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On the Cover: SB312 – the LDA's fluoridation bill – Provides that each public water system that has at least 5,000 service connections and natural levels of fluoride that are outside the optimal range shall acquire, install, operate and maintain appropriate equipment and material in order to maintain the level of fluoride in its water system in the optimal range for the purpose of protecting the dental health of citizens of Louisiana. Passage of this bill is an example of what we can do by working together through organized dentistry! The Governor did sign SB 312 and it became Act 761 of the 2008 Regular Session. The LDA would like to give special thanks to the Healthy Smiles Coalition, and especially the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association for their work on this project. *American Dental Association. ADA News. August 4, 2008. Cover page only. Copyright © 2008 American Dental Association. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.*

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from the editor

David N. Austin, D.D.S.
Editor, LDA Journal

A Truly Great Accomplishment

Every now and then, it is good to give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. The recent legislation that came before our state to mandate water fluoridation in community water systems with at least 5,000 households has been passed and has been signed into law by Governor Bobby Jindal.

Now, for the first time, most of our state municipalities that supply water to their citizens will contain fluoridation. Once this is implemented throughout our state, the incidence of caries in children and adults will be decreased. This is something that did not go unnoticed by the ADA, as you may have seen in the August 4, 2008 *ADA News*. (This article can also be viewed by going to www.ada.org.)

This could not have happened if we had not worked together. I would like to name a few key names of individuals that went above and beyond the call of duty. The Healthy Smiles Coalition, which included many local, state and national organizations, worked diligently to pass this legislation. Local participants included: Eunice Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, Louisiana Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Louisiana Dental Association, Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals, Louisiana Dietetic Association, Louisiana Fluoridation Advisory Board, Louisiana Maternal and Child Health Coalition, Louisiana Primary Care Association, Louisiana Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Louisiana State Medical Society, LSU Health Science Center School of Dentistry, New Orleans Dental Association and North Louisiana Area Health Education Center. You can view the entire list of partners by visiting the Web site at www.healthysmilesloisiana.org/coalition.html.

And, there was much participation among our members who contacted many leaders of our state legislature through phone calls, letters and e-mails. As members, many of us also used the LDA's grassroots lobbying tool, VoterVOICE, which truly enhanced our

communication capabilities with our state legislature. LDA staff and lobbyists, as well as support from the ADA, was especially integral in accomplishing our legislative goal.

Sometimes, it is truly nice to be envied by other states for an accomplishment that is not so easily done. But I think like many of you, the inner knowledge of knowing that water fluoridation can decrease and help eradicate the scourge of dental caries among our children is enough thanks for me. Congratulations to all of us for a job well done!

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LDA from the president

Maurice B. "Marty" Garrett, D.D.S.
President, LDA

The State of Our Association

I'm pleased to report your association is enjoying another fine year! The two summer events, the Fishing Rodeo and Summer Conference, had high participation from members and their families! The Greater Baton Rouge component was able to recapture the Fishing Rodeo award for the "Best Fishermen in the State" from Acadiana by bringing in some new anglers! Also, the Summer Conference provided a great opportunity for continuing education and family fun. The Family Beach Volleyball Tournament has proven to be a great addition to this event and had eight teams participating.

Your LDA, with support from the Healthy Smiles Coalition, including the ADA and the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association, were able to convince the Legislature and Gov. Bobby Jindal to enact a law which mandates fluoridation for community water systems. The law states that community water systems with at least 5,000 households must provide cost estimates to the state for implementing optimal fluoridation by next year. The Coalition will continue to work with each system to find grants and state funds to implement fluoridation in each applicable community. This is a shining example of your association working to improve the dental health of our state!

Also, in other big news, we finally received news that the IRS has given us the go ahead to form the Louisiana Dental Association Foundation. The Foundation will allow us to further enhance the oral health of our state by providing funding for clinical research, education, scholarships and access to care programs, as well as providing financial assistance to dental professionals.

Your Association includes over 80% of the licensed dentists in the state as members. We can truly be the leading voice for oral health for our citizens. I encourage you to renew your interest and increase your participation as your local components begin their fall meetings. Please invite the new dentists in your area to local and state activities. The LADPAC



Dr. Marty Garrett and his family and friends enjoyed the Fishing Rodeo. They are (front row, from left) Catherine Garrett, Caroline Garrett, Annie Garrett, Abby Quebedeaux, Tanna Banker and Terri Quebedeaux; (middle row, from left) Dr. Marty Garrett, Jacob Mayer, Jeff Mayer, Joel Mayer, Meg Thomassie and Tammy Garrett; and (top row, from left) Michael Thomassie, Rene Quebedeaux and Roxie Mayer.

Golf Tournament on Friday, September 26, is a great way to start the fall and support your LDA agenda. We also have a Last Chance Seminar on Friday, November 21, and of course, the LDA Annual Session and New Orleans Dental Conference April 2-4, 2009.

Please feel free to contact your officers, director and/or LDA office staff if we can help with your practice and professional needs. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and our profession. God Bless and Geaux Tigers!

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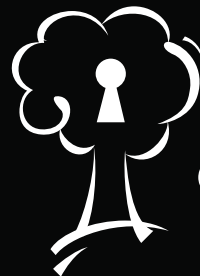
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LDA medicaid task force

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It's Time to Get on Board

I wanted to share with you some excellent news concerning the dental Medicaid program in Louisiana. For the seventh year in a row, the legislature has enacted a reimbursement rate increase that will move payment schedules substantially higher. They are now close to a point that I hope will encourage many of you to participate. The updated rates will be posted on the LDA Web site as soon as they are available. They should increase current fees by 15–20%. Seven years ago, with great support from the LDA, I began this mission to provide dental care to all Medicaid-eligible kids in our state. We knew this could only happen with dramatic increases in fees paid to provider dentists.

My motivation was two-fold. By increasing rates, more dentist participation would result in more kids being treated. In addition, I felt that substantial rate increases would help many of you in improving your income level and subsequently, the profitability of your practice. Of course, I had treated Medicaid kids in my practice for 30 years and the thought of this commitment finally turning a profit was exciting to me as well.

There is another benefit to the increase we have received. The current Medicaid rates should put more upward pressure on various PPO plans that some of you participate in to not only compete but exceed the rates.

In any case, this is a sincere request to every dentist in Louisiana. I need your help now. We have spent the last seven years working with all members of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees. We have met personally with all 35 of these people each year. We have contributed substantially to all of their campaigns. They would like to see some results in the form of more kids being seen. Still, there are half a million children who did not see a dentist last year. Your commitment to see one Medicaid-eligible child a day would make a dramatic change in the numbers. Please consider enrolling in the program right away.

I will also make a commitment to stay with this effort for at least two to three more years and hopefully continue the forward progress.

As a side note, to my knowledge there is no state that has put together a seven-year string of increases in the Medicaid rates for health professionals. We owe it to these legislators and the underprivileged children of this state to begin to take care of these kids.

Lastly, this is a shout out to my fellow pediatric dentists. Where have you been? This is your turf! We need all of you on board.

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Dr. Lynne Halik, a Fortress Dentist.

I live

in Fairport, NY with my husband and two kids. We lived in England and Japan while I was in the US Air Force. It was a way to travel and be a dentist.

I practice

pediatric dentistry. I started my own practice in 1997 so I could have more autonomy, and have my kids with me. My daughter says it was great to be raised in a dental office!

I recharge

with music. I've always played in orchestras, bands, quartets. Music is part of my family. I play the cello at church with my daughter Wendy, and enjoy watching my son Scott play trombone.

I love

seeing my patients' senior pictures, we get new ones for the wall every year. It's incredible to see them grow up.

I believe

in volunteering. During my year as President of our District Society, we started a community program called "Give Kids A Smile Day."

I plan

to add a full partner this year. We have the same philosophy, and really love talking about cases.

I admire

anyone who can keep their family happy, and their career going. My husband Jeff is a tremendous help, he's always been very supportive.

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Louisiana Dental Services, Inc., An Update

First, I want to take this opportunity to say how great it is to have Annette back from maternity leave and on active duty in the busy world of LDA communications. What all of us do for the LDA depends heavily on the word getting out to the membership in general and Annette is a real “pro” at making that happen.

Speaking of getting the word out, I hope all of you have had a chance to look over the latest edition of the *Louisiana Dental News*, which you received in early August. The latest LDA/LDS endorsed company had its introductory flyer included in this publication.

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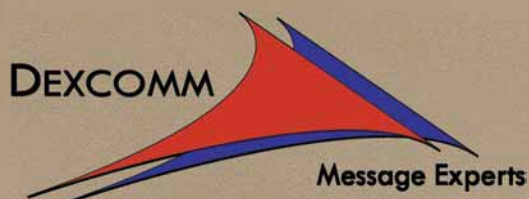
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— Dr. Thomas McCoy



LSUSD Freshman Orientation



LDA President Dr. Marty Garrett, Executive Director Ward Blackwell and Membership Director Sharon Elliott attended the LSUSD Freshman Orientation in order to present materials and information to the incoming students regarding current and future membership in the LDA. Seven of the incoming freshman are the son or daughter of an LDA or ADA member. They are (from left) Alexis Nacchio (daughter of Dr. Larry Bullock from Virginia), Ian Primm (son of Dr. Lisa Landesman from Mandeville, La.), Andrew Hood (son of Dr. Ed Hood from Denham Springs, La.), Chad Gustafson (son of Dr. Ronald Gustafson of Slidell, La.), Cole Johnson (son of Dr. George Johnson from Arkansas), Kevin Kidder (son of Dr. Glenn Kidder from Baton Rouge, La.) and Zach Bulmanski (son of Dr. Thomas Bulmanski from Arkansas).





LDA feature

Annette Droddy, LDA Director of
Communications and Public Affairs

Attendees Enjoy Summer Education Conference Theriot and Cantrelle Team Victorious as Volleyball Champions

A few overcast days during the Summer Education Conference did not keep LDA members and their friends, families and staff members off the beach or out of the water! One hundred seven C.E. registrants headed to Destin for some fun in the sun, all the while getting up to 16 hours of C.E. credit.



Above: This year's Summer Conference was one of the largest with 107 registered continuing education attendees. **Right:** Dr. David Little's presentation on cosmetic and restorative dentistry was very well received by all attendees.

Tops'l Beach & Racquet Resort was again the venue, offering luxury all-condo accommodations steps away from the white, sandy beaches and sparkling emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

And, thanks to our events partner, Robert Ellis and Associates, and our sponsors, Louisiana Dental Services, Inc. (LDS), Louisiana Army National Guard, Baas Capital LLC, Dentsply Caulk, Brasseler USA, Master-Tech, Inc. and CAPTEK, we were able to keep the registration fees at the low cost of \$295 for LDA members!



Events Partner Robert Ellis and Associates visits with attendees at the Family Beachside Boil. (From left) Dr. Mark Chaney, Bob Ellis (REA), Dr. Jayne Sanchez, Chris Richert (REA), Stormy Blair (REA), Matt Hightower (REA) and Dr. Keith Kyler.



After attending courses from 8 a.m. to noon each day, participants soaked up the sand and sun, as well as enjoyed tennis, golf, a water park and even shopping at the local outlet mall. And, after proving to be successful in 2007, the LDA hosted its Second Annual Family Beach Volleyball Tournament. With eight teams of dentists and their family and friends of all ages participating and lots of cheerleaders watching, the team captained by Dr. John Theriot and Dr. Roy Cantrelle was victorious as volleyball champions. The Dr. David Hildebrandt team made it to the semifinals and played in the championship game.

Fending off rain, the Family Beachside Boil was also a great success. Thanks to overcast weather and an afternoon sprinkle, it was a cooler than usual evening event overlooking the beach with approximately 200 attendees. The party even ended with fireworks that were set off on the beach by a neighboring hotel.

If you are looking for good C.E. at an affordable price, as well as an opportunity to spend time at the beach with your friends and family, consider joining us next year for the LDA's Summer Education Conference, July 29 – August 1 at Tops'l.



Above: Eight teams participated in the Family Beach Volleyball Tournament. **Top right:** Family Beach Volleyball Tournament Champions (back row, from left) Dr. John Theriot, Bob Tortorich, Walter Schmidt, Susan Cantrelle (holding Madeline Cantrelle) and Dr. Roy Cantrelle, and (front row, from left) Brent Blanchard, Garrett Cantrelle and Madelyn Caprio. **Bottom right:** Three generations of golfers spending time together at the LDA Summer Conference Golf Outing at Kelly Plantation were (from left) Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Scott Lloyd, Dr. Mike Lloyd and Michael Lloyd. **Center:** Stephen Hemphill (son of Dr. Valerie Hemphill) smiles from the pool.

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Above: At the Family Beachside Boil were (from left) Katelyn Kyler, Dr. Keith Kyler and Kandace Kyler. **Right:** The Louisiana Army National Guard were sponsors of the Family Beachside Boil. Cpt. Tonya Hill (left) and WO1 Tammy Lang (right) had a door prize drawing for camouflage scrubs, won by Dr. Damon DiMarco. Theresa Ann Sklar pulled the winning name.



Dr. Ron Britsch, Sr. looks on during the LDA Golf Outing as Dr. Ron Britsch, Jr. putts.



Hygienist Jeannie Theriot spending time on the beach with Londyn Theriot and Cali Tortorich.



Circle far right: Dr. Darrell and Ashley Bourg at the Family Beachside Boil. **Right:** At the Family Beachside Boil: (from left) Ashley Nix (past president of the Louisiana Dental Hygienists Association), Brenda Vaughan, Dr. Walter Vaughan, Renee Higginbottom and Sharon McFadden. **Below left:** Kyle DiMarco (son of Dr. Damon DiMarco) enjoyed the shrimp at the boil! **Below center:** At the Family Beachside Boil: (from left) Dr. Ronald Gustafson, Eva Jenkins, Dr. Gordon Bech and Lynne Bech. **Below right:** At the Family Beachside Boil: (from left) Dr. David Hildebrandt, Jeanne Hildebrandt, Christopher Hildebrandt, Ryan Hildebrandt and Andrew Taylor.



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Reflections on Tenure as Dean of the LSUSD

It has been nearly 15 years since I joined the LSU Dental School. As I reflect on my tenure as dean, it has been some of the most rewarding years of my life. The accomplishments, friendships and experience I've gained will always be treasured. I am so proud of the accomplishments of those who have helped the school to expand and excel—in academics, research and patient care.

I remember the editorial I wrote for *The Times-Picayune* in which I boasted that, even though Louisiana may be the last in many things, we are, in fact, first in dental education and offer quality dental care throughout this state. That is still true today.

I also remember when the Louisiana Board of Regents gave the dental school a standing ovation at one of their meetings. After showing a video highlighting the dental school's mission and statewide impact, one member commented that "All Louisiana universities should emulate what the LSU School of Dentistry has accomplished." It was definitely a high point in my career.

The dental community has been extremely supportive over the years. Because of the strong leadership and focused members of the Louisiana Dental Association, legislators have been educated about the dental school's statewide impact, which enabled us to secure funding for some very important efforts.

Following Hurricane Katrina, dental companies across America and even from Canada rallied behind the school, donating nearly \$3 million in equipment and materials to help establish a temporary dental school in Baton Rouge. And, 178 dentists from around the state opened their doors to help students and residents continue their clinical education and graduate on time. To those dentists, I owe a world of gratitude!

Last March was another high point when ADEA presented the school with the William J. Gies Award

for Outstanding Innovation to recognize our rebuilding efforts following Katrina. Being surrounded by those who helped to bring back the school at such a pivotal point in history was overwhelming and unforgettable.

Since returning to New Orleans in August of 2007, the progress continues. Operations are running smoothly. Our patient base is sound, reaching 10,530 statewide and 3,286 in New Orleans alone. Student applications are also strong. Total applications for the D.D.S. program topped 250 in 2008, providing a well-qualified pool for the annual 60 freshman openings.

Following the storm, LSUSD lost approximately 30% and 60% of its faculty and staff, respectively. Since then, 18 full-time and 30 part-time faculty have been hired to address the shortage.

The school continues to undergo significant repairs and renovations. The patient lobby and reception areas on the first floor of the clinic building have been rebuilt. The research infrastructure is making a strong comeback with the refurbishing of the basic science laboratories, and the teaching auditoriums will be renovated by the end of the year.

I believe we are now positioned and ready for future growth. It is a good time to bring in new leadership as the school continues to rebuild.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their exceptional support and friendship over the years. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to have served as dean of Louisiana's only dental school. I look forward to working in my new position at LSU in the areas of community-based dentistry and various public health initiatives.

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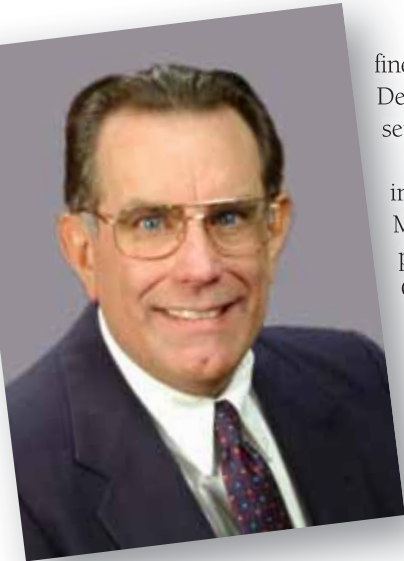
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Randolph B. Malloy, D.D.S., Ph.D.

September 14, 1945 – June 12, 2008

When the news came that Dr. Randy Malloy passed away, a palpable sadness quickly spread throughout the LSU School of Dentistry. Employees comforted each other in the hallways saying, "He was such a good man."



"Randy Malloy was one of the finest people I have ever known," said Dean Eric Hovland at the memorial service held on June 19.

Dr. Malloy was a professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) and professor in the Department of Cell Biology and Human Anatomy (Anatomy). He was also assistant dean for Advanced Education and Hospital Affairs.

"He represented everything that is good about our profession and everything we hold dear," said Dr. John Kent, longtime friend and chairman of OMS.

"He set the highest standard."

"To know him was to love him," said Dr. Michael O'Brien, also in the Department of OMS and another longtime friend.

Beyond measure, he was a devoted family man, teacher, researcher, doctor, surgeon, mentor and friend to all.

In the beginning

Dr. Malloy grew up in Iowa, home of soybeans, corn fields and hardworking people. "My brother wanted to be a highway patrolman," said his sister, Cinda Petrie, at the memorial service. The overflow crowd chuckled. "Our parents saw his keen intelligence and directed him elsewhere."

That elsewhere was a long career in academia that began at the University of Iowa and the University of Iowa College of Dentistry where he received his DDS with honors.

At that point, he turned south to LSU Health Sciences Center to pursue research on an NIH fellowship and in 1975 received his doctorate in anatomy. He then contributed to the early, formative years of the LSU School of Dentistry, according to Dr. Sam McCluggage, chairman of Anatomy, who shared that special time with Dr. Malloy.

He went on to serve in the United States Air Force at Wilford Hall USAF Base in San Antonio, Texas. He returned to LSU Medical Center in New Orleans as an assistant professor in Anatomy and completed his residency in OMS at the LSU School of Dentistry/ Charity Hospital New Orleans.

For 21 years, he was a private practice oral surgeon in Lafayette, Louisiana, and maintained part-time appointments in both OMS and Anatomy.

In 2003, Dr. Malloy returned to LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans full-time as associate professor and head of the Department of Dentistry at Charity. He also transitioned to full-time appointment in OMS and Anatomy.

He married Tyrone deValcourt and their love produced two daughters and three grandchildren who were the apple of his eye.

And then, Katrina

When the devastation of the storm made the dental school homeless, Dean Hovland named Dr. Malloy the project manager for building the new interim school in Baton Rouge. Such a thing had never been done and had to be done NOW. Dr. Malloy was the perfect person for mission impossible.

He arranged for a trailer to live in and had it parked right next to the job site. He knew he needed a strong, solid partner and Dr. Michael O'Brien was perfect for the job. Together they made the impossible a reality. In three incredible months of non-stop work, the dental school opened in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Malloy was the "go to" guy for everything. He made it work. He was the rock.

Distinguished Service

In 2006, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS). The award is presented only when there is a deserving recipient. In truth, every aspect of Dr. Malloy's life was distinguished.

He accomplished several research projects and was the research mentor to numerous residents in various dental specialties. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and The National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He has been a member of several local, state, regional and national committees associated with the American Dental Association and the AAOMS. In 2007, he was named the LSUSD Assistant Dean for Advanced Education and Hospitals.

"He was the finest educator I have ever known," said Dr. Mark Durham, prosthodontics fellow, at the memorial service. "He is leaving an extensive and profound legacy that will extend way beyond the people in this room."

"He really, really cared," said Dean Hovland.

"After being in his presence for three minutes, you felt like you knew him for 30 years," said Delores Bradford, his administrative assistant.

At the memorial service, it was standing room only in the big auditorium. "Randy would have loved this," said Cinda Petrie, his sister. "And then he would say, 'Okay, let's get back to work.'"

Survivors include his wife Tyrone deValcourt, their children Kessler Reed, Kylee and Chad Courville, three granddaughters Pierson and Kendall Reed, Amielle Courville, and his loyal canine companions Kaese, Raven, and "Big" Marilyn, all of Lafayette. He is also survived by one sister, Cinda Petrie, and her husband David, one niece, Andrea Storjohann, all of Marshalltown, Iowa, and one nephew, Phillip Petrie, of New York City, New York. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Alice Malloy, of State Center, IA.

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Please see page 29 for nomination form.



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David Kestel, D.M.D., Chair
Louisiana Dental Political Action Committee (LADPAC)

Join in the Fun at LADPAC's FUNdraisers

I would like to start out by thanking all of my colleagues who have participated in LADPAC. Your contributions make all the difference in the legislative area. As you know, we constantly monitor the state legislature to head off any detrimental bills affecting dentistry negatively and your ability to practice with the least amount of governmental interference.


We are having two major fundraisers this year. The LADPAC golf tournament "Chipping In For Dentistry," which will be held Friday, September 26, 2008, at Pelican Point Golf Club, in Gonzales, LA. Our second fundraiser is a raffle for a guided duck hunt for two in Creole, LA. The cost per raffle ticket is only \$50. Normally, a guided duck hunt would cost \$250-\$350 per gun (hunter).

The lucky raffle ticket will be drawn November 21, 2008, at the Last Chance Seminar held at Embassy Suites in Baton

Rouge, and the winner need not be present to win. For those of you who want an easy duck hunt and have never experienced (and even for those who have) a Southwest Louisiana marsh hunt, you are in for a thrill.

If you have not contributed to LADPAC in the past, please make a commitment this year to help by making a donation or participating in at least one of the fundraisers. We work for you and it takes many dollars to effectively lobby for you. So please be generous with your contributions.

Thank you and good luck to the participants in the golf tournament and the duck hunt raffle! There will be coverage of both these fundraisers in the winter *LDA Journal*.

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LDA LDA annual session and new orleans dental conference

Dr. Garry Salvaggio, Public Relations Chair
Conference Committee



Mark Your Calendars!

Once again, the combined efforts of the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) and the New Orleans Dental Association have created what promises to be a spectacular 2009 New Orleans Dental Conference and LDA Annual Session. The conference will be held at the Morial Convention Center in the Crescent City, April 2-4, 2009.

With no changes to registration fees, LDA members who register early will be able to realize an incredible C.E. value. A \$300 registration fee will allow LDA members admission to both the scientific program and the Exhibit Hall with over 100

Dr. Samuel Low, Dr. Stanley Malamed, Dr. Greg Psaltis, Dayna Dayton, Dr. Avishai Sadan, Chris Scappatura, Dr. Michael Schuster, Dr. Bruce Small, Pam Smith, Elizabeth Somer, Dr. Jon Suzuki, Dr. Lloyd Tilt, Janie Walters, Dr. John West, Rebecca Wilder and a special event with Chef John Besh... and more to come.



Come and see how Mardi Gras is made by attending the Welcome Reception and LDA President's Party, located at Mardi Gras World.

vendors already registered who will be displaying the latest technology in dentistry. There will be a minimal fee for workshops.

The stellar lineup of speakers includes Lois Banta, Dr. Charles Blair, Mary Costello, Dr. David Gane, Ellen Gambardella, Dr. Peter Glaser, Rita Johnson, Dr. Dov Glazer, Dr. Peter Jacobsen, Dr. John Kanca,



New for 2009 is a change in venue for the Welcome Reception and President's Party (honoring LDA President Dr. Marty Garrett) for Thursday night, April 2. With spectacular fiber optic floats as a backdrop, enjoy great food, open bar, dancing and plenty camaraderie at Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras

World. Continuous transportation will be provided for reception attendees and guests to and from the event. Leave the driving to us and come take a look behind the magic of carnival to see where Mardi Gras is made.

So, what are you waiting for? Plan to attend a meeting that promises valuable C.E., delectable food, music with soul, southern hospitality and the sights and sounds of a city that attracts tourists from around the world. For more information, visit www.nodc.org or call the conference office at (504) 834-6449.



LDA fishing rodeo

Meghan Speakes
LDA Intern

2008 Fishing Rodeo – A Real Catch for Dentists, Family and Friends!

Spicy food, cold beer and stiff competition were all on the menu July 11th and 12th when nearly 100 people from across the state met in Grand Isle for the eighth annual LDA Membership Fishing Rodeo. Thirty-two dentists attended and brought along their family and friends with hopes of taking home the prize for the biggest catch and, more importantly, bragging rights for their component.



Above: Paul Gant (left) and Dr. Nelson Daly (right) stand with their fish and Dr. David Kestel, whose fish was half-eaten by a shark before he could even reel it in. *Right:* The weekend's prize-winners pose with their hard-earned loot. Back row, from left: Dr. David Kestel, Dr. Barton Barré, Ricky Hope, Jr. Dr. Sean Smith, Dr. Michael Irby, Dr. Ryan Perry, Dr. Trey Palmisano, Dr. Andre Bruni, Dr. Vance Costello. Front row, from left: Brooke Barré, Joel Mayer, Kennedy Achord, Caroline Garrett, Dr. Luke St. Pierre.



Fishing Rodeo attendees (from left) Dr. Cleveland Carpenter, Richard Hope, Cynthia Hope, Ricky Hope Jr. and Angelle Carpenter enjoy the Saturday night fish fry sponsored by Henry Schein and Campus Federal Credit Union.

and they also provided the boat for the three senior dental students, Chuck Soileau, Ken DuBois, Ryan Staehling and Anne DuBois, student hygienist.

Friday's welcome reception was sponsored by the **Louisiana Army National Guard** and **Patterson Dental** provided hamburgers, hotdogs and cold drinks. Saturday, the attendees enjoyed a meal consisting of jambalaya, catfish filets, gulf shrimp, white beans and rice and green salad at the Awards Ceremony sponsored by **Henry Schein** and **Campus Federal Credit Union**. Other sponsors included **Irwin Dental Lab**, **Dentsply Caulk**, **KaVo** and **Benco**.

Door prizes were distributed throughout the weekend; some were geared toward dentists and others were more general. Prizes were also given to winners of the rodeo including an outdoor cooker, an LSU fishing rod, large nets, walkie talkies, a nightlight and a variety of others.

Overall, the weekend was a great success. Fish were caught, prizes were won, memories were made and Greater Baton Rouge won the coveted "Best Fisherman in the State" Award. Additional photos are available on the LDA Web site, www.ladental.org.

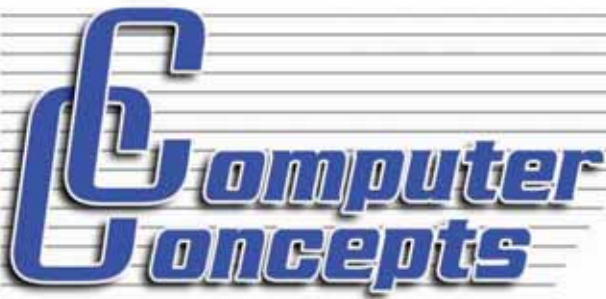
The fishing began early in the morning as men, women and children all piled into their boats, rods and reels in hand, and headed out for a long day on the water. Registrants were allowed to weigh their fish at any time between noon and 5 p.m. to have them entered into the various categories.

As always, it is important to acknowledge the Rodeo's generous sponsors, whose donations help fund LDA events and keep the registration costs low for members. **Robert Ellis and Associates** was the event partner,



Above left: Greater Baton Rouge Component Winners smile for a group shot. *Above right:* LSUSD students pose for a picture with event partner, Robert Ellis & Associates. From left: Jay Blair, Anne Du Bois, Ken Dubois, Matt Hightower, Stormy Blair, Chris Richert, Ryan Staehling and Chuck Soileau. *Center circle:* Dr. Nelson Daly celebrates Greater Baton Rouge's first Fishing Rodeo victory. *Right:* Drs. Luke St. Pierre and Vance Costello proudly show their day's catch! *Far bottom right:* Fishing Rodeo attendees (from left) Dr. Ryan Perry, Michael Irby, Dr. Trey Palmisano and Dr. Andre Bruni hang out Saturday night at the fish fry.

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Red Snapper	Dr. Trey Palmisano NODA 11.60#	Dr. Ryan Perry Greater Baton Rouge 9.32#	Dr. Jake Henderson Greater Baton Rouge 9.28#
Largest Offshore	Dr. Andre' Bruni Greater Baton Rouge 34.18# Warsaw Grouper	Robby Matthews Greater Baton Rouge 30.56# King Mackerel	Dr. Sean Smith Greater Baton Rouge 29.4# King Mackerel
Kids	Kyle DiMarco NODA 3.9# Speckled Trout	Caroline Garrett Greater Baton Rouge 1.32# Speckled Trout	
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Hygienists Are Always Assessing

Wow, look at that class III occlusion and that anterior open bite! He must be a mouth breather. Here I am watching the Olympics and I am worried about Michael Phelps' occlusion. Why can't I just sit back and enjoy the games and not worry about his oral hygiene and occlusion? After all, at this point he is a 13 career gold medal winner. I guess it is a dental hygienist's fate to worry about oral hygiene. Well, there must be some connection between his malocclusion and his winning at the Olympics. There I go again.

I graduated from dental hygiene school a "few" years ago and when I went out into the real world, I was going to 'save' every patient that sat in my chair. I have now 'matured' and know that not everyone wants to be saved. What would happen if Michael Phelps was my patient and I told him that he might want to see an orthodontist or maxillofacial surgeon for a consult. It may not be important to him. He may feel that changing his occlusion may affect his breathing and then that would throw off his rhythm while swimming. What a catastrophe. Then I start thinking about all those minerals in the pool and 'swimmers calculus.' I just hope that all those Olympic swimmers get a cleaning at least once a year. I wonder if Michael Phelps' state has fluoridation?

As many of you already know, on July 8, 2008, Governor Bobby Jindal signed the fluoridation bill to ensure statewide fluoridation. LDHA was proud to support the LDA in its efforts for statewide fluoridation. The LDHA sent a letter of support and placed phone calls to many senators and representatives.

Being a past president of LDHA, I now enjoy the position as legislative chair. I was able to help organize Dental Hygiene Day, which was held on May 7 at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge. Our lobbyist, Jane Burgin, was instrumental in making this day a

memorable one for all the hygienists that attended. Among those attending were LDHA President Danell Dean, LDHA President –Elect Diane O'Conner and LDHA Treasurer Kim Nguyen. Representative Kay Kellogg Katz from Monroe introduced the attending hygienists on the floor of the House and the Senate. LDHA had a great day at the State Capitol giving out toothbrushes and bags filled with oral hygiene aids to the public and the legislators.

As we move into fall, remember to mark October on your calendars as National Dental Hygiene Month. During the first full week of October, choose a day that works for the entire office and celebrate what it means to have a hygienist in your office and how much she/he does for the office. Weeks two and three are committed for community service. If possible, think about volunteering one day and donate your services. During week four, think about taking a hygienist to lunch that does not belong to LDHA. Let them know how important organizations are to the professional. When we belong to a professional organization, we can count on that organization for help and direction. As professionals, we all work together for a common goal. We want to help people and bring happy, healthy smiles to children and adults.

Wow, look at those white teeth. I guess he must bleach his teeth. Yes, Michael is out of the water and dry; now I can get a good look at his teeth. Well, there will be much more time to analyze his teeth after the Olympics when he is interviewed on television stations across the country. I wonder if he would like to come to New Orleans, see the city, have his teeth cleaned and have some good fluoridated water?



LDA feature

Meghan Speakes
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Seal A Smile Program Becomes Part of a Larger Initiative, Growing Up Fit

Imagine a second grader who has never held a toothbrush or sat in a dentist's chair. It may be hard for you to do, but it is a scenario that Amy Karam and the dentists involved in the Delta Dental Initiative see all too often when they visit schools in rural Louisiana. The Initiative began in 2002 when The Health Enrichment Network (THEN) was given a small grant to improve the oral health of Louisiana children.



They started with one local school in Allen Parish and within two years had expanded their services to five. They focused on rural parishes and helped the needy students, who, for whatever reason, did not have access to proper health care. At the two-year mark, Karam wrote an article in the Winter 2005 *LDA Journal* about the tremendous progress they had made and the amount of help they had received from the state's dental community, namely

the LDA and its members. This article should serve as an update as well as a call to action for dentists and other health care providers who want to donate their time and services to make a difference in young children's lives.

Oral health care remains a priority to THEN, but the group has made some major strides since we last heard from them in 2005. Seal A Smile is now under



the umbrella of a larger initiative, Growing Up Fit, which works to educate children on overall health in 43 Louisiana parishes. February is

National Children's Dental Health Month, so during that month the group focuses on oral health. Dentists examine students' mouths for decay and evaluate their complaints; group members use a puppet, Jack Plaque, to teach the children how to thoroughly brush and floss their teeth. Jack seems to be a hit with everyone.

Karam said, "He is a great way to show the children how to brush and floss and give them hands-on experience so it is easier for them to do it on their own. And the children love him, too." Before the group leaves they give each student a bag, which contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and supplemental information to share with their families.

For the other 11 months of the year, oral health is discussed as it relates to the students' overall health. According to a study conducted by Blue Cross Blue Shield, almost one in three Louisiana school-aged children is overweight or obese. THEN

decided to combine these two topics because nutrition significantly impacts a person's weight as well as his/her oral health.

One way that the group demonstrates that fact is by soaking an egg in a glass of soda. Sodas and junk



food are high in calories and sugar, but have little to no nutritional value. These factors are known to cause weight gain, but the negative impact they have on oral health is sometimes neglected. When the egg is first placed in the soda there is not a noticeable difference, but after some time the egg becomes discolored. At this point, the children learned the importance of brushing as the shell became white again after it was properly brushed. When it is time to go, the group members leave the egg in the soda so the students will see the affects of not brushing.

This group has dedicated its time, energy and long-term resources to educating Louisiana children about overall health and the importance of maintaining their teeth and gums. They have already made a tremendous impact, but their work is not done. There are still over 720,000 children in Louisiana who are not receiving proper dental care, and your contribution could make a difference in one of their lives. To learn more about this program or how you can make a difference, please visit the American Dental Association Web site at www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/gkas/index.asp.

If you would like to either host or participate in a Give Kids A Smile Day or National Children's Dental Health Month event, contact the LDA at (800) 388-6642 or info@ladental.org.



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LDA feature

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A Reminder: Dentistry's Role in Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

A child is abused every 48 minutes in Louisiana, according to Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates (LA CASA), the local chapter of a nationally recognized child advocacy group¹. In addition, very young children (ages 3 and under) are most often the victims of child abuse and neglect and caretakers are commonly the perpetrators.²

These startling statistics are apparent to abuse and neglect advocacy programs like LA CASA on a daily basis. However, the burden of identifying these cases cannot be borne by advocacy groups alone. In order to combat the problem, reporting suspects requires the keen observation of individuals in schools, social services, child care, law enforcement, and healthcare professionals. In accordance with the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003³, health professionals are obligated to report suspected cases of abuse or neglect. This act is the amended Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, which was enacted in 1974 (Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003(P.L. 108-36), www.4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/42/ch67.html.) As defined by the LA Children's Code [Art. 603(13)], all health professionals, including dentists and dental hygienists, are mandated to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect to the Louisiana Office of Community Services.⁴

Dentists as Reporters

Dentists and dental hygienists are considered "mandated reporters" along with other health care professionals. Although many abuse and neglect cases go unreported,

the media are revealing disturbing cases of abuse and neglect of children in Louisiana. Dentists reported 20 cases of abuse and neglect in 2007. Of these cases, 8 were validated. Studies show that abuse and neglect are under reported, and there is no sure way of determining the actual number of abused children. The LA Office of Community Services reports that of the 23,730 cases investigated in Louisiana, dental health professionals represent 0.08% of those reporting these cases. It is important for dental health professionals to actively participate in keeping children safe.

Reporting Abuse and Neglect

Louisiana's reporting protocol requires reports to be made immediately to the Louisiana Office of Community Services, an agency in the Department of Social Services. The cases to report include: "child abuse or neglect or that such was a contributing factor in a child's death, where the abuser is believed to be a parent or caretaker." If someone other than a caretaker is believed to be the perpetrator and the caretaker is not believed to have any responsibility for the abuse or neglect, reports shall be made immediately to a local or state law enforcement agency.⁵ (LA Children's code) A list of reporting agencies can be obtained from the Department of Social Services www.dss.state.la.us/departments/ocs/Reporting_Child_Abuse-Neglect.html and the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund (www.ltcf.org). Several facts should be included in the report and are summarized in the box below.

The report should contain the following information, if known:

1. The name, address, age, sex and race of the child.
2. The nature, extent and cause of the child's injuries or endangered condition, including any previous known or suspected abuse to this child or the child's siblings.
3. The name and address of the child's parent(s) or other caretaker.
4. The names and ages of all other members of the child's household.
5. The name and address of the reporter.
6. An account of how this child came to the reporter's attention.
7. Any explanation of the cause of the child's injury or condition offered by the child, the caretaker, or any other person.
8. Any other information that the reporter believes might be important or relevant.

The Louisiana Code also advises that the report shall also name the person or persons who are thought to have caused or contributed to the child's condition, if known, and the report shall contain the name of such person if he is named by the child. If the initial report was in oral form by a mandatory reporter, it should be followed by a written report made within five days to the local child protection unit of the department or, if necessary, to the local law enforcement agency.

Definitions, signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect

One might ask, "how do I recognize child abuse;" and "what is considered neglect in children." The Children's Trust Fund reports that Federal law defines child abuse and neglect as, at a minimum, any recent act or failure to act:

- Resulting in imminent risk of serious harm, death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or exploitation of a child (person under the age of 18, unless the child protection law of the State in which the child resides specifies a younger age for cases not involving sexual abuse).
- By a parent or caretaker (including any employee of a residential facility or any staff person providing out of home care) who is responsible for the child's welfare.

In Louisiana, child abuse and neglect are defined (Children's Code, Title VI Child in Need of Care) as the infliction by a caretaker of physical or mental injury or the causing of the deterioration of a child including but not limited to such means as sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or the exploitation or overwork of a child to such an extent that his health, mental or emotional well-being or safety is endangered.

Furthermore, **neglect** is defined as the refusal or willful failure by a caretaker to provide for a child the proper or necessary support or medical, surgical, or other care necessary for his well-being. Child neglect is characterized by failure to provide for the child's basic needs. Examples of physical neglect include, inadequate clothing for cold weather or refusal to seek health care when a child clearly needs medical attention. Emotional neglect can occur when chronic or extreme spouse abuse occurs in the child's presence. Severe neglect often results in death, particularly in the case of very young children.

Failure to thrive is also a form of neglect that affects infants and young children. This form of neglect may occur when a child does not grow or develop during the first three years of life. It can either be caused by a child's physiological problems or it may be due to environmental problems related to nurturing and/or feeding. Infants exhibiting this type of neglect are often spastic or rigid or have extremely poor muscle tone. Behavioral signs of neglect in infants may include unresponsiveness and withdrawal. Mothers of these children may feel incompetent and unable to meet their children's needs. They may appear to have a low tolerance for irritation and seem angry and depressed.

Like neglect, **abuse** can also manifest in several forms. They include: physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. *Physical abuse* according the LA Children's code, includes any non-accidental physical injury caused by the child's caretaker.

This type of abuse occurs when an adult is frustrated or angry and strikes, shakes or throws a child. Occasionally physical abuse can be intentional, especially when a caretaker burns, bites, pokes, cuts, twists limbs or otherwise harms a child. The most common physical-abuse related death is head injuries.

Sexual abuse can entail a wide range of behavior including fondling of genitals, intercourse, rape, sodomy, exhibitionism, and commercial exploitation through prostitution or pornography. Sexual abuse may be committed by a person under the age of 18 when that person is significantly older than the victim or when the victim is in a position of authority over another child.

Emotional abuse or maltreatment includes blaming, belittling, or rejecting a child; constantly treating siblings unequally; or persistent lack of concern by a caretaker for the child's welfare. This type of abuse is most often the most difficult to recognize because the signs are rarely physical. Effects of mental injury include lags in physical development or speech and are not as obvious as bruises and lacerations. Some children exhibit behavior such as rocking motions, facial tics and odd reactions to persons in authority.

Brannon and Strother offer 9 questions to consider in recognizing child abuse or neglect.⁶

1. Has there been an extreme delay in seeking treatment?
2. Is the caretaker willing to discuss the circumstances of the injury?
3. Is the injury consistent with history given by the caretaker and or child?
4. Is the injury unusual for that child's age group or physical development?
5. Are there conflicting explanations?
6. Does the caretaker or child exhibit unusual behavior that may indicate abuse?
7. Is the present injury one of a series of repeated injuries? Is there any history or signs of previous trauma?
8. Are there any cutaneous manifestations of abuse, such as bruises in various stages of healing?
9. Is there any evidence of neglect of the child?

Previous articles on abuse and neglect have highlighted several common signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect. (See Table) It is important to note that bilateral injuries and multiple injuries are also important to observe. In addition, injuries in varied stages of health can indicate repeated trauma. For example, bruises can undergo a number of color changes before they are completely healed. Ear injuries are often considered pathognomonic. Therefore, authorities recommend taking note of bruises behind the ear. Dentists most often report contusions, abrasions, and lacerations, according to the Louisiana Office of Community Services.

Dental neglect is also important to recognize in the dental profession. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAP) definition gives guidance to dental professionals to deal with potential cases of dental neglect. The AAP defines dental neglect as the "willful failure of parent or guardian to seek and follow through with treatment necessary to ensure a level of oral health essential for adequate function and freedom from pain

and infection”.⁹ However, paying careful attention to details about emotional and socioeconomic barriers and their effects on the lives of children and caretakers need to be considered.

Signs and Symptoms of Abuse ^{6,7,8,9}

Physical abuse

Prominent areas of soft tissue:

Cheeks of the head

Face

Neck

Bilateral injuries

Lacerations

Bruising to scalp

Bite marks

Cigarette burns

Lacerations and bruises of:

Cheeks

Nose lips

Necks

Ears

Torn labial frenum

Oral mucosal burns with sloughing
of tissue

Oral – hard tissue prominence

Fractures of maxilla and mandible

Missing teeth

Sexual Abuse*

Palatal petechiae for forced fellatio

Sexually transmitted infections

*Definitive diagnosis of these conditions require
appropriate laboratory tests for confirmation

Emotional Abuse

Lags in physical development

Lags in development of speech

Rocking motions

Facial tics

Odd reactions to persons in authority

While physical abuse tends to be
episodic, neglect tends to be chronic.

— LA Children's Trust Fund

Call to Action

Today, four children will die as a result of child abuse in the United States as reported by Safe Horizon, a national coalition of child advocates. This organization urges everyone to help protect children and save lives.¹⁰

Traditionally, dental health professionals have shown a low reporting rate of child abuse and neglect. It is imperative that dentists become more aware of their moral, legal and ethical responsibilities in recognizing and reporting cases of child abuse and neglect.¹¹

Several initiatives have helped dentistry deal with child abuse and neglect. The most notable is the Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness Coalition (PANDA). PANDA was established to assist dental professionals with making critical judgment calls on abuse and neglect cases. This coalition also makes an effort to ease the uncertainty of making these judgment calls that appear so subjective and complicated by the doctor- patient relationship and family dynamics.¹²

Along with using resources like PANDA, dentists can best help protect children from maltreatment through an understanding of the child protective services process. Contact the Office of Community Services to determine your area-reporting site. Arrange continuing education courses in your district to improve your knowledge and understanding of the reporting process. Specifically in Louisiana, Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana (www.pcal.org) has been one of the leading advocacy groups that provides crisis intervention, parent training, community information and advocacy, as well as training to mandated reporters. Identify the child advocates in your community. It may also be helpful to work with the child's pediatrician when cases are suspected.

Be proactive in observing children in your practice and helping to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Louisiana.

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LDA wealth management

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The Stages of Financial Planning: Part One

Where and when should you start your financial planning efforts? At different stages of your life – planning is essential. Financially, your life can be broken down into four basic stages: The Early Starter, The Prime Timer, The Pre-retiree, and The Retiree. Let's look at the first two stages of your planning and in the next issue we will cover the last two stages.

Stage 1: The Early Starter

The Early Starters have graduated from Dental School and their adult lives have truly begun. This is the stage for starting: start a budget, start tackling debts, start saving, and start a retirement plan. The first step for an Early Starter begins with getting a handle on a budget. How much money will be coming in after taxes, and how much will be going out with monthly expenses? Then tackle the issue of debt. The Early Starters need to ensure that they are truly getting the lowest rate on any student loans, car loans, and possibly mortgages. If they have any credit card debt – they need to get the lowest possible rate and then try to pay it off. The next crucial step for the Early Starter is building a personal savings plan, trying to put away in savings three months of expenses. Then begin a retirement savings plan – either a 401(k) plan or, if no plan is available, then an Individual Retirement Account. If the Early Starter is already married and plans to have kids, this would be the time to begin looking at a 30 year fixed term life insurance policy.

Stage 2: The Prime Timer

About five years after dental school, the typical dentist is entering what I like to call their "prime time" financially. The Prime Timer should have the three to six months of expenses in savings and be ready to build financial security and net worth. During this stage is the prime time to look at four main financial areas:

Retirement: The dental practice should have a 401(k)/profit sharing plan that allows a salary deferral of up to \$15,500 for 2008 and the employer to put up to another \$30,000 in the plan for the employer contribution and profit sharing side. If this plan is not available, it is time to find out why. Keep in mind that a \$45,500 contribution per year at a 7% return for 20 years yields \$2,171,936.

Insurance: It is a good idea to look into disability insurance; the coverage should cover current monthly expenses


and be titled as an own occupation policy. A Prime Timer's health insurance policy will probably have a high deductible, which will cut down monthly premiums and enable them to take advantage of the Health Savings Account (HSA). The HSA should be funded every year up to the deductible; the funded amount can be deducted from gross income and the HSA could be used for medical expenses tax free. I also suggest having an umbrella policy for at least \$1 million and considering the addition of more life insurance to cover current family lifestyle, college expenses, and any future expenses.

Educational Planning: Now is the time to establish a 529 plan for any kids' college education expense. The 529 plan allows you to stay in control of the assets, grows tax deferred, and is taken out tax free if used for qualified educational expenses.

Wills/Trusts: Having a will in place that puts your assets in a trust for your kids, will ensure the security of your assets in the event you and your spouse should die simultaneously. The will should specify who will become guardian of the kids and the trust assets. Please note that it is always best to have some type of checks and balances in place with the trust assets. For example, if your sister is the guardian of the kids, state in the trust documents that the assets must have a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner along with an investment policy statement to help invest the assets. Maybe even indicate in the trust documents that reasonable living expenses and education expenses can come out of the trust, but anything above that needs to be approved by your spouse's trusted relative.

After these two stages, you will have built up savings, fully funded your retirement each year, and established your insurance safety nets, as well as laying the foundations for your estate and future wishes. Now it's time to enter the last two stages.

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President, Louisiana State Board of Dentistry

Being a Professional

As I draw near the end of my term as president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, I wish to express my gratitude to all of my board members and staff. We have a remarkable board and a hardworking staff. They help to maintain the public's perception of the profession. Being on the board has been an eye-opening experience for me, as well as all other board members. Many of us choose not to look at some of the transgressions of our peers, but those who are unethical bring us all down. I am going to plagiarize from an article recently drafted by two of our board members, Dr. H.O. Blackwood and Dr. Charles McCabe. It is entitled "Being a Professional."

"Thank you for coming before the board. I am Dr. _____ and wish to say a few words to you about the importance of being part of a profession. When you joined the profession of dentistry as a dentist or dental hygienist, you joined a large group of individuals who have chosen to serve the public. With your license, you are given the opportunity to have immediate trust: trust from your patients, trust in your office staff, and trust from your dental colleagues. We do not take this trust lightly and neither should you. Your behavior in the office and out of the office reflects not only on your character, but also on the character of everyone within the profession. It is said that past behavior is an indication of future behavior. Let's hope that you are the exception and have the chance to serve in our profession with pride, integrity, and an unwavering ethical foundation."

If we want to stay a profession, then we must act as a profession. If we wish to gouge the public, then we will become a trade and will lose the dignity that goes along with being called a doctor. I am proud of the title and hope you are, too.



I can't tell you how many times people complain that we are on a witch hunt or are targeting someone for some personal agenda. I assure you that we do our best to maintain integrity in our investigations and our adjudications. Recently, we had a dentist in our office testifying on behalf of another dentist who was participating in an informal conference. He let it be known that he had very little respect for our board.

He did not agree with our ways and felt that we were unethical and acting illegally. What a shame! This person fell for all of the distortions made by those who have been sanctioned by the board in the past. If any of you truly believe the board is not acting in the best interests of the public first and then the profession, we would like to hear from you. If you think we are doing a good job, we would also like to hear from you. This is a thankless job performed by our board members who give up much time, energy, and especially money to serve on this board. We are proud of our actions and feel that we have one of the best dental boards in the United States of America.

I am especially proud of our executive director, Barry Ogden. I have been to several national meetings where I have had contact with board members and executive directors of other states. Those that know Barry have all sung his praises. They all look up to him as an example to follow. We are blessed to have him as our executive director.

God bless to all.

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Ben Record Named New Director of LSU Dental Clinic in Baton Rouge

Benjamin Record, D.D.S., director of the General Practice Residency Program and assistant professor in the Department of Comprehensive Care & Biomaterials, has been named the first director of the school's 78-chair dental satellite clinic in Baton Rouge. The clinic, located on the South Campus of LSU, has served 9,365 patients since opening in the autumn of 2005.

The clinic was built in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to continue the clinical education of the dental and hygiene students. The evolution of the clinic from interim to permanent means that more services are now available to the working poor and underserved populations in the Baton Rouge area.



Dr. Record earned his D.D.S. in 2003 and received his certificate in General Practice Residency (GPR) in 2005, both from LSU.

Dental students and residents rotate through the dental clinic continuously. Pre-doctoral students provide exams, extractions, and restorative fillings. Dental hygiene students provide oral cleanings.

Residents provide implants, crowns, bridges and removable prosthetics. GPR and pediatric residents address more difficult and comprehensive cases. This includes extraction of wisdom teeth, minor oral surgery, periodontal surgery, treatment of special needs and medically compromised patients. Intravenous and moderate sedation are available for qualified patients.

A dental hygiene educational program is also in full operation. This is in response to a survey done by the Louisiana Health Care Provider Workforce Commission that identified dental hygiene as a workforce shortage area. Hygiene students receive lectures via distance learning from faculty and facilities in New Orleans. Lectures are interwoven with clinical training at the Baton Rouge clinic. A similar program exists in Lafayette.

Currently, 12 dental hygiene students are in the two-year program and the inaugural class of six will graduate in May, 2009. Carrie Mason, R.D.H., M.Ed., director of the Dental Hygiene Program, was the catalyst for establishing the program in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Record's short-term goal is to enhance the pre-doctoral and resident clinical training programs. Long term, he hopes to expand pediatric dentistry for the underserved, an effort generously supported by a gift from Proctor & Gamble of \$25,000.

In addition, he plans to launch an oral health prevention program in concert with area schools and organizations, and work with dental organizations to develop a top notch program in continuing education.

Pediatric Dentistry Department of the LSUSD Currently Accepting New Pediatric Dental Patients

The Pediatric Dentistry Department of the LSU School of Dentistry is currently accepting new pediatric dental patients. There are clinics in both New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

In New Orleans – Patients ages 13 and under are invited to dental screenings held on the first Thursday of every month in the afternoon. Screenings are at: LSU School of Dentistry, 1100 Florida Ave., New Orleans, LA, 70119.

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LSU Health Sciences Center Solidifies Reputation as Louisiana Health Care Leader with New Campaign

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The LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) launched a new advertising campaign to inform Louisianians that LSU continues to lead the health care industry in training, treatment, prevention and research.

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LSUHSC pioneered the Centers of Excellence model in Louisiana. The Centers significantly contribute to the continued growth in research productivity at the Health Sciences Center. They enable basic researchers, clinical investigators and clinicians to combine resources, creating an environment that has led to increased research success.

The LSUHSC Foundation launched a six-week campaign recognizing the significant role that LSUHSC plays in the health and well-being of Louisiana. The new campaign includes a 30-second television spot airing in New Orleans and a Web site (www.lsuhsimportantwork.com) featuring an informational video.

LSU School of Dentistry Launches Summer Academic Program for Minorities



Dr. Shawky Mohamed, professor of prosthodontics and director of the LSU TMJ Clinic, demonstrates the waxing technique for Frank Howard who was among the 15 students of the inaugural class for the Summer Enrichment Program.

In a strong sign of recovery, the LSU School of Dentistry established a new, six-week Summer Multicultural Enrichment Program with 15 students representing seven universities. The goal of the six-week academic program is to increase student diversity at the dental school and ultimately to better serve the dental needs of Louisiana's diverse population, according to Dr. John Ritchie, director of diversity and minority affairs at LSUSD.

The core of the program was 174 hours of lectures, clinics, laboratories and demonstrations in the basic sciences and clinical dentistry. Twenty-seven members of the dental school faculty provided classes in such topics as dental anatomy, operative dentistry, head and neck anatomy and oral histology. The laboratory component included making simple cavity preparations on dentiform (plastic) teeth and placing restorations (fillings). Other hands-on exercises were dental waxing and chalk carving.

There was a strong emphasis on the admissions process at LSUSD including preparation for the national Dental Admissions Test (DAT). This consisted of 11, three-hour lecture sessions and three examinations.

The 15 students came from the following universities: Xavier University, Dillard University, Southern University/New Orleans, the University of New Orleans, LSU/Baton Rouge, Southern University/Baton Rouge and the University of Arkansas/Pine Bluff.

The students were selected through a formal process that included application, personal essay, official college transcripts and letter of recommendation, all of which were presented to several members of the school's admissions committee.

Students were provided housing on the campus of the University of New Orleans, as well as a stipend for living expenses.

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DATE: October 3, 2008
COURSE TITLE: "Real World Endo"
CREDIT: 7 hours
SPONSOR: Ark La Tex Academy of Dentistry, AGD-PACE and ADA CERP approved
CONTACT: For registration details, call Dr. Clint Bruyere at (903) 753-0337 or email him at clint.bruyere@arklatexacademy.com
TIME/LOCATION: All meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. and are held at the Clarion Hotel in Shreveport, La.
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Ken Koch

DATE: October 13, 2008
COURSE TITLE: HIV Clinical Preceptorship for Dentists and Dental Professionals
CREDIT: 6.75 hours
SPONSOR: Delta Region AIDS Education and Training Center
CONTACT: For registration details, contact Danielle Pierce at 504-903-0788 or dpierce@lsuhsc.edu.
LOCATION: Delta Region AIDS Education and Training Center, LSU Health Sciences Center, 136 S. Roman St., 2nd Floor, New Orleans, LA 70112
INSTRUCTORS: Janet Leigh, BDS, DMD; Joanna Maffei, MD; Edwina McBride, RN; Jeevan Yenuganti, DDS, MPH

DATE: October 17, 2008
COURSE TITLE: "Aesthetic Periodontal Procedures"
SPONSOR: Continuing Dental Education of Baton Rouge (CDEBR), call Dr. Joey Porter at (225) 291-9900 for registration information. AGD-PACE recognized provider.
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. P.D. Miller
FEE: Free for CDEBR members, \$200 for non-members

DATE: November 14, 2008
COURSE TITLE: "Potpourri of Ideas, Techniques and Pearls"
CREDIT: 7 hours
SPONSOR: Ark La Tex Academy of Dentistry, AGD-PACE and ADA CERP approved
CONTACT: For registration details, call Dr. Clint Bruyere at (903) 753-0337 or email him at clint.bruyere@arklatexacademy.com
TIME/LOCATION: All meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. and are held at the Clarion Hotel in Shreveport, LA.
INSTRUCTORS: Dr. Jerome Smith & Dr. John Barksdale

DATE: November 21, 2008
COURSE TITLE: LDA's Last Chance Seminar: "Practically Incorporating Esthetics into a General Dental Practice"
CREDIT: 7 hours, lecture
SPONSOR: LDA, ADA CERP approved
CONTACT: For registration details, call (800) 388-6642 or (225) 926-1986 or visit the LDA Web site at www.ladental.org
LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, LA.
INSTRUCTORS: Dr. Edmond Suh, Clinical Director at the Nash Institute for Dental Learning

DATE: December 5, 2008
COURSE TITLE: "Anterior Case Planning"
DESIGNED FOR: all
CREDIT HOURS: 7, clinical
LOCATION: New Orleans, Louisiana
SPONSOR: Louisiana AGD, contact Brenda Descant at (800) 277-8356. AGD-PACE recognized provider.
INSTRUCTORS: Drs. Steve Ratcliff, Lee Ann Brady, and Gerard Chiche
FEE: \$245 for AGD members, \$325 for AGD non-members, \$90 for hygienists, \$50 for staff

DATE: January 22-24, 2009
COURSE TITLE: Southwest Dental Conference
SPONSOR: Dallas County Dental Society. ADA-CERP recognized provider. For more information or to register, go to www.swdentalconf.org or call (866) THE SWDC.

Alpine Lecture Series Mardi Gras Extravaganza, February 21-24, 2009, The Village at Squaw Valley at Lake Tahoe. Visit the LDA Web site at www.ladental.org for up-to-date information. A brochure will be mailed soon to members.

New Orleans Dental Conference and LDA Annual Session, April 2-4, 2009, Ernest Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, La. – for more information or to register, call (504) 834-6449, visit www.nodc.org, or e-mail norma@nodc.org. Registration booklets will be mailed in December and will be available to download from the LDA Web site at www.ladental.org.

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21-08	October 3 Friday	<i>ALUMNI DAY – A TRIBUTE TO F. HAROLD WIRTH, DDS</i> w/Drs. Michael Schuster , Bruce LeBlanc & Mike Robichaux at LSUSD in New Orleans, LA	DDS RDH Aux.	\$95 \$75 \$75	06 L C
23-08	October 27 – November 2 Mon – Sun.	<i>Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Review Course</i> <i>Advanced Cosmetic Maxillofacial Surgery</i> at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, New Orleans, LA	DDS	Please call C.E. office	
41-08	Oct. 31 – Nov. 1 Fri. – Sat.	<i>The Joyful Practice Series: Simplified Adhesive/Cosmetic #780</i> <i>Solutions and Lab Assisted Cosmetic Artistry</i> w/Dr. Bruce LeBlanc at LSUSD in New Orleans, LA ONE OR TWO DAY OPTION	DDS Auxiliary	\$245/\$465 \$165	14 L/P C
40-08	November 7 – 9 Fri. – Sun.	<i>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant a/k/a EDDA</i> N/A w/Nancy Weiss, RDH, EDDA, Henrietta Frederick, CDA, EDDA and B.J. Triay, EDDA at LSUSD in New Orleans, LA	Auxiliary	\$389	24 L/P C
38-08	November 7 Friday	<i>The Epidemics!</i> w/Anne N. Guignon, RDH, MPH at South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, LA	DDS RDH	\$295 \$195	07 L C
39-08	November 14	<i>Digital Dental Photography for Dental Assistants</i> w/Dr. Michael Robichaux and Dr. Harry Goza at Pleasant Hall - Main Campus of LSU, Baton Rouge, LA	Auxiliary	\$245	06 L
36-08	December 5 Friday	<i>Last Chance XI</i> w/ Drs. R. Sergent, A. Ripps, T. Spranley, and T. Cheramie at LSUSD in New Orleans, LA	DDS Hygienist Aux.	\$265 \$145 \$95	07 L C
	2009	(Please call us for added EDDA and Radiology class dates)			
03-09	January 23 – 24 Fri. – Sat.	<i>Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry – The Two Day Course #780</i> w/Dr. Jimmy Eubank Limited Attendance	DDS Lab Tech RDH/Aux.	\$2,495 \$1,249 \$395	08 L 08 P C
05-09	February 4 – 8	<i>LSU's 32nd Annual Perio Review in New Orleans</i> w/Drs. Yukna, Vastardis, Rapley, Shaklee, et alia	5-Day 3-Day	\$1,545 \$1,245	40 L/P 22L C
07-09	March 13 Friday	<i>Zirconium-Based Restorations: Clinical and Laboratory #253</i> <i>Considerations</i> w/Dr. Ariel J. Raigrodski at LSUSD, New Orleans, LA ONE OR TWO DAY OPTION	DDS Lab Tech RDH/Aux.	\$295/\$565 \$195/\$465 \$14	14 L/P
08/09	March 20 Friday	<i>The Top 100 Prescribed Medications Important to Dentistry</i> w/Pamela Sims, PhD	DDS RDH	\$265 \$165	07 L C
10-09	April 16 – 18 Thurs. – Sat.	<i>Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry – The Three-Day Course #780</i> w/Dr. Jimmy Eubank Limited Attendance	DDS Lab Tech RDH/Aux.	\$2,995 \$1,495 \$395	14 L 10 P C
11-09	April 24 Friday	<i>Crown and Bridge Temporaries in the Dental Office</i> w/Dr. Harry Goza	DDS or 1st Attendee 2nd Attendee	\$245 \$195	07 L/P C

L = Lecture P = Participation C = Clinical NC = Non-Clinical

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We're Not Happy Until You're Not Happy

Every now and then, we at the LDA Research and Development Laboratory located in Bunkie must report to our membership the results of some of our latest research. Frankly, much of what I must report is not so good.

One of our latest developments has now been officially abandoned. It seems that a research team member came up with the idea of installing a belly mower under a Hoverbat electric scooter. Our hope was for this to enable some of our elderly members, who don't get around very well, to mow their own yard. Unfortunately, battery power was not up to the task and several members who tried these were shocked when they accidentally ran over the attached extension cord. We also had one incident where someone accidentally turned their shag carpet into a Berber.

A concept we are still working on is a credit card that will totally prevent identity theft. We have actually found a way to imbed the credit card owner's DNA into the magnetic strip. However, extracting the owner's DNA has become somewhat of a painful procedure. Also, during recent trials, whenever the member is late with a payment, the bank wants additional DNA. We hope to go public with this next year but finding volunteers for additional research has been difficult.

A recent engineering feat that does hold some promise is the LDA WattMill. We have developed a windmill that generates a substantial amount of electricity utilizing the ever present wind along much of our coastline. We have found these low rpm mills to be quite efficient. At just 25 rpm, it generates enough electricity to supply 3 average houses. At 50 rpm, there is enough to power 12 homes. However, at 300 rpm, you are in a category 2 storm and should leave and go north immediately. Our 3 prototypes are still missing. A safer location with plenty of hot wind for our next trials will be at our Washington, D.C. site.

Not everything we have done so far has been a

failure. I am happy to report that at the beginning of summer, many of our southern dentist chicken farmers were complaining that it was so hot many of their chickens were laying boiled eggs. One of our researchers quickly came up with the idea of feeding these chickens crushed ice, which totally cured the problem.

The last report I have for you is actually an exciting one that our research team accidentally stumbled upon while trying to develop a simpler dental tax form. We believe we have actually found the heaviest element yet known to science. We have named this new element, Governmentium (Gv). Gv has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons.

So far we believe this element to be completely inert, but recent experimentation using money as a catalyst, Governmentium appears to transform into a new element we call Administratium. This element radiates just as much energy as Gv since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons. We have found no good use for either of these elements; however it seems to continually take up much of our time.

Our next report, to be published in about a year, should contain the results of the testing of our new combination handpiece/cellphone. Early trials so far have resulted in several pierced ears. We shall perfect this and will always remain at your service.



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