

Palatine resident opens Arlington dental practice

Robert Vavrik knew at a young age what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

When the 43-year-old man was in the sixth grade, he wrote a school paper about his plans to be a dentist when he grew up.

The Palatine man has been practicing dentistry for nearly 19 years. He recently opened a new practice at 2302 E. Rand Road in Arlington Heights.

Prior to launching the new facility, Vavrik worked for his brother-in-law at 4 S. Northwest Hwy. in Palatine and at 5720 W. Fullerton Ave. in Chicago.

His Chicago building was torn down and Vavrik used the opportunity to move closer to home. Many of his patients followed him and visit his new office.

He enjoys working close to his children's schools. He can now catch his daughter Andrea's swim meets at St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights and sons Matthew and Robby's basketball and soccer games at St. Colette Elementary School in Rolling Meadows.

Vavrik is also enthused about starting a new venture in his career. He added that he accepts children and his office is handicapp-accessible.

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His decision to be a dentist started with positive experiences he encountered with his own dentist when he was a child. Growing up in South suburban Calumet Park, Vavrik later had braces and considered his orthodontist, Dr. Bonnaguro, his mentor.

While attending Loyola University, Vavrik met his wife, Regina. They later attended Loyola Dental School together. Regina now works as a dental hygienist at her husband's practice. The couple has been married 18 years.

Vavrik enjoys his practice and looks forward to going to work every day.

His office hours are until 7 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more, call (847) 670-0700.



Dentist Robert Vavrik has opened a new office on Rand Road in Arlington Heights.

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