

Feature: Bellflower Dental Group

Imagine visiting your dentist and there is a playroom for your children, a masseuse on staff and a raffle where you have a chance to win tickets to Disneyland. There is music playing, televisions on the ceilings, and a large, friendly staff ready to care for your every dental need.



Surgery - Pam Fields, Desmond Griffin and Luz Hernandez



Insurance Department - Gracie Menchaca, Alicia Rangel, Esmeralda Espindola, Jeanette Sanchez, Patty Jackson and Yessenia Rodriguez

Adding to your comfort level may be the fact that everyone working at the practice (excluding dentists and hygienists) are Teamster members.

Local 63 has proudly represented technicians, clerks, receptionists, lab personnel, and administrative employees at the Bellflower Dental Group for

over three decades. Today, 87 employees are working under a recently ratified four-year agreement.

This is a great group of people who are always smiling and who care about their work, Local 63 Business Agent Barbara Molina said. More-



Business Agent Barbara Molina, Receptionists - Shop Steward Brenda Stonestreet and Sylvia Noda



Prosthetic Lab - Luis Belagardi and Julio Argenal

over, because they are union members, they really go out of their way to make sure patients who are union members are treated very well.

Bellflower Dental was started by Dr. Peter Wylan almost 40 years ago.

Dr. Wylan wanted to provide medical and vision benefits for his employees, and because the practice treated predominantly union members, he turned to the union, 28-year employee and Local 63 Shop Steward Brenda Stonestreet explained. I feel it was his way of giving back to the employees, and since we were caring for union members it would be advantageous for the staff to be union as well.

The full-service dental practice has upwards of 15 dentists on staff and can handle every conceivable dental need for children and adults, from general dentistry to orthodontics, restoration and prosthetics, oral surgery and implants to cosmetic dentistry. The facility even includes an in-house dental lab.

We provide excellent care. We have patients who come from many miles away and even some from out of state. Even though they've moved,



Crown and Bridge Lab - Gil Quijada, Sunny Lee and Abo Hartounian



Insurance Department - Andrew Meza, File Clerks - Theresa Ybarra, Ericka Flores and Aurora De La Torre

they still come to our office," Stonestreet noted.

The large staff also supports a variety of organizations in their community. Each Christmas they hold a financial drive and Dr. Wylan matches the amount collected. In addition, the practice gives away toothbrushes and toothpaste to charitable groups, and provides the goods to Local 63 for the

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Switchboard - Roberta Flores

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union to pass on as well.

The staff also has special extras for patients including children's Easter baskets, monthly drawings for different ticket giveaways, and complimentary T-shirts.

Moreover, the staff are active union members. "This office fully supports the Teamsters because our union supports us," Stonestreet pointed out.

During the last contract we were a unit. We appreciate everything the union and Dr. Wylan have done for us. Being Teamster members has been very beneficial, and we don't take things for granted, especially at this time when many workers don't have medical benefits," she added.

Local 63 members are highly encouraged to consider the services offered at Bellflower Dental Group. The practice accepts a variety of



Reception - Libia Perez, Scherise Ramirez, Bianca Cabot (Ortho), Gloria Barreto and Terry Del Castillo



Crown and Bridge Department - Michelle Munoz, Stacey Syprasert and Pam Fields



X-Ray - Jhoanna Islas and Danny Manjarrez

insurance, including union trust coverage. They also offer convenient evening and Saturday hours. For more information, contact the office at 562-925-3765 or visit the web site: www.drwylan.com.



Operative Department - Juliana Jimenez and Janissa Santoyo



Call Room - Hilda Castro, Erica Campos, Maria De La Torre, Lorraine Venegas, Esmeralda Coronado and Shop Steward Brenda Stonestreet



Patient Services - Yanet Becerra and Talina Guerrero