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*“Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.”*

*-Dr. Seuss*

The first day of September shall be momentous for my wife and me because on that date I will become a retired dentist and my wife, Sharyn, will stop working in our business office.

While the ensuing fall months will bring a new lifestyle, there never has been a doubt that the past 39 years proved pediatric dentistry was to be my life’s work. In 1972, when I returned to St. Louis to begin practicing, I drove through the night because I was so excited I couldn’t sleep. I haven’t been disappointed.

Since then, the years have provided a special insight. Dedicated young parents trusted me to care for their children, who, themselves, have grown to become dedicated parents that have brought their youngsters to us. Our practice has allowed me to enjoy many gratifying, long-term relationships. I will miss those connections the most.

In the future, your children shall be cared for by exceptional pediatric dentists. Last year, Dr. Andrew Dill became a member of our practice and we recently invited Dr. Amy Varble, to join us. Both are outstanding. Your kids are going to love them, in addition to receiving outstanding care.

In the past weeks, many have congratulated us on “reaching the finish line.” We truly appreciate those good wishes. Yet, Sharyn and I believe we have stepped up to a new starting line, and it is exhilarating.

We are planning to stay in St. Louis and are looking forward to seeing many of our soon-to-be-former-patients at one of the area restaurants, movie theatres or supermarkets.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your children’s dentist. I have had a wonderful career due to your trust. I shall be forever grateful and smile because it happened.

Yours truly,

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