SMILES WITH HOSPITALITY

We are wishing our Smiles With Hospitality Newsletter is finding everyone having a spectacular July. We are at summer half time! We have seen many school age children and school forms! Don’t be caught at the end of summer rush. Schedule that dental cleaning and exam now. Don’t forget about your college bound students. Call us for an appointment before they call you! Missed past issues of our newsletters? They will all be listed on our website. Have you checked us out!

Malenius Kingdom extend congratulations to the newest additions. Grandma & Grandpa, Ruth & Scott Nelson, are excited to begin spoiling Anne Caroline, born April 2nd, to Amy & James Claud! Grandma, Sandy Pakula, is also spoiling their new grandson, Oliver James Pakula, born April 11th, weighing in at 6lbs 12oz., 19 ½ inches, born to Erin & Matt Doran. An added congratulations to new daddy, Matt, who recently graduated from Benedictine College and has obtained a position with Envoy AereoSpace as a Project Manager. Wedding congratulations go out to Ivan & Cathy Trauernicht’s daughter, Melissa, who is marrying Jason Amptmann on July 21st in Chicago. More wedding bells are ringing for Gregory & Janice White’s son, Robert, who is marrying Kristy Masek, this July. Some season-married couples celebrated their wedding anniversaries! Congratulations to Fran & George Stabolito who celebrated their 40th in June, Wow! And Ellen & Larry Lehnert on May 19th made it to their 34th anniversary. To celebrate they spent a week in Rome! Happy Birthday to Kingdom Editor Michelle Adams and Kingdom Assistant, Juli Eberle! Patient, Thomas Craig Nealis, who is not only turning the big “60” this July, but is this reporter’s oldest brother! This reporter’s grandson, Johnathan Neal Edwards is turning the big 4, and daughter, Heather Gregar, is 29 and holding this July! Special Recognition goes out to “dentally challenged” patient, Nancy Ricondo, who “survived her dental appointment.” If she can do it, anyone can! No need to worry, schedule that appointment today!

Karen Batelli heard that strawberries whiten teeth and wanted to know if it was true! Strawberry pulp is one of the many harmful home remedies for whiter teeth. Using these, which also include baking soda and salt, are abrasive. While they may remove outside stain, they also remove enamel, revealing the darker, underlying dentin and causing sensitive teeth! Karen also shared the summer happenings of her grandchildren, which brings us to What is everyone doing this summer! Her two grandchildren, Jordyn, 10 is a great pitcher; getting strike after strike! Her brother, Jeremiah, 7 and also a great baseball player, but had a slow start this year due to his broken arm. While playing outfield all were wondering what he was doing when he kept raising up arm. It seems Jeremiah, a big Spiderman fan, while attending camp was bit by a spider. So, of course, he was trying to see if he could shoot a web. Other summer baseball happenings include senior, Christopher Beranek, pitcher for the Downers Grove South Mustangs, is having a great season and last heard was 2 & 0; pitching 20 strike outs in about 15 innings! His future goal? Physical Education Teaching major at Naperville North Central College. Another budding baseball star is Sam Schumacher who is playing with the A’s and caught three balls in just one game, helping them enjoy a big win! More summer fun includes Dennis Mahoney and son, John, who will be joining 10,000 others in the RAGBRAI 500 mile biking trip across Iowa. Now that is a journey! Jonathan Solski, who wants to take the ultimate journey and be an astronaut, is going to camp at Benedictine University, which is known for great food and great ice cream! Maggie Cavanaugh attended violin camp in Blue Lake, Michigan, where she swam in the pool. Maybe because she saw a snake in the lake! Meanwhile CeCe & Taylor Moran will be summering at Lake Geneva, while the whole Orlue family, Jackie, Jeff, Zach & Emily are cruising in Alaska, riding in a float plane and taking a rafting trip!
Preventive antibiotics are aimed at people who would have the greatest danger of a bad outcome if they developed a heart condition; therefore, ongoing premedication situations are:

- artificial heart valves
- a history of infective endocarditis
- certain specific, serious congenital (present from birth) heart conditions, including shunts and conduits, a completely repaired congenital heart defect with prosthetic material or device; during the first six months after the procedure, any repaired congenital heart defect with residual defect at the site or adjacent to the site of prosthetic patch or prosthetic device, a cardiac transplant that develops a problem in a heart valve.

If you have any question whether you should premedicate contact your cardiologist or doctor.

Antibiotic prophylaxis for dental patients with total joint replacements guidelines have not been changed. However, the policy is periodically reviewed by the American Dental Association as well as the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. At this time approximately 450,000 joint arthroplasties, total joint replacements, are performed annually in the United States. Deep infections of these total joint replacements usually result in failure of the initial operation and the need for extensive revision. Due to the use of dental antibiotic premedication and other technical advances, deep infection occurring in the immediate postoperative period resulting from intraoperative contamination has been reduced markedly in the past 20 years.

The most critical period to watch for infection, and premedicate, is up to two years after joint replacement. Total joint replacements after two years should continue to premedicate if the person is immunocompromised, immunosuppressed, or have significant, active oral disease. Premedication is not necessary for people with pins, plates or screws. People who are about to have a total joint replacement should be in good dental health prior to surgery. We always review your health history, current oral hygiene status, and will often consult with your doctor, so we can determine what is necessary to provide you with the best dental care.

It is surprising how good oral health systemically affects our overall health. Increased inflammation (gingivitis, periodontitis and active decay) has been linked with several systemic conditions including heart disease and joint replacement failure. Good oral hygiene is even more important with those who already have had a total joint replacement and heart patients. As research has shown, daily homecare introduces harmful bacteria into your circulatory system. Effective daily oral hygiene procedures to remove harmful plaque (for example, by using manual or powered toothbrushes, interdental cleaners or oral irrigators) are necessary to establish and maintain good oral and systemic health. The risk of systemic damage from oral bacteria is far more substantial in a mouth with ongoing inflammation than in one that is healthy.

As always, it is our goal as well as our mission statement to “Serve patients as a knowledgeable, fun, and gifted team, inspiring trust while making a difference with our patients and each other.”

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