Over the past several years many of you have asked me about my retirement plans. After much consideration, and 37 years of practicing dentistry, that time has finally come. I have decided to hang up my dental instruments and pass the torch on to my son, Dr. Dan Maurer, to continue the family practice.

I am very fortunate to have an ideal situation which will allow for an almost seamless transition and for continuation of the great care you have come to expect from our practice. As you know, Dr. Dan earned his dental degree from CU in 2016 and we have been practicing together for the past 6 years. Dr. Dan and I have always shared a 'patient first' philosophy which has allowed us to maintain a caring, family-oriented practice. It has given us the ability to provide the personal touch you deserve, which seems to be disappearing in this industry.

With that philosophy in mind, we contacted several practicing dentists who we knew could take the reins. (You can imagine the stress involved with finding someone who will care for the patients the same way we have for so many years.) We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming Dr. Jordan Duffey (our #1 choice) this coming April. In addition to having a similar practice philosophy, Dr. Duffey brings with him a top notch set of dental skills that will complement our practice. Dr. Duffey is also a graduate of CU Dental School, but he did not stop there. He completed a 1-year general practice residency to expand his knowledge and skills in other areas. Dr. Duffey graduated in the top 10% of his class with Magna Cum Laude distinction, and was inducted into the dental honor society Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Dr. Duffey, and his wife, Ashley, will be moving north from the Conifer area where he has been practicing for the last several years. We are excited (and frankly relieved) to find someone of his caliber to join our practice and most importantly to provide you with the high-quality care you deserve.

In closing, I just want to express how thankful I am to all of you that have supported our practice over the years. Your loyalty has meant so much to us, and I am very pleased to be leaving the practice knowing that you are in good hands. I have come to realize that the true rewards in dentistry come from not only helping you all maintain a healthy, happy smile, but also from the personal bonds and friendships we have formed. I will still be affiliated with the practice and help out in ways other than dentistry. If you see me mowing the grass or shoveling the sidewalk, please say hi! Now I am off to spend time with my three beautiful grand babies, whom I have told you all about, and maybe find time for a few more holes of golf.

Dr. Jim Maurer

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