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NODA's 2011 Honor Dentist

by Kenneth G. Schott, D.D.S. - NODA Honors & Awards Committee Chair



Dr. Donald R. Toso

The New Orleans Dental Association will present the 2011 Honor Dentist Award to Dr. Donald R. Toso at the President's Installation Banquet on March 24, 2012 at Metairie Country Club. A 1966 graduate of Loyola University School of Dentistry in New Orleans, and a 1969 graduate of Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago, with a Master of Science in Oral Biology, Dr. Toso has been a member of the New Orleans Dental Association, the Louisiana Dental Association, and the American Dental Association since 1966. Dr. Toso opened his office, specializing in the Practice of Orthodontics in Metairie in 1969. He continued in that practice until Katrina moved him along in 2005. In 1975, he also began practicing in Uptown New Orleans. Dr. Toso continues in the uptown practice and has been joined by his daughter Jamie, a 2009 graduate of Louisiana State University School of Dentistry.

Jamie also completed her Orthodontic training at LSUSD, finishing in 2011. Don is the father of two other children, Don, Jr. (Navy Lieutenant) and Cee Cee, Who is married to Peter Nix.

Don is a member of Psi Omega dental fraternity.

Don's earliest involvement in organized dentistry began with NODA. From his initial post as chairman of the Membership and Orientation committee in 1972, he went on to serve in various other posts and committees including secretary, and culminating in the presidency in 1978. He served as chairman of the Honors and Awards Committee from 1989-1992.

Don also became involved early with the LDA. His first position there, as the chairman of the Council on Dental Health, began in 1973. He served in various other capacities, and on other committees, including Secretary-Treasurer from 1983-1985. He served as President of the LDA for the 1986-1987 term.

Don was also active at the ADA Level. He has served as both an alternate delegate, and delegate to the ADA House. He served as the secretary-treasurer of the 12th Trustee District from 1992-1995. He served on the ADA Council on Insurance from 1986-1991, including serving as chairman for 1990-1991. Don served as a

volunteer in 1980, 1994, and 2002 when the ADA held its Annual Session in New Orleans.

In 2009, when he was needed, and in spite of having worked in only limited capacities with the New Orleans Dental Conference through the years, Don stepped up and took the Chairmanship. He oversaw a very successful meeting in the early years of the Conference's recovery from the double hit of Hurricanes Ike and Katrina.

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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 15, 2012 ♦ 7:00pm

Southern Yacht Club
105 N. Roadway Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Dr. Marco Brindis
Assistant Professor, Prosthodontics
LSUHSC School of Dentistry

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Don is a member of the Louisiana Orthodontic Association, the Southern Association of Orthodontists, and the American Association of Orthodontics. He has served in many capacities for all three groups. He was president of the LOA in 1980-1981. He received the SAO Distinguished Service Award. One of his proudest achievements is with AAO. He was a long time member of the Insurance Committee, and was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the American Association of Orthodontists Insurance Company (a Risk Retention Group). From its early start up, AAOIC now writes 50% of the insurance for eligible practicing orthodontists throughout the

country. Don served as Chairman of the Board of AAOIC from 1995-2006.

Don served as secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Dental Political Action Committee from 1989-1996, and as a board member of the American Dental Political Action Committee from 1996-1999.

Don has served on the faculty at LSUSD since 1970. He received the rank of Clinical Professor in 1977.


Don was a 1959 graduate of De La Salle High School. He attended Loyola University of New Orleans for his pre dental studies.

Over the years, Don has been actively involved in his community. He has been an active

member of the Audubon Area Zoning Association since 1983. Over the years, he has also served on several boards and committees relating to healthcare in the Greater New Orleans Area, including the New Orleans Board of Health.

Don is a parishioner at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. He served on the Parish Council in the 90's, and continues to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. His most recent responsibility is to open the church on Monday mornings.

Once an avid tennis player, he has recently given that up, but still enjoys working out and an occasional Yoga session.



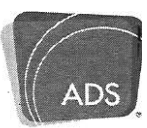
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