

The Tradition Continues

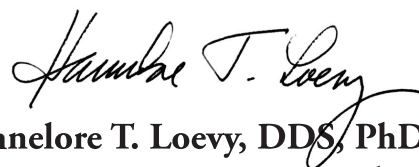
Welcome to a new issue of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*. As you know from Dr. Adair's editorial in *Pediatric Dentistry*, the *Journal* has a new editor. I started reading the *Journal* when I opened my first office in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The *Journal* was always a major leading publication in the field and a great source of information.

Over the years, several outstanding editors have been working to improve the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* including my former boss, Dr. George Teuscher. The *Journal* reflected the growth of pediatric dentistry and the many areas of activity affecting the treatment of children and public health. The *Journal* changed size, improved the quality of printing and design, and also reported the changes in medical treatment of children in public health. The editors and referees have given a great deal of time and effort in order to develop better understanding of patients and their quality of life. It never occurred to me that one day it would be my turn to follow the tradition, and I am very honored for this special opportunity.

The *Journal* will continue to be a refereed publication, and soon it will become available on-line. It will be a conve-

nient way to keep up to date with the advancements in our area. Please continue to refer to the *Instructions to Authors* (available at www.aapd.org, under "AAPD Journals") and continue to send your manuscripts, whether they be short or long. In the process of sharing our findings, we will better serve our patients by learning new methods and improved procedures in patient welfare.

I would like to thank the many people willing to help referee articles in the past, and I hope I will be able to call on them and their experience in the future. The process of developing the *Journal* takes research, time, and patience, and I greatly appreciate the contributed articles. I am proud to have the honor to follow Dr. Paul Casamassimo, but it will not be easy. I have worked with him in the past and know of his leadership and the excellence of his work. I am thankful to him for his willingness to share his knowledge of dentistry. I also want to thank Dr. Rebecca Slayton for the many issues of the *Journal* she has edited in the past years helping to make the *Journal* what it is today. It is a leading publication in the field publishing work by knowledgeable and well-known authors. I hope I will be able to continue the tradition.



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