

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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CRAWFISH TIME!

The crawfish are here . . . and how! It's one of the best years in quite a while and they will be waiting for you at the annual NODA Mudbug Feast and Staff Appreciation Night Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall located at Causeway Blvd. and the River Road just off the Jefferson Highway.

Due to budgetary constraints as a result of the forced cancellation of the conference, it is necessary to charge the small fee of \$10 per person this year. We invite you to invite your staff and their spouses. But with the fun in store, it's still a bargain.

Be sure to RSVP to the NODA Central Office - 834-6449 - by noon Wednesday, April 13. Please send checks for members, spouses and staff members to NODA, 2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 153, Metairie, LA 70001-2859. Be sure to include names of invitees.



PHOTO BY DR. TOM GIACONA

WELCOME ABOARD: New members of the New Orleans Dental Association who attended the annual dinner are, from left, Dr. Eugene Graff, Dr. Paul Smith, Dr. Tim Chauvin, Dr. James Cade, Dr. Astrid Bratcher, Dr. Priyanski Ritwik, and Dr. Claudia Cavallino.

Your choice: CE, Golf or Both

NODA'S annual CE and Golf outing will be held on Friday, April 29. The day will begin at the Hampton Inn (12340 I-10 Service Road) at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast and registration. The seminar will begin at 8:30 and will run until 11:30 a.m.

For those who enjoy golf, Eastover Country Club will provide lunch and an afternoon on the links. You can participate in both events or choose the event that fits your schedule.

Dr. James Lutonsky, Jr. will begin the CE with information on the Atlantis Abutment and Locator attachments. James A. Lutonsky, Jr., DDS is an accomplished prosthodontist practicing in The Woodlands, TX and specializing in implant dentistry.

Dr. Lutonsky received his DDS at the University of Texas Dental School-San Antonio in 1997 and completed his postgraduate training in prosthodontics there as well. Currently, he holds a position as clinical associate professor, department of prosthodontics at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston where he has been on the faculty since 2000.

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of use, relatively low cost, customizable levels of unparalleled retention and their ability to correct angulation up to 20 degrees in any direction are fast making them the attachment of choice for implant supported overdentures.

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 Names of other players you wish to be placed on your team: _____

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NON-ADA	\$145.00

Tournament entry is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

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Mail registration and check to:
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President's Message

by KEVIN J. COLLINS, DDS

ELEVEN PAST PRESIDENTS ATTEND INSTALLATION

The mission statement of NODA appears in every issue of the NODA News. The statement reads, "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".

At the President's banquet, it was fantastic to see eleven past presidents in attendance. Their presence was gratifying for the newly elected Board of Governors but more importantly, their presence represents the unselfishness, dedication, the cohesiveness of this profession, and support of the NODA organization. They represent the true spirit of this mission statement and the inherent goal of this organization!

These past presidents have worked hard during their years to make this organization and our profession strong. Past presidents and their boards put in a multitude of personal hours to provide this membership with benefits like representation at the national, state and local levels, and continuing education hours.

My point of this article is that the NODA Board and all of the NODA committees cannot provide all of these benefits listed above, and more, with fewer members now participating. This organization faces challenges due to smaller graduating classes, fewer graduates staying in the New Orleans area, and the apathy of the member dentist. In order to keep this organization strong, it's important to recruit new members, keep the member dentist, and increase the level of involvement.

This is why we need your help! We need more members to be involved in the numerous committees. If this organization could get an additional 10% of its members to participate right now, this would give us an additional 50 new people to help lower to operational burden. This doesn't mean numerous hours of meetings but giving a hour here and there! For example, it's setting up the crawfish party or cleaning up after a monthly general meeting. This is helping!

I will set up a long range planning committee that will address these and other issues. I need your participation. Call and leave a message at 834-6449 for the long range planning committee or send me an e-mail at [nodental@bellsouth.net](mailto:nodenatal@bellsouth.net). In your call or e-mail, I want

to know if you are interested in being on a committee, your level of participation (time) and/or your ideas.

ON ANOTHER NOTE:

The annual crawfish boil and staff appreciation party is coming up on April 15 at the American Legion Hall at the end of Causeway and the River Road for 7:00 p.m. Remember, everyone attending will pay \$10.00 to offset some of the cost of the party in this lean fiscal year. Your understanding and participation is greatly appreciated.

A summary of the proceedings at the LDA House of Delegates will be in the next issue.

LDA Service Awards

25 Years Practicing Dentistry In Louisiana

Joseph Collura, Jr.	James Loyola
John Colomb III	Jamie Manders
Gustavo Coutin	Joseph Marino
Guy Cresson	Greg Phillips
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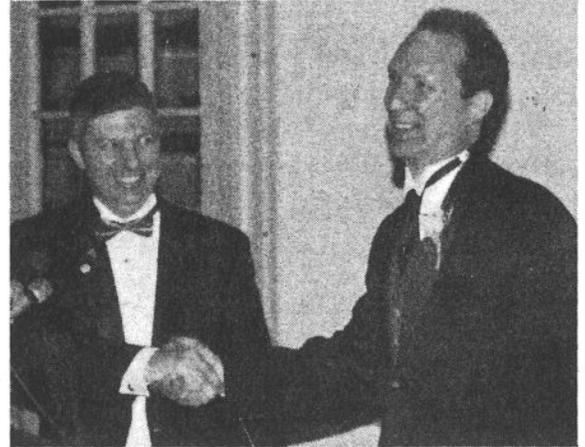
Dr. Maris Lans will follow with a short presentation on the Monodont fixed transitional. Dr. Lans is a 1981 graduate of Howard University College of Dentistry. While in school, he became friends with classmate Dr. Daniel E. Purvis.

After graduation, Dr. Purvis went into the military, Dr. Lans into private practice. Years later, they reunited and developed Monodont Technology, and subsequently formed the EastFlex Corporation around their first internationally patented dental device, the EastFlex Monodont Universal Fixed Bridge Component.

Dr. Lans retired from wet-gloved dentistry recently to devote all of his time traveling around the continent lecturing to various dental organizations as well as training technicians around the country as to the fabrication techniques of the Monodont Bridge. To date, he has lectured in all 48 contiguous states, the Caribbean, Canada, as well as the Balkans and Scandinavia.

This faced-paced entertaining lecture consistently receives high marks on audience evaluations. The Monodont is rapidly gaining favor throughout North America and overseas as a realistic and practical nuts and bolts solution to replacing a missing tooth where economics plays a major role in the choice of prosthetic treatment plans.

The Monodont has essentially opened up a new frontier in the area of fixed prosthetics. The inventors proudly tout the Monodont as a cross between crown and bridge and Midas muffler. It is repairable, replaceable, and will serve the patient well under routine operating conditions. This procedure is fast, predictable and relatively stress-free for the patient and clinician alike.

Installation Dinner Highlights

MC Dr. Glenn Dubroc introduces new president Dr. Kevin Collins.



Passing the gavel to Dr. Collins is Dr. David Hildebrandt, outgoing president.

Photos by Tom Giacona



Dr. Peter Glazer, 2005 Honor Dentist, talks to attendees. Eleven past presidents attended event.

LDA SCHEDULES DENTISTS' DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE MAY 18

Join your fellow dentists at the Capitol in Baton Rouge to make a difference!

Dentists' Day at the Legislature is Wednesday, May 18 in the Senate Briefing Room. We'll have speakers beginning at 2 p.m., followed by visiting with the legislators and a 5:30 p.m. reception with food, drinks and a band at the Pentagon Barracks.

If you can't attend all afternoon, come to the 5:30 p.m. reception. If you plan to attend and make your voices heard, please let the LDA know by e-mailing info@ladedental.org or calling (800) 388-6642.

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NODA PROFILE

NODA News continues a series of profiles of members of all ages and various lengths of membership in the Association. You may be next!

Dr. Belanger: Keeping it simple

Dr. Kenneth Belanger believes in "keeping it simple." Dr. Belanger practices with his friend and dental classmate, Dr. Ronald Bertucci, at 406 Lafayette Street in Gretna. They have been in practice together since 1980. The practice includes five employees, one of whom has been with them for 20 plus years.

A native of Montegut, Louisiana, near Houma, Dr. Belanger graduated from South Terrebonne High School in 1969. He enrolled in Nicholls State University's pre-dental program with a major in biology and minor in chemistry.

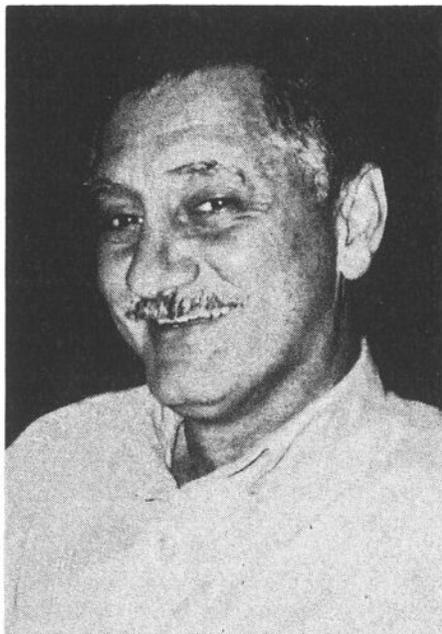
After graduation from Nicholls in 1973, he enrolled in the LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans and graduated in 1977. Asked if he had any special memories of faculty members, he mentioned Dr. Joseph Cuminale in the senior clinical program.

Dr. Belanger spent two years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. He then returned home to Louisiana in July of 1979, where he practiced at the New Orleans City Clinics and also with the late Dr. Merrick Dugal in Houma. He opened his present practice in February of 1980.

He is married to the former Bertha Gravois, a native of Vacherie. They are the parents of Michael, 21, a student in meteorology at University of Louisiana at Monroe and Amanda, 18, a first year student at LSU.

The doctor and Bertha enjoy playing tennis. He is a member of Terrytown Country Club where he plays in several tennis leagues. He enjoyed going to the U.S. Open Tournament in New York and looks forward to going again. He also enjoys fishing "when I get the chance."

One interest he still has is music. "For the past 10 years, I've played the trumpet in the choir at St. Cletus Parish Church," he said. "We have instrumentalists in addition to the organ and singers." He and his wife enjoy doing odds and ends around the house and have refurbished a condo, even laying ceramic tile.



DR. KENNETH BELANGER

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 call or write Dr. Kristi Soileau, 2820 Napoleon Ave., Suite 470, New Orleans, LA 70115. Phone: 899-2255.

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WEB SITES

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Great lineup for N.O. Dental Conference Sept. 14-17

Don't wait until this summer. Block out September 14-17 and make plans now to attend the 55th Annual New Orleans Dental Conference at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Chairman Gabriel Daroca, III, D.D.S., encourages Greater New Orleans area dentists and their team members to "Experience the Krewe of Success" during four days of practical and thought-provoking presentations, lectures, demonstrations and entertaining special events.

A special appearance by Dr. Barry Sears, author of *The Zone* diet, on Friday, September 16, is just one highlight of the annual event. His new book is *The Anti-Inflammation Zone*.

Nationally recognized clinician Dr. David S. Hornbrook begins the meeting with an all-day, pre-conference course on Wednesday, September 14 in the Dr. Louis Grush Distinguished Lecture Series. His presentation, "The Art of Esthetics, The Pursuit of Excellence" includes lunch, snack breaks, and a question and answer session.

Additional conference days include a diverse range of courses and presentations focusing on areas ranging from clinical applications to office management. Several sessions will be repeated to allow flexible course selection.

Invited clinicians and respective topics, include: Dr. Robert Barsley, Forensics; Ms. Debbie Castagna, Practice Productivity and Management; Dr. Robert Edwab, Oral Surgery Lecture and Workshop; Dr. John Flucke, Technology in Dentistry; Dr. Lisa Germain, Endodontic Workshop; Dr. Peter Glaser, Attaining Wealth Outside of Dentistry, and Dr. Timothy Hempton, Periodontics.

Also, Dr. Henry Gremillion, Orofacial Pain Management; Dr. Peter Jacobsen, Pharmacology and OTC Products; Ms. Virginia Moore,

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Practice Productivity and Management; Dr. Edwin Parks, Radiology Lecture/Workshop; Dr. Jonathon Parker, Snoring/Sleep Apnea; Dr. Greg Psaltis, Pediatric Dentistry/Communications/Men's Health; Mrs. Mary Ellen Psaltis, Communications/Men's Health; Dr. Michael Siegel, Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology, and Prof. Gail Williamson, Radiology Lecture/Workshop.

Ms. Susan Rogers Garden and Mr. Robert Garden are returning to the conference with their popular "You Can Paint" Workshop. Look for more clinicians to be announced.

The New Orleans Dental Conference offers an opportunity to earn continuing education credits with ADA-CERP recognized courses.

A comprehensive registration brochure will be in the mail this summer. For more information, see future issues of NODA News, or visit the NODC website at www.nodc.org for updates and additional presentation news. For early registration, contact norma@nodc.org or call 504-834-6449.



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DATE	2005	COURSE / TITLE	CR. HRS.		TUITION
April 15-17		"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" w/Nancy Weiss, RDH, EDDA & Henrietta Frederick, EDDA	24 hrs.	Auxiliary	\$ 369.00
May 6		"Fixed & Removable Prosthodontics" w/Drs. Castellon, Blatz, Mendez & Ewoldson	07 L	DDS Lab Tech	\$ 265.00 \$ 195.00
		CDE CLUB #2		Auxiliary	\$ 145.00
May 11		Research Day Wednesday	06 L	DDS Auxiliary	\$ 65.00 \$ 65.00
June 3-5		"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" w/Nancy Weiss, RDH, EDDA & Henrietta Frederick, EDDA	24 hrs.	Auxiliary	\$ 369.00
June 3-5		"Local Anesthesia for the Dental Hygienist" w/Drs. Michael O'Brien & Frank Drongowski	72 L/P	Hygienist	\$ 995.00
July 15-17					
August 26-28					
June 10-12		"Advanced Anterior Esthetics" a/k/a Level II Cosmetic Dentistry Continuum	42 L/P	DDS	\$ 6,995.00
July 22-24		w/Drs. Jimmy Eubank and Jeff Morley			
June 17-18		"Real World Endo: Precision Based Endodontics" w/Drs. Dennis Brave and/or Kenneth Koch	07L/04 P	DDS Aux.	\$ 595.00 \$ 195.00
July 8		"Functional Occlusion: Science Driven Mgmt." w/Dr. John C. Kois	07L	DDS Lab Tech	\$ 345.00 \$ 195.00
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