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## Offices of Toledo Periodontics relocates to Renaissance Place

Ziad Tohme D.M.D., D.Sc. and his staff have moved the offices of Toledo Periodontics to 5937 Renaissance Place. The offices had been located at the Forum Medical Center, where the dental group had been a tenant for more than 40 years.

"It was time for us to be in a building of our own," Dr. Tohme related. "We also needed additional space."

Two years ago, Dr. Tohme acquired the building site in Renaissance Place and spent the ensuing months planning and constructing the new facility, which was completed with a move-in date of January 2006.

"We have more than doubled our space with the new 4,700 square foot building," Dr. Tohme reported. "And we now have an ADA code (American Disabilities Act) accessible building with offices on the first floor. We also have created a healthy, uncontaminated environment for patients and staff thanks to the office-wide water purification system that was installed during construction," he said.

"We included a large lecture room where we can host the many nationally renowned speakers we invite here for seminars we sponsor for our referring dentists and their staff," he added.

Willson Builders was the general contractor for the recently constructed facility with Tom DuBois serving as project manager. Nancy Kime of Kime Design was the architect. "The architect and the builder were able to very successfully combine aesthetics and functionality in this building," Dr. Tohme said. "They really accomplished what I wanted."

His wife, Dr. Seba Tohme, chose the interior decor with input from Dr. Tohme, his staff and Kime Design. Patterson Dental assisted with the office design and provided all of the hand-crafted cabinetry and dental equipment. Digital equipment was coordinated and integrated by Mak Kasir of NTC Computers, and with great results, a music and educational sound system was installed by Transtar Electric. Financing for the construction project was arranged by Signature Bank.

"We all worked together to make this a pleasant and cozy office," he reflected.

Dr. Tohme is the fourth dentist specializing in periodontics and dental implants to head the practice founded by Dr. James Robinson. "He

also started our collection of dental figurines, passing the large Lladro dentist figure to his successor in the practice, Dr. Richard Tavtigan who in turn gave it to Dr. Peter Carroll when he assumed a leadership role in the practice," Dr. Tohme explained. That original figurine highlights one of three alcoves that were built into hallway walls to house the growing dental figurine collection. "We are very pleased with these cases," Dr. Tohme stated. He said his staff and others continue to add to the collection.

The new office facility was designed for patient comfort and accommodates the most advanced technological equipment. A private consultation room, patient education centers, three surgical rooms with an adjacent recovery room and two operatories used by hygienists are arranged for optimum efficiency. Each treatment room is complete with computerized digital imaging equipment along with traditional X-ray viewing boxes. Hands-free fixtures regulate water flow maintaining an uncontaminated environment. The well-designed laboratory, sterilization room and large lecture room complete the floor plan. Windows line the patient recovery area offering a relaxing view of a large wooded area. A plethora of birdfeeders and bird houses along with extensive landscaping will be added to the foreground providing an interesting panorama for patients to view as they rest following surgery.

Dr. Tohme is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and the Michigan Board of Periodontology. He was an assistant professor of periodontics in the Boston University Dental School and was in private practice in Massachusetts before relocating to northwest Ohio. He received his DMD Degree from Boston University's Goldman School of Dental Medicine and did advanced training in Periodontology and was in the Ph.D. program at the Eastman Dental Center at the University of Rochester, NY. He also received a doctor of science (D.Sc./CAGS) in Periodontology. He has published numerous research articles and lectured and supervised courses in many aspects of periodontics and dental implants.

Dr. Tohme said understanding and treating periodontal disease is very important for overall good health. "Many people do not realize that there is a link between periodontal disease (gum disease) and other health concerns including heart disease, diabetes, stroke, lung and respiratory disease, osteoporosis and more. Evidence is mounting relating gum disease to a variety of health concerns, some that are life threatening," Dr. Tohme warned. He suggests regular dental visits to ensure good dental health, which in turn, helps increase the chance for a healthy life.

Toledo Periodontics maintains a satellite office in Monroe, Mich. with periodontist, Dr. Veronica Ng.



*Dr. Ziad Tohme, center, talks with Ron Bugaj, left, and Tom DuBois, right, of Willson Builders. Dr. Tohme and his staff of Toledo Periodontics recently relocated the practice to a newly constructed building in Renaissance Place.*