

## **Chambers Health Welcomes Janet C. Grobe Hood, DDS**

Chambers Health would like to introduce, Janet C. Grobe Hood, DDS, as the new dentist on staff at Bayside Clinic. Dr. Hood will be seeing patients in the new dental suite, Monday through Thursday, at Bayside Clinic in Anahuac. We are anticipating the start date to see dental patients beginning spring of 2013, towards the first part of April. Be sure to check your local newspaper for the official opening date for the Bayside Dental Clinic and learn how to schedule an appointment with Dr. Hood and her qualified dental staff.

Dr. Hood was born in San Antonio and spent the first half of her childhood in Gainesville, Florida and the second half in Austin, Texas. After her undergraduate studies at Trinity University, in 1980, she received her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from the Dental School through the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and in 2007 she completed her Masters of Education (M.Ed) at the University of Houston.

Dr. Hood has been a practicing dentist in Texas for more than 30 years. Her career began in the private practice sector in Hurst, Texas for 13 years before relocating to the Clear Lake area. She spent 20 years living across the bay in Clear Lake-Seabrook and continued to work in private practice in both League City and Texas City. When asked why move from North Texas to Clear Lake, her answer was simply, "to be closer to salt water." Dr. Hood's recent position was as a full-time Associate Professor at the University of Texas School of Dentistry-Houston, where she was the Group Practice Director for about 50 second, third, and fourth year dental students. Her job for the last 12 years was to teach, mentor, and guide these dental students during their clinical patient care rotations. Dr. Hood is an active (drilling) Reservist in the United States Navy Dental Corps.

In 1988, Dr. Hood was awarded a Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry. This recognition is one of the few distinctions a general dentist can achieve; only about 7% of dentists achieve after extensive hours of continuing postgraduate education and passing a rigorous exam in various disciplines. She was recognized in both 2006 and 2009 with the University of Texas School of Dentistry-Houston: Dean's Teaching Excellence Award and was elected to membership in 2009 in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society. Dr. Hood is a member of several professional associations, which include the following: American Dental Association (ADA), Texas Dental Association, Dental Society of South East Texas, Academy of General Dentistry, and the Baytown Dental Study Club.

Dr. Hood's past volunteer activities have included dental outreach trips with students, teaching, sailing and involvement with her husband's Rotary club activities, among other school activities with her children that included scouting and band. She also participates annually with the Texas Mission of Mercy, an organization associated with the Texas Dental Association Texas Smiles Foundation, which provides donated dental care to underserved children and adults in various communities around the State of Texas. Dr. Hood is excited about the civic opportunities available in the Anahuac area once the dental program is up and running. Her hobbies include reading, needlework, making things, traveling, being with family, exercising at the Wellness Center at Bayside, outdoor activities, sailing, and just being by the water.

For the past eight and a half years Dr. Hood has been a part-time resident of Anahuac. Dr. Hood is married to Jeremy, a boat broker and sailing teacher/writer in Kemah, and has two adult children, son Christopher, a commercial airline pilot, and daughter Bronwyn, a professional musician, and their dog Woodie. Dr. Hood stated she is also able to communicate in Spanish, reasonably well, and that she "enjoys helping everyone achieve a healthy, beautiful and comfortable smile for life." Dr. Hood was asked if there was anything else she would like to add, her response was, "I have always encouraged my dental students to go and practice somewhere they are needed, such as smaller towns in rural areas—I'm now pleased to be able to do the same."

The addition of dental services would not have been possible without the continuous effort and support of the Health Center staff. We appreciate everyone's support and patience as we progress and grow so that we may continue our tradition of being "What You Need, Where You Are". A part of the Chambers Health system, Chambers Community Health Centers (Bayside Clinic and West Chambers Medical Center) operations would not be possible without the direction and support of Chambers Health.

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