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To My Valued Patients,

I hope that you are all well and safe during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. As many of you are aware of, my wife was diagnosed with a significant lung disease one and one-half years ago. The present pandemic has caused her to be completely home bound for the last two months, by order of her pulmonologists. Exposure to the Corona virus could prove to be fatal for her.

As Governor Hogan's order, to provide emergency care only, was in effect, Dr. Rasetto was kind enough to see any of my emergencies. He did this so that I was not at risk of exposure to the virus and carrying it home to my wife. As time went on, he and I discussed the necessary modifications, in our office and the way we practice, to provide the safest environment for you, our patients, our staff and ourselves. Everything that can be done is and will be done to protect everyone.

When the Governor lifted his order, and would now allow us to do our normal everyday dental procedures, I contacted both of my wife's pulmonologists to see if they felt that there were any concerns, on their part, about my returning to practice. I explained the steps that we were taking to safeguard our practice. Both physicians, although pleased with the actions we were taking, felt that because of my wife's increased risk it was unwise for me to return to practicing the profession that I have loved for fifty years. Therefore, I am sad to announce that I am retiring from the practice of dentistry, effective today. **This decision in no way should indicate that the office is not safe for patients to be seen. It is only because of my wife's circumstances that I have made this decision.**

Any cases that are in progress, but not completed, will be completed by Dr. Rasetto's office and we will work together to get those cases completed in as soon as the office's schedule allows. The office will remain in contact with me and they will have direct access to me as needed.

I cannot recommend strongly enough that my patients continue their dental care with Dr. Rasetto's office. After working with him for the last six years, I can assure you he is a superb dentist, with three years of additional advanced training, and a wonderful human being and I am confident that anyone he brings in to replace me will be the same. I cannot thank him enough for his kindnesses and generosity over the last six years and I am positive that you will be very happy that you remained with the practice.

Finally, let me thank you, the patients, that have made my practice what it was. Over the years, you have become like family to me and the thing that I will miss most, in retirement, is your warmth, friendship and concern about me and my entire family. It has been my honor to provide your dental care over these last fifty years and I will treasure that for the rest of my life. If you ever want to talk, you can reach me at 301-294-9549. I would be thrilled to hear from you.

Stay well. Be safe. I will miss each and every one of you.

Yours,

Steve Kahan