



Again the seasons have raced by and it's hard to believe that we are already in the middle of our magnificent summer. So much continues to happen at the practice that I want to make sure to keep you updated on it.

We continue to grow because it is necessary to assure the absolute best in technology and care. I want to assure you, my life would be much simpler, were this not the case! However, I made a promise to you and to myself to bring the best to you and this is the only way to do it.

### **Awards and Accomplishments**

Both Dr. Ahearn and Dr. Kuchar have recently received or been notified of significant accomplishments.

Dr. Ahearn has been notified that he has been once again been voted as one of *Dentistry Today's* Top 100 Lecturers for 2012. Dr. Ahearn, as you may know, continues to work 50 weeks a year and managed to lecture on 15 of 18 weekends during a stretch this winter- from Vancouver to Atlanta and Chicago to Dallas. His patients often report that they have no idea how he continues to be so excited about his work each and every day, but he surely is!

Dr. Ahearn was also awarded new technology patents this past year for some of the equipment that we use every day in the practice. Often the methods and

technologies used for you in treatment are only available in our practice!

Dr. Kuchar, our amazing athlete, continued her string of success with another national rugby all-star championship. Her team won in the national finals 28-0. She says that she is going to slow down, but we see no end to that. Dr. Kuchar also received her sedation certification and so, after the year of teaming with Dr. Ahearn in sedation treatment, is expanding her hours and availability of sedation significantly.

### **Technical Advancements**

As you know, our office has always been at the forefront of dental technologies. This summer we are adding to this an astonishing leap- helium powered micro dentistry.

Microabrasion technology has been

available in our practice for quite some time. It is what enables us to do more shot free, drill free dentistry than any other practice in the region.

Mike Swann, a colleague of Dr. Ahearn's and the son of the man that perfected microdentistry, recently discovered that helium allows even faster, more comfortable and more extensive treatment without shots or a drill. This finding is extremely significant to the future of dentistry, as we are finding that this technique beats even the use of lasers in this area.

Another advancement that you may have noticed-our patient chairs-have received some recognition. For years, Dr. Ahearn has been tinkering with whatever he could do to create the most comfortable patient chair in the world. As he puts it, "You are our guests. Since no one is very excited about coming to the dentist, the least we can do is to make it as comfortable as possible." Our heat and massage chair was recently selected as one of the Top 50 Technology Products of the year. A rare prize indeed!

### **Dentistry From the Heart**

With the summer in full swing, our thoughts turn to the fall season and at our practice, that means one thing-free dental care! On Saturday, September 17th, we will be hosting our fourth annual **Dentistry From the Heart** event. Our entire staff and many volunteers will be on hand to provide free dental procedures for adults in need of dental care. We love having the opportunity to give back to our community, because we know there are many people who simply cannot afford dental treatment at this time. Last year, we were truly humbled to say we helped over 150 people receive the care they needed.

Should you know of anyone who could benefit from a day of free dental care, please put the word out at your workplace, place of worship, or community center and have them check our website [SouthcoastPerfectSmiles.com](http://SouthcoastPerfectSmiles.com) and our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/SouthcoastPerfectSmiles](https://www.facebook.com/SouthcoastPerfectSmiles) for more information. We will be there bright and early to begin registering patients at 7:30



Our 2010 event was a big success. Over 150 patients received treatment.

AM. Participation is on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage those in need to arrive early!