

Prosthodontic Times

YOUR SMILE SAYS IT ALL

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Our Renovations Are Complete

In 2013, Silvaggio Prosthodontics underwent an expansive office renovation. We worked with Ron King and Jesse Martin from Earl King Construction, Cornerstone Architects and Henry Schein Dental Supply. With their expertise, we achieved our goal of transforming our space into a beautiful, state-of-the-art specialty practice that would better meet both the needs of our patients and our staff.

The decision to close the office to do the renovation wasn't an easy one for us to make. It was especially challenging because we had to close the office for over two weeks in the summer as well as two weeks in November. However, closing for that amount of time, allowed Earl King Construction the opportunity to completely overhaul our office, without negatively impacting our ability to provide the outstanding quality of care you have come to expect from us. We appreciated everyone's flexibility and patience as we underwent renovations in two phases. We know our office looked a bit awkward between the two phases, but the end-result made it all worthwhile. When everything was completed in December of 2013, we were amazed by the results and we hope you were too.

Some have asked us why we renovated our office? Ultimately, we wanted to maximize the space we had to create an environment that would better meet the needs of our patients and our staff. Our new layout, coupled with the most advanced dental equipment, achieved this and more. The moment you walk through our door, you will notice we took some walls down, opened up the space and created a dental practice that is bright and inviting. In addition, we are now 100% ADA compliant and can better meet the needs of all patients who seek our expertise. As we made changes to our layout, we listened to feedback from our staff and patients and incorporated that feedback into our design. We know you have a choice when it comes to your dental care, and we want you to feel confident in choosing us. Thank you for taking this journey with us and we look forward to finding additional ways to make your experience at Silvaggio Prosthodontics exceed your expectations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christian Silvaggio

P.S. Have you seen our page on Facebook? Don't forget to like us the next time you log on and visit our page to connected to what is happening in our practice.

Special points of interest:

- IN OCTOBER WE PARTICIPATED IN THE 4 DIAMONDS WALK IN HERSHEY, PA WITH TEAM OLIVIA'S WARRIORS TO BENEFIT PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH.
- DECEMBER 5TH, 2014 MARKS THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SILVAGGIO PROSTHODONTICS. LOOK FOR OUR MONTHLY GIVEAWAYS TO RETURN NEXT YEAR IN CELEBRATION OF THIS MILESTONE.
- DID YOU KNOW IN 1768-1770 PAUL REVERE PLACED ADVERTISEMENTS IN A BOSTON NEWSPAPER OFFERING HIS SERVICES AS A DENTIST?

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Q & A: Oral Hygiene

Q: How is Good Oral Hygiene Practiced?

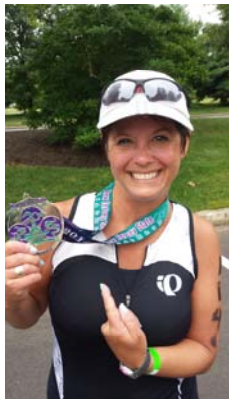
A: Maintaining good oral hygiene is one of the most important things you can do for your teeth and gums. Healthy teeth not only enable you to look and feel good, they make it possible to eat and speak properly. Daily preventive care, including proper brushing and flossing, will help stop problems before they develop and is much less painful, expensive, and worrisome than treating conditions that have been allowed to progress. In between regular visits to Dr. Silvaggio, there are simple steps that you can take to greatly decrease the risk of developing tooth decay, gum disease and other dental problems. These include: brushing thoroughly twice a day and flossing daily; eating a balanced diet and limiting snacks between meals; using dental products that contain fluoride, including toothpaste; and making sure that your children under 12 drink fluoridated water or take a fluoride supplement if they live in a non-fluoridated area.

Q: What is Halitosis?

A: Halitosis is the medical term used to describe bad breath. Most often it is related to the condition of your teeth and/or your dental hygiene. Broken teeth or badly decayed teeth may collect debris, and in time, bacteria forms and causes a bad taste and smell. You can improve halitosis by keeping your teeth, gums, and tongue clean. A buildup of plaque may lead to gingivitis and gum disease, which is a common cause of halitosis. It is important to brush your teeth and tongue twice a day to remove plaque and bacteria.

Staff Spotlight: Roxann Koser Dental Hygienist

With almost 25 years of experience as a Dental Hygienist, and 15 of them working for a Prosthodontist, you can be assured you're in extremely capable hands with Roxann. A native of Lancaster County, she attended Donegal High School and Penn College. She resides in Mt. Joy with her husband Abe and their two children Katie, a Sophomore at Slippery Rock University and Alex, a Junior at Donegal High School. In 2015, she and Abe will celebrate their 25th wedding Anniversary. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as living a healthy, and active lifestyle. She likes jogging, biking, and competing in triathlons. She also likes traveling with Kim and Kim and hanging out with Cathy on Friday margarita nights. Her favorite part of her job is the one-on-one personal care and conversations she has with her patients.



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Patient Testimonial

Dear Dr. Silvaggio,

I happened to be paging through a local magazine and saw an advertisement for your practice that said, "Your smile says it all!" I got to thinking and wondered what my smile was saying now that I am your patient that it didn't say before I was your patient.

The first thing that came to mind was that it was now effortless to smile. That may make no sense to anyone else, but I had a crown on one of my two large upper front teeth and the crown did not seat properly (which for many years had caused my gum to recede and discolor which would then leave a gap in the fit of the crown that allowed the underlying gold to show above the porcelain). I had a little black racing stripe right where no one would ever want one! That scenario was a part of my life for so long that without realizing it I had formulated a smile tactic. I would first place the tip of my tongue against the space between those two large teeth in order to restrict the amount of movement that my upper lip could make. Doing that meant I could keep my upper lip positioned to avoid showing the uppermost portions of my gums and teeth. You can imagine with that amount of effort, it wasn't easy to smile. Thanks to you I can 'just do it' now!

The next thing that came to mind was a healthy smile. Prior to finding your practice, I lost a rear molar and had an implant done followed by a crown placement. I looked in my mouth afterwards and saw what looked like the baby tooth that I had lost many years before! As it happened, the molar was on my 'preferred' chewing side. I didn't prefer that side any more! The smaller tooth made chewing much less efficient. I know it is really important to my digestion and health that I thoroughly and comfortably chew. Now that you have resized and replaced the crown, I am back to happily (and more healthily) enjoying my food with much less thought, planning and effort required.

Another thing that comes to mind is that I have a confident smile. The woman of the family is often left with the task of making the health care decisions for everyone else. I feel great about my dental care and am happy to say that I have recommended your office to many others and you now care for four generations of Lintons and we are often told what beautiful smiles we have.

Thanks to you, and your great staff, for my confident, healthy, effortless, smile! I guess you are right..."Your smile says it all!"

Gratefully, Joy Smith Linton, Lancaster , PA

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Celebrating 10 Years Together



I'm excited to announce that on December 5th, 2014, I will celebrate 10 years in practice in Lancaster, PA. While this milestone is important, it's not the one I'm most proud of achieving. On this date, I will also celebrate working 10 years with the same outstanding and talented staff that have been right by my side from the moment I established Silvaggio Prosthodontics.

I know that this is truly rare, and I'm grateful for the many years that Kim V, Kim J, Cathy, Roxann and I have spent working together. In honor of this, I planned a special celebration for us that will take place in December. I know that it was with their help that I was able to grow my practice. I'm proud to have a staff that is truly dedicated to providing excellent patient care. They not only treat each and every patient well, but they also work well together, as evident by them vacationing and spending their free time with each other. I know we have something unique here at Silvaggio Prosthodontics and I look forward to celebrating many more milestones together as a team.

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