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Notes from the Doctors



Another year is upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It was nice to spend time with my family and friends. With all of this cold weather I am starting to get the golf itch, so I am anxiously looking forward to Spring and getting back out on the course. Maybe I'll even join that gardening club I've talked about!

I'm truly amazed at how busy I have been between my dental schedule and home life. I am enjoying every minute of both and I look forward to seeing all of you throughout this new and exciting year ahead.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony M. Pallotta

It's hard to believe the holiday season is over. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did; after all, what could be bad when you're spending time with your family and friends, eating good food and if you are lucky, catching some football?

Our last issue focused on what dental implants are, the benefits they provide and the step-by-step process of the procedure. (If you missed that issue or would like to revisit it, please feel free to check it out on our website at www.pallottarauzman.com.) For this issue, I thought I would share some success stories of patients that were treated with implants here at the office. Inside, you will find Marion and Ron's thoughts and feelings now that they have undergone the procedure.

Lastly, regarding the end of the holiday season of giving, you will meet a really sweet person that, unfortunately, went through a bit of a rough time and let his oral care slide. After a few months and many visits to our office, we were able to restore one of his greatest qualities, his smile. Read about Dave in the "Paying it Forward" article inside.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Adam Rauzman

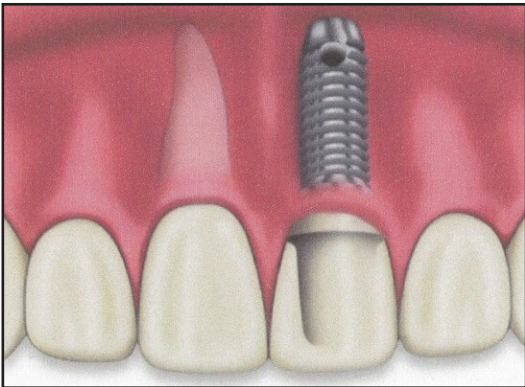


Spotlight on Dental Implants

When considering dental implants it is always a good idea to get all the facts and information before beginning any treatment. At our office, we will spend all the time you need to help you feel comfortable with this decision. Sometimes, even after having all the information, hearing a few patients share their stories and experiences that may be similar to your own, can be that extra step that makes all the difference.

Marion came in with extensive decay on her lower teeth. The teeth were breaking down and no longer able to hold her partial denture in place. Dr. Rauzman reviewed with Marion the treatment options including the risks and benefits of each plan. They decided on an implant supported lower denture which is a conventional denture that attaches to 2 or 4 dental implants, supporting the denture to stay securely in the mouth. After reviewing her dental CT Scan, Marion's remaining teeth were removed and bone grafting completed to prepare for the implants. After the extraction sites and grafting healed, 4 implants were placed, along with the appropriate denture connecting pieces. Marion loves her new smile and enjoys all of the benefits of a healthy mouth.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Pallotta and Dr. Rauzman. Although the implant process was not always easy, both doctors and the entire staff did their best to make my experience as pleasant as possible. It never mattered how many times I called the office while having an issue, they would always fit me into the schedule to be seen. Looking back, all the time, work and everything else was completely worth it. My health has greatly improved, and for that I cannot thank this office enough." - Marion



Ron K. came into the office with a broken crown on his front tooth. Upon Dr. Rauzman examining the tooth that was supporting that crown, decay was found on one side and the tooth itself was fractured. Ron was informed that the tooth was not able to be saved and restored. Dr. Rauzman and Ron discussed his treatment options and decided an implant was his best option. It allowed him to replace what was missing without any drilling of additional teeth for a bridge or having him wear a partial denture. After Ron had his CT Scan, the remaining tooth was extracted and bone grafting was completed to help support the implant. Dr. Rauzman placed a custom-made implant to complete his restoration. Ron is enjoying his new smile.

"When I first heard the word "implant" I was worried. It sounded like a lot to go through for just one tooth. After talking with Dr. Rauzman, I realized it was the best way to go. Even though the extraction, bone grafting and implant surgery was not always easy, Dr. Rauzman and the entire staff helped me through it. Dr. Rauzman explained the entire procedure step-by-step so there were no surprises. Jennifer went above and beyond as usual. She helped with our insurance and FSA account. She was always warm and kind with all my phone calls and questions. Since having my first implant, I have had another issue come up and would not hesitate to have another implant done." - Ron



Paying it Forward

As many of you know, last year we held a smile makeover giveaway. We asked all our patients to recommend someone who they felt not only put others before themselves but who was also deserving of the makeover. Upon reading dozens of letters about heartbreaking stories, we made a very tough decision and the winner is DAVE MARTIN!

Dave is a great guy, who, three years ago, found his life turned upside down. Without going into the personal details, Dave was left with the sole responsibility of caring for his two daughters. He changed his work hours to accommodate his family obligations, stretched his budget and learned to live without. His own personal dental health took a back seat to his family's needs. In doing so, he had compromised his oral health, leaving him with severe pain. Upon consultation, a treatment plan was decided that not only gave Dave healthy teeth to chew with, it restored his smile that he gladly uses everyday.

“I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Rauzman, Dr. Pallotta & the entire staff for selecting me to receive the dental makeover this past year. Personally, it could not have come at a better time. I knew I needed extensive work, but I also knew the cost would be a hardship for me. Being selected was a wonderful surprise and a true blessing. Everyone in the office is so friendly and caring; they always made me feel welcome and at ease. Dr. Rauzman took great personal interest in making sure that everything was done to perfection, carefully explaining each procedure as he went along. I couldn't be happier with the results. Thanks again to a very special and professional group; you have given me a lot to smile about.”

Candy for the Troops

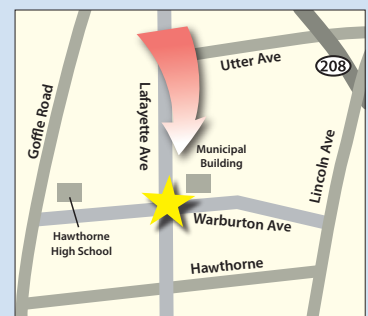
We want to thank everyone who came out to support our troops! Our First Annual Halloween Candy Buy Back was a success! We collected **83 pounds** of candy! We look forward to next year and hope you all come out to make it even more successful.



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