

In 1962 my father purchased the orthodontic practice of Dr. Arnold Langwick on Hooker Avenue in Poughkeepsie. That same year I started college at Fairfield University, completing my bachelor's of science degree in biology in June 1966. After receiving my DMD from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in June 1970, I entered the Harvard-Forsyth Orthodontic Program, receiving Certificates of Orthodontics from both the Harvard Dental School and the Forsyth Institute in June 1972.

Upon completing my training I joined my father's practice. For three years I had the pleasure and joy of working beside my dad, learning the practical aspects of managing a orthodontic office. In 1975 my father retired, and I took over the practice, which at that point included my current Hyde Park office.

My choice of dentistry—and particularly the specialty of orthodontics—was one of the best decisions of my life. The opportunity to treat healthy adolescents and to watch them grow and mature into young adults constantly amazes and pleases me. Particularly rewarding is witnessing the transformation that takes place when young patients, who arrive at my office quiet and shy and embarrassed by the appearance of their teeth, complete their treatment and leave us as self-assured and confident young men and women.

I have been very fortunate in working beside a professional, supportive and good-natured staff. Each day I come to work with high expectations for my assistants and for myself. While I might occasionally “go off the deep end,” my staff is always there to help keep me calm, on task and on time—and we laugh a lot too!

While in college I met my future wife, Lorraine, whom I married in December 1969. While the marriage didn't last, Lorraine and I remain good friends and the parents of two wonderful sons, Kevin and Dan. Today Kevin is a creative director on branding and advertising in the beauty industry. His clients include the international brands l'Oreal and Coty. Dan is a civil engineer serving as a project engineer for a heavy civil contractor. Dan participated in the construction of the foundation for Building 3 at the World Trade Center and the new Long Island Railroad station under Grand Central Terminal.

Dan and his wife Alison are the proud parents of my two grandsons, Cooper (age 4) and Bennett (age 2). Being a grandfather is fantastic: you have all the fun times with few of the tears. Being young boys my grandsons know only one speed—fast—so keeping up with them is a real work-out.

Over the years I have been active in the Dutchess County Dental Society, serving as President from 1983–84. In 2008 I rejoined the DCDS Board in several capacities, including my four years as Steward of the Dental Society. Although I completed my tenure on the Board last year, I continue to act as chairman for the Dutchess Outreach

and Helping Hand Committees and as a member of the Dental Society's Dental Skit Players. During the late 1980's I also served five years on the Board of Governors for the Ninth District Dental Society.

I am honored to receive the Walter Wallace Stevens Award for Meritorious and Distinguished Service and to be elected to the Dutchess County Dental Society Hall of Fame. I would like to thank all who supported me over the years and to encourage each member of this society to give some time back in service, enabling the Dutchess County Dental Society to continue as one of the very best local dental societies in this state and in the country.