Mountain View Dental Celebrates 40 Years
Dentist Roy Brewster, Office Manager Rose Currier Appreciated in Surprise Party

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WHITEFIELD, N.H. — Mountain View Dental celebrates 40 years today, and on Monday, during a celebration, one surprise led to another.

Some two dozen employees, former employees, and patients gathered to surprise dentist and founder Roy Brewster, who in turn surprised office manager Rose Currier, who has been with him since day one. “He’s a great boss,” said Currier, who began as his chair side assistant. “It’s very evident because we have a lot of employees with a lot of longevity.”

Speaking after a toast, Brewster said, “I couldn’t have done it without the loyalty that is exemplified in the person of Rose.”

Each had been planning a party for the other and Brewster showed up Monday intending to take Currier to a small lunch. Instead, he walked into a conference room full of cheers. “She outfoxed me again,” said Brewster, who brought a necklace and earring gift set for Currier.

The dentist’s office that began in 1974 in the renovated Fitzmorris Plumbing and Heating building at 7 Main St. now serves thousands of patients and employs a staff of 19 in a much larger building shared by the Weeks Medical Center clinic off Whitefield Road.

Brewster, who grew up in Bellevue, Wash., journeyed East to pursue his dentistry career and began practicing in 1971, in Lancaster, before launching Mountain View Dental.

During the lunch and celebration Monday, Currier presented a slide show with photographs from the early days and spoke of decades in between. “The first 10 years were quite lean and presented with a number of challenges, but he persevered” said Currier.

“Always the entrepreneur, Roy stepped out on his own to do general dentistry and incorporate a new concept in dentistry for the North Country, a prevention area for children to come to the dentist and not feel threatened,” she said. “With blind faith, he took on his new staff.”

Then, she said, “Now let’s talk about the zanier side of Roy Brewster, DDS.”

That side includes playing the flute in a rooster costume on stage, telling new patients, when he was younger, that he was the paper boy, and moving through the office mewing like a cat or barking like a dog.

“Forty years of this ‘labor of love’ have given us, of course, hard times, but mostly good times and a lot of good memories,” said Currier.

In high school, Brewster said he studied his strengths and they added up to dentistry.

“You have to enjoy working with your hands, you have to be strong in the sciences and you have to enjoy people,” he said.

At Mountain View Dental, the third strength is mutual.

“He’s one of a kind,” said Kaylea MaCleod, a dental assistant who has been with the practice six months. “He’s always willing to help others and is very generous.”

Robbi Amirault, who started working at Mountain View Dental in 1992 and retired six years ago, said, “We’re like one big happy family. It’s a very caring office.”

In 2002, Brewster made dentist Bernd Weber his partner and in 2006 Mountain View Dental moved to its present location, at 8 Clover Lane.

Since 1974, Currier estimates Brewster has seen “easily 5,000 patients.”

Monday’s celebration – conceived last year and in the planning stages since March – also included Brewster’s wife, Donna, and his two children, Ryan, who drove in from Chicago, and Amanda, who came up from New York.

Now in his 43rd year as a dentist, Brewster said he might cut back on hours but plans to put in at least another seven years until he reaches the 50-year mark.

Sandy Ramsdell, Mountain View’s original receptionist, told him, “You’ve done so much for the community.”

Brewster thought back to the early days with Currier and Ramsdell and said, “Whoever thought after 40 years this was where we’d end up?”

To his staff, he said, “You guys are all wonderful people.”