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DOCTOR'S NOTES

OUR NEW SOUTH BURLINGTON OFFICE

Our thanks to all of you who have been following our incredible journey. The devastating fire totally destroyed the historic 1823 building at 247 Pearl Street in Burlington.



The dichotomy of tearing down at one location and rebuilding in another is bittersweet. The city of Burlington has promised to streamline the permitting process, allowing us to break ground in early 2012;

while in mid-January 2012 we will be opening a new interim facility at 1775 Williston Road in South Burlington.

It is state-of-the-art and staffed with the same great AIP team. We are looking forward to seeing patients again! The staff is working diligently answering phones, scheduling patients and finishing special projects. They can be reached at 802.735.1209 and at www.KeepYourTeeth.com.



Taken on the stairs of old 247 Pearl Street

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month's staff spotlight shines on Kathy (aka "KK").

Kathy has been with Associates in Periodontics for 3½ years. She started as a dental hygienist and soon became a surgical assistant to Dr. Kolesar. For four years Kathy volunteered as a Tooth-Tutor dental hygienist for the State of Vermont. She also participated in the Penguin Plunge for Special Olympics and Relay for Life. For many years she's been involved with the community theatre and still deciding if she's a budding Ethel Merman or Lucille Ball.

Kathy enjoys working at Associates in Periodontics because her colleagues and patients remind her of a close-knit family. "From the first footstep inside our door, to the last wave good-bye, our patients are made to feel like family. Smiles are freely exchanged and hugs tend to follow. We chat about their health, their families, and their lives. We are passionate in all that we do and that makes all the difference."



"Superior Care... Over the last decade I have found the care at Associates in Periodontics to be vastly superior to my previous experience. It's always good to see the cheerful Dr. Shuman. I trust his advice. Kim and Jackie offer outstanding service and Cyndy as a hygienist goes above and beyond in offering me care and I am most appreciative."

★★★★★ (Judy's Book review, Valerie H., February 27, 2011)

A NOTE OF THANKS

With Thanksgiving drawing near, we find ourselves filled with gratitude for all the support and acts of kindness we have been blessed with since the fire on Labor Day. Our thanks go to so many including:

- The Burlington Fire Department, for their brave and skillful containment of the fire.
- Our patients who have expressed their concern, loyalty, and unending support.
- Our colleagues in the dental community who offered space for us to care for our emergent patients.
- Our wonderful staff in the Barre office who have been adding many of our Burlington patients to their already busy schedules.
- Tyler and Jamie of Tyler Scott Architects.
- Our very giving Burlington staff who have "held the fort" manning our phones, re-scheduling patients, caring for patients in Barre, working on many projects to fit up our interim space and doing all of this in good spirits as we re-group.
- Skip, Faye, Ann and Barb from ICV and the city officials in South Burlington who have facilitated the process for our fitting up our interim space at 1775 Williston Road; and those in Burlington who are assisting us with the process of re-building at 247 Pearl Street.

It is both humbling and rewarding to be part of such an outstanding community. We wish you all a grand Thanksgiving.