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# Chronology of

# RALPH J. MARTIN, D.C., N.D., PH.C.

1904: **Ralph J. Martin** is born in Lamar CO, raised on ranch in southern CO, attends McPherson College in McPherson KS during 1919-23; develops typhoid fever before college, success from Nellie M. Dietrich DC (This, 1951)

1932: John Hurley DC & Helen Sanders DC, PhC at 414 E 11th St, LA author Aquarian Age Healing, Book One, Hurley and Sanders were husband & wife (Nelson, 1991); from Aquarian Age Healing will be derived Neurovascular Dynamics (NVD) by Terrence J. Bennett DC, ND (Nelson, 1991) and Logan Basic Technique by Hugh B Logan DC; Ralph J Martin DC, future president of SCCC/LACC, will become an NVD enthusiast; Sanders will later become president and owner of HCC (see Yearbook, 1955)

#### 1935 (Fall): according to Martin (1986):

In the Fall of 1935 I spent several weeks in Denver, Colorado lecturing for my brother, Miles Martin, who was holding classes in the Brown Palace Hotel on Position Technic. As the work progressed, I realized more and more that I needed professional education. Having time on my hands, I began attending classes at the University of Natural Healing Arts, just a block down the street on Glenarm. I found that I liked very much what I heard there, and this was the beginning of my commitment to chiropractic.

1936 (Sept): Ralph J. Martin enrolls at the College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons (Martin, 1986)



Ralph J. Martin's Ph.C. diploma, dated December 23, 1938

1938-39 class **photo** of **SCCC** lists 22 graduates including one black and 7 females; **Ralph J. Martin** among the graduates -officers include:

\*Clifford B. Eacrett DC ND, President (replacing RC Bertheau DC, ND; see also 6/22/38)

-new administration and trustees include:

- -\*Otis M McMurtrey DC, ND, Chairman, Board of Directors
- -\*Wolf Adler DC, ND, Dean
- -RC Howe AB, DC, ND, Sec'y-Treasurer
- -\*FD Schuman, Manager
- -\*LE Montenegro DC, ND, Director of Clinics faculty are:
- -Claude F. Gillett DC (brother of Clyde?)

- -Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC
- -Ralph D. Hoard DO
  - -\*Lee H Norcross DC, ND (formerly at LACC and one time member of CA BCE)
  - -\*Henry A. Stevens DO
- -\*Edmund Marineau DC, ND
- -\*Nathan Mehnick DC
- 1939 (Feb 12): **Ralph J. Martin** DC is licensed to practice in California (Martin, 1986)
- 1940: photo shows 15 graduates at SCCC (LACC Registrar's Archives); Lee H Norcross DC, ND becomes new Director of Clinics; \*Norman K Lovas DC and \*Ralph J. Martin DC, PhC have joined the faculty; other faculty are:
- -Claude F. Gillett DC
- -Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC
- -Ralph D. Hoard DO
- -Henry A. Stevens DO
- -Edmund Marineau DC, ND
- -Nathan Mehnick DC
- 1941: **photo** indicates (LACC Registrar's Archives) **SCCC** <u>administration</u> includes:
- -Clifford B. Eacrett DC, ND, President
- -Otis M McMurtrey DC, ND, Vice-President
- -Wolf Adler ND, PhC, LLB, DC, Dean
- -FD Schuman, Manager
- -EP **Webb** ND, DC **Director of Clinics** (formerly **SCCC** Chairman of the Board in 1934-35; see also Dishman, 1991, who recalls learning foot manipulation from **Webb**)

## faculty are:

- -Lee H. Norcross DC, ND (Faculty)
- -Claude F. Gillett DC, ND, DO
- -Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC
- -Ralph D. Hoard DO
- -Norman K. Lovas DC, ND
- -Ralph J. Martin ND, DC, PhC
- -\*Patrick Lackey ND, DC
- -\*George H. Haynes, ND, PhC, AB, DC
- -\*RE Dole (First Aid)
- 1942 (Jan 12): letter from manager of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Burbank inquires of the "Southern California College of Naturopathy" about employment record of Ralph Joseph Martin, who claims to have been naturopathic instructor until November, 1940 (LACC Registrar's Archives)

# 1942: according to Martin (1986):

In 1942 the **CMA** launched an initiative bill to put DCs out of business by requiring all health licentiates to take the same Basic Science Board. It was a good idea, but the bill was written in such a way that the examiners could know which profession the applicants for examination are expected to practice in. This made it possible to find ways to flunk all chiropractic applicants. This infuriated all DCs throughout the whole state, and a statewide organization was formed to fight the measure. Dr. Dan Nash was appointed State Campaign Director, and it soon became obvious that he was having difficulties.

Dr. Henry Higley and I met with him, and worked out a plan for him to leave Southern California to us while he covered the rest of

the state. We had full support of all the schools of the state, and I put half a dozen telephones in my office, and had women students from the schools staff them and call the doctors of the South soliciting funds to support the campaign. As soon as a doctor would agree to make a donation, the girls would tell them that a student would be right out to their office to pick it up. We mailed out blazers of information about the importance of the campaign and news of progress. The support was wonderful, and after four weeks the campaign was red-hot. The election inf November was a

smashing victory for chiropractic, and we won by the greatest majority ever logged in a Primary Election up to that time in California. From that time on for over a decade chiropractic clout in Sacramento was a historic phenomena, and the following year the DCs on a wave of enthusiasm formed the new CCA. I was a charter member, and our 1922 Initiative Law was our banner of unity. Dr. Duane Smith was the first president of the CCA.



Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. and Francis J. Kolar, M.D., D.C. at banquet of the California Chiropractic Association, 1944 (see also NCA Photos)

1942: \*LE **Montenegro** DC, ND, Sec'y-Treasurer of **SCCC**; George H **Haynes**, ND, PhC, AB, DC, is new **Director of Clinics**; <u>faculty</u> are:

- -Lee H. Norcross DC, ND
- -Claude F. Gillett DC, ND, DO
- -Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC
- -Norman K. Lovas DC, ND
- -Patrick Lackey ND, DC
- -\*Henry G. Higley DC, PhC, ND
- -\*Lyle D. Holland DC, ND (will become president of SCCC circa 1944-45, according to Martin, 1986; will sell practice to

Harold D Young DC, **LACC** class of 1960 in 1962, according to Nilsson, 1962, Apr)

1944-45: **SCCC** graduation **photo** indicates 12 graduate; administration is:

- -Clifford B. Eacrett DC, ND, President (last listing with SCCC?)
- -Otis M. McMurtrey DC, ND, Vice-President
- -Patrick Lackey ND, DC, Dean
- -LE **Montenegro** DC, ND, Sec'y-Treasurer
- -George H. Haynes, ND, PhC, AB, DC (Faculty)
- -Wolf Adler ND, PhC, LLB, DC, DD (Faculty)

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- -Lee H. Norcross DC, ND
- -Mabelle Kelso Shaw DC, PhC
- -Ralph J. Martin DC, PhC (Martin will become president of SCCC during 1944-47 [Martin, 1977, 1986)
- -\*H. Rainford Guest DC, ND

### 1945: according to RJ Martin (1986):

...Dr. Lyle Holland, president of the **So. College of Chiropractic Physicians**, was having some coronary problems, and asked me to take over his position as president of the college. I agreed to do so, and the next day I found out why Dr. Holland was not feeling well when the sheriff came to my office to close the school for outstanding debts. I was, to say the least, surprised, but I paid the \$1,000 required, and also had to assure the students that they need not worry, that they would be graduated and licensed as promised. The schools survived and prospered.

-JD Kirby DC, future editor of the *Chirogram* [1974 (Nov); 41(11): 6-10] will later report in an "Editorial" (pp. 6-7):

It was during his [Ralph J. Martin's] years in chiropractic colleges that he therefore became motivated to work effectively toward the upgrading of chiropractic education. After graduation in 1938 from the Southern California College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons he taught various subjects in that college and in 1945 was asked by the President, Dr Lyle Holland, to take over his position.

 -Ralph J. Martin lists himself as president of SCCC during 1944-47 (Martin, 1977); (Holland will sell practice to Harold D. Young DC, LACC class of 1960 in 1962, according to Nilsson, 1962, Apr)

### 1945-47: according to Ralph J. Martin (1986):

It was at about the time of the end of World War II that the LA Metropolitan District of the CCA had the Initiation Banquet, and Dr. John J. Nugent, Director of Education for the National Chiropractic Association, was present, and announced to the doctors present that he had come to California to amalgamate the Chiropractic Colleges of the state into one professionally owned non-profit college. I had a long talk with him after the meeting, and assured him that, as president of the Southern California College and of the Metropolitan District, he could count on my full cooperation.

Dr Nugent immediately began negotiations with Dr Wilma Churchill, owner of LACC, and it soon developed that she refused to sell to the So. California College, so we began setting up a new holding non-profit corporation, the California Chiropractic Educational Foundation. During the latter half of 1946 I spent a great deal of time with attorney CP Von Herzen and Dr Nugent putting this corporation into functioning condition with myself as chairman of the new Board of Regents. As we went into the new year of 1947 all was ready, and funds for the purchase had been raised from the profession through the CRF, and we put \$25,000 into escrow for a total purchase price of \$225,000 for LACC. The escrow closed on May 7, 1947 after a stormy session with Dr Churchill the day before, as she now had misgivings about selling her school which had nearly 1,000 students enrolled.

She refused to negotiate with Dr Nugent, knowing he was a very persuasive negotiator. He assured her that this was no problem, that I, Dr. Martin, Dr John Koer, and Dr Sidney Milbank would meet with her in his place. This we did, and after a couple of stormy hours we came out with the school, and the next day took possession. It has operated ever since under the ownership of the California Chiropractic Educational Foundation.

### **PHOTOGRAPH**



Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D.

1946 (Sept): "the profession took over the management of the Southern California College of Chiropractic and assumed control of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. The Southern California College was dissolved as a corporate entity and merged with the other school forming the new Los Angeles College of Chiropractic on May 7, 1947" (Aesculapian, 1948); see also 12/31/46; Ralph J. Martin claimed to be president of SCCC from 1944-47 (Martin, 1977)

## 1946-47: according **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

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### 1946 (Dec 31): according to Ralph J. Martin (1977):

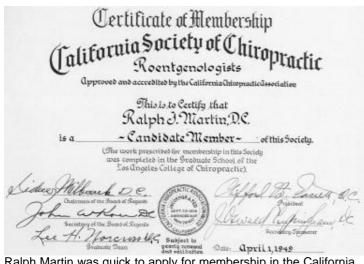
...under the leadership of Dr. John J Nugent, Director of Education of the National Chiropractic Association" the California Chiropractic Educational Foundation (CCEF) was formed; CCEF Board of Regents comprised of 2 members from the CCA, 1 member from NCA, 1 member from CRF, 3 lay members chosen by first 4 members; the first Board of Regents include Ralph J. Martin DC, Lloyd A. Walters DC, Sidney W. Milbank DC (president of the Board), Mr. William L. Gleason, and John W. Koer DC (Aesculapian, 1948); LACC is purchased by the "professionally-owned, becomes а non-profit institutions" (LACC, 1986); see also 9/46 and Stanford Research Institute report (1960); Ralph J. Martin will later claim that he was the first chairman of the LACC Board of Regents, and served on the board from 1946-49 (Martin, 1977

1946 (Dec): Benedict **Lupica** MA, DC of **CINY** publishes article re: increased educational standards in **JNCA** (Lupica, 1946)

1947 (Jan): Chirogram [16(3):5] notes its circulation is 11,500

1947 (May 8): statement of charges for student Wesley Gibson indicates Ralph J. Martin DC is president and Thos. G Kirby DC is sec'y & treasurer of merged LACC/SCCC (LACC Registrar's Archives)

- 1947 (May): first issue of *Chirogram* from new **LACC**; Benedict **Lupica**, B.Sc., M.A., D.C. is new Editor and Dean; Ralph J. **Martin** DC is chairman of the Board of Regents
- 1947 (June 12): according to the August issue of the *National Chiropractic Journal* [17(8):40]: "The **Los Angeles College** has just graduated 140 students on June 12 and Dr. Ralph J. Martin presented the degrees."
- 1947 (July): Journal of the California Chiropractic Association (JCaCA), Volume 4, No. 1; **LE Montenegro** DC is on editorial board; this issue includes:
- -Ralph J. Martin and Clifford B. Eacrett DC of the LA District of CaCA arrange for Waldo Poehner DC to speak on "X-ray diagnosis and practice building" on June 3 at the Elks Club in LA (p. 14)
- 1947(Aug): *National Chiropractic Journal* [17(8):40] notes: "The **Los Angeles College** has just graduated 140 students on June 12 and Dr. **Ralph J. Martin** presented the degrees."
- 1947: last **LACC** graduation **photo** under old administration of **Wood/Koer/Churchill/Cale**; 140 "night and day" students graduate, including 16 females; <u>faculty are</u>:
- -Arthur V Nilsson DC
- -Delbert J Metzinger DC
- -Dr. Thomas G Kirby
- -Dr. Leland P Roberts
- -Dr. Charles W von Walden
- -Dr. Stephen H. Lapp
- -Francis I Recardie DC
- -Dr. O Wesley Willits
- -B Franklin Miner DC
- -Dr. William H Munson
- -\*Dr. Blaze O Bonazza
- -\*Lavere H Latta DC
- -\*Dr. Manning B Strahl
- -\*Dr. Gilbert H Schwarting
- 1947: Delbert J Metzinger DC leaves **LACC** faculty [*Chirogram* 1964 (Dec); 31(11):328]



Ralph Martin was quick to apply for membership in the California specialty society for radiologists, the leaders of whom (Drs. Milbank, Koer, Norcross, Eacrett and Empringham) were members of the Board of Regents and administrators of the Los Angeles College

1949 (July): **Ralph J. Martin** DC, former member of Board of Regents, is now **LACC** School President (see Martin, 1949, 1986); serves until 1951 (Martin, 1977)

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- 1949 (July 6): enrollment application for Edward Irving Downie (see also 5/3/50) at **LACC** indicates Raymond H. **Houser** DC is dean (LACC Registrar's Archives)
- 1949 (Aug): Raymond H. **Houser** DC is dean at **LACC** according to the **Chirogram**

### 1950 (Aug): Journal of the NCA [20(8)] indicates:

-photo taken in front of new Glendale campus includes: Harry Scott, Business Manager of LACC; Ralph J. Martin, president; Raymond Houser DC, dean; Lee Norcross DC, graduate school dean; Harry Bybee DC, president of the NCA (p. 12)

# 1950 (Sept): Journal of the NCA [20(9)] includes:

-photo of John J. Nugent DC and Raymond House DC (p. 19); caption reads:

# DR. NUGENT AND LT. GOVERNOR KNIGHT OF CALIFORNIA RECEIVE DEGREES

On June 9, 1950 at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles' Griffith Park, Dr. John J. Nugent received the degree of Doctor of Humanities conferred by the president of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. Dr. Nugent has been director of education for the National Chiropractic Association since 1940. Under his guidance and leadership an accrediting agency has been established for the chiropractic profession. This was accomplished by the creation of the National Council on Education of the NCA which now recognizes and approves twelve leading chiropractic colleges of the nation.

Lt. Governor Goodwin J. Knight, of California, also received the degree of Doctor of Humanities. **Clifford B. Eacrett** received the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic Science.

1950 (Dec 20): **Robert Boyd Jackson** receives DC degree from **CCC** of Oakland; **RO McClintock** DC, DSC is president and dean, Ethel G. Christensen DC is secretary, Alton E. Glazier DC is "Chief of Clinic" (Jackson's DC and internship diplomas)

## 1950: according **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

The school was moved to 920 E Boradway in Glendale in 1950, which was the former Harrower Laboratory property. I had put in a tremendous amount of effort to secure non-profit status for the Foundation and the school, and as elected President of the LACC, I no longer had a vote on the Board of Regents of the Foundation. When the regents agreed in the purchase of the property, to pay Cecil DeMille's taxes, I resigned as president in protest. I was immediately thereafter appointed to the Committee on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education of the National Chiropractic Association, in which capacity I served for nine years until 1960. This position involved meeting twice a year with the Council on Education, and evaluating the schools we had visited, and providing accreditation recognition as our standards were met.

- 1950: George H. **Haynes** named assistant dean at **LACC** (Rehm, 1980)
- 1950: **LACC** moves to 920 East Broadway (single campus); 24-hour emergency services provided (LACC, 1986); new campus in Glendale is former offices of MGM studios (Smallie, 1990)
- 1950: LACC public clinic listing: "Frank B. Hamilton, B.Sc., D.C., chairman, department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, De Landas

Univ., Western States Univ., Col. Chiropractic Physicians &

Univ., Western States Univ., Col. Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons, Lecturer, Col., Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons, Grad. School, **LACC** Member" (Gibbons, 1982)

c1950: undated letter Ralph J. Martin DC, ND from Alice Catt Armstrong of Who's Who in California at 1331 Cordell Place in LA (my LACC/Martin files):

This is a sketch of your illustrated biography as it appeared in "Who's Who in Los Angeles County." The current edition will include the "Who's Who" of the entire State of California. The biographical research will be compiled and published according to the same high ethical standards experienced in past editions, free from advertising and without charge for inclusion.

The first LIMITED edition of "Who's Who in California" will be offered at the same moderate price of \$35.00, plus tax. Please order at once to insure receiving the Deluxe Volume including your biography and portrait.

Personalized embossin in gold on the cover of the book plus a 10 per cent discount will be made on prepaid orders only. We especially appreciate the subscribers to this volume who insure its continued success.

Please make desired changes, approve and return at once. Thank you. Sincerely...

# Martin, Ralph Joseph, D.C.

Pres. L.A. College of Chiropractic

b. Dec. 19, 1904, Lamar, Colo.; s. William Earl and Flora Theresa (Deckert) Martin; ed. Acad. of McPherson Coll., McPherson, Kansas, 1919-23; D.C., So. Calif. Coll. of Chiropractic, Dec. 23, 1938; m. Viola M. Ozbun, Lamar, Colo. Aug. 2, 1925. Career: Educator, grammar sch., Colo., 1923-24; rancher, Lamar, Colo., 1924-26; time study, efficiency checker, Swift and Co., Chicago, Ill., 1926-27; prodn. dept. Chicago Elec. Mfg. Co., 1927-28; rancher, Colo., 1928-31; contracting, ins. bus. L.A. 1931-36; pvt. practice chiropractic, L.A., 1938-; pres. L.A. Dist. of Calif. Chiropractic Assn. 1946-47; chmn. bd. of regs. Calif. Chiropractic Educ. Found., 1947-48; pres. L.A. Coll. of Chiropractic 1948-; contrib. editorials, tech, articles publ. "Chirogram," chiropractic jours. V.O.C. U.S. Army, 1942-43, World War II. Frat: Sigma Chi Omega. Dem. Hobby: gardening. Rec: reading, writing, poetry. Res.: 4065 San Rafael Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. CApitol 1-0529. Office: 248 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. DUnkirk 8-4725 and 920 E. Broadway, Glendale, Calif. CHapman 5-1251

# 1951 (Jan): **JNCA** [21(1):26] reprints **Ralph J. Martin**'s comments from the December, 1950 issue of the Chirogram: THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Rumors and hearsay have circulated far and wide giving the false impression that the **Los Angeles College of Chiropractic** was affiliated with or had sponsored recent attempts to change the California initiative law. There never has been and there is no connection between these irregular movements not originating within organized professional channels that purported to create a physicians and surgeons license.

The college has not nor will it initiate or participate in any political activity to change the chiropractic law prior to an official endorsement of such a movement by the **California Chiropractic Association.** Political discussions involving these controversial subjects were ruled out of order in our class rooms and on our campus many months ago.

It is the policy of the college that political issues involving questions of changing the scope of practice must be decided by the licensed men in the field and the state association and have no place in the college, distracting students from the pursuit of their courses. The purpose of this college is to fulfill the educational needs of our profession and we have striven to hold solely to that purpose and shall continue with that policy. - Ralph J. Martin, D.C., president, Los Angeles College of Chirorpactic in *The Chirogram'* for December, 1950.

1954 (July): Ralph J. Martin ScD, DC, former president of LACC and now member of the NCA's Committee on Accreditation publishes: Modern chiropractic education. Journal of the National Chiropractic Association 1954; 24(7):24-5

1956 (Apr): Ralph J. Martin DC, ND publishes "Specialized diathermy technic" (Martin, 1956)

1957 (Jan): Ralph J. Martin DC, ND publishes "Field program in clinical research in ultrasonics" (Martin, 1957)



NCA Convention in Florida? Ralph Martin is seated third from left

1961 (May): JCaCA [16(13)] notes:

-"Obituaries: Dr. Terrence Bennett" (p. 13):

Funeral services were held March 5 for Dr. Terrence J. Bennett, Burlingame doctor of chiropractic, who died at Peninsula Hospital, after a long illness.

Dr. Bennett, who lived at 605 Barroilhet Ave., was a member of Argonaut Lodge, F&AM, which conducted services at San Francisco. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fay Bennett, and a brother, Edward Bennett, of Los Angeles. He was a native of Kansas.

# 1962: according Ralph J. Martin (1986):

...When, in 1962 Dr Haynes requested me to activate the Alumni for a fund raising campaign, I called Dr Joseph Berg, Dr Fred Bullard, and Dr Wayne Brown to join me in a Capital Funds Committee. In 1960 I had acted as chairman of a similar committee for the Southern California and Southwest of the Congregational Church Conference. The territory included southern California, southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. The goal was to raise \$2,000,000, and this was 80% achieved by 1960 due largely to the expertise of Richard Augustine, a professional fund raiser for churches. Our LACC 1,100 mile long state of California was larger than the usual church parish, but we managed to produce enough funds to pay off the mortgage to Cecil B. DeMille, and thereby eliminate the unfortunate burden of the DeMille taxes on the school property, and thereafter enjoy the benefits of our tax-free status. This fact gave Dr Haynes more freedom to pursue his objective as president of the ACA Council on Chiropractic Education, of Federal Accreditation of the This was achieved in 1974, and it was a collosal achievement and a great personal victory for Dr Haynes. Without his personal dedication and expertise it may not have come about.

1963 (Nov): *Chirogram* [Vol. 30, No. 9]:

-has a referee process for manuscripts (p. 2)

-Ralph J. Martin DC teaches "Technic IV" at LACC (p. 30)

### 1963: according **Ralph J. Martin** (1986):

In 1963 when the ACA delegate for Southern California vacated his position, and the NCA requested candidates for a special election, I ran for the position and won. At this time there was a lot of talk about amalgamation of the 'straight' ICA and the NCA 'liberal' into one new organization, the ACA. Delegates Dr Asa Brown in Virginia and Dr Ruth Mandell in Maryland got wind of the fact that it was a sell-out to the ICA, and contacted me by phone. As soon as this information was confirmed I contacted all the Western states delegates by phone, and we set up a meeting in Reno, Nevada, the most central point for all of us. Flying to Reno I jotted down notes for an agenda for the meeting. As soon as we all got together at the designated hotel in the evening, we set to work on the agenda, and continued in session all night, and broke up at 6:30 the next morning. We met in Denver a few days later with nearly all the delegates, and hammered out strategy for the House of Delegates' official meeting the next morning.

When the House of Delegates meeting convened, a motion was made and passed to go into a session of a Committee of the Whole. This was done, and the House of Delegates remained in the Committee of the Whole for nearly four days while we completely rewrote the new by-laws which had been prepared by the ICA-NCA negotiators. During this time, when we were not in official meetings, we kept all the delegates in closed caucus sessions. As a result, the actions of the Committee of the Whole were passed officially by a resounding majority, and the sell-out had been thwarted...

1964 (Oct): *Journal of the California Chiropractic Association* includes article by **Ralph J. Martin**: "ACA Post-Convention Report", Martin is **ACA** delegate for southern California

# 1968: according Ralph J. Martin (1986):

...I served in the House of Delegates from before the 1964 Denver Convention until I was elected in 1968 to the **ACA Board of Governors** for the 7th District, composed of California, Nevada, and Hawaii. During my term of services with the **NCA/ACA** I also served concurrently as a trustee of the **FCER**, which is the funding arm of the **ACA** for all activities of the **ACA** requiring special funding support.

1970 (Jan 5): Letter from Haynes to Martin includes photo and query (collected papers of Ralph Martin):

I thought that you would like to have the enclosed photograph of the California members of the International College of Chiropractic that attended the presentation ceremony.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend this program a the College.



Left to right: Gordon Goodfellow, Robert Hastings, Arthur Nilsson, Clyde Martyn; H. Arvis Talley; Ralph J. Martin; F. Maynard Lipe; and George Haynes. These alumni, faculty

and/or friends of the LACC gathered in 1969 to be recognized as Fellows of the International College of Chiropractors (Hayes, 1970)

# 1970 (Sept): ACA Journal of Chiropractic [7(9)] notes:

-"The Objectives of Research" by Ralph J. Martin DC (p. 19):

...research has moved up to number one priority for our profession. Until we meet these tests of research sufficiently to satisfy the scientific community, we must expect our credibility to be questioned. This is reason enough for each and every one of us to involve ourselves in some meaningful phase of research which is relevant to our profession.



ACA Board of Governors, 1970-71; seated (L to R): Van D. Mericas DC (Past Chairman, MI); Cruse J. Howe DC (Chairman, NY); Hoyt B. Duke DC (Past President); John Simons DC (President); John Schweitert DC (1st VP); Steve Owens DC (2nd VP); standing (L to R): Harold Keiffer DC (MN); Paul Martinko DC (OH); Ralph J. Martin DC, ND (CA); Devere Biser DC (TX); OB Inman DC (GA); Bob Jackson DC, ND succeeded Ralph Martin as ACA Governor for CA & Hawaii

1972-77: "As I completed my services with the American Chiropractic Association in 1972, I was invited to return to LACC as chairman of the Board of Regents of the California Chiropractic Educational Foundation, where I served until February, 1977, when the Board was taken over by a combination of 'straights' and 'orthopedists' with restrictive concepts of chiropractic, including 'straight' philosophy and orthopedics. I could not feel at home in that environment, especially since it had permeated across the country and in the ACA." (Ralph J. Martin, 1986)

### 1973 (Apr): Chirogram [40(4)] includes:

- -members of LACC Board of Regents: (p. 8)
- -Vierling Kersey, PedD, President
- -Frank Taylor, "local financier", Vice-President
- -Dean Syverson DC, Secretary, past sec'y of CCA
- -Clyde Martyn DC, Director
- -CC Trillingham EdD, Director
- -Everett Roden DC, Director
- -Ralph J. Martin DC, ND, Director
- -members of LACC faculty: (pp. 10-11)

# 1974 (June): *Chirogram* [41(6)] includes:

- -distinguishes between Board of Trustees of California Chiropractic Colleges, Inc. vs. Board of Regents of LACC; Board of Trustees of CCC: (p. 9)
- -Vierling Kersey PedD, President
- -CC Trillingham PhD, Vice-President
- -Ordean A Syverson DC, Secretary-Treasurer

- -Gordon M Goodfellow DC, Member
- -Clyde Martyn DC, Member
- -Everett Roden DC, Member
- -Frank Taylor (Esq), Member

## Board of Regents of LACC:

- -Ralph J. Martin DC, ND, President
- -CC Trillingham PhD, Vice-President
- -Ordean A Syverson DC, Secretary-Treasurer
- -Clyde Martyn DC, Member
- -Everett Roden DC, Member
- -Frank Taylor (Esq), Member
- -Haynes lists former presidents of LACC as: Charles Cale, Linnie Cale, Charles Wood, Ralph Jones, Ralph Martin, Sidney Milbank, Robert Hastings and Vierling Kersey" (p. 9)

doctors must be primary providers (pp. 11-5)

1974 (Sept): *Chirogram* [41(9)] includes: -cover photograph of Ralph J. Martin DC:



 -Ralph J. Martin DC, ND, FICC authors "Chiropractic doctors must be primary providers (pp. 11-5)

1974 (Nov): Chirogram [41(11)] includes:

- -JD Kirby DC, Chirogram Editor, authors an "Editorial" (pp. 6-7) re: Ralph J. Martin's career pursuit of federal accreditation for chiropractic colleges;
- -Ralph J. Martin DC, ND authors "Federal recognition of chiropractic accreditation agency: a story of vision and supreme effort" (pp. 6-10)
- -anonymous contribution entitled "What you should know about accreditation" cites **CO Watkins** DC's seminal efforts as first chairman of the **NCA** Committee on Educational Standards until 1938 (pp. 11-14)
- -notes Haynes served as president of CCE from 1961-1972 (p. 13)

 -reprints of several letters from chiropractic leaders (Leonard Fay, Haynes, Homewood) concerning CCEs recognition by DHEW (pp. 15-21)

1975 (Dec): Chirogram [42(12)]:

-publishes "Los Gatos campus progress report"; photos of Ralph
 J. Martin, Dr Drabos, Dr Olson, Dr Marback, TJ Kirby, Mr Cummings (pp. 16-20)

1976 (Jan): *Chirogram* [43(1)]:

 -Ralph J. Martin DC, chairman of the LACC Board of Regents, authors "Regents' news brief - Los Gatos campus update" (pp. 18-9)

### **PHOTOGRAPH**



W. Heath Quigley, D.C., M.A.

1976: **Haynes** retires as "President Emeritus"; George H **Haynes** classroom building dedicated on **LACC** campus (Rehm, 1980, p. 329)

1976: AE Homewood becomes LACC president (Rehm, 1980)

1994 (Jan 9 or 10): Ralph J. Martin dies

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# Letter from David Aytes, DC to J. Keating, 8/6/93:

Dear Dr. Keating,

Thank you for your interesting letter and purpose. I compliment you.

My granddaughter, Debbie, is a wonderful lady.

9/1/37 I entered LACC as a student, evening classes.

Dr. A.V. Nilsson taught anatomy.

Dr. Wilma C. Wood was president of the school.

Dr. Frank B. Hamilton taught O.B. and gynecology clinic.

I did not meet Dr. Linnie A. Cale, but heard much of her.

Dr. George Haynes was our chemistry teacher.

Dr. Higley taught......

I heard much of Dr. Goodfellow, but never met him.

I heard much of Dr. Bernard Jensen, but never met him

Dr. Ralph Martin taught diagnosis.

Dr. Maynard Lipe taught psychiatry.

Dr. Delbert Metzinger taught technic and adjusting. He and Dr.

A.V. Nilsson were backbone which held the college together.

Dr. F. Miner was an excellent adjuster, student.

Dr. Leo Montenegro was a popular student, not in our class.

Dr. Lee Norcross became our CCA legal advisor.

I visited the Ratledge school once. He preceded me.

Dr. L.P. Roberts taught diagnosis.

1941- I dropped out of school due to WWII, enlisted in U.S. Navy Hospital Corps, served with U.S. Marines, sent to Hawaii, completed a cost of Area Naval Hospital Base, returned and ????? discharge, and returned to Fresno, CA, to be with my wife and son and ??? twins.

1948- Returned to LACC to complete and graduate 6/15/50 with 5200 hours class time + navy experience gained.

1950. 1/15/50 graduated, passted State Board, received license.

9/1/50- Opened office in ??? Built practice on cases M.D.'s considered "hopeless," saw most recover and live normal lives. God promised wisdom to treat almost all types of cases successfully, from child deliveries to cancer.

I am now 80 years of age and ready to gbe transplanted to heaven to spend eternity with God. Best wishes upon your plans.

David Aytes, D.C.

# **Letter from Robert W Dishman, MA, DC** to J. Keating, 7/29/91: Dear Joe.

I enclose a photo of myself as you requested. In reviewing the diploma records of LACC I note Ralph Martin graduated in the class of 1938-1939 from SCCC and who became pres. of LACC in 1949. I have his last address back in 1986 located in Arcadia (near Pasadena).

EP **Webb** was clinic director and my first mentor for foot manipulation. Ralph Martin was on the teaching faculty the same year. Ralph Hoard DO also taught foot manipulation. Delbert Metzinger of LACC Faculty was a major contributor to my foot manipulation. In 1946-1947 B. Franklin Miner trained by Metzinger also was a major contributor to foot manipulation. Both Miner and Metzinger trained Elmer Bones DC who was on my faculty teaching manipulation head to toe. Dr. Miner I believe if my memory serves me was a member of the Board of Regents as was Paul Malipara DC. The latter has been a

State Board member, but he remembers little or nothing of Hollywood College.

Another resource for Hollywood College is Lavere H Latta BS, DC, who lives in Ventura or Santa Barbara. He is living and well. By the way, 1942 SCCC faculty is Clyde (not Claude) Martin who was a DO-physician & surgeon ENT specialist. Sorry - his last name is Gillette. There was a Clyde Martin in the era which has nothing to do with the subject.

I will attempt to contact Ralph Martin by writing a letter. No phone is listed.

Keep in touch, Bob

Robert W. Dishman, MA, DC (DO?); 31225 La Baya, West Lake Village CA 91362 (near Malibu) (W: 818-889-5572; H:805-496-4304)

-former dean of the Hollywood College of Chiropractic (during the 1950s)

-writes in *Dynamic Chiropractic* on foot care

**Telephone interview** with J. Keating on 3/9/91

-graduated from Southern California College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons

-knew TF Ratledge very well

-trained with Homer York; was alarmed with straight chiropractors willingness to treat serious respiratory infections with spinal adjustments only

**Audio-taped interview** with J. Keating on Saturday, 5/11/91 in Whittier CA

- -attended Southern California College of Chiropractic (SCCC), which emphasized "physician-surgeon possibility" for DCs; school was aligned with NDs and DOs, wished to increase scope of practice to include "at least minor surgery and the use of certain medicines"
- -interdisciplinary faculty at SCCC: DCs, MDs, NDs, DOs, DSCs and athletic trainers
- -"strapped the foot, various pads and tapes to take care of all kinds of ordinary chiropody ailments...."
- -"we covered arch-supports, particularly the kinds chiropodists would make in their own offices...pads were glued into the shoe..."
- -"we also did a lot of taping of the foot...."
- -all foot manipulation instruction from DCs; DSCs didn't teach foot manipulation
- -overall, not a great deal of instruction in footcare; most students were not interested; however, a few DCs were quite interested, especially those involved in dealing with sports injuries (circa 1940), who did a lot of taping
- 1943: Dr. D in navy at amputation/rehab center of naval hospital in Vallejo CA, where he was in charge of the PT department; when Lt Commander (MD) arrived to take over department, Dishman (not commissioned) was required to get MD's prescription to adjust patients
- -"in about two months I was fully occupied giving adjustments"
- -Ted Shrader DC worked in brace shop at same naval hospital, made foot orthotics
- 1947: Dishman teaches his first footcare seminar to 25-30 doctors at Royal Palms Hotel; not college-sponsored because LACC had no post-graduate program; Dishman had already published several papers on chiro footcare
- 1947: speaks with **Lee Norcross** at **LACC** re grad school offerings in orthopedics and footcare
- 1948: Dishman moves to Pomona, starts foot orthotics lab in Pomona; "got away from **LACC**, and the next thing I knew Dr. **Lipe** had started the orthopedic class about 1948. I came back...."; continues to operate Pomona lab
- -Dishman taught LACC grad seminars at various CA cities
- -Dr Webb (LACC? SCCC?) regularly treated feet by manipulation (DC?, maybe DO?)

- -Dr. Hoard? (DO) was an "excellent manipulator of the foot"
- -faculty at **COP&S** did foot manip; occassionally gave foot technique seminars at **SCCC**; "it was quite specific"
- -Delbert J. Metzinger DC "he was an excellent foot manipulator....he manipulated every joint in the body... one of his students was Elmer Bones" who later served on faculty at Hollywood College of Chiropractic
- -"Metzinger lineage" included **Elmer Bones**, Al? Logan (no relation to Vinton; wrote book on manipulation), Franklin Miner
- -Metzinger and Hiss Clinics were "leading" providers of foot manipulation
- -Dishman also learned foot manip informally from Mel Wheadon DC
- -Metzinger and Bones strove for audibles, sometimes hurt patients; Metzinger, Ratledge and Homer York were exclusively "articular thrusters"
- -Dishman prefers osteopathic techniques ("relieving fibrosis by mobilization rather than thrusting") & soft-tissue methods & stretching because more gentle, painless
- -Hiss Clinic: surprised Dishman; elevated chair for seated manip, some standing manipulations; no table; Hiss had a "volume practice, but not as much as Locke"; Hiss Clinic emphasized "high velocity thrusting"
- -"Locke was a legend....probably an exaggeration....all different types of people.....ballet and other dancers were disabled....", got quick relief from Locke
- -Locke's methods: Dishman had heard that "he delivered a high velocity kind of thrust, and he did it very quickly. All the Locke maneuvers that we've been taught were high velocity thrusting...."
- Interview with J. Gordon Anderson, D.C., N.D. and Robert W Dishman, D.C., N.D., M.A. audiotaped by J. Keating, R. Phillips and Marie Oliva on 2/14/92 at LACC
- -Anderson earned ND in 1948, took coursework in herbology and obstretrics
- -Anderson was at SCCC in 1940-41(attended "night school," 6-10PM), went to war in 1942, graduated with Lloyd Clark in June, 1946; had to solicit signatures for diplomas; Lyle Holland was president at the time; JG thinks Lackey may have been president before Holland
- -Anderson was editor of *Chirogram* and Academic Dean in 1976-67; *Chirogram* died under Quigley in 1977
- -1976-67: LACC on probation with CCE (confidential probation), probably due to finances and organization of board and faculty

- -Anderson taught at SCCC in 1946; Eacrett, Montenegro, Martin, Lackey and Nugent were chief players; LACC name was a condition of sale to CCEF
- -Anderson doesn't recall Martin as SCCC president
- -I.S. **Keynes** was Acting Dean at **SCCC** when Anderson graduated -Clyde **Knouf** did bloodwork at Eacrett Labs
- -after SCCC/LACC merger the SCCC campus was used for basic science instruction, LACC campus for clinical instruction
- -Anderson doesn't recall competition between LACC and SCCC
- -Anderson started at Ratledge College under "Haynes Scholarship";
   Haynes and Higley's chemistry text used at SCCC
- -when Anderson started at SCCC: Keynes taught anatomy and was Acting Dean; E.P. Webb taught technique; McMurtrey was parttime instructor; Higley taught labs; Haynes taught chemistry fulltime in 1946
- -Anderson & Dishman were at San Diego Naval Hospital with AC Johnson; Dishman started chiropractic clinic with Ed Mesky and AC Johnson; Mesky had nurse stand guard while Dishman adjusted...called it "heavy stretching"
- -Anderson recalls admiral for 11th naval district looking for DCs; he treated the admiral
- -Dishman dealt with burn victims from Iwo Jima
- -AC Johnson's Polio Foundation; Johnson's Drugless Therapeutics text used at SCCC; Johnson lectured occassionally at SCCC (according to Anderson); Johnson stayed out of politics; Johnson attended PT school in the Navy; Johnson had office on Alvarado, near SCCC; Johnson was a "very practical man" (Dishman)
- -Dishman recalls of Johnson: "he had alternative therapies that you couldn't believe. He had vascular equipment for peripheral vascular disease. And he did tonsils and hemorrhoids and gynecology"
- -Jules Bernhardt DC tried in the mid-1960s after pregnant mother had embolism (on **LACC** patient); Bernhardt was a Rutgers graduate
- -Dishman practiced obstetrics, proctology; LaBrae Hospital had DC-obstetricians
- -Montenegro was a strong advocate of broad-scope chiropractic; the war changed things...DCs had hoped for credit-transfer at the College of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons
- -1950s: the LACC/SCCC grad school taught proctology, obstetrics, minor surgery; Anderson began as dean of LACC grad school in 1953
- -"radionics research" was taught at the LACC into the 1960s; J. Ralph John, DC, LACC Board president, was big into radionics; Dishman worked for Dr. John in 1948

Table: handwritten "Report on Schools by Ralph J. Martin, January, 1952" (CCE Archives)

College	California Chiropractic College	Carver Chiropractic College	Missouri Chiropractic College	Logan Chiropractic College
Date of Inspection	Visited Jan. 21, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin	Visited Jan. 22, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin	Visited Jan. 26, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin	Visited Jan. 27, 1952 by Drs. Gardner & Martin
Facilities	Excellent for maximum of 125 students; starting a small library	Adequate for that part of the country if cleaned up and efficient maintenance established; very dirty: slovelnly; library meager	Nearly adequate, but a little run-down; buildings old but servicable; library: not given much attention administratively	Both extremes: very old and ultra-modern and fine; a very fine plant when old original building is modernized; reading room, but not much material available
Equipment	Very good, but more of it needed in laboratories, clinic & dissection too meager	Inadequate in laboraties, clinic & saw no real dissection provisions	Fair- Laboratories still somewhat inadequate. Did not get to see dissection provisions	Clinic equipment is excellent. Laboratories good but perhaps a little small for size of the school. Pretty good dissection laboratory

Faculty	Both extremes: one very good	One or two fairly good men -	Did not meet any of them.	Only met 2 or 3 faculty
	university man - some very	others mediocre. Dr. Parr	Harring leaning heavily on	members. Not particularly
	mediocre DCs. McClintock	doing too much of the	Powell who really runs with	impressed.
	dominates faculty	teaching	the P&S crowd in St. Louis	
Students	appearance: fair; morale: fair	appearance: not too good;	Did not see any students as	Only saw a few; visited on
		morale: not good	my visit occurred late at	Sunday
			night	
Corporate	Proposes willing to conform	\$35,000 notes owed to Dr.	Still a one man school - a	Coggins states Logan nothing
Structure	to N.C.A. requirements.	Parr. Profession should	strong P&S undercurrent in	more than public relations man
	School still owned by	underwrite the school, pay	St. Louis making a play for	for the school. Fact is, it is still
	McClintock & Christenson	off Dr. Parr & institute new	the school through Powell.	a Logan, one man school.
		administration	A potential "California	
			situation" here	
Remarks	A bold front, but wants to get	Parr only looking out for	Harring loyal to Council	One of best school plants in the
	out before enrollment drops	himself. No real interest in	objectives, but prudent as to	country, but disloyal to
	much more	education	his own investments	objectives of Council

# ADMINISTRATIVE CHRONOLOGY OF THE LACC AND ITS PREDECESSOR INSTITUTIONS, 1911-1961

<b>Term</b> 1911-1920	School Los Angeles College of Chiropractic	President (or CEO) Charles A. Cale, DC, ND, founder and owner	<b>Dean</b>
1911-1920	(LACC)	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND, founder and owner	!
1921-22	LACC	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND, founder and owner	George Starr White, MD, PhD, DC
1923	LACC	Linnie A. Cale, DC, DO	George Starr White, MD, PhD, DC
1925-1947	LACC	Charles H. Wood, DC, ND, owner	Linnie A. Cale, DC, DO
1947 (May) - 1948 (July)	LACC	?(purchased by <b>CCEF</b> in May, 1947, non-profit)?	Benedict Lupica, MA, DC
1948 (June)	LACC	J Ralph John, DC	Raymond H. Houser, DC
1949- ??	LACC	Ralph J Martin DC, PhC, ND	Raymond H. Houser, DC
1953??-1974??	LACC	Vierling Kersey, Ped.D.	George H. Haynes, DC, MS
1974-76	LACC	George H. Haynes, DC, MS	?
1917	Eclectic College of Chiropractic (ECC)	Charles H. Wood, DC, ND, founder and owner	?
1923	ECC	Charles H. Wood, DC, ND, founder and owner	?
1924?	ECC merges into LACC	-	-
1923	Golden State College of Chiropractic (GSCC)	James G. Reynolds, DC, founder and co-owner	?
1924?	GSCC merges into LACC	-	-
1958	Hollywood College of Chiropractic (HCC)	Helen Sanders, DC	Robert W. Dishman, DC
1962 or 1963	HCC merges into LACC	-	-
1925	Cale College of Chiropractic (CCC)	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND, founder and owner	?
1929	CCC becomes Southern California College of Chiropractic (SCCC)	Charles A. Cale, DC, ND	?
1931	SCCC becomes College of Chiropractic Physicians & Surgeons (CCP&S)	?	?
1933- 1935	CCP&S	RC Bertheau, DC, ND	JP Mason, DC, ND
1936- 1937	CCP&S renamed SCCC	RC Bertheau, DC, ND	JP Mason, DC, ND
1938- 1942	SCCC	CB Eacrett, DC, ND	Wolf Adler DC, ND
1944- 1945	SCCC	CB Eacrett, DC, ND	Patrick Lackey, ND, DC
1947	SCCC purchased by CCEF, merges with "new" LACC	-	-

Appendix A: Name, date of founding or re-organization, and owner or status of the ancestor institutions of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic

