

Dental Implants

How do we measure success?

by Rebecca Helton

Perfect early fall weather was the setting for our ninth annual patient appreciation barbecue. It was a beautiful sunny October day overlooking one of Arkansas' most scenic golf courses with music playing softly in the background. Dr. Jirik and Paw Paw Gunter were putting the finishing touches on the slabs of ribs and pork shoulders and the smell was mouth watering. Rushing around, making sure everyone had what they needed, I paused for a moment. I looked out at all the people that had gathered from all over Arkansas and beyond to share in this event. These folks are from all walks of life. I see

farmers, teachers, businessmen and women, husbands and wives with children.....all have trusted us to aid in the transformation of their lives. These are the people who are able to enjoy eating again and those who can look in the mirror and be happy with the person smiling back.

One of our patients has been to the last eight barbecues so we were sad to learn he and his wife wouldn't be in attendance. Mr. Dyer from Stuttgart is 81 years young and came to us almost ten years ago with an upper denture that did not fit and a lower partial that had been a problem for years. He wanted to "taste food again." Mr. Dyer's treatment was complex and required tissue grafting

and upper and lower implants. A bar was placed with the upper implants to support a removable over-denture. The lower jaw was completed with fixed crowns and bridge work. The result, Mr. Dyer can eat with proper function and he has a beautiful smile. Fortunately, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer were able to attend after all. It was a pleasure to see them because they are a part of our history. The goal of our office is to make everyone part of our family and we will do whatever it takes to help our patients eat and smile again.

Another of our patients in attendance was Jo Butts, a Little Rock businesswoman. Beautiful in every way, Jo felt she was at a disadvantage

with her smile. Her mouth was healthy so we were able to focus on how it looked. We restored Jo's smile with upper and lower crowns, achieving a beautiful and functional smile. Jo couldn't be happier.

There are many George Dyer's and Jo Butts's in the world. Different people have different needs. Dr. Jirik was blessed with excellent training, a great mentor and good abilities. These blessings have allowed us to create a place to help those who never thought a beautiful, functional smile was possible. We want to thank each and every patient for trusting in us and allowing us to achieve our dreams. We look forward to many more barbecues together.



George and Kathrine Dyer
Stuttgart, Arkansas



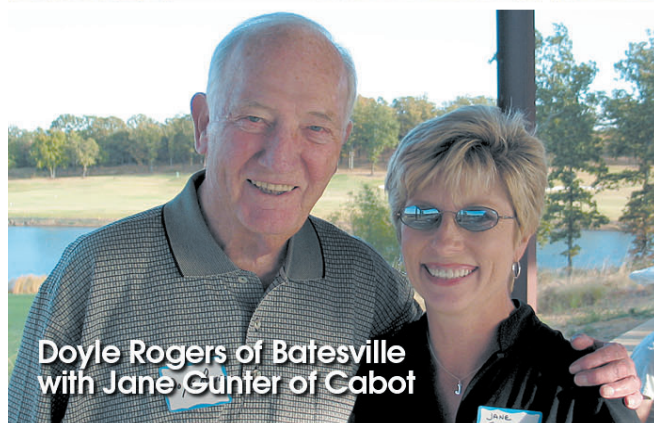
Dr. Jirik with Rick and LuAnn Ashley
of North Little Rock



Raye Rogers
of Batesville



Bill Mitchell of
Little Rock



Doyle Rogers of Batesville
with Jane Gunter of Cabot



Kim, Sam and Will Jirik,
Sharron and Christine Littlejohn of
Wynne, Arkansas



Ed and Nina Ziegenhorn
McCrory, Arkansas

Samuel F. Jirik, D.D.S.

Dr. Samuel F. Jirik is an Arkansas native and long time Cabot resident. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, William, 10, and Annalise, 7. Dr. Jirik has been practicing dentistry since 1986 and has placed and restored more than 3,000 dental implants since 1989.

Dr. Jirik received a

bachelor of science degree in Health science from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. His dental degree was obtained from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in 1986.

Dr. Jirik recently spoke after former Arkansas Razorback Football Coach, Lou Holtz, at a dental conference in Kansas City.

He holds positions such as:

- Diplomate, American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry
- Fellow, American Academy of Implant Dentistry
- Past President, American Academy of Implant Dentistry, Southern District
- Fellow, American Academy of General Dentistry
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