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How can 12 months have gone by so quickly? Mentors warned me that my term as President of the DSGO would do so, and it certainly has!

I have truly enjoyed this experience. Working with your Board to continue maintaining the sense of community and tradition has been rewarding. When talking with people like Bob Ferris and other former presidents, one can certainly appreciate the value of our organization and the great position it holds in our dental community.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors who continue to take time out of their busy schedules to attend our monthly meetings and make decisions on how to best support our DSGO and its members. I know firsthand what a valuable resource they are and how much they benefit our profession.

Drs. Jim Flatley and Ed Kennedy continue to spearhead our fantastic quarterly DSGO Journal, which is second to none! Please take a moment to thank Ed and Jim for their efforts — considerable time and energy goes into each issue. They would encourage you to contribute an article or opinion piece to the Journal, if you felt inclined to do so.

Let me also extend my special thanks to the people at the Society that work so hard to make our organization successful and keep things running smoothly - Sharon Hamilton and Kelly Millet. Sharon and Kelly wear numerous hats during a normal workweek and continue to be a solid administrative backbone for us. We are fortunate to have both of them working behind the scenes to keep us going.

And thanks, finally, to all of you who stay current on your membership dues, enabling our Society to do all of the great things we do — community outreach programs, continuing education opportunities and multiple other “connectors” that unify us.

In order to maintain our goal of providing the best care to our patients, it is necessary to have a unified body that openly espouses our vision. The DSGO provides that connection — it is our local voice in this changing environment. Only with your continued support and participation will we continue to be heard, continue to be relevant and continue to have a seat at the table.

Dr. Brett Zak will take on the role of President for the upcoming year. He has scheduled a great lineup of speakers and CE programs to lead another great year. Please continue to be involved and support our DSGO so that our key mission can be accomplished: HELPING MEMBERS SUCCEED!

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It was 7:00 a.m. in Marsh Harbor in the Abaco Islands. As I awaited to experience my first fly fishing trip, a goliath of a man pulled up with his flats boat in tow. He was barefoot (of course!), overweight, and hardened with “skin of leather” damaged from years of guiding in the Bohemian sun. I was a bit surprised when I first saw him. He was a world-renown fishing guide in the famous Marls of the Abaco Islands, and had just “aired” on a television series, Pirates of the Flats.

He walked straight over to my fly fishing equipment (which I had just purchased from a local Gander Mountain) and asked, “Can you throw a fly, son?” I said, “Yes! For several weeks, I have been practicing in my backyard throwing a dummy fly into my swimming pool.” In disbelief, he snickered, tightened his face (as he let out a deep belch), and then began loading the boat. During the long quiet ride to the launch area, I could almost hear his thoughts, “No! Not another client who doesn’t have a clue on how to deliver a fly to a bonefish.”

The “guide” launched his flats skiff, and drove it around a loop or so. Watching in disbelief, I tried to figure out how this 300-pound, 70ish year-old “salt” could balance in a little flats boat while standing with a tiller. Eventually, we meandered to our first fishing spot where he stopped the boat and said, “Son, stand on the bow and throw it as far as you can.” The wind was blowing straight at me, so I got tangled up before I could deliver my first back-cast. My fly had become lodged in my shirt and as I tried to untangle myself, my line began dragging beneath the skiff. As soon as I untangled myself, I back-cast right into the “old salt” behind me. Gazing back to the casting platform, I saw nothing but a red-faced Bohemian man with “eyes as big as saucers.” Without hesitation, he jumped from the casting platform, grabbed me and my rod and said, “Son, it is time for me to learn you something.” That was the beginning of the worst fishing day of my life… and it only got worse! The first bonefish I caught was accidental since it had actually eaten my fly while I was in the process of sorting out yet another tangled line. After the catch, “Salty” gave me my first compliment. He said that I was the “luckiest bastard” he had ever guided! I thought to myself, “How does this guy ever get any return clients?” It was then that the “old salt” picked up my fly-rod and began to cast the most beautiful tight loops I had ever seen. With little effort and great finesse, he was able to deliver the fly with pinpoint accuracy against the wind. His casting technique, using surgical accuracy and perfect rhythm, was beautiful!

It was at that point that I developed a lasting passion for fly fishing. I have since returned to the Marls to fly fish and find I get better each year. Each trip presents different conditions, different challenges, and obstacles to overcome. I have developed different skills in my casting techniques, which have accumulated during my experiences each trip.

Similarly, experience is invaluable in the practice of dentistry. Perhaps some feel they can pick up and master a new technique over a long weekend. On the contrary, I have learned it often takes years of experience in clinical practice to master new techniques. Hours of chair time are required to develop the know-how to properly address complications, should they occur. After practicing periodontics for almost 20 years, I continue to confide in experienced colleagues to exchange ideas and continue to learn from them. I have developed a greater appreciation for clinicians with experience similar to the “old salt” who inspired my passion for fly fishing.

My first bonefish was caught with a “tangled-up approach” that happened to go well. In ideal conditions, I may have been able to throw tight loops and catch a few more fish that day; however, when the conditions aren’t ideal (and they seldom are when working on patients), I would rather rely on “old salt” experience every time!
FEATURE ARTICLE

AGAINST ALL ODDS

Bosnian dentist survives and thrives despite the tragedies of war in Sarajevo.

By Dr. Jim Flatley - Editor’s Interview in Sarajevo, Bosnia

Just imagine going through dental school at UF or Nova or Marquette (or wherever) while being shelled by daily mortar attacks. On any given day and at a moment’s notice, you and your patients must suddenly run to the safe room (realizing that it’s not all that safe) as the walls explode and collapse around you. Many of us have struggled just to survive the rigors of dental school itself ... imagine doing so while fearing for your very life in the middle of an active war zone! This is the story of a determined young woman who did just that and survived to tell about it.

It has been 20 years since the war ended and Dr. Amela Mrzic (“Mer’-zith”) is now a successful dentist in the city of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH). It has not been easy, to say the least. She lost family members and many friends during the Bosnian War, which raged from 1992 until 1995. She survived the war through courage, grit and a strong sense of patriotism. Her dental school years were difficult and dangerous but she was able to escape the war by moving to safety in Australia (1994) after graduation, while vowing to return to her country at the first opportunity. She practiced there for 4 years and was also married and had a son. Finally returning to Bosnia in 1998, she faced Third World conditions as her country began a slow rebound.
According to Dr. Flatley:

“I met Dr. Amela, as she is known, during a trip my wife and I took to Sarajevo several months ago. We were visiting our daughter, son-in-law, and grandson who are currently living in Sarajevo.

After doing some research, I discovered that Dr. Amela had a solid dental reputation in Sarajevo, especially among the personnel at the many foreign embassies there. She was kind enough to offer me her office so I could apply some Invisalign attachments for a revision on my son-in-law’s orthodontics. I was very impressed with her and very interested to hear her story. I was also impressed by the quality of her office and the professionalism of her staff. I later learned that her practice is not only the finest in Sarajevo but certainly of the highest quality in all of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Her unique story was a surprise to me and well worth sharing with you.”

Dr. Flatley conducted the following interview with Dr. Amela, both at her office in Sarajevo and via phone calls:

Q: What was it like to study and work in a war zone?

A: It was so difficult because of the dangers of attack and the trauma of seeing so much death and destruction on a regular basis. We worked at school every day. Our school was almost completely destroyed. After I graduated (1993), I worked in a one-chair clinic helping war victims — there was so much to do because of the war. I did a lot of oral surgery. Occasionally, people gave us food in payment but we worked for free. The situation was very bad and seemed hopeless at the time. The next year was when I moved to Australia to get away from the war so I could help support my parents and brother.

Q: Were you able to practice dentistry in Australia?

A: I had no idea what I was facing until I got there. I was only 24 years old but it was the only way to help my parents survive. I discovered that my diploma was not recognized there, so I had to pass an occupational English proficiency exam, a written dental examination, and a clinical examination. I was able to get through it all and practiced in a private clinic in Melbourne. After 4 years, I returned home and practiced general dentistry.

Q: Your office is beautiful and spacious and in an upscale mall across the street from the U.S. Embassy in downtown Sarajevo. How did all that happen for you?”
helped expand my practice, mostly by word-of-mouth. We now have a total of 11 staff dentists and auxiliaries and I feel very, very fortunate! I was able to attain certification in prosthodontics 6 years ago from my alma mater here in Sarajevo.

**Q: Your husband is Bosnian but you married in Australia. How did all that happen?**

A: I knew no one in Australia, except a distant aunt, and knew nothing about life there. While in Melbourne I reunited with my former boyfriend who had moved from Bosnia to Australia the year before the war began and was working as an economist. We married and had a son but I was very unhappy to be separated from my family, my friends, and my country. I felt so empty and decided that I just couldn’t live so far away from them! Everyone thought I was crazy to come back to my poor, crippled country but my husband supported my decision, although somewhat reluctantly. Coming back was a tough early struggle ... but I am so happy we did it—definitely the right decision. My oldest son, Anel, is in his second year of dental school in Austria and I also have another son, Arman, and a daughter, Zara at home.

**Q: How is the school system set up in BiH for becoming a dentist?**

A: We go through 8 years of primary school. Then, I had 4 years of dental technician secondary school for becoming a laboratory technician. Following that, I spent 5 years at University (dental school) followed by 1 year of practice (similar to an AEGD or GPR). After those 6 years, the graduate is eligible to take the exam for dental licensure, which involves both clinical and oral examinations.

**Q: What about participation in organized dentistry?**

A: Dentists in BiH have one umbrella institution – the Federal Dentist Association, and another one just for the Sarajevo region but there is little active participation. However, continuing education is provided from both federal and local organizations. We are obliged to have specified educational points to renew our licenses and license renewal is due every 5 years.

**Now with the war years well behind her, Dr. Amelia has built a staff which includes an orthodontist, an oral surgeon/exodontist, a maxillofacial surgeon, a periodontist, 3 general dentists, and her own lab technician. Her First World office has a full array of state-of-the-art equipment/materials including two Cerec units (including OmniCam 3-D), MD Waterlase and EZ PerioLase units, modern Serona and Kavo dental units, 3M dental materials, etc. She herself does mostly implant prosthodontics.**

She is also fortunate to have 60% of her patient base coming from embassies in Sarajevo, since the local people have no dental insurance. Although she has a solid and busy practice, she enjoys CE and is in the middle of completing a PhD mastership in laser dentistry—a two-year program in Germany where she goes for 3 days every other month. She is greatly looking forward to the day when her son joins her practice in Sarajevo!

**FAST FACTS:**

- Sarajevo hosted the Winter Olympics in 1984. The war in Bosnia was from 1992-1995.
- What was once Yugoslavia is now split into 7 countries after the war: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Slovenia, Macedonia, Serbia, and Montenegro. The former Yugoslavian states of Bosnia and Herzegovena were united into a single (hyphenated) independent country after the war.
- The United States, during the Clinton administration, helped broker the Dayton Peace Accords which ended the war. The UN played a significant role but also bears responsibility for the Srebrenica slaughter of over 8,000 Bosniak men and boys, the worst incident of genocide in Europe since World War II, by failing to protect them in the UN’s so-called “safe zone”. During that time, as many as 30,000 Bosniak women, children, and elderly people were forcibly relocated and suffered through widespread rape, torture and murder at the hand of the Serbian army. There are many well-documented tales of ISIS-like savagery, and mass graves are still being discovered.
- The human costs of the war cannot even be imagined, but the economic costs were also staggering and are still being felt today. In turn, the US spent billions of dollars during its participation during the war and in assisting the rebuilding effort afterward.
- Although there has been peace and relative stability for over 20 years since the war ended, there are many obvious remnants to be seen, such as pockmarked buildings, throughout Sarajevo. There is no doubt that the psychological scars are even deeper.
- Bosnia is multi-ethnic. Most are Bosniaks (Muslims), Serbs (Orthodox Christians) or Croats (Catholic Christians). The war was split along ethnic lines, quite literally turning neighbor against neighbor in savage fighting. In Sarajevo alone, its 340,000 citizens were hit constantly by artillery, mortar and heavy machinegun fire that destroyed apartment houses, hotels, factories, office blocks, hospitals, schools, waterworks and other utilities. Nearly 19,000 people died in Sarajevo – 10% of them children.
Dr. Jack Beattie

Dr. Jack Beattie, of Winter Park passed away peacefully Sunday April 3, 2016. He was born October 2, 1934 in Bay City, Michigan and raised there. He earned his undergraduate degree at Michigan State University, his dental degree at University of Michigan and his Masters Degree in Orthodontics from Western Reserve in Cleveland. On June 27, 1959 he married Ernestine Johnson and they remained married until his death. In 1963, the family moved to Orlando. In 1965 they bought a home in Winter Park-and they have resided in that same home ever since. Dr. Jack Beattie was well known for the passion that he brought to his many activities over all his years. His passion for his career in orthodontics was marked by a legacy of service to his profession. Among his many elected and appointed positions, he served for many years as a Delegate to the American Dental Association and as a Delegate and Council Chairman for the American Association of Orthodontists. He received accolades and service awards from those organizations as well as from the Florida Association of Orthodontists and the Southern Association of Orthodontists. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Milo Hellman Award from Michigan State University. He was appreciated by his friends and his family for his intellect and his insights and particularly for his wit and his sense of humor. He seemed to remember almost every joke ever told and more than that, he knew just how to tell each joke “right.” In any crowd, he would be found telling stories, telling jokes or with another of his primary passions, singing songs. Many nights over the years, he could be found in a downtown Winter Park bar with a microphone in his hand joining an old friend for a song or two. Still today we enjoy his renditions of the classics on his CD, "Black Tie Optional". He is survived by Ernestine, his wife of 56 years, son Dr. John R. Beattie, Winter Park, who followed him into orthodontics and practiced with him for many years, son Dr. Jeffrey L. Beattie, Winter Park, an oral surgeon (spouse Tracy Beattie), and daughter Kimberly Beattie Nordheim, Boca Raton, an attorney (spouse Gregory Nordheim) and six grandchildren, Nick, Jake, Caroline, John, Gregory, and Jacqueline. To learn more of Dr. Jack Beattie please see www.drjackbeattie.com. A memorial service was held at Winter Park Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM Friday April 22, 2016. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Dental Society of Greater Orlando Charitable Foundation.
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Remembering Dr. Jack Beattie

Here I sit in my office. I know ... what else is new? I'm getting ready for Dr. Jack Beattie's funeral. Topping off this downer is the fact that my grandmother, on my mom's side, died yesterday. This is not what I call a banner day. I must confess that probably the two things I despise most in life are weddings and funerals. I guess I don't like to be reminded of my failures or my own mortality. Or perhaps it's something deeper.

Dr. Jack Beattie was to me a particularly tough loss. He has always been in the shadows encouraging me to speak my mind about what's right and, most importantly, about what is wrong with the dental profession. Dr. Jack, and his son John, are family to me. They have supported me personally and professionally no matter the cost to them. They have had my back even when I was wrong - you don't turn your back on that. Not ever! If only just a few more in the profession would give that level of honesty, commitment and loyalty to our profession (and to each other) — what a wonderful profession this would be.

This is how I saw my friend Dr. Jack. He was outspoken and not afraid of his opinion. Nor was he afraid of yours. Respectful discourse was all part of the process. Unfortunately, I saw members of our profession attempt to squelch, censor or detract from his powerful messages at times. The results were laughable. Certain people can fill a room - Dr. Jack could fill a convention center!

I have never been one to be timid. But it is fairly unusual to be an outspoken dentist and even more so to be an outspoken specialist. If it's true that the meek shall inherit the Earth, then dentists will have it all — most especially true for dental specialists. Sometimes I think that our job is to be vanilla — that is, offend no one. To only express opinions with permission. To never actually make eye contact.

In case you haven't noticed, that's not my way. I deal straight up. I feel compelled to be honest and forthright. Dr. Jack was one that showed me that it was cool to be cool. We didn't have to wring our hands and apologize for our place. In my journey through organized dentistry I have strived to do what is best for the profession. Often times this has been detrimental to me, both personally and professionally, and I have definitely seen Dr. Jack take more than his fair share of slings and arrows.

I hope someday that I can repay and justify Dr. Jack's and Dr. John's belief in me as a professional and as a man. I have entered The Arena and been defeated, knocked down, beaten and bloodied ... but I have arisen to continue the fight. In a world full of sheep, Dr. Jack Beattie was a lion. It will forever be my honor to be one of his adopted cubs.

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By Dr. Jim Flatley

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When you have patients who cannot afford treatment in your office, you should have at your fingertips ready resources you (and they) can turn to. You can use this information for their access to care. Remember also that you can refer needy patients to the DSGO office. The staff will do a mini-interview to determine the best referral for the patient.

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Meet Doctors
Brett and Tom Lawton

“Homegrown Fourth and Fifth Generation Floridians”

By Dr. Ed Kennedy

Dr. Tom and Brett Lawton share several passions. First, they are both perfect gentlemen and love their families. Tom loves spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Tom is a fourth generation Floridian, and Brett is a fifth generation Floridian. They share thriving orthodontic practices (with offices in Winter Park and Oviedo). Tom started the Winter Park office over 40 years ago. They both enjoy sports and the outdoors; both were born and raised in Central Florida and have degrees from The University of Kentucky and The University of Florida. Pictured above, they are enjoying The 2008 National Championship Football Game, where the Gators defeated Oklahoma.

DR. TOM LAWTON

Tom, a fourth generation Floridian, grew up in Orlando and Winter Park. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, received his Doctorate of Dental Medicine with honors from The University of Kentucky and then completed a dental internship at the USPHS Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts from 1968-1969. He served as Senior Dental Officer at the US Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia from 1969-1971. Tom returned to the University of Kentucky where he completed his orthodontics residency and earned a Master of Science degree.

INTERESTING KENTUCKY CONNECTION:

Tom was in the same dental school class with Dr. Roger Nofsgen, Dr. Chas Schmitt, Dr. Marc Williams, and Dr. Larry Branham, who are also Central Floridians.

In 1973, Tom returned to Central Florida to begin his orthodontic practice in Winter Park. He is board certified and has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics since 1985. In addition, Tom is the past president of the Florida Association of Orthodontics, and has served on the part-time faculty at the University of Florida College of Dentistry.

FAMILY AND HOBBIES

Tom is married to Emmy and has two children: Lisa Lawrence and Brett. His son, Brett, joined his practice in 2003. Tom enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time in the outdoors with friends and family — especially the grandkids.

DR. BRETT LAWTON

Brett, a fifth generation Floridian, was born and raised in Winter Park, and is a Winter Park High School Graduate. Brett received his bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Vanderbilt University in 1996. He graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry with a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree with Honors in 2000. He then completed his certificate degree in orthodontics at the University of Florida where he also earned a Master of Science in 2003. Brett served as chief resident during his orthodontic residency program and served in several honorary leadership roles.

Brett joined his father’s practice in 2003 and has brought a lot of new technology to the practice. Brett and Tom have offices in Winter Park and Oviedo. They incorporate good ole-fashioned customer service with state of the art diagnostic techniques, including CBCT 3-D Imaging, iTero Scanners, Damon Braces and are premier providers for Invisalign*. Brett joined his father’s practice in 2003 and has brought a lot of new technology to the practice. Brett and Tom have offices in Winter Park and Oviedo. They incorporate good ole-fashioned customer service with state of the art diagnostic techniques, including CBCT 3-D Imaging, iTero Scanners, Damon Braces and are premier providers for Invisalign*.

FAMILY AND HOBBIES

Brett is thrilled to be back home in Central Florida where he enjoys almost all water sports. Brett is married to Laura, and they have three children: Annabelle-13, Lilly-10 and Jack-6. That makes Brett and Laura’s children 6th generation Floridians! Brett enjoys spending time with his family and friends and also enjoys the outdoors like his dad. He especially loves both fresh and salt water fishing, and enjoys playing guitar.

TEAM LAWTON

Tom describes his son as “THE MAN!!” Brett has brought all the new technology to the office. Tom says, “When it comes to some of the new technology, I do whatever Brett tells me to do … except administrative stuff – that is all his part!” Tom and Brett have combined technology, experience, and good ole-fashioned customer service to establish a “first class” practice and working relationship. With a little luck, Team Lawton may have a 6th generation Floridian perpetuate the practice with the same values learned from both their father and grandfather!
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The clinic typically operates one to five days per month, is staffed solely by volunteer dentists and hygienists including Volunteer Dental Director Dr. Pearl Burns (in photo); and students from the University of Central Florida’s Pre-Dental Student Association, who volunteer as dental assistants.

The mobile dental unit team, supported by Heart of Florida United Way, has provided free care and education to more than 2,600 uninsured adults and children living in Bithlo. Though the community is located just eight miles from the bustling UCF campus, many Bithlo residents have long suffered from illiteracy, homelessness and unemployment. Some live without clean water, safe housing and adequate transportation. Many of Bithlo’s 8,000 residents lack health insurance.

Since launching in 2013, the mobile dental unit, staffed by volunteers, has provided more than $1 million in free services.

MOBILE DENTAL UNIT VOLUNTEER DATES

Volunteer dentists and dental hygienists are needed for uninsured and low income adults and children in East Orlando/Bithlo, Florida. All dental treatment is provided in a fully equipped Mobile Dental Unit. Sovereign Immunity is extended to all dentists and hygienists.

CE CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE

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- Sunday, July 24, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 20, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday August 21, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 17, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday September 18, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday October 15, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 16, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 12, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 13, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday December 10, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday December 11, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location of the Mobile Dental Unit will be in the Bithlo area and will be confirmed one (1) month prior to the event. If you are interested in volunteering on any of the above dates and/or have weekday availability, please contact:

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In addition to volunteer work within our local schools, we need dentists, assistants and hygienists to volunteer locally in their private practices, in donated clinic settings and at events throughout the Central Florida area. We provide a monthly clinic for adults in need of one limited exam, x-ray and emergency extraction or filling. 2016: From 12-5pm 5/6, 6/8, 8/5, 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2

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Implanting Quality of Life

By Dr. Scott Schmitt

It goes without saying that dental implants are a mainstay of modern dentistry. For me as a clinician, no other aspect of dentistry has brought greater satisfaction on a consistent basis than the inclusion of dental implants in a patient's treatment plan. To even make such a statement causes me to immediately reflect on the myriad of treatments and patients in recallable history and how each treatment affected the patient. The result is subjective recognition that the treatments using dental implants more predictably brought about increased patient satisfaction and greater impact on their quality of life. Wow, what a wonderful job to have! Please recognize that you, as a dentist, are truly involved in restoring quality of life.

The impact of dental implants on quality of life has been documented in the literature. Takemae et al (Environ Health Prev Med, 2012) found that implant therapy, especially when assisting older denture patients, had a positive impact not only on dental function, but on “all aspects of the mental state.” Zembic and Wismeijer (Clin Oral Implant Res, 2014) concluded that implant therapy improved “all measured areas, including physical, functional, psychological, and social.” These are powerful, exciting statements about a service we provide in our practices every day. It’s best not to have to explain significant changes after the fact.

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- **Immediate placement:** Although it has its benefits, keep in mind that immediate placement can also more commonly produce implants with insufficient facial bone or insufficient keratinized tissue, leading to chronic inflammation at best and prosthesis failure at worst.

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR LAB PARTNERS:

I believe one way to avoid such pitfalls, and have a better understanding of implant therapy potentials, is to have an excellent relationship with your dental laboratory technician. Including your technician in pre-treatment planning of a complex case can be very enlightening. Simple changes to implant position or number can reap dramatic improvements, often times allowing your case to take less chair time, have lower lab fees, and a better outcome. Truly, everyone wins… dentist, lab and patient.

As dentists, we need to respect our dental technicians as colleagues on the treatment team. They should be experts in their field and we should expect them to deliver on that role. We should also be willing to pay them a fair fee for their hard work. Without quality dental technicians, every single one of us, from restorative dentists to specialists, WILL BE AFFECTED and we will be unable to provide successful long-term results for our patients. The Florida Dental Laboratory Association (FDLA) is holding their annual Southern States Symposium at Sea World on May 5-7. It is one of the larger dental laboratory meetings in the country, and always has some worthwhile content. Technicians are highly encouraged to bring their client dentists, but anyone can register.

So check out the FDLA (www.fdlalat.com). You may even learn something about implants … and improve YOUR quality of life.

C. Scott Schmitt, DMD MS maintains a specialty practice in prosthodontics in Altamonte Springs. Scott trained at the University of Kentucky and completed his residency program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in 1999. Scott enjoys all aspects of fixed and removable prosthodontics.

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