

Crowning glory

Middleton dentist classically prepared for smile management



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Are you one of those people who doesn't like your picture taken because you aren't comfortable—and confident—with your smile?

You certainly are not alone. And there's good news for those of you who fall into this category. There is a dentist on the North Shore who, for more than a decade, has been preserving and creating beautiful smiles.

That dentist is Dr. Frank J. DiMauro, D.M.D., and his office is in Middleton. DiMauro has been training for years to help his patients. Early in his career, he was inspired by Dr. Peter Dawson to become a master-level dentist.

What is a master-level dentist? It's a dentist who can interview, diagnose, educate, have a treatment plan and technically execute complicated dentistry.

After first training with Dawson, DiMauro further trained at the Pankey Institute in Miami, Florida. He followed up with Dr. Frank Spear at the Seattle Institute. In September 2008, Spear developed a plan to expand his curriculum at the Scottsdale Center of Dentistry of Arizona. DiMauro was one of 300 top dentists invited to join Spear's study club and one of the top 100 asked to help teach Spear's courses.

The course involved two visits, five weeks apart, to prepare the teeth, make temporaries and then cement the veneers/crowns. The dentist could do work on four to 10 teeth.

With the training behind him, it now was time for DiMauro to find a patient. Who would it be? It turned out to be someone he knew well.

"With a week to go, the right patient seemed to appear," DiMauro said. "Helene had been a patient for over 14 years. She owns a dance studio, Helene Joy School of Dance in Middleton. My daughters have been taking lessons for the past 12 years.

"Helene always disliked her smile," he said. "When I asked Helene if she was interested in the course, she was excited. She felt this was the right time to get her smile.

"During the experience of the anterior course, I was reminded of Dr. Pankey's philosophy of 'Never work on a stranger.' My entire staff and I got to know Helene as a person. We all worked to make her experience pleasant and rewarding. Helene's appreciation made it all worthwhile."

If you would like more information about improving your smile, call Dr. Frank DiMauro at 978-777-9959 and ask for the Free Smile Evaluation. As his Web site states, "Dr. Frank" can quickly take a picture of your smile and evaluate it with you. He will look at the problems you discovered and review all of the options you will need to restore your smile. ■



A comparison of the patient's smile before veneers were applied, showing discoloration with minor damage to the tooth surface, then 'a perfect smile' after veneers were applied.

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