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WA Orthodontics' Annual Dental BBO



More than 400 guests took part in our 7th Annual Fall Barbecue in October. This event provides a great opportunity for us to visit with many local dentists and their staff members, and also gives them a chance to get to know each other. We all enjoyed bluegrass music by the Bacups, delicious barbecue and fixin's from Fresh Air Barbecue, and a beautiful day at Bishop Park. We always look forward to hosting this annual tradition, and are pleased that we were able to spend the afternoon with so many great folks!



A Note to Our Patients Regarding Business Hours



Please note that our Gaines School Road office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, for any needs or questions regarding administrative or billing issues. This office is located at 1075 Gaines School Road, and the phone number is (706) 543-1438. As our other offices are not open every day of the week, please keep the information handy for the Gaines School Road office, so that we can serve you in the most efficient manner.



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STRAIGHT TALK

Dr. Allen Announces Retirement

After 30 years practicing orthodontics, Dr. Billy Allen retired this winter. An Athens native, Dr. Allen is a 1969 graduate of the Emory University School of Dentistry with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery, and he later earned a Certificate of Orthodontics from Emory, as well.

A pioneer with the Damon bracket System, Dr. Allen has utilized this technology since its introduction into the marketplace more than 10 years ago. During his career, he has served as president of the Eastern District Dental Society and the Georgia Association of Orthodontists, and has been a member of the International College of Dentists and the Georgia Academy of Dental Practice. In addition, Dr. Allen is an Honorable Fellow of Dentistry in Georgia.

"I merged my practice with Dr. Robert Waugh to insure that my patients' needs would be met when I retired," said Dr. Allen. "I have complete confidence in Dr. Waugh and Dr. Newell to continue caring for my patients, whether in active treatment or the retention phase of care."

"I have enjoyed my partnership with Dr. Allen and I'm grateful for the impact our merger has had," said Dr. Waugh. "Without a doubt, our improvement in clinical services for patients has been our greatest accomplishment together."

Dr. Allen and his wife, Anne, have relocated to a warmer climate, on the shores of Amelia Island, Florida, where he will have more time to enjoy boating and water sports.

Best wishes, Dr. Allen! You've created many beautiful smiles in Northeast Georgia!



Patient Appreciation "Cinco de Mayo" Carnival

Last year's Patient Appreciation Carnival was so popular, that we're doing it again! Come join the "fiesta" fun on Saturday, May 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Oconee office!! Patients and their families are invited for an afternoon of festivities complete with carnival games, food, and a giveaway, all with a "Cinco de Mayo" flair. You'll be able to test your skill on the huge inflatable obstacle course, the rock climbing wall, and other attractions.

We hope to see you and your family there!



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Dr. Waugh Presents at Recent Damon Forum



More than 1,000 dental and orthodontic professionals attended the Damon Forum in Palm Springs, California, where Dr. Waugh was a keynote speaker.

Dr. Waugh was a featured speaker at a forum in Palm Springs, California, hosted by Ormco Corporation, the maker of the Damon System™ orthodontic brackets. The conference was attended by more than 1,000 orthodontic and dental professionals. Dr. Waugh's presentation highlighted original data from a local study on finishing techniques which can decrease treatment time by 3 to 6 months. The study on arch coordination was conducted by the Medical College of Georgia, where Dr. Waugh serves as a faculty member. Congratulations to Dr. Waugh, whose program drew an audience of more than 250 people!

Dental Hygienists to Attend Training Luncheon



This year's Annual Hygiene Luncheon will once again feature internationally-known speaker Dave Weber. Companies such as Chick-fil-A, Holiday Inn, Keebler, AT&T, and Coca-Cola have utilized Dave for training workshops.

An honors graduate from Mercer University, Dave was an award-winning sales representative for Motorola, before launching his own speaking and training enterprise, Weber Associates, in 1987.

Hygienists from Northeast Georgia attend this event, hosted each year by WA Orthodontics.

Orthodawg: First Dawgpound Event was a Winner!



In February, WA Orthodontics invited Orthodawg patients, along with their friends and family members, to see the 2006 National Champion Gymdogs compete against the Auburn Tigers. This great evening kicked off with a pre-party featuring Red Baron Pizza, appearances by Hairy Dog and the UGA Cheerleaders, and fun give-aways, including a stuffed Red Baron Teddy Bear. The night was capped off by a fantastic meet in which the Gymdogs prevailed over the Tigers!

We had a great time and look forward to hosting other events for our Orthodawgs, so stay tuned for details! The Orthodawg Club is a special program for patients who are in the observation phase of treatment. Membership is our gift to you and includes several special benefits. For more information about the Orthodawg Club, visit our website at www.waorthodontics.com.



Two Orthodontic Treatments Auctioned for Charity

WA Orthodontics donated two full orthodontic treatments for auction at the Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council's "Starry Starry Night" annual fundraiser on March 3. The treatments were also available on eBay so more people would have the opportunity to make a bid. Each treatment was auctioned for more than \$4,000. The families of Kate Perkerson and Kailey Brown had the winning bids and will be new WA Orthodontics patients! The proceeds were divided between the Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Georgia Association of Orthodontists' Education Foundation. WA Orthodontics is proud to support these and other worthy causes.

Calendar of Events

- April 19** Hygiene Luncheon, noon — 2 pm, Athens Country Club
- May 5** Cinco De Mayo Patient Appreciation Carnival, 11 am — 3 pm, Oconee Office