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Gator Dental Has Its Own Internet Site

Gator Dental Associates is proud to announce our Gator Dental web site: www.gatordental.com Join us on the web this holiday season and explore our web site, which includes:

- Our office hours and answers to the most frequently asked questions
- A complete guide to our office and office policies
- Biographical information about Drs. Garlitz and Maxwell
- Maps and directions for your friends and family whom you refer to us
- Links to other web sites of dental interest to our patients
- Hawthorne information, including historical photos supplied by Francis and Mary Moore
- Past issues of our office newsletter, *Gator Tales*
- The ability to e-mail us at the click of a mouse

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*Be sure to visit our
web site at
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Make sure to spread the word about the Internet site to your friends and family. The historical information about Hawthorne and the photographs are impressive. Your relatives all over the country will now be able to see and know about where you live and prosper!

Future plans for our web site include the ability for you to request appointments, information about our staff, and patient education materials to help you improve and maximize your oral health.

Also, you can write us at our e-mail address—smile@gatordental.com

And take a few moments to visit www.gatordental.com and spend some time enjoying this wonderful web site. We have had visitors from all over the world, and many of them praise Gator Dental Associates for serving you—our patients—even better with this useful information and communications tool.

We look forward to getting e-mail from you with comments about our web site.

CareCredit—A Convenient Payment Option for Funding Your Dental Health Needs

Payment for dental treatment over 6 months to a year without interest charges? We are proud to offer CareCredit, a dental treatment credit card program. Our patients have been using this program for more than a year with much success. Treatment needs over \$700 may qualify for extended financing with this program when accompanied by prepayment use. Pay no interest on your dental services when you pay back the credit line within



*Minimum monthly payments of 2% or \$20. If balance is not paid in full within 90 days or the specified interest-free period, APR is 21% subject to increase or decrease. Further details available upon request.



the program's time and payment guidelines. Patients need to fill out an application and be approved. Once in place, the credit is available for improving your dental health. Gator Dental Associates accepts MasterCard and Visa as well, but CareCredit offers you another option, with payments spread out over time and interest-free! Call Suzanne at 481-2741 for details.

News Bites

■ Kathy Tracey has joined our staff as a dental assistant. Kathy and her family are area residents who originally hail from Jacksonville and live on Lake SantaFe.

■ Roxanne Ashline, our dental assistant who, it seems, has been on staff since childhood, has relocated to the Melbourne area. We extend to her and her family our best wishes for happiness as they settle into life on the Space Coast.

■ Reba Chessman has joined our staff to bolster the very busy front desk. An avid FSU fan, Reba grew up in our area and returned from North Carolina. Reba and husband, Ed, live on Redwater Lake near her parents, Cecil and Era Williams.

■ Treatment Coordinator Suzanne West's son, Daniel, is enjoying his year as drum major at Hawthorne High School. He is also a very accomplished French horn player.

■ Dental Assistant LouAnn Presser's son, Troy, graduated from Interlachen High School this past year. He will be getting married soon. In the spirit of "reaching new heights," he is learning the tower-climbing business. Tower climbing is an area of employment in high demand (*no pun intended*).

■ Cousin Risa Portnoy, our newsletter designer, graduated with high honors from the Communications Program at the University of North Florida. Risa works for Shands HealthCare's Publication Services. Congratulations, Risa.

■ Cousin Julie Imanual graduated with honors from the University of Florida. She was selected as "Outstanding Female Graduate." Her male counterpart was Danny Wuerffel. Julie has started law school at UF. It seems that there is always at least one cousin of Dr. and Mrs. Garlitz's going to UF at any time!



Community News From Gladiator Gator

Oral surgeon passes away. Dr. Robert Fox, one of the oral surgeons we work with in Gainesville, passed away suddenly earlier this month, at a very young age. Rob, was a special person who volunteered his services extensively to those in need. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Lynna.

Fitness Center. *Maximum Fitness* has opened in Hawthorne on Hawthorne Road. For information call, Kandace Adams-Collins, the co-owner manager, at 481-9312.

Golf. The golf course off Holden Park Road in Hawthorne is open! What a wonderful addition to Hawthorne, as it is a very beautiful course. *Gator Landing Golf and Campground* also have camping sites and swimming memberships for use of their pool. Call Paul Metivier at 481-5547 for information.

Lions Club. The Lions Club of Hawthorne would love to have you join their ranks. This 40-member group meets bi-monthly, the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Bingo Hall. They are dedicated to sight preservation. Call Lion Garlitz at our office for membership information.



Office History and Milestones

Serving the Hawthorne area since 1982, our office still has many original patients. For those patients who are new to our office, or just new to Hawthorne, here's some interesting office history.



December 1981—Dr. Garlitz assumes the practice of Dr. James Mathews. Jim was a former mayor who searched for a young dentist to not only continue caring for his family of patients but to carry on in his dedication to community service. Dr. Garlitz came up from Miami to UF as an undergraduate junior in 1976 and was about to finish dental school.

1982—Arriving from the dental school at UF in nearby Gainesville, Dr. Garlitz and hygienist Sandie Comstock begin serving the dental needs of area residents. Sandie came to Hawthorne from Buffalo, NY. The office was located in the building that now serves as Shands at Hawthorne.

1986—Hygienist Judy Wright joins our staff. Judy grew up in Gainesville. With Sandie and Judy on board, two of the best hygienists in the county become our dynamic duo of superhero dental prevention specialists.

1987—Certified Dental Assistant LouAnn Presser arrives by way of Ohio. We just celebrated her tenth anniversary here!

1988—We moved into our newly constructed office in its current location.

1991—Treatment Coordinator Suzanne West joins the staff. Suzanne is from West Palm Beach. Randi Garlitz starts helping in the office as well. The Garlitz's and the West's had been friends for 10 years, with sons the same age. With children off to a good start, the work force got two great additions.

1994—Dental Assistant Tracy (Mayes) Wood visited our office as a student at HHS and felt right at home. She joined our profession and has prospered.

1995—Dr. Maxwell joined the practice. He was born in England and came to the U.S. for college at FSU, dental school in Gainesville, and advanced dental training in Baltimore. Wife Lori was our trump card—he came back to get married and locate here!

1996—Appointment Coordinator Debi Mike joins Gator Dental Associates from Shands. A New Hampshire native, she enjoys working closer to home with patients who often are friends (or will become friends).

1997—Certified Dental Assistant Kathy Tracey arrives from Melrose. She hails from Jacksonville.



What a team! Sixteen years...and it seems like yesterday.



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