



A LETTER FROM *Dr. Schinto*

Hello friends and Happy New Year! This is such an exciting time in dentistry and what a change from when I started thirteen years ago. New products and techniques have made dentistry fun, easy and comfortable for both the patient and the practitioner. Over the last few years, Schinto Dental has been hard at work learning the latest advances in dentistry. Two of my favorites, which have been very popular, are **Invisalign** and **Lumineers**. These two products have allowed me to treat patients in a way that is quick and comfortable. Both procedures are great at giving patients the smile they have always wanted. Technology is also allowing us to replace missing teeth with dental implants instead of bridges or dentures. Implants offer the patient the closest feeling to natural teeth and can be placed as a single tooth or in groups if there are multiple missing teeth. I am also certified for dental conscious sedation for those patients that have high dental anxiety and would prefer to be more relaxed.

I hope that everyone enjoys this newsletter and the before and after photos of a few of my patients. We have also just started a patient referral program and an Invisalign discount program to kick off the New Year! I look forward to seeing you all soon and wishing you excellent dental health in 2008!

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Porcelain Veneers

Porcelain veneers are thin porcelain shells bonded to the outside of your teeth to make them appear straight, beautiful and healthy. In most cases, they require some reduction to the tooth structure. When done for single teeth, they can be made to match your surrounding teeth. When multiple veneers are placed we can alter your smile's size, shape or color to best fit your needs. This patient had a life time of grinding that severely shortened her teeth causing her mouth to collapse and over close. Using porcelain on gold crowns for her back molars for support in the high stress areas and all porcelain crowns and veneers elsewhere, we were able to open her bite back to a normal position. Her joints have been comfortable and her destructive habit is now under control. ☺



Before



After



Before



After

Lumineers

A "Lumineer" is a type of veneer that is a terrific cosmetic solution for permanently discolored, chipped or mal-aligned teeth and closing spaces. They even can be used to revitalize old crowns and bridgework. Lumineers can be made as thin as a contact lens and are placed over existing teeth, often without requiring the removal of sensitive tooth structure. This patient came to our office with a bonded restoration from a previous dentist on one of her front teeth. One of the hardest things to do in dentistry is to restore a single front tooth, as her previous dentist found out. This patient was displeased with the shape, color and texture. We were able to correct this issue with Lumineers. We achieved a great result without any drilling on her natural tooth. ☺

Invisalign and Zoom Whitening

Invisalign is the "clear" way to straighten teeth. Invisalign gradually moves your teeth through a series of custom-made, removable, nearly invisible aligners. Each set of aligners are worn for two weeks at a time. The average Invisalign case we treat lasts for about six to seven months. This is a great product to straighten teeth that have minor crowding or spacing. Most of my patients using Invisalign have had orthodontics before and have noticed their teeth shifting over time. This patient loved his results as he no longer has large gaps and now has a wonderful new smile. This patient also utilized our Zoom in-office whitening procedure and his teeth became at least seven shades whiter in a little over an hour! ☺



Before



After