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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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OCTOBER 15 MEETING

Hear update on CAD/CAM porcelain restoration, digital radiography

BY KEVIN J. COLLINS, DDS
(Scientific Program Chairman)

I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer hiatus. NODA meetings/CE dates have been selected and are listed briefly. The scientific committee has been busy and I feel we have a promising lineup! All of the final arrangements are being made and the "Green" calendar stickers will be mailed shortly. So please make note of the dates now.

This year's NODA continuing education series will begin October 15 with a "Technology Update." The seminar with two speakers will feature information on CAD/CAM direct porcelain restoration and digital radiography.

Our first speaker is Bill Martiny. Mr. Martiny is a 1979 graduate in laboratory technology from LSUSD. Mr. Martiny has been involved with CAD/CAM technology since it was intro-

duced in the United States at the Orlando ADA convention in 1996.

Today! Advance 3D CAD/CAM technology can design and manufacture a direct porcelain restoration that can be placed permanently at the same dental appointment. Seeing is believing!

Our other speaker is Dennis Simon, a sales representative with a wealth of knowledge on digital radiography. Mr. Simon will speak on how this technology can be incorporated into your dental office to improve both the clinical and clerical areas of your practice. Several products on the market will be discussed.

We want to thank Patterson Dental for their sponsorship of this meeting. Hope to see you there.

Dr. Foto's brother tragically killed

Dr. Glenn Dubroc writes: As many of you are aware, Dr. Randy Foto's brother, Danny, was tragically killed recently. Dr. Foto who practices in Mandeville, has asked that all NODA members receive the following personal message. I pass it along with his permission.

Thank you to all who have called in regards to my brother and his family. Your concern and your prayers are gratefully accepted. To those of you who do not know, Danny was shot and killed while putting one of his children on the bus to school. His son was also shot. Thankfully, he is in the hospital recovering at this time.

Many of you have called asking what you could do to help. My only request at this time would be to make a donation to the fund set up for Danny's wife and children. Danny has three children and I intend to raise them as my own. It's my hope that Roxanne (Danny's wife) will be able to stay home for the next six months in an attempt to put their lives back together.

As Danny and Roxanne both worked outside the home, this will be an enormous task. I would be eternally grateful for any help you can give to my brother's family. In lieu of flowers, I ask that a donation be made to the Danny Foto's widow and children account at Gulf Coast Bank (504-581-4561).

Please continue to keep my family in your prayers. I appreciate everyone's concern and am grateful to have you all in my life.

Randy

THE WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE

Mark your schedule now

October 15

Technology Update

November 19

Fred Seigel

December 17

Election meeting/ "Malpractice-
Your Defense"

January 21

New Member Dinner

February 18

Dr. Corky Willhite

March

President's Dinner

April 16

Crawfish Boil/ Staff Appreciation
Event

May 21

C.E. / Golf - Eastover Country Club

APOLOGIES APOLOGIES APOLOGIES IMPORTANT ROSTER CORRECTIONS

By now everyone should have received the new 2003/2004 NODA Roster. There were three errors on the database not corrected before the Roster was sent to the printer. The Central Office takes full responsibility for these errors and asks that all members make note of these corrections, directly in their Rosters, on behalf of the LDA and those members whose listings were incorrect.

1. Front Inside Cover: LDA Central Office Fax # should be: (800) 343-3842.

2. On Page 40 of Member Listings: Listing for Nasr, Hisham F., Office Phone is: (504) 831-0800, Fax Phone is: (504) 831-0866.

3. On Page 48 of Member Listings: Listing for Stuckey, Carol A., E-mail Address is: info@drstuckey.com, Website Address is: www.drstuckey.com.

The Central Office sincerely apologizes to the members and the LDA for the errors in their listings.

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President's Message

by GLENN C. DUBROC, DDS

CONFERENCE LOOKS LIKE A WINNER

By the time you read this, the central nervous system of the 2003 New Orleans Dental Conference will be assembling within the Convention Center. Permit me to remind my NODA colleagues how spoiled we have become. Attend this conference and you can obtain numerous hours of quality continuing education, see all of the latest materials and equipment in dentistry under one roof, visit with friends and acquaintances . . . all without the hassle of plane reservations, flight delays, hotel reservations, arrangements for the kids to be watched, etc.

Your registration is FREE!!!! That is, as long as you registered before the cutoff date of August 22. If you procrastinated, it will cost you a few dimes, but that's the price you pay for tardiness. Like when you get to the movie late and have to sit in the front row. I hate it when that happens. Sure, you might have to pay extra to see a few "big-name" speakers, but these people don't come cheap, and we negotiated long and hard to get them!

Even if you have to spend a few "c-notes" at our meeting, you will still make out like a bandit – so cut the complaining. If you complain too much, we'll put you on the committee for next year's meeting and let you see how it feels on the other side.

I've worked with the conference committee for at least the last 7 years and have firsthand knowledge of how passionate the committee members are about bringing you a top-notch meeting. We have occasional growing pains, but the committee members sacrifice their personal time to ensure as few glitches as possible. It

requires a massive coordination of convention center logistics, speakers' itineraries, hotel contracts, entertainment, and volunteer organization.

Iwould be remiss if I did not congratulate and thank the three most integral persons who make our conference work so well each and every year. Dr. Debra Arnold, the Executive Director, devotes her passion and energy year-round, compares notes with other meetings, and seeks to bring you a convention that gets just a little better and more "member-friendly" with each passing year. She would be the first to admit that we don't always get everything right, but you can be sure it is not from lack of effort.

Dr. Ken Schott maintains a "kung-fu" grip on conference finances because our mission is to bring you a quality meeting without hitting

your wallet too deeply. Ken is rock solid, always dependable, and has set the bar for generations of committee officers to come. Mrs. Normalee Ward is one of the most generous, kind-hearted women you will ever meet . . . and I do mean EVER. This loyal lady is as good as they come, and has more friends than any local politician. But, of course she doesn't have to buy her friends. Her name is synonymous with the New Orleans Dental Conference, and we will be indebted to her forever.

All three of these individuals are going to be mildly dismayed with me for singling them out because they don't ask for publicity. Alas, I'm the President, I paid my dues (literally and figuratively), and I get to say what I want for a year. The bottom line is that the Conference Committee works for you, the member. Your input positive and constructive, is appreciated and essential because it's the only way we can make the conference better. After you attend the meeting in September, take a few moments out of your life and send us your feedback. I can always be reached at ituth@aol.com Dr. Arnold

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Dr. Blatz elected

Dr. Markus B. Blatz, assistant professor in the LSU School of Dentistry department of prosthodontics, has been elected an active member of the prestigious European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry.

LSUSD, Loyola alumni to gather at conference

Get together with friends and classmates at the LSUHSC School of Dentistry Alumni Reception Friday, September 26 from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Plimsoll Club of the World Trade Center a few steps from the Hilton Hotel.

There will be a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Class reunion photos will be taken of the LSUSD Classes of '73, '78, '83, '93 and '98 and the Loyola University School of Dentistry Classes of '53, '58, '63 and '68.



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'COMMANDS FOR YOUR SUCCESS'*A reflection on a NODA giant*

The late Dr. F. Harold Wirth is one of the of the legends of the New Orleans Dental Association and Louisiana dentistry at large.

Noted practitioner, teacher, sought-after lecturer, Dr. Wirth created a profound impression on all who knew him or heard him speak. Even at an advanced age, he continued to lecture. Indeed, it was during a talk to a dental group that he collapsed and died.

"COMMANDS FOR YOUR SUCCESS"

1. Work – Play – Love – Worship
2. Keep Positive Mental Attitude (P.M.A.)
 - a. "Know Thyself" – Socrates
 - b. Negatives precipitate doubt and failures
 - c. "The world in which we live is determined by our thoughts" – Marcus Aurelius
3. Apply Goal Gradient Psychology
 - a. Aim high
 - b. Expect the best!
 - c. Set up goals, consistent with your circumstances, objectives and temperament, and keep them to yourself
 - d. Have a definite objective
 - e. Visualize yourself as being successful in obtaining your goals
4. Develop your Will "To Do" "To Be"
 - a. "The normal opener of deeper and deeper levels of energy is the will" – William Jones
5. Increase Energy and Enthusiasm
 - a. Be temperate in all things
 - b. Exercise regularly both physically and mentally (Mental Gymnastics)
6. Learn Art of Giving Freely of Yourself
 - a. Be honest and complimentary
 - b. Demonstrate empathy and sympathy
7. Be Constant Student
 - a. Improve quality and quantity consistent with goals set

The beloved speaker developed a wallet card encompassing in brief form his message to dentists. Dr. Kristi Soileau, NODA News Editor, still carries this card and thought it would be of interest to dentists who did not have the opportunity of knowing or hearing Dr. Wirth.

You may want to clip it and keep it in your wallet, too.

8. Be Humble – Radiate Happiness, Good Cheer and Health
 - a. Be a gentleman
 - b. Be a good citizen
9. Help Others to Their Successes
 - a. Share your knowledge and experiences
10. Have Complete Faith in Your Creator
 - a. Develop and use the power of prayer

ELIMINATE NEGATIVE | ACCENTUATE POSITIVE

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| 1. Can't | 1. Can |
| 2. If | 2. Will do |
| 3. Doubt | 3. Certainty |
| 4. Worry | 4. Think. Be confident |
| 5. Don't have time | 5. Will have time |
| 6. Maybe | 6. Positively |
| 7. Fear | 7. Courage – Faith |
| 8. Disbelief | 8. Internal peace |
| 9. Frustration | 9. Tranquility |
| 10. Minimize I in conversation | 10. Accentuate you. Make everyone feel important. Compliment. |

Gratitude is expressed to the many contributors who made these thoughts and this card possible.

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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. Dumas: Portrait of a Busy Man

Unless he's discovered a 36-hour day, Dr. Willard L. Dumas, Jr. must be an extremely well-organized person.

In addition to conducting a busy dental practice, Dr. Dumas is involved in an impressive list of civic activities. Some examples: He is in his third term as president of the Audubon Commission, which operates Audubon Zoo, the Aquarium of the Americas on Canal St., the Audubon Nature Center in New Orleans East, the Entergy Imax Theater and Audubon Park itself with its impressively renovated 18-hole golf course.

He has served as chairman of the board of Covenant House, served on the Executive Committee of the Archbishop's Community Appeal which raises money for Archdiocesan programs, and has served on the board of Catholic Charities.

In addition, Dr. Dumas spends one morning a week at Xavier University where he takes care of the dental needs of students.

The doctor's dental practice, which he conducts with his dentist son, Dr. Jay C. Dumas, is located at 200 S. Broad St. in a building that houses 12 tenants. Dr. Dumas and seven physicians bought the structure in 1978. Four of the eight original owners still practice there.

A native of New Orleans and 1960 graduate of Xavier Preparatory School, Dr. Dumas earned his BS in biology-chemistry at Xavier University in 1964. He entered the School of Dentistry at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1965 and received his DDS in 1969.

After a year of internship at the Veterans Administration Hospital in New Orleans, Dr. Dumas opened his practice. He has fond memories of his Howard U days, especially his association with Dr. Joseph Henry, a Xavier graduate who was dean of the dental school at Howard.

"He was a great teacher and a great administrator who went on to teach at Harvard," said Dr. Dumas. "At one time he was mentioned for the presidency of Howard." Another educator who impressed him is Dr. Normal Francis, president of Xavier. "He was dean of men when I went there," he recalled. "He had a great influence on me."

A general practitioner, Dr. Dumas has seen many changes in dentistry over the years. "It is a more exciting field today than when I finished dental school," he said.

Dr. Dumas also had praise for his staff, two dental assistants, two office personnel and a



DR. DUMAS

hygienist. "They enjoy what they are doing," he said. "A staff can make or break a practice." He said the office is very busy, especially since Dr. Jay Dumas, his son, has joined.

The doctor is a member of NODA since 1970, LDA, ADA and the New Orleans Dental

Society. On the social front, he is general secretary of the Bunch Club, one of the oldest black Carnival clubs in New Orleans.

Dr. Dumas and his wife, the former Karin Prudeaux, "my high school sweetheart," are the parents of three children: Willard III, an attorney; Dr. Jay, and Cherie, who works for the Audubon Nature Institute.

Despite his busy schedule, Dr. Dumas is an avid fisherman. He has a boat, the "Miss Karin," and prefers the Hopedale, Shell Beach and Delacroix areas.



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can be contacted at dcadds@bellsouth.net, and Mrs. Ward at norma@noda.org. And, of course, there's always the phone.

My space is running short, so I'll finish with this. The English language has always fascinated me. How people use it, frequently abuse it, and often downright murder it. Golf is a four-letter word. But when I play it, a cornucopia of four-letter words is spoken. Often, these words are strung together with little to no coherent message assigned to them. Occasionally, they are mumbled. Frequently, they are exclaimed for all other members of the golfing community to partake. Some of these words became familiar to me when my aunt used to take me to play bingo. But back then, they weren't spoken with quite as much venom behind them. Naturally I'm speaking of the words "fore", (yeah, they say "four" when you play bingo), "shot", (my aunt drank a little), "ball", (that's the bouncing thingie they pull out of the bubblegum machine to call the next number), "lame", (it's how we describe the guy who called the numbers), and "hole", (anybody who got bingo before my aunt). Strung together, you either get . . . FORRRRE!!!, get me another "ball" cause that "lame-ass shot is not going anywhere near the "hole" . . . or Glenn, go get me another "shot" before that "lame hole" calls the next "ball"!!! How can the same words have so many different meanings? True, my mind is skewed, but it's in a neoteric sort of way, wouldn't you agree? Yeah, all the Jesuit grads are running for their dictionaries right about now. But face it, you were thinking of other four-letter words, weren't you? Get your mind out of the gutter. Please . . . I'm a professional." Ponder that thought until next time.

Glenn C. Dubroc, DDS
President



Tips on treating persons with disabilities

From the Axis Center for Public Awareness of People with Disabilities in Columbus, Ohio, come these suggestions for communicating with persons with disabilities. The items were published in the November 2002 *ODA Today*, publication of the Ohio Dental Association.

1. When talking with a person with a disability, speak directly to that person rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter who may be present.

2. When introduced to a person with a disability, offer to shake hands. People with limited hand use or who wear an artificial limb can usually shake hands. Shaking hands with the left hand is acceptable.

3. When meeting a person with a visual impairment, always identify yourself and others who may be with you. When conversing in a group, remember to identify the persons to whom you are speaking.

4. If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted. Then listen to or ask for instructions.

5. Treat adults as adults. Address people who have disabilities by their first names only when extending this same familiarity to all others present. Never patronize people who use wheelchairs by patting them on the head or shoulder.

6. Leaning or hanging on a person's wheelchair is similar to leaning or hanging on a person and is generally considered annoying. The chair is part of the personal body space of the person who uses it.

7. Listen attentively when talking with a person who has difficulty speaking. Wait for the person to finish, rather than correcting or speaking for the person. If necessary, ask short questions that require short answers, a nod or a shake of the head. Never pretend to understand if you are having difficulty doing so. Instead, repeat what you've understood and allow the person to respond.

8. When speaking with a person in a wheelchair or a person who uses crutches, place yourself at eye level in front of the person to facilitate the conversation.

9. To get the attention of a person who is hearing impaired, tap the person on the shoulder or wave your hand. Look directly at the person and speak clearly, slowly and expressively to establish if the person can read your lips. For those who do lip-read, place yourself facing the light source and keeping hands, cigarettes and food away from your mouth when speaking.

10. Relax. Don't be embarrassed if you happen to use accepted common expressions that seem to relate to the person's disability, such as "see you later" or "did you hear about this?"

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Lots of baby boomers in dentistry's future

The future of dentistry holds lots of visits from baby boomers demanding perfect smiles with genetically engineered math, writes Anita J. Slomski in the September/October 2002 *CDS Review*, publication of the Chicago Dental Society.

Human genomics promises to be revolutionary for the dental profession, Slomski notes, enabling dentists to genetically engineer new dentin, tissue, enamel and bone.

But for the next 30 or so years, according to Slomski, the mainstay of the dentist will be replacing old restorations and treating periodontal diseases and root surface caries as baby boomers push the life-expectancy envelope and demand to keep their own teeth into old age.

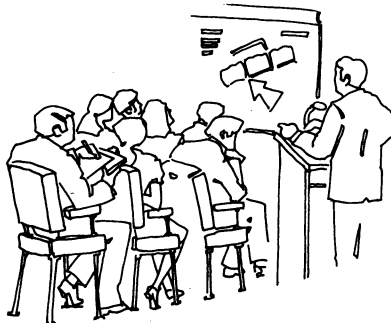
Dentists can count, too, on doing even more cosmetic procedures as boomers seek to defy the aging process and eliminate the unsightly restorations of their youth.

Although much is still unclear about the future of dentistry, Slomski notes that one thing that is clear is that dentists will have to acquire more medical knowledge and establish closer working relationships with physicians as their dental practices accommodate greater numbers of aging patients.

She cites Dr. Ferillo, former dean of Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine, who says dental schools are increasing their emphasis on pharmacology and internal medicine as it relates to the geriatric patient.

Slomski notes that in the future dentists can expect to have bigger workloads and do more specialty procedures. Dentistry will have to work more efficiently to meet the increased demand for dental services, she writes.

According to the article, dental offices will be more technologically sophisticated, and electronic modalities and computerization will become the norm.



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Dr. J. Jared Harmon received the annual American Association for Dental Research, New Orleans section, award for basic science he conducted during his residency, and Dr. Jason Timmons received the AADR award for clinical science research.

The following received certificates. In advanced education general dentistry, Drs. George Arch, Jr., Bradley Comeaux, Christos Maltezos, Brian Olivier, and Robin Shannon.

In endodontics, Drs. Kayla Byrne, J. Jared Harmon, and Mark Roberts.

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October 5		<i>Surgery Review" w/Drs. Kent, Ghall, Block, et alia</i>			
October 3-4		<i>"Cosmetic Dentistry for the Pediatric Patient VI"</i>		DDS	\$ 495.00
		<i>w/Drs. Joel Berg and Corky Willhite</i>	14 hrs.	Auxiliary	\$ 145.00
October 10-12		<i>"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" a/k/a "EDDA"</i>		Auxiliary	\$ 369.00
		<i>w/Dottie Austin, CDA, EDDA</i>	24 hrs.		
November 7-8		<i>"Digital Case Presentation"</i>	14 hrs.	DDS	\$ 995.00
		<i>w/Drs. John Barksdale & Jerome Smith</i>		Auxiliary	\$ 129.00
November 14		<i>"Freeing Your Practice & Patients from Disease</i>		DDS	\$ 265.00
		<i>and Patchwork Dentistry"</i>		RDH	\$ 145.00
		<i>w/Dr. Tim Leary and Joan White, RDH</i>	07 hrs.	Auxiliary	\$ 95.00
November 15		<i>"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries"</i>	07 hrs.	Auxiliary	\$ 129.00
		<i>w/Drs. Thunthy & Hubar</i>			
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		<i>w/Dottie Austin, CDA, EDDA</i>	24 hrs.		
December 5		<i>"Last Chance VII"</i>	07 hrs.	DDS	\$ 265.00
		<i>w/Drs. John Burgess, Doug Dederich, Ron Lemon,</i>		RDH	\$ 145.00
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