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Dear Friends,

New Year Greeting to you all. After much thought and reflection, I have made the difficult decision to retire from my dental practice. This decision has not been easy, and I will truly miss the relationships, support, and friendships that I have had the privilege of experiencing over the years.

I can remember when I first purchased this small neighborhood practice after working in a much larger metropolitan office, there was something special about this location and the community surrounding it. Over the years, I have been incredibly fortunate to witness the growth of the practice through personal connections and the trust of many families.

Throughout my years here, I have always thought of our practice as a family, beginning with my predecessor, Dr. Robert Teitjen, and continuing through to the present. With that same spirit and care in mind, I am pleased to introduce **Dr. Sara Boren**, who will be taking over the practice at our current location. Dr. Boren comes to us from Knoxville, Tennessee, where she had a successful practice for more than ten years before relocating to Connecticut two years ago with her husband and their two children. Since that time, she has been practicing locally and becoming an active part of our community. Throughout her career, she has worked alongside some of the most premiere dental educators in the country. She teaches comprehensive dentistry at the Kois Center in Seattle, one of the most prestigious post-doctoral dental training programs. Her dedication to advanced education and evidence-based dentistry will serve this practice exceptionally well. I believe with her skillset, compassion, and commitment to state-of-the-art dentistry, Dr. Boren will continue to provide the high-quality dental care that you have come to expect and trust and elevate this practice to even greater heights.

As my mother—who many of you knew—practiced dentistry for some 50 years—once shared with me, I may not miss the long hours, but I will certainly miss the patients, the stories, and the life milestones that you've shared with me. I want to thank each and every one of you for your loyalty, trust, and friendship throughout the years. It has been an honor and privilege to serve this community, and I will deeply miss it.

Wishing you all the best,

Sincerely,

Dr. James F. Wood