

Practice fills area's dental needs

By Brandon Bosworth

When Dr. David Brown first arrived in Hawaii back in 1972, he found himself working in a location far removed from the lush landscape of the Windward side where he currently maintains his dental office.

"I worked at the Strong Carter Dental Clinic in Palama Settlement for a year," he says. By 1974, he had moved on, and was working part-time in both Kailua and Laie. The driving back and forth between the two locations started to get tiring, and the era's gas crisis helped motivate Brown to start his own practice.

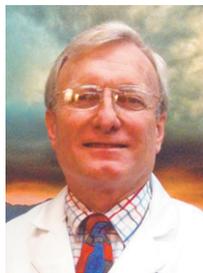
"There was a lack of dental offices on the outskirts of Kaneohe," he explains. "The area was a bedroom community with no dental care." Desiring to offer a valuable service to the area (and to trim his exhausting commute), Brown founded Temple Valley Dental Group, still one of the few dental care providers in the vicinity.

Brown and the staff at Temple Valley Dental Group provide a variety of services, including cleaning, root canal therapy, dentures and several cosmetic treatments. Brown is especially enthusiastic about the dental implants he offers. Implants are titanium structures that are placed in the area of the tooth normally occupied by the root. Implants have several advantages over standard treatments, such as bridges.

"Unlike a bridge, an implant doesn't im-

pact adjacent teeth," he says. "And bridges only last 12-15 years, while a titanium implant can last 30." While acknowledging that titanium implants can be expensive, Brown notes that his office's success rate with implants has been 100 percent over the 20 years they have been offering them.

When it comes to dental care, Temple Valley Dental Group has a clearly stated philosophy: health, function and beauty. According to Brown, health means a mouth free of cavities, gum disease and infections. Function refers to the ability to eat the foods you want without pain or discomfort. And beauty is



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about the boost to self-esteem a person gets from having a beautiful smile.

If you are a new patient at Temple Valley Dental Group, expect to undergo a thorough examination followed by a consultation one week later.

"At the consultation, we first discuss with the patient what we found during the examination," says Brown. "Second, we explain what will happen if nothing is done. Third, we explain what we can do for the patient. Finally, we discuss al-

ternatives and the cost of treatment."

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Regular teeth cleaning, as demonstrated by dental hygienist Jodi Yoshikawa, is just one of several services offered at Temple Valley Dental Group.

He's still got the magic touch

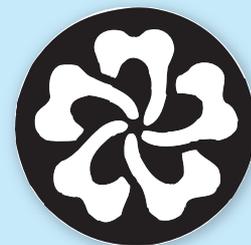
For a dentist, it helps to have nimble fingers. The same goes for a magician. Dr. David Brown happens to be both.

"I've been involved in magic for about 30 years," says Brown. Like many magicians, he is largely self-taught. His love of magic led him to start his own regular magic show — the Koolau Magic Theatre — three years ago. Along with two other magicians, Brown performs at the theater every month.

"We have a 55-seat theater right next to our dental offices," he says. "(And) the lineup varies, so audiences will usually see different magicians at each performance."

The magic show is held on the fourth Friday of the month, except in December, when it is held on the third Friday. Showtimes are from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.koolaumagictheatre.com.



The 411

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Employees: 13

Founded: 1975

Benefits: Medical, partial dental, 401k retirement plan, paid vacation and sick days

Noteworthy: The company website features a wealth of videos about dental health, as

well as useful articles about flossing, toothaches, dental care for children and other topics. Dr. David Brown has been regularly cited in local publications as one of the top dentists in the Islands.