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President's Message

by James E. Burns, D.D.S. – NODA President



Hello my NODA Family. For those NODA members that attended the 2022 version of the New Orleans Dental

Conference/LDA Annual Session, I say thank you. For those that didn't attend; I still love ya. But boy, you really missed out as the young people say. Co-Chairs, Dr. Kristopher Rappold and Dr. Keith Kyler did an unbelievable job of organizing a top-notch conference that all Louisiana dentists should be proud of. Drs. Rappold and Kyler delivered an impressive event that provided outstanding education for all registrants.

On the Saturday of the Conference, we had our annual Louisiana House of Delegates. I would like to thank President-Elect Dr. Aubrey Baudean, Jr. for organizing and managing NODA's Delegate Contingency. This is not an easy task being that we have the largest (22) delegate constituency in the state. I would also like to thank all the dentists that showed up very early on a Saturday to represent NODA at this event and as usual, NODA was represented by truly the best of the best. Along those same lines, we also had Dentists' Day at the Legislature on April 27th in Baton Rouge. Thanks to all those people that took time out from their

practice to attend this. I consider myself blessed to be the President of such a dedicated group of professionals. Please consider volunteering for one of the above-mentioned events. NODA would benefit from your talent.

Alright, now time to talk about my favourite NODA event, our Annual Crawfish boil. This year it will be on Friday, May 13th at The Kamp in Harahan from 5:00-8:00pm. As usual, we will have more than enough crawfish and fixings and drink for all that attend. This will coincide with our General Membership meeting for May. We will have no speaker, but we will have entertainment from

singer-songwriter Kirk Holder. I was also thinking about belting out a few tunes, but I believe Harahan has a noise ordinance and I don't want the event to be shut down. If you have not received an email for this event, please contact the NODA office to register.

After this event, we will be on our summer break, and we will resume in September with our next General membership meeting. Also, there will be no newsletter for June. I know it will be difficult to get through June without my pearls of wisdom, but you can do it. My two fingers that I type with need a rest. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

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John Tessitore

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Metairie Dentist Installed as President-Elect of the LDA

by Alannie Broussard – LDA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



Vincent L. DiLeo, Jr., D.D.S., M.A.G.D., F.I.C.D., F.A.C.D., was installed as president-elect of the Louisiana

Dental Association (LDA) for 2022-2023 during its 141st House of Delegates meeting held April 9, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel New Orleans.

Dr. DiLeo graduated from the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD) in 1982. He then achieved his Master in the Academy of General Dentistry and Fellowships in International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists.

For 40 years, Dr. DiLeo has been a member of the American Dental Association (ADA), LDA and New Orleans Dental Association (NODA). Prior to being elected as president-elect, he served on the LDA Board of Directors for seven years. He is a past president of NDOA and served on committees such as strategic planning, nominating, New Orleans Dental Enterprises and Louisiana Dental Political Action Committee (LADPAC). He has been extremely active in planning and executing the New Orleans Dental Conference and LDA Annual Session and served as the chairman of the 2021 conference.

Besides managing a private practice of 40 years, Dr. DiLeo is a

member of the Knights of Columbus, Marquette Council 1437. He is also a member of Triumph over Kids Cancer, an organization whose mission is to find a cure for pediatric bone cancer, and Donated Dental Services, helping those in need of services that cannot afford them.

Dr. DiLeo is married to his wonderful wife, Mary DiLeo and has two children, Trey and Corinne.

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Metairie Dentist Receives LDA Distinguished Service Award

by Alannie Broussard – LDA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



Dr. Kevin J. Collins of Metairie, LA was named this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award that was awarded during the 141st House of Delegates of the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) on April 9, 2022.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor bestowed by the LDA. It is given annually to the individual LDA members who exemplify the highest standards of professional conduct in dentistry and make extraordinary contributions to organized dentistry and their community.

Dr. Collins has demonstrated himself as a leader throughout his 27 years as a member of the American Dental Association (ADA), the LDA and the New Orleans Dental Association (NODA). From 1996-2000, he was the chair of the NODA Membership Committee and became the president of NODA in 2005. He served on the New Orleans Dental Association's Board of Governors from 2001-2006 and again from 2021 to today. In 2006, he became the chair of the New Orleans Dental Enter-

prises and holds that position today. He served on the LDA Board of Directors from 2012-2015. He represented the NODA component at the LDA House of Delegates from 2000-2012 and again from 2016-2021. Dr. Collins was awarded the NODA Honor Dentist Award in 2019.

Dr. Collins has served the community by volunteering to provide free dental care at the LDA's Louisiana Mission of Mercy. In addition to organized dentistry,

Dr. Collins is a member of the St. Edward's Catholic Church Association of Men, the American Association of Facial Esthetics, the Occlusion Design Group and the Gems Insider Circle Mastermind Group. He is a former member of the Crescent City Study Club. He was honored with Fellowship in the American College of Dentistry in 2017 and will be inducted into the International College of Dentists later this year.

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New Orleans Dentist Receives LDA Humanitarian Award

by Alannie Broussard – LDA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



Dr. Douglas Cross of New Orleans, LA, was named this year’s recipient of the Humanitarian Award that was awarded during the 141st House of Delegates of the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) on April 9, 2022.

The LDA’s Humanitarian Award recognizes dentists who have distinguished themselves through outstanding dental service activities in the United States or abroad. This dentist is selected because he embraces common moral decencies, such as altruism, integrity, freedom, justice, honesty, truthfulness, responsibility, and compassion, he respects and embraces human diversity, and he works to improve the lives of those in need through selflessness, courageous, creative, and compassionate acts.

Dr. Cross has been a member of the LDA, the American Dental Association (ADA), and the

New Orleans Dental Association (NODA) for 39 years and is very deserving of this award.

Serving the community has always been at the forefront of this 39-year dental career. He served as the dental triage lead for all four Louisiana Mission of Mercy (LaMOM), providing free dental care to the underserved population of the state. He has been a committee member for numerous community events, including the Back-to-School Cavity Free Program. He is an active member of the Louisiana Oral Health Coali-

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New Orleans Dentist Receives LDA Humantarian Award - Con't.

by Alannie Broussard – LDA Director of Communications & Public Affairs

tion, where he serves as the chairman of the policy and workforce committees. His leadership has been instrumental in improving access to oral health services in Louisiana.

For nine years, he has been serving as the dental director of Excelth, where he works to improve the health of the underserved New Orleans communities by bringing high-quality, affordable primary care to everyone who needs it regardless of their ability to pay for services. He is also a clinical faculty member of the NYU-Langone and has worked to establish their first dental residency program in Louisiana.

After Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Cross served his community by becoming a lead dentist for the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) and worked to rebuild the health department clinics and mobile units. He was successful in being the first clinic to restore low-cost dental services to the city, specifically for the elderly and less fortunate

He is married to Patricia Cross.

New Orleans Dentist Receives LDA New Dentist Award

by Alannie Broussard – LDA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



Dr. Gabrielle Richard of New Orleans, LA, was named this year’s recipient of the New Dentist Award during the 141st House of Delegates of the Louisiana Dentist Association (LDA) on April 9, 2022.

The New Dentist Award is presented annually to one LDA member who has practiced dentistry for less than 10 years and has distinguished themselves by giving their time and talents for the betterment of mankind. Such contributions include civic involvement, public service and unselfish devotion to the dental profession.

Dr. Richard has exemplified herself as a leader throughout her six years as a member of the American Dental Association (ADA), the LDA and the New Orleans Dental Association (NODA). Since 2016, she has served on the New Orleans Dental Conference committee, the LDA’s largest continuing education event. She has served as the entertainment chair, public relations chair and the operations chair for the 2022 conference. Throughout her service to the conference, she has worked hard to bring young

dentists to join organized dentistry.

Dr. Richard serves the community by volunteering for the Louisiana Mission of Mercy to provide free dental care to the underserved population of the state. She is an active member of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, where she promotes dentistry, particularly women in dentistry. She is also the former chair and now current board member of Shuck Cancer™ New Orleans, an event that directly benefits the American Cancer Society’s local patient transportation grant to local area hospitals.

She is married to Dr. Brent Benoit.

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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!

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Slidell Pediatric Dentist Receives LDA Distinguished Service Award

by Alannie Broussard – LDA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



Dr. Edward “Don” Donaldson of Pearl River, LA, was named this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Service Award during the 141st House of Delegates of the Louisiana Dental Association on April 9, 2022.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor bestowed by the LDA. It is given annually to the individual LDA members who exemplify the highest standards of professional conduct in dentistry and make extraordinary contributions to organized dentistry and their community. Dr. Donaldson has been a member of the Louisiana Dental Association, the American Dental Association and the New Orleans Dental Association for over 50 years and is very deserving of this award.

Advocacy plays a significant role in Dr. Donaldson’s service to protect the dental profession. Since 2002, Dr. Donaldson has served as the chair of the LDA Medicaid Task Force, where he works diligently for the improvement of the dental Medicaid program for

both providers and patients. He has also been the treasurer of the Dental Access and Prevention Political Action Committee (DAP-PAC) for over 20 years. His dedication to providing access-to-dental care for all children in Louisiana has been immeasurable. He also encourages other dentists to take a more active role in advocacy.

Dr. Donaldson received a special award of appreciation from the LDA in 2003 for his ongoing efforts to enhance dental access to our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

He is a benefactor and volunteer for the LSU Health

Science Center School of Dentistry and particularly in the pediatric department. With his great contributions, he has established the Edward L. Donaldson, Jr. Scholarship in Pediatric Dentistry. He is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Society of Dentistry for Children and Louisiana Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

He is married to Dr. Tessa Smith and has three children, Margaret Bruzdziński, Dr. Kay Daniel and Dr. Jill Donaldson, and seven grandchildren.



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Q1 2022 Review: Challenges Trigger a Rocky Start to 2022

by David Lundgren, CFA

After a very solid year for equity markets in 2021, stocks stumbled out the gate in 2022, producing negative results for most major indices for the quarter. After dealing with the pandemic for most of the last two years, it appeared we were turning a corner on COVID, at least here in the United States, and then a new challenge emerged when, on February 24, Russia invaded Ukraine.

As a human tragedy was unfolding with significant loss of life and millions forced from their homes, markets and economies had yet another new challenge to face. Many equity investors rushed to the sidelines until greater certainty could be achieved, leading to increased volatility and the first market correction (decline of more than 10%) for the S&P 500 since March 2020.

Impacts of the Russia-Ukraine Situation

Most of the developed world united and issued sanctions to punish Russia economically for their actions. While these sanctions caused significant financial stress on the Russian economy, markets and currency, the rest of the world felt reverberations as well. While Russia's share of global GDP is only about 3%, they are a significant exporter of natural gas, oil, minerals and agricultural products.

Disruption in the energy markets as a result of sanctions led

to a surge in the price of oil and many other commodities. Prior to the invasion, inflation was running at levels not experienced in almost 40 years. The recent surge in energy prices further exacerbated existing inflation problems, reducing consumer purchasing power and in turn threatened to derail economic growth here in the U.S. and abroad.

The Federal Reserve Begins the Inflation Fight

Bonds are generally considered a safe haven during times of market stress, but this quarter was clearly an exception. Surging broad-based inflation, tight labor markets, nagging supply chain bottlenecks and increasingly aggressive Federal Reserve rate hike expectations combined to drive the sharpest quarterly decline in U.S. Treasury returns since the U.S. Treasury index inception in 1973. The broad-based investment grade Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index declined -5.9% for the quarter, marking the second worst quarter since the index's inception in 1976.

Tough policy guidance by Federal Reserve policymakers amid soaring inflation played the major role in the quarter's rise in interest rates. The Fed spent the first two months of the quarter completing the wind down of its pandemic related quantitative easing (QE) program and then in

March the Fed policy committee voted to raise overnight rates by 0.25% as expected. Fed Chairman Jay Powell's pointedly hawkish rhetoric in his March post meeting commentary caught investors by surprise as he stated rate hikes are on the table at each of the remaining six meetings of 2022. Powell assured listeners the U.S. economy is solid and can handle higher rates. Again, the fixed income markets heard Chairman Powell's message and traded rates sharply higher in response.

It's very interesting, though, that in the weeks following the Fed's launch of an expected string of Fed Funds rate increases, U.S. Equity markets rallied sharply, suggesting markets are encouraged by the Fed's determination to address its inflation challenge in a deliberate and aggressive manner.

Where do we go from here?

The backdrop is a difficult one as the Fed tries to reverse many of its extraordinary pandemic related policies and move back to a more neutral position while navigating a 'soft landing' for the economy. While 1Q22 is likely to be a downbeat correction to the overly robust 4Q21, likely in a 1.5-2.0% Q/Q AR, we continue to expect 2022 as a whole to exhibit solid growth around 3.0%, as the U.S. economy inevitably slows toward long-term norms.

Report of the Executive Director

by Andrew Hale – NODA Executive Director

The three parts of membership – through the New Orleans Dental Association (NODA), the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) and the American Dental Association (ADA) complement each other. Each level offers valuable benefits and resources to members. Almost all U.S. dentists are tripartite members and they join and maintain their membership through their local association, such as NODA. Membership in all three has many benefits designed not only to help you in your daily practice, but also to further development of the dental profession. As a member of NODA, you're joining together with hundreds of dentists to create a collective voice.

Your membership gives you a voice in organized dentistry through NODA representatives – your colleagues, your friends. Your dues are vitally important in maintaining the effectiveness of organized dentistry as the profession faces challenges in the marketplace, government and regulatory areas.

If you have already renewed your membership in NODA, we thank you for your continued membership and support of the dental profession. If you have not renewed, there is still time to renew and there are different payment options available. Regardless of which payment option you choose, you will continue to enjoy the many benefits and the self-satisfaction knowing that you are advancing the dental profession through local,

state and national advocacy efforts. We can't do it without you!

Thank you for continuing to be an important part of NODA. We appreciate your support and welcome your active involvement. By working together, we can protect and strengthen the profession.

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LDA Senior Crawfish Boil

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NODA Delegates to the LDA House of Delegates

Hyatt Regency New Orleans

Photo courtesy of Alannie Broussard, LDA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



Executive Director of the American College of Dentists visits LSU Dental School

LSU School of Dentistry

Photos courtesy of Dr. Kristi Soileau



LSU School of Dentistry SPEA Co-Founders Katie Kirkpatrick and Alex DeGenova with Dr. Theresa Gonzales, Executive Director of the American College of Dentists.



Current officers for LSU's Robert Barsley SPEA Chapter with Dr. Theresa Gonzales, ED of the American College of Dentists. Students L to R: Nick Sanders (Committee member), Hannah Battle (co-President), Maggie Jacimiek (co-President), and Hannah Dickie (Secretary/Treasurer).



Dr. Theresa Gonzales with Dr. Andrea Fenton, Regent Intern for ACD.

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