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DOCTOR'S NOTES

TO "MOVE ON" OR NOT TO "MOVE ON." THAT IS THE QUESTION

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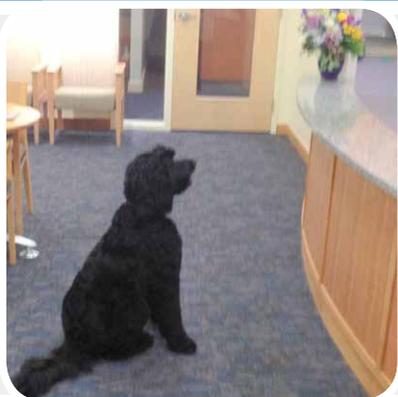
For the past 1 ¾ years, I have been planning to rebuild our office at 247 Pearl Street, Burlington. For a variety of reasons that dream has now ended. The 247 site is zoned for high-density residential use and the permit exception to rebuild a dental facility was valid for 1 year after the fire. Once the building insurance claim was taken to arbitration, any chance of building before expiration of the permit deadline was lost.

The arbitration took much longer than anticipated and during that delay, the tenants of the old 247, including AIP, became quite comfortable in their temporary spaces. The idea of applying for new permits, redesigning a building, undergoing a 1 year construction period, dealing with moving again, and the day-to-day stress a large construction project always brings, just became less and less palatable. (Pardon the pun.)

Honestly, based on your positive feedback about our new facility, the ease of parking, convenience and comfort, it became more difficult to justify a move. Add to that the emotional roller coaster we have been on for my family and my staff, and it was clear that now is the time to put it all behind us and "move on." Or, in this case, not to "move on" but, rather, to stay put in our new facility at 1775 Williston Road.

Thank you all for your unending and unconditional support. We hope that you are also pleased with the decision to stay at 1775 and, as always, would appreciate your sending thoughts and comments to Vermontperio@aol.com.

Brian Shuman, DMD



"Hey, I'm staying!"
—Thunder Shuman



"HAVING THE NEED FOR PERIODONTAL WORK, I ASKED MY DENTIST TO WHOM HE WOULD GO.

His recommendation was Associates in Periodontics. Although 1 ¾ hours away, I made the appointment and am I ever glad I did. I was welcomed as if family, treated with respect, and I experienced skillful and outstanding care.

The entire staff is professional, caring and genuinely happy! I cannot recommend Dr. Shuman and staff highly enough!"

Kathleen L., March 15, 2013

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month's Staff Spotlight shines on Ann-Marie, RDH

Ann-Marie, aka "AMBa", has been with AIP for 31 years. She started as a hygienist for the first 10+ years and has evolved to become the Business Administrator. Her current role covers the financial aspects of the office and beyond. To say that she wears many hats is an understatement!

Her dynamic personality enables her to be ready for anything the day might bring. She has developed many strong relationships with patients while working with Drs. Levi, Shuman, Halliday and Kolesar - it's like seeing friends everyday.

She recognizes that Periodontics, as a dental field, requires a commitment to treatment, a lifetime of proper care and patient education. From the first greetings in the morning to the goodbyes at the day's end, her fellow staff is constantly providing excellent, caring and professional services. She is proud to be associated with a group of people who set the bar for excellence so high.

If you want to find out what letterboxing is, AMBa is your girl! She enjoys creating stamps and going "on the hunt" with her two sons, in addition to making websites, music & video files or an array of arts and crafts projects. In her free time, she volunteers at Christ the King school as a coach and coordinator for the Odyssey of the Mind Program. She also serves as a member on the Board of Directors for the program, where her role is developing to take over communications responsibilities state-wide.

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

June 8th marks the return of The Special Olympics Summer Games to the UVM campus.

The staff at Associates in Periodontics has had the privilege of volunteering at this event for many years. We have found it to be a compelling experience filled with joy, love and compassion.

I continue to direct the Dental Screening Tent with Drs. Zablotsky, Kolesar, Halliday, and other dentists, hygienists, assistants and volunteers.

And for the second year, a Vermont pilot program consisting of dental student volunteers from Tufts, Harvard and Boston Universities will be assisting with the screenings. These students will then spend the remainder of the weekend visiting with local Vermont State Dental Society dentists and learning about our beautiful state. They are introduced to future career and mentoring opportunities in hopes of someday settling and practicing dentistry in Vermont.

It is more than rewarding for Associates in Periodontics to help run this event for the special athletes. We look forward to it each summer. If you attend this year, please stop by the Dental Tent and say hello. I just may put you to work!

If you too are happy with your care at our office then please let your Dentist know. We are also honored to see your friends and family members should you feel they would enjoy our office.

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