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## Greetings Resort District Members

Thank you to all who came to our FREE RDDS Member Appreciation Autumn Social at the Traverse City Yacht Club. The featured charcuterie course, Italian buffet, and cannolis from Folgarelli's were excellent. We had a great turnout with Member representation from all age groups, ranging from ASDA student members from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry to retired and lifetime members from the Resort District, and everyone in between. Special thanks to our host -- Dr. Rob Lovell -- who secured our venue and shared his time and wisdom with our guests. Thanks again to all who attended!

Another success of note was our New Dentist Resources and Recognition Event at Black Star Farms in Suttons Bay, which was co-sponsored by the ADA and the MDA. The event focused on our New Dentists and featured an "Ask Me Anything" panel that evolved into a helpful discussion allowed all attendees to participate. Great complimentary food and drinks too! Thank you to Drs. Trevor Kay and Spencer Crouch for executing this worthwhile event!

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President, Resort District Dental Society



*Pictured from left to right: Mark Krull, James Hulderman, Kristen Guptill, Maggie Rathke, Joe Palleschi, Tristan Clark, Herberto Curado, Wayne Olsen, Denise Curado, Marc Abramson, Brian Rathke, Kathryn Wynkoop Ikuma, Phil Yancho, Rob Lovell, David Velek, Julia Dunn, Austin Dunn, Mark Madion, Tom Shoniker, Jennifer Barrord, Dave Swan, Maddy Stumpos.*

## Call for Leaders

I'd also like to put out a call to any members, new or old, who want to get involved in RDDS leadership. Sara and I have been doing this for a lot of years and I really feel it's time for some regime change. We've been lucky enough to have had a lot of help by Drs. Maddy Stumpos, Tom Brown, Mark Krull, Trevor Kay, and Spencer Crouch, but it would be great to have more members who want to get involved at the leadership level, with the intent of taking over and building upon the successes that we've previously enjoyed. Our current reign of terror is quickly coming to an end, so contact us if you're interested as we'd love to help you get involved!

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## Our CE Goal

It has always been our goal to provide inexpensive, local continuing education opportunities for our dentists and their staff members. After the business meeting, we will have awarded 14 low cost and local CE credits to our members this year. In addition, we provided the mandatory DEA/MATE Training required for DEA relicensure as well as providing required credits in ethics and jurisprudence, implicit bias recognition training, infection control, and opioid awareness training. We distributed many Nasal Naloxone Kits free of charge, along with hands on training. I used some on myself as a Guinea pig and I can attest that it tastes terrible! We will continue our commitment to provide our Members with the **LOW COST** and **LOCAL CE** that we all need to maintain our licensure. Let us know if there are any topics of interest that you would like us to feature in the future.

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## Business Meeting Nov. 13

The Resort District will be hosting our Annual Business Meeting on **Monday evening, Nov. 13, 2023**, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Private Room of the Filling Station in Traverse City. We will complete all official Resort District business and then award 1 CEU for attending our program, featuring Ted Schumann II from DBS. **FREE FOOD, FREE BUFFET, FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION!**

See you there!

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# United Way Clinic Open, Providing Access to Dental Care

The United Way Clinic is open! They take referrals for children of any age, pregnant women who need to get in right away, patients with challenging special health care needs, and veterans.

Scroll through the brochures below for more information:

### HAVE YOU STRUGGLED TO FIND DENTAL CARE?

Give us a try! We know that finding a dentist can be challenging, so we've created United We Smile just for you! As a top notch training facility for University of Michigan School of Dentistry, our local volunteer dentists work together with pre-doctoral dental interns to provide dental services for those who can't find help anywhere else. We focus on children, pregnant women, and those with developmental or cognitive disabilities. If this means you, we're ready to be your dental home!



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United Way of Northwest Michigan



**TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

### WE MAKE IT EASY.

United We Smile cares for those who need a little more time in the chair because – let's face it – going to the dentist can be a little scary. In a fun atmosphere with the latest technology, our staff, local volunteer dentists, and pre-doctoral dental interns will work with you to make sure you're well cared for during every visit.

### NO MONEY? NO PROBLEM.

We know dental care is expensive so United We Smile made a promise to only accept insurance and donations as payment. You don't have to pay anything out of pocket. If you don't have insurance, let us know and we'll help. We've got you covered!



### DON'T WORRY. WE'VE GOT THIS.

Need extra time? No problem. Our staff works closely with you to ensure we are prepared for your visit. We can accommodate special requests such as sensory issues, mobility aids, past trauma, or any other worries you may have - and we have two quiet rooms! We've customized our environment with you in mind, so give us a call and let us know how we can help.

### WE OFFER MORE THAN DENTAL CARE.

If you need other help or care, let us know! We can connect you to parenting classes, support groups, and even assistance for food and housing. We work with a variety of community partners to provide many in-house resources, so feel free to stop by and ask.





**WE LOVE KIDS!**

At United We Smile, we love caring for infants and young children! If your child hasn't visited the dentist by age one, let's make an appointment. Cavities can be prevented and, with a little help from our staff, your child could grow up cavity free!

### ARE YOU EXPECTING?

Dental care is extremely important for good labor and delivery, so please call today for the health of mom and baby. Dental services are completely safe during all three trimesters and we're careful to work with your physician for any special health conditions requiring extra attention.

**NEW PATIENTS**

**EMERGENCY?** Please call us or go to the nearest urgent care. True dental infections should not wait!

**REGULAR CARE?** Your first visit will be a "get-to-know-you" visit with an exam and x-rays to see what you need. If there's time, we might even do a cleaning.



**WE KNOW YOU'VE GIVEN A LOT. NOW LET US.**

The United Way of Northwest Michigan, in collaboration with the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, is honored to provide veterans with **free dental care.**

**YEP, WE SAID FREE. WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX.**

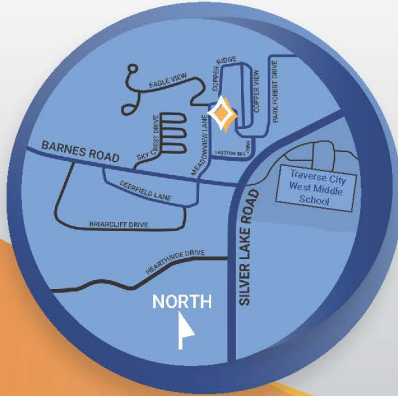
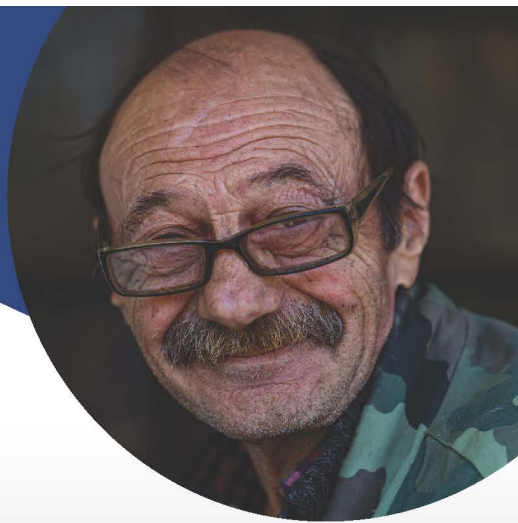


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**HOW IT WORKS**



Your first visit will include an exam and x-rays to determine your needs. After you agree to a treatment plan, you will be given a set of dates to complete your treatment over the next year.

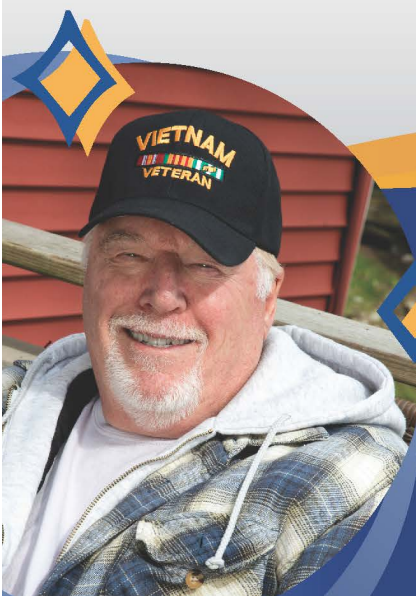
*All appointments will be scheduled for Fridays when our dental center is reserved just for you.*

All appointments are tentative for the year and will be confirmed a few weeks ahead of time. Pencil them in your calendar so you're free on those dates.

**WE'RE PLEASED TO GIVE BACK**

Dental services are generously provided at no charge by United We Smile staff, volunteer dentists from the community, and pre-doctoral dental interns from University of Michigan. In addition, specialty procedures may be graciously donated by local dental specialists who are willing to do so at no charge. This program has nothing to do with the Veterans Affairs (VA) and is solely provided as our small way to give back to those who've served.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to serve more veterans, we ask that you please keep your appointments here as well as when you are referred to a specialist. If you miss an appointment, you may be removed from the program to provide a spot to another veteran. Your personal information will not be shared with anyone outside of our organization and will not affect your enrollment in this free dental program.



**FREE DENTAL SERVICES OFFERED:**

- Full examinations
- X-rays
- Fillings
- Extractions
- Cleanings
- Dentures
- Partial Dentures
- Root Canals
- Crowns
- Bridges
- Bitesplints
- Fluoride treatments
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Periodontal Therapy

**CALL NOW TO REGISTER!**

Starting in May 2023, you can enjoy a year of free dental care. Availability in the program is limited, so call today to hold your spot on the waiting list.





## Legacy Spotlight: The Lints Family

In Resort District we're fortunate to have numerous legacy dental families. In this edition, we spotlight the remarkable Lints Family.

The Lints family's commitment to dental excellence has made an indelible mark on Northern Michigan's community. Dr. Ronald and Mary Lints met at a dental fraternity in Ann Arbor during the early 1980s, when Ron was a dental student and Mary was enrolled in the hygiene program. They were married at St. Robert's Church in 1988, and they have four wonderful sons.

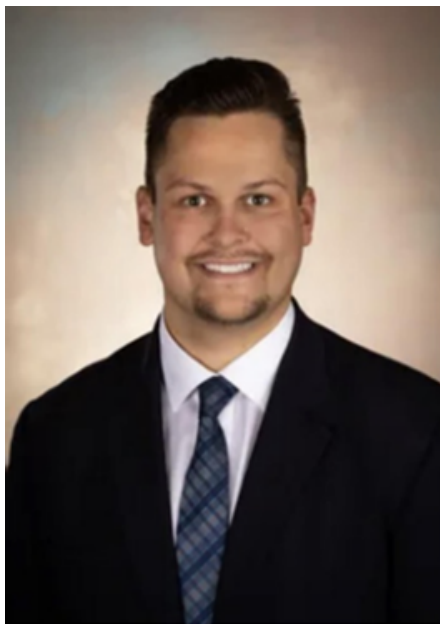
Rooted in northern Michigan since the 1870s, the Lints family's history of hard work and community dedication laid the foundation for their outstanding dental practice. Ron's family members were farmers and worked many side jobs, including working at the Elk Rapids Iron Mill. Dr. Ron. Lints, inspired by the family dentist, Dr. William Graham, chose dentistry for its focus on patient well-being. His high school physiology teacher, Zandy Martineau, further ignited his passion for the health sciences.



**Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Lints**

Their family expanded with the addition of four sons: Joel, Kyle, Austin, and Ryan. Each pursued his unique path, with Joel, the eldest, following in his father's footsteps. Dr. Kyle Lints is a general dentist in Traverse City. Dr. Austin Lints, PharmD, is completing a fellowship in pharmaceutical oncology through Merck, and their youngest, Ryan, currently is attending medical school at Michigan State and plans to return to Northern Michigan.

Joel joined his father's practice in 2022. Dr. Joel received his undergraduate and Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Michigan. Prior to becoming



**Dr. Kyle Lints**

Their dedication to remaining at the forefront of dental care extended to participation in transformative courses like Roth Williams and the Pankey Institute. These programs reshaped their approach to orthodontics, emphasizing form, function, and TMJ health. Dr. Ron expressed gratitude to Dr. Peter Piche for recommending the Roth Williams course and to Dr. David Swan for inviting him to



**Lints Family**

With this affirmation, Kyle joined the ranks of dedicated dental professionals in Northern Michigan. Dr. Kyle is joined as a partner to Dr. Chad Beers. Kyle's dedication to providing comprehensive and innovative dental solutions mirrors the family's enduring commitment to patient well-being.

The Lints family finds joy in discussing dentistry at gatherings, embracing opportunities to share knowledge when questions arise. Their dedication to dental care, coupled with their active involvement in community clinics for



an orthodontist, Joel completed an Internship at the University of Florida and worked as a general dentist in a public health and corporate dental setting. Joel completed his orthodontic residency at the Georgia School of Orthodontics. He is grateful for his father and Dr. Mark Snyder, a University of Michigan clinical professor, for being supportive role models.

Over the years, the Lints orthodontic practice evolved alongside technological advancements and ongoing education. Dr. Ronald Lints led the way by introducing state-of-the-art equipment, including the first digital Panorex/cephalogram machine (OP 10) in Traverse City, later incorporating 3D imaging for enhanced diagnostics.

The Pankey Institute courses. Dr. Kyle Lints, the second son, charted his own course within dentistry. A graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Kyle's educational journey included a surgical forrotation with Dr. Sean Edwards, a distinguished dental professional. Dr. Edwards' admiration for Dr. Ronald Lints and his expertise in orthodontics provided Kyle with a moment of pride and validation during his dental school years.

underprivileged individuals, exemplifies their belief in the transformative power of oral health. Dr. Ron, along with Drs. Norm Fred and Don Piche, played a pivotal role in establishing what is now Dental Clinics North.

When asked about the core principles passed down through generations, Dr. Ron aptly summed it up, "Do your best and invest the time to be the best." In celebrating the Lints family's enduring commitment to dental care, we are reminded that excellence in dentistry is a legacy that continues to touch lives in Northern Michigan and beyond.

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