



Jack Kent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation

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Message from Your Alumni Association President

LSU Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Alumni Association Update (LSU OMSAA)

Several years ago the LSU OMSAA had a slow beginning in Seattle. It then picked up some steam when we met in San Diego.

We now hope to establish a renewed interest in the LSU OMSAA and through this develop educational and social programs in New Orleans that would allow residents to return to their roots, the birthplace of their careers. We hope to reestablish old friendships and establish new friendships with other alumni of different eras who share a common work ethic and education. It is a shame a program as large as ours has not been more cohesive but I realize that people come from all over the country to train at LSU and then leave to return to where they came from, some of the ties are easily lost and it is difficult to pick it up after years of neglect. The Jack Kent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation (JK OMS Foundation) may be a galvanizing organization to bring us together. We all know what LSU has meant to us and LSU is synonymous with Jack Kent.

I hope that each and every one of the LSU OMS alumni will take this opportunity to support the program that has given them a more than respectable career. I realize that all organizations now are putting the pressure on each of us to give. But I can think of no better way of creating a legacy that actually means something to each and every one of us than to contribute to the JK OMS Foundation to help perpetuate one of the finest oral and maxillofacial surgery programs that has been around and continues to perform at the same level. Anyone who wishes to become actively involved in either the alumni association or the foundation please contact either myself, Eric Geist or Jack Kent.

We really need to have some active participation across the board including residents from as early as the '70's through current residents who have yet to finish the program. Other programs have well-established alumni associations that get together, reestablish friendships and provide worthwhile educational opportunities that would actually enhance the private practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery in your community. Learning did not stop when you left New Orleans and I can think of no better way than to perpetuate this by participation in the LSU OMSAA and contributing to the JK OMS Foundation.

I know that I have been saying that our website will be up and running soon. This will actually become a reality this July. On the website we hope to have a number of sections devoted to things we think are important to all alumni. Department news, LSUSD news, alumni news, educational opportunities for CE, and a password protected data base which can be accessed by every alumnus to keep their contact information current and accurate. This would be a tool for individuals to post their own personal and professional achievements that they may wish to share with their fellow alumni.

Please consider active participation in the alumni association. Take a stand and make a difference in the future of our program and, most importantly, our future of soon-to-be colleagues. We had the opportunity to share in something unique in New Orleans and now have the opportunity to pass this on to future generations of surgeons.

One final note. The American Association Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery meeting this fall is in Chicago. Herb Stith has secured the Union League Club of Chicago at 65 West Jackson for our alumni dinner. This is a Thursday night activity, September 30, 2010. I know all of you will want to attend, celebrate and renew old friendships. There will be more details later this summer.

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New Presidential Appointment

Please welcome newly appointed President of the JK OMS Foundation, **Tooley Towns, DDS**. Following Misiek's term, Towns will begin his endeavors to fulfill the mission of the foundation on July 1, 2010.

The Purpose of the JK OMS Foundation

Our Past

Base salaries for our faculty were nearly 100% hard state lines and 50-75% of a starting salary in private practice. There were six full-time faculty lines and sufficient time for research.

LSU OMS residents who trained prior to 1987 generously contributed \$600,000 over a four-year period to gain \$400,000 in matching state funds to form the James R. Peltier Chair. Over the years monies from this chair 1) funded most of our department research, 2) allowed faculty and residents to attend OMS meetings and present papers and 3) provided small contributions to faculty salaries when state portions of these salaries were taken from us. Much of the residency program, as many of you experienced, would not have occurred with out the Peltier Chair. 70% of the Peltier Chair donations ranged from \$5,000 to \$25,000, and \$10,000 donations were common.

That was 22 years ago.

Our Present

1. Over the past 22 years LSU funding through the state has substantially decreased. Our faculty base salary is primarily from hospital income and not hard state pay lines.
2. The base pay of full-time faculty is 30% or less than many of our recent resident's starting pay in private practice. That percentage decreases dramatically by the end of three years. Part-time faculty pay lines are almost unchanged since 1987.
3. During the past five years, several exceptional OMS, who wanted an academic career, were interviewed for our two vacant positions. They all declined and found opportunities in other institutions

- or private practice because of the low salary structure.
4. With a skeleton staff, there is little or no time for faculty research.
5. Our faculty practice site at the school was lost with Katrina. There are plans for rebuilding by FEMA, but who knows when or what the final product will be.
6. Industry, mainly bone plate companies, use to donate significant funds annually for the sole purpose of resident education and travel. That source no longer exists as federal ethic laws prohibit these contributions.

Our Future

The LSU OMS Alumni Association, through the efforts of a core group of concerned alumni, has formed the JK OMS Foundation for the purpose of supporting the teaching, research and service goals of the LSU OMS department in New Orleans. The Foundation is a 501 C (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. Now is the opportunity for all LSU OMS graduates to give a small fraction of their practice earning back to the site of their training. It is so true that all of us are forever appreciative of the opportunity to enjoy our profession and its financial rewards. I sincerely hope your appreciation can be expressed with a worthwhile contribution to the training program and the current and future residents in training. I know our residents want to experience the educational opportunities during training that you enjoyed. When they finish, they hope that this training will enable them to realize the satisfaction of professional and financial rewards that you have realized.

—JNK

How the JK OMS Foundation Works

1. A steering committee of your fellow graduates has been formed to assist in the board of directors fund raising campaign.
2. The campaign goal of the JK OMS Foundation is \$3.2 million for the next 4 years.
3. Your contributions may be designated to one or both funds –
 - (A) the **Foundation Fund** or (B) the **Chair Fund**.
 - (A) **Foundation Fund:** Monies contributed to the Foundation Fund are invested and controlled outside of the LSUHSC. Our goal is \$2 million. These monies will be used to support the training program at the complete discretion of the JK OMS Foundation.
 - (B) **Chair Fund:** Monies contributed to the Chair Fund will be sent to an LSUHSC Account so that a Chair application to the state can be made. A 40% contribution from the state will take our goal of \$1.2 million to \$2 million. These monies would be controlled by the department through the dental school.
4. The primary focus of the JK OMS Foundation is to have

- LSU graduates complete a pledge. We encourage all to make an initial sizable contribution this year. \$10,000 contributions, for example, have already been received. This is one third-molar case every other month.
5. A secondary focus is for all of us to realize and seek out those friends, former patients, and others who may wish to donate large sums. This is why we have created two Funds within the JK OMS Foundation . Many of these donors would like their philanthropy associated with LSU, and we can give them this opportunity. There are also donors who might like to have the greater autonomy in monies controlled outside the school. These persons are out there. Please give thought to this part of the campaign.
6. I realize there are other OMS fund raising campaigns such as AAOMS Foundation, REAP, Walker, LSUSD Committee of 100 and others. These are all worthwhile and deserving campaigns, but let's face it, the JK OMS Foundation should be the heart and soul of all LSU OMS Trainees —JNK

Special Thanks to Campaign Donors to-Date

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John Provenzano (1990) ♣

Platinum\$50,000-\$99,999

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Wes Emison (1983) ♣
Eric Geist (1984) ♣
Lester Machado (1987) ♣

Silver\$10,000-\$24,999

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Message from the Old Chief

Dear LSU OMS Trainees, Faculty, and Friends,

This is our first JK OMS Foundation newsletter. I want to thank Randy Wilk and Dale Misiek for the past alumni association newsletters and to Dale for getting the LSU OMS Alumni Association moving forward the past few years. Please join me in congratulating Eric Geist, Dale and the Board of Directors of the JK OMS Foundation for the formation of the foundation and initial drive this past October. We are off and running and the four-year goal of raising \$3.2 million seems lofty, but I know it is attainable when you consider the economic success LSU OMS trainees enjoy and the number of alumni, friends and faculty. Pledges and checks are coming in at a decent rate. In this letter we have listed those who have generously committed now and in the future. Thank you. To everyone, please fill out a pledge card if not already done. As Dale Misiek explained, "You can make your own schedule for payments and increase or decrease your pledge as circumstances permit, but please make the pledge." I know you will sleep better!!

Please welcome Tooley Towns as President of the JK OMS Foundation and member of the foundation board. Tooley is retired from active practice but very much apart of the departments teaching program in Baton Rouge. I know all of you remember his dedication to the program. He is generously committing his time as he has done for nearly 40 years. Tooley is a 1972 LSU OMS graduate and past presidents of Louisiana Society of OMS and the Baton Rouge Dental Association. He is was also Chief of OMS at

Our Lady of the Lake and Baton Rouge General Hospitals. Many of you remember our administrative Assistant, Denise St. Claire who served me very well for 20 years until Katrina. She is moving back to Louisiana and will provide support to the Association and Foundation.

My colleagues, the department wishes to set up a continuing education day in 2011 which I hope will grow in the years to come. At first I thought it would be good to have it on "Prom day" with the finishing residents on the 3rd Friday of June. However that is such an income producing day that it was quickly abandoned. On the form below, we would like input from each and every one of you as to when you would like to return to New Orleans for a C E day and good time to visit with the guys you trained with and meet other alumni and trainees.

My very best to you and your family,
Jack

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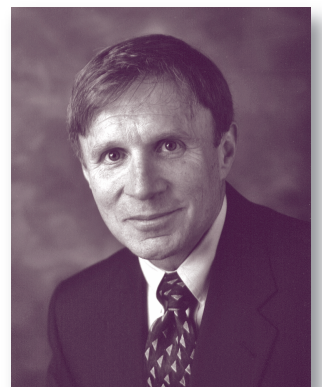
Message from JK OMS Foundation Secretary Treasurer

It is hard to imagine that it has been two years since Dr. Kent stepped down as Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at LSU. All of us, including alumni, colleagues, patients and friends, are keenly aware of what he and all of the full and part-time faculty over the past 37 years have been able to accomplish on our behalf. Clearly, the bar has been set high. In order to maintain and provide for the future status of our training program, which has equipped us so well for success, adequate resources for faculty development and resident training are essential. State funding has been drastically reduced, along with other outside funding sources, making faculty development and retention difficult to say the least. Obviously, resident education and training will closely follow suit. It is for this purpose and the desire to thank and honor Dr. Kent and the entire LSUOMS faculty, that we have established the Jack Kent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation. Fundraising is always a difficult task. Having been involved in it for many years and at many different levels, I have heard just about every excuse imaginable. However, I really can't imagine a legitimate excuse for not giving something back to the program, faculty and chairman that have enabled us to enjoy professional

and economic success well beyond that of the majority of our peers.

Fundraising officially began in November of 2009 and the response has been enthusiastic for the most part. We were also fortunate to receive the balance of the funds donated to the LSUOMS program following Hurricane Katrina from the AAOMS. Our current balance stands at \$441,952.41, We sincerely hope that you will join the individuals listed here in supporting our efforts to pay tribute to Dr. Kent and his faculty, as well as to help ensure the future of our program and our specialty.

Sincerely,
Eric T Geist, DDS
Secretary/Treasurer JK OMS Foundation



Annual LSU OMS Alumni Meeting with Continuing Education

Please print full name

Work Street Address

Home Street Address

City

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Preferred month and dates for CE course

Additional activities:

Golf Mardi Gras Jazz Fest _____

Meeting location preference:

medical center dental school N.O. hotel _____

one day day and half two days

Topic/speaker suggestions:

Will you be attending the annual AAOMS meeting and alumni dinner
in Chicago on September 30, 2010? YES NO

Please return this form to Anna Barré, LSUSD OMS Box 220, 1100 Florida Ave., New Orleans, LA 70119 or abarre@lsuhsc.edu.