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Dear Friends and Patients,

Last October while on vacation I contracted a mysterious virus that rendered my left eye partially blind. I have since been under the care of a highly qualified ophthalmologist from Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Clinic. It was determined that due to the nature of the virus that my career was in jeopardy resulting from the permanent scarring within the eye. Unfortunately for me this was the outcome. Therefore, it is with deep regret that I am announcing my retirement from my dental practice, of Kantakevich, Doring and Perez-West.

Dr. Charles Doring (26 years) and Dr. Clementina West (18 years) are still there to carry on and take care of your dental needs. They have been beyond fabulous partners (combined 43 years) both as friends and of course, superior dental practitioners.

As our good fortune would have it Dr. Robert Tilkin has decided to merge his practice of 27 years with ours. Dr. Tilkin will more than help to fill the void that may have occurred due to my unexpected departure. His qualifications are beyond reproach and are too extensive to enumerate in this letter. I hope that you all get a chance to meet Dr. Tilkin and welcome him to the practice.

For the many years gone by I have been blessed to have embarked on an incredible journey. As I enter into the retirement phase of this journey, I hope the future will bring me as much joy as it did being of service to you the past 40 years.

Many of you I have known since the inception of the practice in 1973 and have become a big part of my life in and out of the office. I will miss you all dearly but I plan to "pop-in" upon occasion with the hope of seeing a familiar face or two, and to spend time with our incomparable staff members.

God Bless,

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