



# Filling You In



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## AND COMB YOUR HAIR

When you look back on these wise words from your Mom on this Mother's Day .. remember another bit of sage advise. Even if she didn't say it out loud your Mom was also thinking don't forget to brush your teeth too. All Mom's know that "if you have plaque - they step back" applied when you were growing up and now too. So listen to your Mom and keep clean teeth!

## SPEAKING OF CLEAN TEETH

Our search for a new Hygienist has ended. We got lucky and found Joanne! You know how Dr. O'Keefe wants experienced staff, with a sense of humor ... well Joanne will fit in well!

## GUYS IN THE CORNER

Not to be outdone by their big brother, Colin and Sean have been busy too.

Sean was awarded another Reading Award in April and is preparing for the jump to Baytrail Middle School next year.

Colin has been madly working on his 1 quarter animation at

RIT when he is not being attacked by turkeys. Yes, last month a turkey flew down and broke the driver's side mirror off of Colin's car while he was on 490. Now that's an angry bird. What one turkey breaks, another fixes ... Doc helped Colin put a new mirror on. Their auto repair skills reflect well on them.

## I REMEMBER WHEN

Brien Timothy O'Keefe was born. It was an icy cold night when he decided to join the world 22 years ago. We all thought the he wasn't quite cooked yet ... but he was ready. So weighing in at about a pound and 11 inches long Brien's journey began. Back then his challenges were to breath (with the aid of a ventilator), keep his tiny heart pumping and add grams to his weight so that he could come home. This is when we learned what strength of character Brien had, and after a 4 month stay in the NICU at Strong Memorial Hospital he came home.

I remember when Brien came home to his newly decorated room. He was still tiny amidst the oxygen tank, and monitors, but he must have had a plan for he took all of his medicines, worked at occupational therapy and grew. In no time at all we made the playground scene in our trusty wagon. As soon as I let him, Brien climbed the slide's ladder (as I prayed for every step) to speed down as he shrieked with joy. He wasn't afraid of anything.

I remember when school came, Brien was ready for that too. He had lost a lot of his hearing, but that didn't bother Brien. He learned to make eye contact during conversations (to read lips) and really pay attention to whom he was speaking. Brien participated in every activity we could fit in. He was 'a lean, mean steely eyed fox - not some cute little goldie lox', he crossed home plate like a tiger during little league, and learned to play the guitar. It seemed that the challenges of school suited Brien well, as he made friends with students and teachers alike while collecting many achievement awards. Mostly he was a good citizen always ready to help others.

I remember when Brien graduated from Penfield High School with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, and looked for a new challenge - *College!* Brien applied to, and was accepted to, many colleges (he said that was why he worked so hard in high school ... so he would have a choice), and chose Clarkson University. It seemed a bit far from home for me ... but Brien had no worries - he would just do what he always had ...make friends and work hard.

And now m little boy has grown up - HE IS A MAN. Brien has graduated from Clarkson University with Distinction with a major degree in Communications, and a minor in Social Sciences. When Brien started college he had three goals: to be the top student in his department (he won that award each year), earn a GPA of 4.0 (he did that his last semester), and get a job before graduation (he starts at Plattco June 6<sup>th</sup>) ... but there is one goal he achieved without thinking about it ...

**HE MADE HIS DAD VERY PROUD!!!**



## AND HE'S GOOD WITH TEETH TOO

Auto repair is Doc's second job ... he is still dedicated to dental. On a Sunday last month crack went the cusp and Doc sprang into action. A little visit from Mr. Novocain, some composite a little bit of know-how and done!



## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Dr. O'Keefe will be attending an all day seminar 5/13 to refresh his knowledge of treating patients that have been affected by Cancer. There are newer medicines and treatments for care of Cancer and they effect your mouth too, so we want to know everything we can to combat this frightening disease.

## LIKE MAGIC

Dr O'Keefe is taking a vacation. From 5/26 till 5/30 the O'Keefe's are off to Universal Studios and Harry Potter. Maybe he can find a spell to regrow his hair!