

Tooth Chatter



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DENTAL MATERIALS

Charles Goodyear invented a denture base material back in the mid 1800's. This material was called "Vulcanite". Vulcanite is a dark brown, semi-rigid rubber. Since then, denture base materials have come a long way, and vast changes and improvements have been made. Today very modern plastics and acrylics are used.

The artificial teeth on a denture were made from such materials as bone and ivory. Precious metals such as gold and silver were also tried. Even wood was used to make teeth!

Finally, porcelain and plastic teeth have replaced the former materials. We've come a long way since the days of "wooden teeth". Denture technology has been vastly improved for denture wearers, and they are continually discovering new techniques and materials.

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By Cory Soal
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**... Lend
Me
Your
Ears**

New technology developed in the past several years can help most people with hearing loss to achieve improved communication. Today's hearing instruments have evolved from simple devices to remarkably sophisticated and technologically advanced personal hearing computers. In just the last few years, more advances in hearing aid technology have been made than throughout history.

In many hearing aids, there are no longer knobs or controls, because the instruments automatically adjust loudness. Some hearing aids are programmed so that they require only the push of a button either on the hearing aid or on a wireless remote control to switch to different listening situations and provide balanced sound in the office, at home, on the telephone, or at a concert. Digital and digitally programmable hearing aids have been introduced that amplify signals in new ways and make the benefits of hearing aids even more customized. Many hearing aids are virtually computers with flexible and sophisticated processors that analyze and respond to specific sounds. Some advanced hearing instruments process sound more than a million times per second.

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BUSINESSLINK

Spotlight on Volunteer

by Barb Kay, Absolute EA

Writing about oneself can be a little daunting, but as this will be my last submission to BusinessLink, we've exercised a little artistic license. So here goes:

It's interesting when you start a business how things evolve. You start off going in one direction and you end up veering off somewhere else. When Absolute EA first came into being in November 2002 offering virtual business communication services, it seemed to be the obvious direction to go as I had over 25 years' experience in this area. I didn't look at myself as a writer but as a virtual executive assistant. Since getting involved with the Chamber and its Editorial Committee, however, this has changed.

My involvement with the Chamber began at the same time as the business. In fact, on the same night that Absolute EA became a member, I was invited to join the Women in Business Committee. These meetings were a wonderful way for me to meet other entrepreneurial women who lived and worked in our community, and for over a year, it was a pleasure for me to take meeting minutes and take part in preparations for the monthly luncheons. Shortly afterwards, at a Women in Business luncheon, I sat next to Sue Walker. When she asked for volunteers for the Editorial Committee, I immediately approached her, and the adventure began...

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The Editorial Committee gave me the confidence to pursue a different type of writing experience, one that I found I enjoyed very much, and it often gave me the chance to use my market research skills when writing on different subjects. Meeting with top volunteer entrepreneurs in Halton Hills was a privilege that provided stimulating conversation and

opportunities for personal and professional development.

Working with a very bright editorial committee and, as editor, learning the printing side of the business, we have pored over content and signed off on proofs, and we have, hopefully, improved the look of the

newsletter as well. Over the years, we have invited other volunteers in communications to help us make BusinessLink more distinctive. Overall, taking part in this committee has been a lot of fun, but it can have its scary moments. "We need a picture for page 1!" can be a nail-biter sometimes. Remember to take your BusinessLink with you on vacation—please, please! :)

In the April 05 BusinessLink, you were told I would be moving to the Gaspé Peninsula. As it turned out, the move will take place at the end of this May, and I'm very much looking forward to keeping in touch with the friends I've met over the years in Halton Hills. Absolute EA will continue to provide virtual assistance in business communications and other administrative services, but will also approach The Spec, the only English-language paper in the region, to see if I can be a member of their team. (Wish me luck on this next adventure!)

In addition, 2007 will see the reopening of a Bed & Breakfast called La Maison Ancestrale, following in the tradition of the family house that was operated as a B&B from 1956 to 1992 in Percé, Quebec. If you're looking for an eco-touristic and different vacation experience, consider visiting us there.

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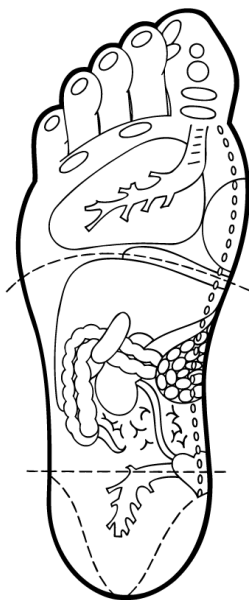
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