

---

# THE DRUMM BEAT

---

News from the Dental Office of *Dr. John W. Drumm*

*Dr. Joseph A. Catanzano, III*

*Spring 2005*

3301 New Mexico Ave., Suite 230 □ Washington, DC 20016 □ (202) 244-1601

---

## *Excitement in Our Office!*

As most of you have noticed, the stork has been very busy in our office Johana brought home a beautiful healthy baby girl, Ariana, in January. Gwen delivered a lovely daughter last September. Additionally, both of our Nancy's are expecting this spring. At your next visit, we'll show you pictures of the new additions to our dental family.

## *Excellent Equipment Excellent Dentistry*

Our office goal is to provide excellent dentistry in a comfortable environment. We have added more exciting equipment to our high tech dental office.

**Laser Cavity Detector:** The *Diagnodent* is a small laser computer, which measures the laser fluorescence within tooth structure. It is an early caries detection device and is an adjunct to x-rays and explorer examination. Our hygienists and assistants are the experts in using this diagnostic tool.

**Digital X-rays:** Most of you have already experienced our digital x-ray equipment that has 4 advantages over standard x-ray equipment: less radiation (½ the exposure), more comfortable x-ray technique, instant computer development, and easily viewed & displayed images on our chairside monitors.

**Intra-Oral Camera:** We have also added an additional Intra-Oral camera in order to continue to provide chairside displays of necessary and completed treatment.

## *Cosmetic Dental MakeOvers*

Cosmetic Dental Makeovers do not always mean drastic and extreme dental changes. Our practice has been making beautiful smiles for over 27 years. If the look of your teeth is keeping you from feeling your best, there may be some simple and easy solutions. Cosmetic procedures include a wide range of techniques that can enhance any smile. The three most popular cosmetic makeover procedures are:

**Whitening.** It's an easy and fast procedure that brightens discolored, stained or darkened with a gel material applied to your teeth using custom fitting trays. Whitening cannot change the shape or size of the teeth.

**Porcelain Veneers.** Veneers are thin laminates or shells of tooth colored porcelain that cover the front portion of teeth. Veneers can change the shape, color and size of teeth by closing gaps, covering discolorations and making crooked teeth look straight. They can be used as "instant" orthodontic treatment.

**Resin Bonding.** Bonding is a process in which tooth colored resin is attached or bonded to the tooth. Like porcelain veneers, resin bonding can change the shape, color and size of teeth. However, unlike porcelain veneers, resin bonding requires periodic maintenance to maintain its beauty.

If you feel you can benefit from cosmetic dentistry, call or visit us to find out which cosmetic procedures are best for you.

## *Washingtonian Magazine "Best Dentist"*

We continue to be very proud of the wonderful honor of being chosen as one of DC's "Best Dentists" by the Washingtonian Magazine. Dr. Drumm was also mentioned as "highly regarded for cosmetic work", and was quoted in the featured article. Because of this positive recognition, we continue to receive many inquiries concerning cosmetic treatment, even from as far away as India!

## *Staff Dental Education*

Each year, our staff attends over 200 hours of continuing education study mainly at the American Dental Association's annual meeting and our own DC Dental Society annual meeting here in DC. Last October in Orlando, everyone attended the ADA's annual meeting. The staff experienced five days of continuing education and spent time viewing the latest in dental materials, equipment and techniques. We also found some time for fun and fellowship.

Our upcoming education events we will attend this year are:

April: *DC Dental Society Meeting*

Sept: *Williamsburg Seminar*

October: *ADA in Philadelphia*

In addition, Dr. Drumm will attend the Academy of General Dentistry annual meeting here in DC where he will present a seminar and teach a hands-on participation course.

Visit our web site  
[DrDrumm.com](http://DrDrumm.com)