

MY LINCOLN DENTIST

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Dental Trivia:

According to a "Time Magazine Survey", 59% of Americans would rather sit in a Dentist's chair than sit next to someone on a cell phone.

SMILES FOR KIDS SCREENING

This last month Dr. Denzler and his wife, Dr. Elaheh Samsani, a local periodontist, took part in the Smiles For Kids dental screening. Besides the screening, the kids also receive a toothbrush and toothpaste to take home. Dr. Denzler had been involved with a similar program in southern California and brought the screenings to the Lincoln schools when moving here a few years ago. Lincoln's Smiles For Kids program uses volunteers from the Kiwanis Club to assist local dentists as they screen kids at all 7 elementary schools in Western Placer Unified School District, which includes 6 in Lincoln and one school in Sheridan. The screenings are currently focused on the students in the 1st and 3rd grade classes. This year we screened nearly 700 hundred kids!

Lincoln is only a small part of the Smiles For Kids program, which was started almost 20 years ago by the Sacramento District Dental Society. This year the program screened over 21,000 kids in the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, Amador, and El Dorado. The primary goal of the Smiles For Kids program is to identify and treat children whose families are unable to afford dental care. These are primarily the working poor. They don't qualify for government assistance, but also are unable to afford the cost of dental care.



Dr. Samsani & Kiwanians at the screening

The screening is the first step and identifies untreated dental and oral health problems. Through the district nurses, the parents are informed of the concern. Children that have a dentist, or those that might qualify for various programs, can follow-up with their family dentist and receive dental care. The nurses then identify the kids that have 'fallen between the cracks' and are still in need of dental care. They are then referred onto the Sacramento District Dental Society and placed with dentists who have volunteered to see them at no charge. Denzler Family Dentistry will be a Smiles For Kids Day site again early next year as our entire staff volunteers their time to treat these kids through this remarkable program.



During a year that has left our country concerned about the future, as well as what tomorrow holds, Thanksgiving comes as a welcome holiday. We can take a moment to give thanks for the blessings that we have and look with faith to the coming year.

In our office, we know that we have a lot to be thankful for, and that without our patients we would not exist. We are grateful for the trust and confidence that you have shown us and feel privileged to care for your dental needs.

We wish you, your family, and friends a happy Thanksgiving.

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OUR TEAM—KERI MCKINNEY

If you call our office or come in through the door, it's a good chance that you will be greeted by Keri. Her friendly voice and easy smile have been putting our patients at ease since the first day we opened our doors. In fact, Keri began working with Dr. Denzler months before the practice even opened, helping to set up the systems that have kept everything running smoothly.

The reason why Keri is so good at explaining and coordinating treatment is that she has worked for almost 18 years in the dental field. She is still a licensed registered dental assistant and worked chairside with dentists for many years in the Bay Area before moving to Rocklin in 2002. Now Keri works as our treatment coordinator. She explains treatment, schedules appointments, arranges for payment, and helps to coordinate insurance benefits

benefits when necessary. She has to wear many hats and is able to shift smoothly from one responsibility to the other. We are all very lucky to have her as part of our dental team.

Keri and her husband Robert have a son, Kyle, who is 3 years old. We all receive regular updates on important milestones, many of which lately involve Kyle's attempts at potty training and starting preschool this last September. They spend much of their free time enjoying their family life with Keri's parents and brother who also live in Rocklin.



Smiles may not pay the rent . . .
but they save you the cost of
therapy.

Did you hear about the dentist who planted a garden?...

A month later he was picking his teeth

Adults have 32 teeth, children have 20 teeth.

Dogs have 42 teeth while cats have 30 teeth.

The mammal that has the most teeth is the long snouted spinner dolphin with 252 teeth.

Sharks have an unlimited supply of teeth.

Dental Insurance Reminder

If you are a patient of ours that has a dental insurance benefit, please be aware that we are approaching the end of the year when your annual benefits may expire. If you have treatment that is not yet completed, let us know so that we can schedule your visit before our busy time at the end of the year.