



The Pelican's Pouch

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Farah Speaks October 22 in Lafayette

If you want the very latest on esthetic products and procedures, don't miss this course with the man who founded *The Dental Advisor*, the "consumer reports" newsletter for dentists.

Enhance Your Practice with Esthetic Dentistry's "Best Kept Secrets" will be held on Friday, October 22, at the Hilton Hotel in Lafayette. The all-day, seven-credit course will provide reviews and clinical evaluations on ceramics and direct/indirect composites. The properties, strengths, and weaknesses of traditional cements will also be discussed, along with recommendations for new and classic products and equipment.

Dr. Farah's course outline promises a thorough discussion of traditional and adhesive resin cements that will give general dentists the knowledge to select the best product for specific clinical applications.



*John W. Farah, DDS, Ph.D.
October 22—Lafayette*

The course also offers guidelines on ways to obtain the best results with ceramic materials, and Farah will share research he's gathered on the success rates of traditional and pressable ceramics, along with fracture rates from

the past twenty-two years. He'll discuss the advantages of low-fusing ceramics, and ways to prepare the tooth to optimize the long-term success of all-ceramic restorations.

The Latest on Composites

The new nanofilled and layering composites get special attention in a segment on in-office and lab-processed composites. Farah will reveal information about debonding, fracture, and wear of laboratory composites as compared to ceramic restorations, and comparing composites such as *Sculpture*, *belleGlass*, *Texcera*, and *Sinfony*. He'll also discuss both the advantages and disadvantages of the all-purpose, microhybrid, and packable composites.

Finally, the course touches on new and classic products that will help the dental office operate smoothly and efficiently on a daily basis.

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Hovland Named AGD Weclaw Fellow

Dean Eric J. Hovland, DDS, MEd, MBA, received the Academy of General Dentistry's 2004 Thaddeus V. Weclaw Fellowship Award during the AGD's Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

The AGD selects Weclaw Fellows based on exceptional contribution to the art and science of dentistry and for promoting the Academy's principles and ideals. The award is named after the founder of the Academy.

As Dean of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, Dr. Hovland oversaw the renovation of the student clinics and faculty practice, established a state-of-the-art clinical research facility and two simulation laboratories.

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Locantro Nominations Due Oct. 15

The Sixth Annual Mark Locantro Award for Distinguished Service will be presented this coming December as the Louisiana Academy holds its annual meeting. The officers and board members of the LAGD are now inviting nominations for the award, which was created to honor dentists who exemplify a high degree of commitment to their profession and to organized dentistry.

The award was named for the late LAGD President Mark J. Locantro, DDS, FAGD, who died unexpectedly during his term in office. Past recipients include Harris Poret, DDS, MAGD; C. Palmer Jarrell, DDS, FAGD; Robert Hesse, DDS, FAGD; Henry Gremillion, DDS, MAGD; and Michael Robichaux, DDS, MAGD.

Nominees need not be dentists to be considered. The focus is on their contribution to the profession.

Members of the LAGD Executive Board are not eligible, since they serve on the committee that evaluates the nominations.

A nomination form is included on page 11 of this newsletter. It calls for a description of the nominee's service to dentistry, the Academy, and the community.

The forms must be returned no later than October 15, 2004 to be considered. Questions may be directed to LAGD President Tim Delcambre, whose contact information is included in the roster on page 2. The nomination forms should be sent, however, to the LAGD office in Baton Rouge.

The President's Message

by Timothy J. Delcambre, DDS,
MHA, MAGD, ABGD



Getting to the Next Level

In my first message to the LAGD constituency, I asked our members to support our organization by attending one, possibly two, of four major continuing education courses we present each year. For us to remain a strong and viable organization, we need your support and help in this regard. The attendance over the past year has shown a steady decline in participation by our members and the dental community in general. This has our executive board perplexed when the numbers were analyzed.

In review of our organizational purpose, the main focus for the dental community at large and our membership in particular is continuing education, which we have done very successfully for over thirty years. Besides the major continuing education courses, we sponsor smaller and shorter "supper and seminar" courses in the evening which quite a few dentists attend. Also, a MasterTrak program began some ten years ago as another continuing education venue to help the members who are Fellows to attain the ranking of Master of the Academy of General Dentistry. This program also involves the Fellows in Arkansas who also wish to work to attain the level of Master.

These courses we put on are the lifeblood of the organization. This is how we get the funds to continue serving you, the dentists of the community. The course subjects are geared to answer the needs that are told to us by means of an annual survey. In other words, you tell us what courses you want to hear and participate in and we do our best to fulfill these needs. This annual survey is included in this newsletter; please complete and return it.

I know there are many and varied continuing education courses being presented by other groups, corporations, dental schools and study clubs. We are inundated almost daily by pamphlets and brochures enticing us to attend these continuing education courses. All I ask is that when you sit down to work out your annual budget for your dental office that you allocate and budget in one or two courses offered by the LAGD. This will ensure that you, the members of the LAGD and the dental community, will receive top-notch quality education. This will also help keep the LAGD strong on a national level.

Dr. Delcambre is the former program director of the General Practice Residency at the Medical Center of Louisiana. His New Orleans practice now focuses on general dentistry and the medically complex patient.

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Fellows, Masters Honored by AGD

Eight Louisiana dentists were awarded Mastership and four became Fellows in the Academy of General Dentistry as the AGD held its annual meeting this summer.

Those receiving the Mastership award (pictured at right with colleagues from Arkansas and Alabama) were the product of the LAGD's highly successful MasterTrak series. They include T. Kirk Crane, DDS, MAGD; Carol Galliano, II, DDS, MAGD; Scott Kogler, DDS, MAGD; Samuel Moss, DDS, MAGD; John W. Portwood, Jr., DDS, MAGD; David C. Raphael, DDS, MAGD; L. King Scott, DDS, MAGD; and Daniel R. Shea, DDS, MAGD.

Those receiving the Fellowship award include William S. Darr, DDS, FAGD; Kay Jordan, DDS, FAGD; Charles C. Manuel, DDS, FAGD; and Vinh T. Nguyen, DDS, FAGD.

To date, 13,383 AGD members worldwide have earned Fellowship honors and 1,979 have earned Mastership honors.



AGD Mastership Honorees

Back row, (l-r)

Drs. Sam Moss, King Scott, Bruce Blaum (AL), Scott Kogler, Carol Galliano, John Portwood, John Cloud (AR) and Daniel Shea

Front row (l-r)

Drs. Kirk Crane, David Raphael, and Dewight Duckworth (AR)

DDS Helps Elderly, Handicapped

The Louisiana Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped runs a volunteer program for indigent handicapped people called "Donated Dental Services. The following is a message from Fred Leviton of the National FDH, thanking Louisiana dentists who participate in the program and asking for volunteers. Although we do not have space to list all of those who participated (it would run nearly four pages), The Pelican's Pouch salutes those who take part and encourages others to do the same.

The Donated Dental Services (DDS) program of the Louisiana Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped and Louisiana Dental Association is grateful for the 395 dentists and 104 laboratories that volunteer statewide. Because of their dedication, hard work and compassion, these volunteers have

contributed over \$2.8 million in services since 1987 for more than 2,900 disabled, elderly, or medically-compromised people who had no other way of getting this care.

Louisiana dentists are among 11,000 dentists and 2,700 laboratories in 34 states that will collectively donate more than \$12 million in services this year to some of their communities' most vulnerable individuals. Without their assistance, the people would have continued to suffer from seriously-neglected problems for which they had no other way of getting care.

The Academy of General Dentistry is one of thirteen national dental organizations that endorses DDS, and we salute these caring volunteers, particularly our members who so selflessly help others. Thank you for putting smiles on so many patients' faces. Please consider helping just one eld-

erly or disabled person this year. You decide who you will treat, you don't have to leave your office, you determine the treatment plan, and the patients are reliable and so grateful for the difference you make in their lives. Just call the DDS office at (504) 948-6141 for more information about volunteering, or call Dr. Tim Delcambre at (504) 895-6657.



Calling All Members

Have you sent your email address to the LAGD office?
We want to be in touch!
Contact LAGD5@aol.com
Include **your** name
in the subject line.

December 10: Esthetics for the General Dentist

If you're a general dentist who wants to increase the amount of elective dentistry you're providing to your patients, make plans to be in Baton Rouge on December 10, 2004. Dr. Gary Radz, DDS, will bring us a course called *Creating a Cosmetic Practice Within Your General Practice*. It's a full-day overview of cosmetic dental options that can help your patients achieve beautiful, healthy smiles.

From posterior direct composites to porcelain veneers, this course will discuss case selection, material choices, predictable techniques and helpful pearls of information that will empower you to add more cosmetic services to your practice. Radz will also discuss how he has marketed his general practice to create a practice that is now over 33% elective dentistry, while maintaining a steady flow of new patients.

Topics include bleaching, temporization, bonding, beautiful PFM restorations, inlays and onlays, indirect composites, porcelain veneers, and digital photography/computer imaging.



Gary Radz, DDS
December 10 in Baton Rouge

Radz is an associate instructor at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Dental Esthetics (New York) who maintains a private practice in Denver, Colorado. He also consults for several dental laboratories and dental manufacturers.

The course will be held at the Baton Rouge Radisson. For more information about Dr. Radz, see <http://garyradz.com>.

Farah

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A graduate of the University of Michigan and a practicing dentist in Ann Arbor, Dr. Farah founded *The Dental Advisor* in 1984 to report on new products, equipment, and techniques, helping dentists nationwide stay abreast of the latest developments in their profession. His presentations are based on laboratory data and clinical observations obtained from the newsletter and from his daily practice.

The editors, staff and clinical consultants (more than 250 practitioners nationwide) of *The Dental Advisor* evaluate dental products by objective clinical and laboratory research protocols. The motto of *The Dental Advisor* is "Improved Patient Care through Research." Its mission states the belief that dental professionals can improve patient care by using products and techniques that have been tested scientifically and evaluated clinically.

A registration blank is provided for your convenience in reserving your spot at the seminar. If you'd prefer, call the Louisiana Academy toll-free at 1-800-277-8356.

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by John Portwood, Jr., DDS, MS, CFP, ChFC, AAMS, MAGD



Where Do I Invest Now?

The most frequent question I am asked today is where to invest one's money given the uncertainty facing the stock market. This is a difficult question, given the overvaluation of the stock market, impending interest rate increases, increasing federal deficits, the devalued dollar against many foreign currencies, and inflationary worries. It can be a daunting task trying to figure where best to invest your money in stocks today. However, let's try to evaluate the situation to come up with some viable solutions. Remember that this article is being written at in early September. There is a lag time between when writing an article and its publication.

The stock market is currently overvalued as it relates to its historical norms. One of the most common measures of the value of a stock is its Price to Earnings (P/E) ratio. Historically (since 1925), the average P/E of the stock market is 15.4 times the trailing 12-month reported earnings. What this means is that the price of an average share of stock is historically 15.4 times the net earnings that stock generated over the preceding 12 months. Presently, the U.S. market stands at a ratio of 19.4. Therefore, stocks are expensive compared to what they normally should be. What happens in this case is that gravity begins trying to pull the market back to its norm of 15.4.

When will this occur? That is the million dollar question. The market is not simply a set of mathematical equations. It also has a personality, attitude, and an emotional quality that is representative of its investors. An example was the huge run-up in stock values in the 1990's, culminating in the 2 ½ year bear market that brought prices back toward their historical norms. What we heard from many of the financial pundits in the roaring 90's was that this increase in values was a

paradigm shift and that all the old norms should be thrown out the window. A new order was in store for investors. Time has again shown that it's not nice to fool "mother nature" and that the market does follow certain norms and rules.

Then why did we have that nice increase in value in 2003? Again, there are fluctuations in the market due to its personality. They don't always make perfect sense and are a reflection of investor attitudes at that moment. However, remember that gravity is always pulling back to the norm. Can you guess when these upward or downward movements will occur? Not with any consistency. We just know that over time they occur.

If we were to expect a company's earnings to grow at a reasonable rate of 6% per year, and if stock prices remained the same, it would take about four years for the P/E to come back to the norm. This is, of course, expecting no change in the value of the market in general. If there was a market correction of 20% then we would be there quickly. If the market again acted "irrationally" and increased in value, then it would take longer. What this means is that investors need to realize that stocks, on the average, probably will not return their historical 10% average over the next few years. Does this mean that we dump our stocks and equity mutual funds? I would suggest not doing anything so drastic. Even if stocks plod along over the next few years until the market catches up, they will still probably outperform bonds during the same period.

There are steps that we need to take in this environment. One such step is to watch costs very closely. Mutual funds over the past decade have raised their annual fees a great deal because we as consumers would pay for these increases without complaining. In a

low return environment, these costs become critical. Excessive trading will also hurt results. Look for stocks that provide a nice dividend yield. While this does not figure into the capital appreciation of a stock, it does factor into the total return that you will receive. Also look for value in what you buy. Markets work in cycles and, at this time, value stocks, based on the P/E ratio, P/sales, and P/book value, will usually win out.

Another avenue to look at would be at the international equity market. While the domestic market is at a P/E ratio of 19.4, with a dividend yield of almost 2%, Europe stands at 16.0 with a dividend yield of 3%. This is a much more appealing environment in which to invest. Emerging Third World markets are even more attractive, with a P/E of 12.7 and a dividend yield of 3%. These foreign markets are not without danger, however, and one must be very careful in investing in unfamiliar areas—but that is for another article.

Strategy: New money should go into value stocks or value mutual funds such as **RS: Partners** (800-766-3863) or **Third Avenue Value** (800-443-1021). Internationally, I would recommend 20–25% of your portfolio in an international fund such as **Fidelity Diversified International** (800-544-8544). And as always, know what you are buying.

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Locantros Celebrate Number 50

On June 26, 2004, family and friends came together at the Mid City Rock n' Bowl in New Orleans to help Mrs. Helen and Dr. Joseph S. Locantro celebrate fifty years of marriage. The party was hosted by the Locantro children and grandchildren.

Many dentists who worked with both Helen and Joe through the years attended the party: Dr. Harris Poret brought his bride Josie. Dr. Robert Hesse attended with his son John and two grandchildren. Dr. Charles Foy brought his wife Ann and their three children.

Dr. Joe and Helen were married on June 26, 1954 while Joe was completing his residency at the Public Health Hospital on Staten Island, New York. Helen, who had grown up in New York, was his dental assistant.

By the 1960's, they were back in Joe's home town of New Orleans. Dr. Joe joined in a study group that included Drs. Ed Cohen, Joe Tusa, and Harris Poret. In the 1970s, that group decided to reconstitute the Louisiana constituent of the AGD. Joe served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years, and Helen was hired to assist him. After Dr. Locantro retired in 1983, Helen took over his LAGD work and became Executive Director, playing an instrumental role in the growth and professionalism of the organization. Helen retired in December, 2000.



Helen & Dr. Joe Locantro with Josie and Dr. Harris Poret



*left: cuttin' quite a picture
below: looking back 50 years*



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*Katie, Laura, Liana, Kristin, Magan and
Tara Locantro, children of Rhonda and
the late Dr. Mark Locantro*



Hovland

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Dr. Hovland is a past president of the American Association of Endodontists. He is a member of several dental associations and societies and has served as chair of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. As an active member of the American Dental Education Association Council of Deans, he has served as chair of the Legislative Advisory Committee and member of the Council's Administration Board. He was elected president-elect of the American Dental Education Association this past March, and he serves on the Board of the Louisiana Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr. Hovland obtained his DDS from the University of Maryland in 1972. He received his certificate in



*Dean Eric Hovland receives Weclaw Award from outgoing
AGD President John D. Chandler, DDS, MAGD*

general practice residency in the U.S. Air Force. He obtained a certificate in endodontics from the Medical College of Virginia and his Master of Education in Adult Education from Virginia

Commonwealth University.

Dr. Hovland earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Loyola College in Baltimore in 1980.

Root Tips

by Lisa P. Germain, DDS, MScD



Apex Locators: Are We There Yet?

Dear Dr. Lisa,
Sometimes my apex locator works great, and sometimes it seems to go haywire. How can I get it to function consistently?

An accurate working length is essential to successful endodontics. There are many theories as to where the actual "apical terminus" is located. Some theorize that a working length should be on the average of 1 mm short of the radiographic apex. Others insist that utilizing the radiographic apex as a reference point is the only way to ensure that the entire length of the root canal is cleaned and shaped. Electronic apex locators detect the apical constriction which is unique in every situation—and thus more accurate than averages or radiographic estimations. But precise, consistent performance of the electronic apex locator is crucial if it is being used as a primary source of length determination. In addition, there is nothing more frustrating when it doesn't seem to want to cooperate.

So, before you SHOOT your apex locator, here are some tips on how to TROUBLESHOOT the most common problems.

Erroneous Short Length

It is most commonly recommended that a length should be taken prior to instrumentation. I have found, however, that if I pre-flare the coronal and middle thirds of the canal prior to utilizing the apex locator, my "scout" file will pass to the apical third without interference. Mid-root constrictions and debris can be "read" as the apex, and an erroneously short length will register. Another way to prevent a false "short" length is to make sure you have established patency. Patency is a vital step in cleaning and shaping a root canal system. By establishing that the apical terminus is open, you can prevent blocking and ledging during your

cleaning and shaping stages of therapy. During the length measurement, the file should be advanced until you gently slip past the apical terminus, then pull back slightly until the meter indicates that you are at the apical constriction. This will give you the most accurate reading.

Erroneous Long Length

If the machine displays an instant reading even when the file is at the coronal third of the canal, the most probable cause is leakage of electrical current into the soft tissue or onto an adjacent metal restoration. The most common situations where this occurs is in a tooth with an amalgam, gold restoration, crown, or a communication with the oral cavity through a Class II carious lesion. It is imperative to maintain a dry field and avoid contact with any conductive material. The canal can be wet, but the pulp chamber floor and the coronal portion of the canal must be dry. Metal restorations in adjacent teeth and contact with a rubber dam clamp can cause this inaccuracy as well.

No Reading or Erratic Reading

When using an apex locator, it is important to remember that you are sending an electrical signal through the patient. An interruption in this electrical circuit is the most common cause of inconsistent readings. There are four things to consider when this occurs. First, check to make sure that there is no excessive wear in the cables. If there has been any disintegration of the electrical wire, these should be replaced. Second, make sure that the file size is adequate to contact the root canal wall at the apical constriction. If you get an erratic reading try a larger file. If the tooth has an open apex, increase the file size sequentially until a stable reading is obtained. Third, check the contact between the file and the file holder. Make sure it is attached to a smooth

surface of the file and not on a cutting edge or the rubber stop. Fourth, check to make sure that the mucosa is moistened prior to placement of the lip clip (the contrary electrode). A dry environment can cause an incomplete electrical circuit of the apex locator.

Inaccurate Reading

Always make sure that the machine is turned on prior to attaching the file to the file holder and prior to placement of the lip clip. This will ensure that the machine is accurately calibrated. In addition, it may be necessary to recalibrate the machine between readings in multi-canal teeth. This can be accomplished by turning off the machine and restarting it properly prior to measurement of each canal.

Check the batteries on a regular basis and replace them when they are low. Even if they register at the half-way mark, replace them. An accurate reading can not be insured without full power to the unit.

Make sure that you read the manual for proper cleaning and maintenance of your particular apex locator. Harsh chemicals, abrasives, and excessive heat can damage many of the components of these machines. Each manufacturer will specify how to care for their product.

I hope this is helpful. When an apex locator works well, it can be an important adjunct to excellence in endodontics.

If you have any questions about endodontics, send me an email at roots@bellsouth.net. I will do my best to answer them.

Dr. Lisa Germain is an endodontist practicing in New Orleans and a frequent contributor to The Pelican's Pouch.

Practical Periodontics

by Steven J. Spindler, DDS



Periodontal Management of the Pregnant Patient

By now you have probably read something about periodontitis being a concern for pregnant patients. The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) has done much to get this message to the general public. News releases have been issued, journal articles have been written and media outlets have responded with stories about this important subject. Additionally, in the March 2004 *Journal of Periodontology* (J. Periodontol. 2004;75:495) The AAP issued a statement regarding the periodontal management of the pregnant patient. A review of this statement can help all of us render care to women in this point in their lives.

There is a growing body of evidence that suggests that women with periodontal disease are at greater risk of delivering pre-term or low birth weight babies (PTLBWB). In fact, researchers have suspected that periodontal disease is harmful to the developing fetus since the early 1930's. Other factors which also are associated with an increased risk for PTLBWB are smoking, alcohol use, poor diet, frequent genitourinary infections and stress.

Women with untreated periodontitis who are pregnant often display more gingival inflammation and are at greater risk for losing periodontal support. Unfortunately, treatment options are often limited due to the risk to the developing fetus. The timing of services is usually constrained to a small window of time, and often medications usually employed in treating periodontitis cannot be used. The AAP's statement makes some broad recommendations which will benefit the pregnant mother and her unborn fetus.

Education is Key

Counseling all women of child bearing years would be helpful. They should be educated about periodontitis as well as the risk the disease poses to

a fetus. Women should be instructed in all facets of preventive care with an emphasis on oral hygiene. They should be encouraged to achieve plaque control proficiency before becoming pregnant. Additionally, active periodontal cases should be treated prior to pregnancy.

In many instances the clinician will not have the opportunity to accomplish disease control and prevention counseling prior to the pregnancy. In this case, the preventive care should be instituted as early as possible in the pregnancy. When scaling, root planing or even surgery is indicated, the early part of the second trimester is the preferred time frame. Finally, interventive therapy is occasionally needed during other periods of the pregnancy for the treatment of active infection, abscess or other disseminating sources of sepsis. Consultation with the patient's physician is always encouraged.

The AAP statement outlines five diagnostic and treatment considerations for the pregnant mother.

1. Diagnosis and evaluation of the patient's periodontal condition and medical status.

2. Education of the patient regarding the possible impact of periodontal infection on pregnancy outcomes and periodontal prevention and treatment options.

3. Consideration of consultations with the patient's healthcare professional:

a) to ascertain whether other risk factors such as gestational diabetes or high blood pressure are present; and

b) to advise that professional of the periodontal status of the patient and any proposed treatment.

4. Consideration of the gestational period, status of pregnancy, and concomitant risk factors for periodontitis

that may influence pregnancy outcomes.

5. Periodontal therapy and patient motivation to establish and maintain periodontal health."

The Bottom Line

A patient's overall health requires the successful management of all potential concerns. Since periodontal health is one facet of the patients overall condition, the prevention and treatment of periodontal disease is essential. Evaluating, diagnosing and treating women before and early in their pregnancies will help you to provide a valuable service for the mother and their developing baby.

Periodontist Steve Spindler, DDS has an office in Metairie, Louisiana, where he is in practice with his wife, periodontist Aymee Costales-Spindler, DDS



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Photocopies acceptable. Please complete and forward the form, together with any supporting information, to

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9069 Siegen Lane, Baton Rouge LA 70810
Deadline for Submissions: October 15, 2004

Nominee's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

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Telephone _____ AGD Member Y N

(Nominees need not be members of the AGD. Non-dentists are also eligible.)

Nominee's service to the dental profession _____

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1. Are you interested in earning the Fellowship and/or Mastership award? Yes No Undecided
 If you are a Fellow, please check here ____ If you are a Master, please check here ____

2. In order to present continuing education that meets your needs, we need to know what topics interest you and meet your personal CE goals. To help us determine what disciplines should be addressed in the next several years, please rate the following by circling your level of interest. (1=very interested, 2= somewhat interested, 3=not interested).

Occlusion/TMD	1	2	3	Oral Diagnosis	1	2	3
Posterior Adhesive Dentistry	1	2	3	Practice Management	1	2	3
Periodontics	1	2	3	Personal Finance	1	2	3
Fixed Prosthodontics	1	2	3	Implants	1	2	3
Removable Prosthodontics	1	2	3	Cosmetic Dentistry	1	2	3
Endodontics	1	2	3	Forensics	1	2	3
Oral Surgery	1	2	3	Other (please indicate) _____			
Orthodontics	1	2	3	_____			
Pediatric Dentistry	1	2	3				

3. What is your preference level on each of the following course types (1=very interested, 2=somewhat interested, 3=not interested)

All-day lecture	1	2	3
Two-day lecture/participation	1	2	3
MasterTrak	1	2	3
SAupper & Seminar	1	2	3
Multi-day resort course	1	2	3

4. White day of the week is your preference for CE short courses (Supper & Seminar)

Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday ____ Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday ____

5. Please indicate which three cities you prefer as CE course locations. (Mark your preference with a 1, 2, or 3)

New Orleans ____ Baton Rouge ____ Lafayette ____ Lake Charles ____ Alexandria ____ Shreveport ____

6. Are you a member of the Louisiana Academy of General Dentistry? Yes No

7. Do you feel you receive a good value for your membership? Yes No

How can we increase the value of your AGD membership? _____

8. Are there any particular topics or articles you would like to see in the award-winning *Pelican's Pouch*? _____

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