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# Gator Tales NEWSLETTER

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## MORE HOURS, MORE CHOICES

We are pleased to announce an expansion of our office hours and the arrival of additional staff members. Serving your dental needs in a prompt, professional, and courteous manner is our ultimate goal. The addition of Friday hours, an additional dentist, and support staff will allow us to meet your needs and the needs of the many family and friends that you refer to our office for excellent dental care.

Doctors Kathryn Hackenberg and Lie-Ying Periu are joining our dental staff. Both doctors are graduates of the University of Florida College of Dentistry and grew up in Melbourne, Florida. Dr. Hackenberg is a dental school classmate of Dr. Amir. Dr. Periu's husband, Daniel, is in graduate school at UF and is applying for dental school.

Joining our staff as dental assistant is Rebecca "Becky" Parrish, of Starke. Becky brings 18 years of experience to our team. BJ Cromwell is joining our front desk staff after serving as computer specialist at Shell Elementary for the last seven years. Welcome to Becky and BJ!

We will see patients on Fridays from 8 am to 2 pm. Drs. Garlitz and Periu will be available on Friday. Our patients with extensive needs often request Friday hours, allowing time to focus on



healing over the weekend. Please let us know if you would prefer to be a Friday patient.

## COME BY AND BE "FLOORED" BY OUR NEW LOOK

We have been serving Hawthorne and the Lake areas since 1982. Our building was built in 1988. Many improvements have been, and are being made with our building to make your experience more enjoyable.

Some of the recent upgrades are:

- New flooring: Our floors have been upgraded to porcelain tile and laminate flooring. This is not only attractive, but easy to keep free of germs.
- New air-conditioning system that allows the temperature to be different in the waiting areas and the treatment rooms.



- iPod players are available for your use during treatment to bring relaxing tunes in exchange for dental sounds.



- We are one of the few offices that offer quiet, electric handpieces as an alternative for the old-style shriek of the air-driven dental drill.
- Your chart is paper- and film-free. All our patient records are now computerized, enabling the doctors and staff to more efficient access in managing your dental needs.
- Be on the lookout for a fresh new look on the treatment room walls as well.



## NEWS BITES

Dr. Simon Amir is relocating and will be seeing patients in Ocala and The Villages. He will be opening his own office in the near future to be closer to family on the west coast of Florida. Dr. Amir's brother, Jamie, will be joining his practice upon graduation from his UF dental school program. E-mail Dr. Amir at drsimon@gatordental.com to offer your best wishes for his success.

Dental office aide Melissa Casseles is starting a dental assisting program at Santa Fe Community College. She plans to rejoin our staff in a year as a dental assistant.

Dental assistant Leah Bogue will be attending dental hygiene school at Santa Fe Community College. We wish her the best of luck.

Dental assistant Kathy Tracey has the pleasure of starting a new phase of her career — semi-retirement. Perhaps your appointment time will coincide with a time she is present in the office; otherwise look for her on the water in Lake Santa Fe.

Dr. Garlitz continues to teach and lecture part-time, in addition seeing patients in our office. He will be one of the lecturers at the Fall Annual Alumni meeting at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, speaking on Dental Technologies of the future.

*Our congratulations to:*

**Robert Comstock**, son of Sandie Comstock, graduated from Interlachen High School as Valedictorian. Robbie will be attending the University of Florida in the fall — GO GATORS!



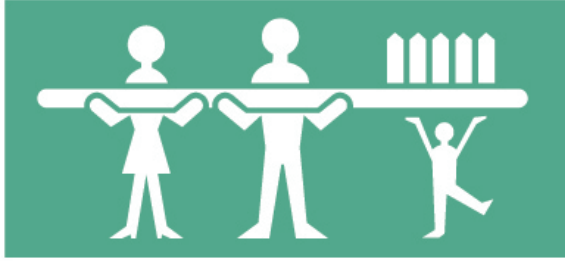
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## THANKS FOR MAKING US A POPULAR AND BUSY OFFICE

Thank you for all your referrals. Your confidence and support in sending your friends and family is a big compliment. Because of your dedication, we are a busy and popular office. Share our newsletter and Website, [www.gatordental.com](http://www.gatordental.com), to share our news and office with others.

Appointments are a valuable commodity in our office. Recent enhancements in hours and staff have been accomplished to allow you and the friends you refer more choices in being seen. Additional clinical staff allows us to see you promptly, keeping waiting times to a minimum.

When making appointments, please be sure to select a reserved time for



▲ dental care that is convenient for  
 ▲ you. Dental reservations allow us  
 ▲ to match the correct staff to your  
 ▲ appointment time. This allows our  
 ▲ dental team to meet your health  
 ▲ needs with the greatest of exper-  
 ▲ tise and comfort. With all our effort  
 ▲ made on your behalf, it is very im-

portant to not change your appointment time unless it is an emergency.

▲ Please be sure our staff has your cell phone number and e-mail address on file. We use this information to improve your choices by contacting you with premium appointment times that become available on short notice.

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Daniel West, son of Office Manager Suzanne West, graduated from UF in May and was commissioned in the Navy as an officer. He is enjoying his experience working with electronics while serving



as Electronics Warfare Officer on the USS Vella Gulf, a guided

missile cruiser, stationed in Norfolk, VA.

Troy Gehrlich, husband of dental assistant Elizabeth Gehrlich and son of dental assistant LouAnn Presser, completed the Law Enforcement Academy at Central Florida Community College. Troy is looking forward to starting his law enforcement career.



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 WITH THREE DOCTORS, WE CAN NOW  
 OFFER MORE HOURS TO SERVE YOUR NEEDS,  
 AS WELL AS THOSE OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

**DRS. LIE-YING AND KATHRYN ARE  
 LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.**



Dr. Lie-Ying Periu

Dr. Jay Garlitz

Dr. Kathryn Hackenberg