



## About Our Office

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**Introduction** We feel that the best time for our patients to learn about dentistry is while you are in the office, and your comments have proven this to be correct. Please enjoy our latest in-office newsletter!

**Hot Topics** As we make the transition from Winter to Spring, now is a great time to get a new toothbrush or change the head on your electric toothbrush. The ADA recommends changing toothbrushes every 3 or 4 months, and with the tough cold & flu season we are just departing, its time to use that old brush for cleaning grout, not teeth!

**Around the Office** *Colene* has been published again in *Dental Economics* magazine, the nation's leading business journal for the dental profession! Her latest article, entitled **The True Meaning of Team**, describes the value of teamwork as observed over a 35+ year career (and still going strong!).....Dr. Morgan has left our practice to buy another! Best wishes to him in his new endeavor. Please read below about Dr. Richard Dimsdale, who will be replacing him in our practice.

**Employee Spotlight** *Dr. Richard (Rick) K. Dimsdale* joined our practice March 1, 2008, bringing with him over 22 years experience as a general dentist. Originally from Chapel Hill, NC, he has lived and worked in beautiful western North Carolina for most of his life. His most recent stint was as a general practitioner in Sylva, NC for 18 years. Dr. Dimsdale was valedictorian of his 1977 graduating class at Sylva-Webster High School, is a 1981 honors graduate of East Carolina University (go Pirates!) with a degree in biology, and is a 1985 graduate of The University of North Carolina School of Dentistry (go Heels!). Dr. Dimsdale was raised in a dental family, and ironically, his father, J.R. Dimsdale, DDS, was Dr. Gillespie's childhood dentist. In a further case of serendipity, Dr. Rick and Dr. Tim played trumpet together in the Sylva-Webster High School Marching Band and have known each other for over 30 years.

Dr. Dimsdale's wife, Lisa, is a native of Mt. Airy North Carolina.....yes, the hometown of Andy Griffith. Lisa's dad actually went to school with Andy. It is a small world isn't it??? Rick and Lisa currently reside in Waynesville, NC and enjoy traveling, RVing, snow skiing, hiking, mountain biking, and photography, just to name a few of their many interests.

Dr. Dimsdale and Dr. Gillespie have talked back and forth for several years now about one day actually practicing together, and in March of 2008, the timing for both of them was perfect. Dr. Dimsdale holds memberships in the American Dental Association, the North Carolina Dental Society, and the Academy of General Dentistry. His specific interests are the preventive and restorative aspects of general dentistry and helping his patients keep their teeth for a lifetime.

**Quote Unquote** Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

–Doug Larson

Our practice family continues to grow thanks to the kind referrals of great patients such as yourself. When we may be of service to your friends or acquaintances, let us know!