We have much to be thankful for since our last newsletter eight months ago. The following is a summary of the messages in this letter.

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Pearls II Course and Banquet were a huge success as we celebrated the one million dollar JK OMS Foundation mark in April at the New Orleans Marriott. Four more LSU OMS graduates hit the roads of practice or fellowship in June. The Earl K. Long Hospital (EKL) closed April 15 and the EKL OMS clinic tripled in size because of a move to be part of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center (OLOL). Our new chairman, Dan Spagnoli, has moved the department forward at lightning speed with the addition of several new faculty. We want to welcome Tony Indovina to the board of directors.

Please make your reservation to attend the LSU OMS alumni dinner at the AAOMS meeting in Orlando, Thursday, October 10. Rigo Cornejo, your vice president, has prepared a wonderful banquet and entertaining evening for us at Casa Feliz Historic Home Museum. **Please see the dinner reservation form on the back page of this newsletter.**

Tooley Towns, DDS
President, JK OMS Foundation
ANNOUNCEMENTS – The 40th Annual Review Course in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and 23rd Annual Advanced Cosmetic Course in Maxillofacial Surgery will be held at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, September 22-29, 2013. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Pearls III course is April 11-12 at the JW Marriott Hotel. Dan Spagnoli has put together a fabulous program on Full Arch Dental Implants and Virtual Surgery for Orthognathic, TMJ, and other Reconstruction and Yes, that is also the weekend again of the French Quarter Fest. Remember, all JKOMSF donors are entitled to a reduction of registration fees at any course based on your donor level.

Look forward to seeing all of you, Jack.

John N. Kent, DDS, FACD, FICD
LSU Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Message from the LSU OMS Chairman

Dear alumni and friends of LSUHSC New Orleans Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery,

Our departmental goal since November has been to stabilize and expand our dental school and hospital relationships while revising our academic program and balancing the scope of training.

Our academic philosophy is to reemphasize core OMS while expanding our scope of advanced and specialized procedures. We have changed the academic program such that now we have an academic day the second Tuesday of each month. We initiate the day with assigned textbook chapters and a review of the subject matter, a variety of other lectures and a lab experience through the day, and then we finish with a Pathology CPC. We have a second CPC on the fourth Tuesday of the month, and we continue to have a case conference every Monday morning. We have completed three supplementary boot camps on Saturdays, including anesthesia, trauma, and implant treatment planning. All alumni and friends of the department are welcome to attend all of our academic day’s seminars and events. We increased our exposure to pediatric OMS by initiating a new pediatrics rotation at Children’s Hospital in March. Currently we have clinic services at Children’s every Thursday morning and we have surgery there at least one day a week. Our cases range from wisdom teeth extractions to more complex pathology.

The statewide transition to public private hospital relationships has occurred and will render many positive benefits to health care and resident education. Our program in Baton Rouge has undergone a substantial change. We have transitioned from the Earl K. Long-based program to a new affiliation with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and its LSU Surgery Center on Perkins Road. The rotation now will be a full-scope service with a balance of trauma, pathology, orthognathic, TMJ, dental implants, and dental alveolar/anesthesia.

In New Orleans the new hospital and clinic constructions are well underway and the reality of moving into them in 2015 appears feasible. We have a new CEO at University Hospital and her vision includes making this a site for very sophisticated health care. She understands and appreciates the role of OMS within the center and is supportive of our program. We have ongoing meetings to refine program initiatives including a hospital-based implant center, a sleep apnea center, and our center for advanced facial reconstruction.

The dental school program has not been maximized in the past and we are making significant changes there. We will have additional faculty and two residents per day at the school. We have initiated a multidisciplinary implant conference on Mondays and hope to develop a multidisciplinary implant center within the year. We have reorganized our faculty to improve the organization or our department. Dr Perenack is our program director and oversees our facial esthetic surgery program. Dr Welch is coordinating the program at University Hospital, Dr. Kent is coordinating the program at OLOL, Dr Kent III is coordinating our program at the dental school, and I am coordinating the program at Children’s Hospital.

We have fortified our program with the addition of new faculty. Dr. B.J. Kim will be coordinating our program in pathology, and facial reconstruction in New Orleans, and Dr. Waleed Zaid will have the same role in Baton Rouge. Both B.J. and Waleed have completed fellowship training in oncology and microvascular surgery. Dr John Neary will start in New Orleans

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Eric T. Geist, DDS
Secretary Treasurer,
JK OMS Foundation

From the JK OMS Foundation
Secretary Treasurer

October 10: Meeting in Orlando

This year’s alumni dinner will be held at Casa Feliz Historic Home Museum in Winter Park, Florida on October 10, 2013. **RSVP deadline for the dinner is October 5th.**

The event will be catered by Arthur’s Creative Events and Catering. The buffet menu will include shrimp and grits, a pumpkin cashew curry station and a salad station. The cocktail buffet features beef tenderloin kabobs, orange ginger salmon, artisan breads, Thai summer rolls and an antipasto display. The dessert presentation includes decadent dessert shots and Columbian coffee. The buffet and full bar are inclusive of the $95 price per person. Our reservations accommodate 70 persons, so please fill out your attendance form below at your earliest convenience.

Casa Feliz Historic Home Museum is located at 656 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, Florida. It’s about a 25-minute drive from the AAOMS meeting hotels. A taxi or rental car is recommended. Also there are local shops in Winter Park that attendees may want to visit before dinner.

LSU OMS Alumni Dinner Attendance Form

I will be attending the LSU OMS Alumni Dinner on October 10th at Casa Feliz.

Please print full name

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Please mail this completed form with your payment for $95 per person on or before October 5th to: Michele Jacobs-Holmes, LSUSD OMS Box 220, 1100 Florida Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119.