

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

7:50am-4:50pm

### **Friday**

(ADMINISTRATIVE ONLY)

9:00am-1:00pm

Please note:
If you are a patient
of record and are
experiencing a
dental emergency,
please call
(410) 828-1253
to reach the Doctor
on call.



#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We will contact
all patients if
the weather
prohibits the
office from
opening on time.
And remember,
you can always
check our
Facebook page
for updates.

# Chairside Chatter



From our family to yours...

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing you a year full of happiness and good health.

### FYI: Diabetes and Oral Health

Studies suggest a significant correlation between gum disease and diabetes. Researchers have found that people with periodontitis (gum disease) have a much harder time controlling blood sugar levels, whereas those whose blood sugar is not well controlled may experience an increased incidence of gum disease. Gum disease develops when biofilm, a thin layer of bacteria which constantly forms on everyone's teeth, causes the surrounding tissues (which hold teeth) in place to become irritated and inflamed. The early stages of this inflammation (referred to as gingivitis) causes your gums to become red, puffy and swollen. Periodontitis (advanced gingivitis), can, if left untreated, cause both tooth and permanent bone loss.

Signs of periodontitis include: red, and swollen gums that bleed easily, especially when brushing and flossing; gum tissue that has pulled away from teeth, creating a 'longer' appearance; the presence of pus/exudate between teeth; persistent bad breath or a bad taste in your mouth; loose or 'moving' teeth; a noticeable change in the way teeth fit together when biting, and/or a change in the way dentures or removable dental appliances fit. Again, people with diabetes may have an increased risk of developing gum disease than those without diabetes. If you are experiencing any of

these symptoms, please contact our office to schedule an appointment.



# **CELEBRATING 2017**

## the 'OK" way





AMIE-Snowboarding the slippery slopes on a sunny Saturday (say that 3 times real fast)



**NEW YEAR!** 

**KIM**-Ready for Ugly Sweater Weather

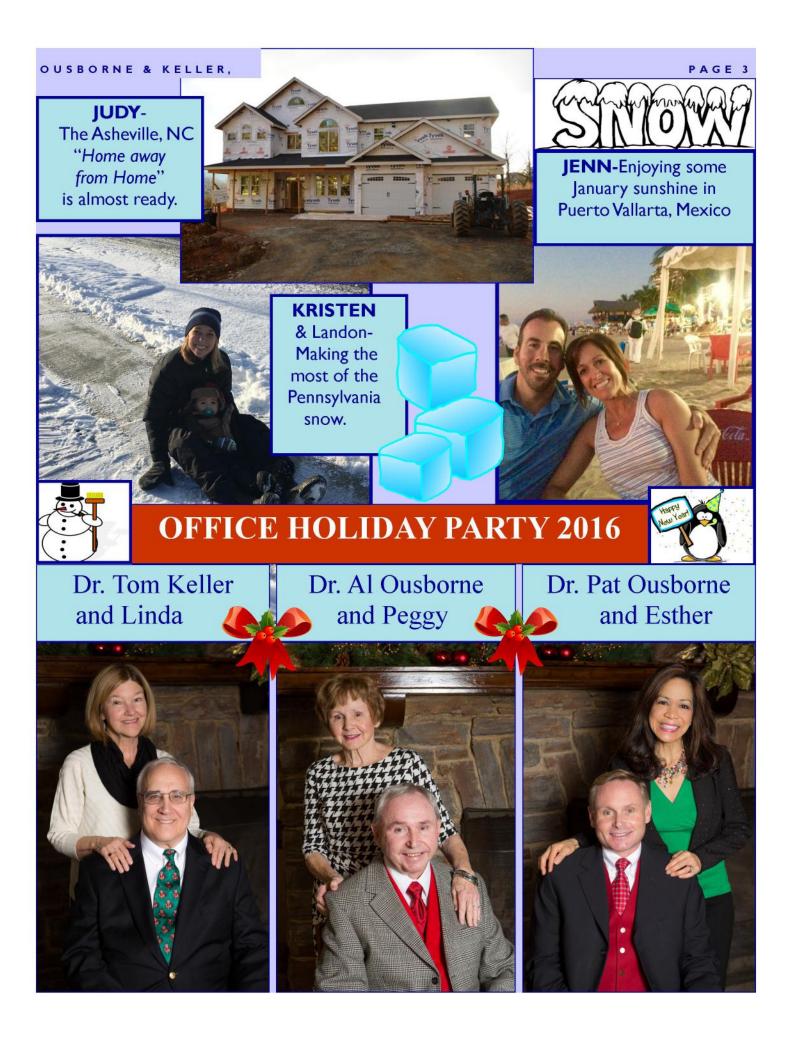


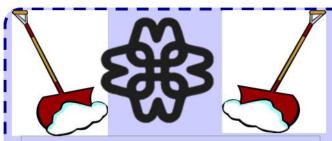
LIZ-Reached her goal of "100 feet below sea level" in January 2017.



CHAIRSIDE CHATTER







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We invite you to experience EXCELLENCE BY CHOICE

### Welcome Readers!

We're pleased to provide this latest issue of our newsletter. Feel free to pass this copy along to a friend and help 'save a tree' or enjoy it on Facebook or at www.ousborneandkeller.com

If you have a friend, family member or coworker who you feel would appreciate our commitment to fine dentistry and an uncommon dental experience, please ask them to call (410) 828-1177 to schedule an appointment.

We always welcome new patients who are referred by **YOU**, our cherished dental family.

#### FRIENDLY REMINDER:

January & February are traditionally very busy for our Hygiene department. To ensure that we are able to best serve you, please remember to reserve your appointment in advance and that we do require

48 hours notice
for all cancellations.





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-Over 50 years of exceptional service with compassion, professionalism and integrity-





CONGRATULATIONS

to LAURA (again)

Winner of the

**Door Decorating** 

Contest