. His courses will be "Dental Trauma, Best Practices" in the morning of Friday, April 11th. In the afternoon, his topic will be "Restorative Driven Endodontics".

The second speaker is Dr. Marco Brindis. Dr. Brindis is a former professor and Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at the LSU School of Dentistry. He currently maintains a Prosthodontic Restorative Practice devoted to aesthetics and implants with an interdisciplinary approach. He has lectured nationally and internationally and is a member of many organizations, such as, American Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Academy of Osseointegration. His presentation will be all day on Friday, April 11th. The title is "Minimally Invasive Dentistry is not a technique; It's a Philosophy". This talk should be very informative for your whole team.



Dr. Marco Brindis

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# Upcoming Scientific Program

by Claudia A. Cavallino, D.D.S. – NODC Scientific Program Committee Chair

DATE   LOCATION   TIME	SPEAKER   TOPIC   OBJECTIVES	SPONSORS																																
<p><b>March 19, 2025</b></p> <p><b>The Ridgeway of Old Metairie</b> 2431 Metairie Road Metairie, LA 70001</p> <p><b>Check In/Dinner:</b> Begin at 5:30pm</p> <p><b>Meeting:</b> 6:00 pm – 8:30pm</p> <p><b>CE:</b> 2.0 clinical hours</p> <p><b>Early Deadline:</b> March 17, 2025</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> Must register in advance for food guarantee</p> <p><b>Early Registration Fee (03-17-25)</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Member</td><td>\$20</td></tr> <tr><td>Student</td><td>\$20</td></tr> <tr><td>Resident</td><td>\$20</td></tr> <tr><td>Applicant</td><td>\$0</td></tr> <tr><td>Dentist (non-NODA)</td><td>\$45.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Hygienist</td><td>\$45.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Office staff</td><td>\$45.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Spouse</td><td>\$45.00</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Late Registration Fee (03-19-25)</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Member</td><td>\$30</td></tr> <tr><td>Student</td><td>\$30</td></tr> <tr><td>Resident</td><td>\$30</td></tr> <tr><td>Applicant</td><td>\$0</td></tr> <tr><td>Dentist (non-NODA)</td><td>\$55.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Hygienist</td><td>\$55.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Office staff</td><td>\$55.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Spouse</td><td>\$55.00</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Registration &amp; Payment:</b> Payment is required with registration, otherwise registration for the meeting is not guaranteed. A 25% administration fee will be applied to any refund request received after Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. If applicable, all no shows will be charged. All requests for refunds or cancellations must be received in writing no less than three days prior to the course. Refund requests will not be accepted after this deadline. Registration fees are for this meeting only.</p>	Member	\$20	Student	\$20	Resident	\$20	Applicant	\$0	Dentist (non-NODA)	\$45.00	Hygienist	\$45.00	Office staff	\$45.00	Spouse	\$45.00	Member	\$30	Student	\$30	Resident	\$30	Applicant	\$0	Dentist (non-NODA)	\$55.00	Hygienist	\$55.00	Office staff	\$55.00	Spouse	\$55.00	<p><b>General Membership Meeting with Dinner &amp; CE Lecture</b></p> <p><b>Speaker – Michael S. Block, D.M.D.</b></p> <p>Dr. Block graduated from the University of Rochester in 1975, attaining both a BA in Biology and a BS in Biomedical Engineering. He completed his dental training at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1979, receiving his D.M.D. cum laude in a special field. He completed his residency program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the LSU School of Dentistry in 1983. He remained at the LSU School of Dentistry and achieved the academic rank of Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Currently he is in private practice. Dr. Block is the editor-in-chief of five textbooks on dental implants, <i>Endosseous Implants for Maxillofacial Reconstruction</i>, <i>Implants in Dentistry</i>, <i>Color Atlas of Dental Implant Surgery</i>: the 4<sup>th</sup> edition was published in 2015. He is Past President of the Academy of Osseointegration, and has been program chairman for three of their annual programs. Dr. Block has served on the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Committee on Continuing Education as Chairman of the subcommittee on dental implants. Dr. Block has been an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is a Section Editor on Dental Implants for the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Block is particularly interested in the translation of technology for efficient and predictable reconstruction of the jaw to provide ideal bone for implant placement and esthetic replacement of missing teeth, the use of multiple techniques and implants to reconstruct significant atrophic conditions, and interceptive strategies for rehabilitating extraction sites with implant restorations. Hobbies and interests: Golf, skiing, road cycling, nutrition, science fiction, computer technology.</p> <p><b>Topic - “Simplifying full arch cases – use of digital methods to plan and orchestrate efficient treatment with all of your referrals – with minimal chairside conversion”</b></p> <p>Full arch restorations can be intimidating for surgical and restoring dentists. The goal should be to provide the patient with a long-term well-designed solution that avoids excessive steps and costs to obtain this result. Time and cost efficiency is important to consider when deciding on how to actually treat the patient. This presentation will outline the infrastructure requirements for the clinicians and demonstrate a relatively simple approach that can be used by all clinicians to efficiently provide full arch restorations for their patients with minimal chairside conversion.</p> <p><b>Learning objectives:</b> During this lecture, participants will learn to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) Understand the Role of Digital Methods in Full Arch Restorations</b> Learn how to leverage digital tools for effective planning and execution of full arch restoration cases, ensuring precise outcomes with minimal effort.</li> <li><b>2) Streamline Collaboration with Referrals</b> Develop strategies to coordinate treatment efficiently with referrals, optimizing communication and workflow to achieve seamless full arch restorations.</li> <li><b>3) Implement Cost-Effective and Time-Efficient Treatment Protocols</b> Explore practical approaches to minimize chairside conversion while maintaining high-quality results, reducing the overall time and costs associated with full arch restoration cases.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Hancock Whitney</b> Patrick McKenna Vice President Business Banker Phone: 504/586-3505 Cell: 504/352-3770 patrick.mckenna@hancockwhitney.com www.hancockwhitney.com</p> <p><b>New Orleans Dental Enterprises</b> Dr. Kevin J. 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