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The Gates didn't travel much this past year because Cathy had foot surgery that, in her words, "has been giving me fits." But, over the years they've had many fun trips with their dental family.

"We always have fun in Chicago," says Dr. Gates. "It's one of our favorite places. We may go there with the staff this year for CE," he added.



"We always have fun in Chicago," says Dr. Gates. A tourist-friendly cop took this "arresting" photo of them on a trip a few years ago.

Cathy Gates
with Alex & Fritz



Fritz and Alex (11-year old Bichon Frises) "adopted" the Gates on Halloween night 1996. Gus and Cathy had recently lost a beloved pet when Gus saw an ad for the Bichons and said, "Let's just go look."

His CE travel plans this year also include Seattle, where he will study new techniques in esthetic dentistry at the acclaimed Seattle Institute of Advanced Dental Studies.

This summer Dr. Gates will go to Orlando where he will receive the Lifelong Learning and Service Achievement Award, the highest honor conferred by the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). He Earned a Mastership award from the AGD in 1993, an award that requires over 750 hours of continuing education, including many hours of hands-on participation in specialized areas of dentistry.

Dr. Gates is an avid Longhorn fan and attends many home games. He's been to the Texas-OU game almost every year since 1971, but says, "No, I don't paint my stomach and go topless."

Cathy often works in the dental office, helping with everything except direct patient care - mostly front office. She enjoys needlepoint, reading, and loves spending time with their two dogs, Alex and Fritz. Cathy holds a degree in English Literature from Texas A&M University.

Dr. Gates has practiced in Temple for over thirty years. He earned his DDS degree from UT Dental Branch in Houston in 1975. Learning is a life-long endeavor for him. He has twice been nominated for the Academy of General Dentistry Texas Dentist of the Year™ award.

Not many people look back on a flat tire as a turning point in their life. But for Gus and Cathy Gates it was the start of a wonderful journey -- on a road they're still traveling!



The Gates team visited San Antonio last May for CE and fun

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to us - don't be
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From *Dr. Gustav Gates*
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Dr. Gates was named a Texas SuperDentist by Texas Monthly magazine in 2006 and again in 2007.*

His response:

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This honor really belongs to my staff. Without...

Marci making appointments,
Pamela working out the finances and insurance,

Connie making the patients comfortable during the procedures,

Debbie with the beautiful plastic temporary teeth, and

Sherri, Celestia, and Jamie helping the patients maintain and improve their oral health.

...there is no "SuperDentist."

Last year after we announced that we received the 2006 award, folks would see me in the grocery store and stop to say, "Congratulations." One patient even made me a *Superman* card. It was wonderful because everyone who shared in the joy and pride of the *Texas Monthly* award was really recognizing a *Super Dental Team*.

A star is only as bright as the source of its light, and for that, to my staff... I say *thanks!*

**Dr. Gates was nominated by other dental professionals and selected for professional achievement, such as fellowships, education, experience, honors, awards, community service, and other outstanding achievements. The candidates with the highest points in each geographic region were named Texas Super Dentists.*



*Gus & Cathy Gates
November 8, 1986*

Gus and Cathy both enjoy traveling and have been "everywhere" from Portland, Oregon, to Paris, France. One of their most memorable moments was in Paris in August 1995. They "witnessed a part of history" when their bus passed by the crash scene the day after Princess Diana died. They were also in London during her funeral a few days later, and it was "like the end of the world – no people on the streets, no stores or restaurants open ... spooky."



*Superdentist
2006-2007*

Time Travelers

How far can you go on a flat tire? If you measure time, not miles, it may be far.

When Cathy Cummings had a flat tire in 1983, it took her on a lifelong journey.

While waiting for the tire repair, she met a recruiter for the Dale Carnegie course. "Not interested," she said. But when she told her Dad about it, he said, "Do it – it will change your life." Oh boy was he right.

She took the Carnegie course, where she met Dr. Gus Gates. They fell in love, got married in 1986, and last November, they celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary.



*The Palace,
London, 2002*

In 2002 Gus and Cathy returned to a livelier London with some of their dental team. "It was exciting, and London was our favorite place abroad because they speak our language." (The British speak Texan?)

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