



We danced away our **CINCO DE MAYO** at Fiesta Bonita Springs!



The City of Bonita Springs in unison with D'Latino's, Univision, and Goya Foods hosted the fiesta of 2018! **It's an event that PFCDD's team will find nearly impossible to forget.**

From the live performances varying from mariachis, LA LINEA Latin Amazing Band and Diana Landa, we kept our hips moving. Displaying both Latin and Latin-American music alike got all attendees on their feet and grooving to the beat.

The fragrances of traditional and non-traditional foods, from local food vendors, penetrated the air. Bounce houses and

slides, tennis courts, and carnival games lined the park as entertainment for kids. It didn't take long for children to get the itch to scurry away from their parents.

As the kids bolted towards the fun they couldn't help but stop and pet the many pups along the way. From Chihuahuas dressed in tutus to English bulldogs with sombreros the giggles never ceased.

We all embraced the carefree energy as we soaked in a vibrant colorful celebration of beautiful cultures. ❖



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Inside Our Labs...

Get To Know Our Techs!



This is my dream job,” says Daniela Medeiros about what she does at Park Family and Cosmetic Dentistry. Daniela serves as the practice’s Dental Lab Technician, the artist behind your dentures, partials, retainers, crowns and such.

So why is this such a dream job? “I can work directly with the doctor and the patient. This doesn’t happen when you work in an outside lab.” Something she has previously done. She explains, “When you work in an outside lab, you never see the patient. You are just given a model to work with.”

That is why so many people have problems with dentures and crowns.

Because Daniela can see the patient’s face and has a direct line of communication with the doctor, she can make dental removables with more accuracy and precision.

Not only do the patients benefit by getting a better fit, they can also get their crowns, bridges and the likes much faster than what most other dental offices can provide.

In addition the technician says, “If I have a question, the doctor is right here to go over things with me. It’s real teamwork.”

Dentures are very time consuming to make. They take a lot of handcrafting and are customized for every patient, not

just in size and shape, but also in color, so they will look as natural as possible. Daniela says, “We use only the highest quality, such as acrylic, and that just doesn’t happen in larger labs. They buy the cheapest materials. Here, we really care about the quality.”

Growing up in Brazil, Daniela liked to work with her hands. Initially, she went to college for veterinary medicine but switched her studies to a field focusing on humans. Side note: she still likes animals.

It’s quite unique for a family practice to put out the time, effort and investment it takes to have a lab onsite when in it is so easy to send work out, according to Daniela. She says, “Here I have the opportunity to learn new things all of the time. In a regular lab, it’s like a production line where everyone does something different. Here, I’m able to do it all from start to finish.”

Not only is it a hands-on process but Daniela gets to see the direct results of her efforts firsthand.

Many times patients come in and don’t want to smile because their dentures are failing or their smile is compromised. When these things are fixed by the team at Park Family, Daniela says, “They have this big smile. It changes people’s lives. It’s so rewarding to see in person. That is the highlight of my job.” ♦



Boban Milentijevic and his wife, Dr. Ana Scopu with their one-year old son.

Boban Milentijevic says working at Park Family and Cosmetic Dentistry is more like going to a “dental resort” than work. “There are palm trees, water in the back, nice breezes between buildings, and everyone is so friendly and positive. It doesn’t feel like a typical office.”

Milentijevic has extraordinary expertise as a lab technician at Park Family. He moved to Southwest Florida from New York in December with his wife and Park Family dentist, Dr. Ana Scopu, and their baby boy who is now one-year-old. He jokes, “We were a package deal.”

Milentijevic says when making the decision to join the team at Park Family, **“We liked the environment. From the minute I walked in everybody was so friendly, positive and helpful. It felt good, like I was not a stranger.”**

The technician is an expert at making crowns, in aesthetic work and in full mouth reconstruction. **Besides the family atmosphere, he was also drawn to the hi-tech part of the Park Family practice.** “The system they have is the latest, allowing me to work with a digital scan of the patient’s mouth and teeth for optimal results.”

The digital software allows him to come up with a near perfect tooth design for each patient. To top the ante, the crowns he makes are of porcelain. Milentijevic says, “It’s a good strong

Crafting Smiles at Park Family

Written by Gina Birch

material that can withstand a lot of force. There is zirconium inside of them; no more cheap metal underneath.”

The technology and quality material gives patients a better fit. After the ceramic crown is milled with machinery Milentijevic shapes, stains and polishes the tooth by hand. Surprisingly, this artful crafting of teeth actually takes less time than crowns made from lesser quality materials in most other dental offices. **It is quite common for a patient to wait several weeks for their permanent crowns but at Park Family the turn around time can be as early as a week.**

Originally from Serbia, Milentijevic was encouraged to get into dentistry by his wife, when they moved to New York. Seems like it was a good choice, as he graduated first in his class when completing a master degree in full mouth reconstruction. “More than 80% of people have a collapsed bite so I really learned how to fix that. It is an expertise of mine.”

He is fierce about continuing education, studying with some of the top technologists in the field both in the US and abroad.

When it comes to crafting crowns Milentijevic says, “I like the art of it.” But that’s not all, **“In the end, when everything works smoothly in the mouth and I see the patient’s whole face change, there’s this feeling of relief. They are happy and it feels really good to know I’ve done something good to improve their lives.”** ❖



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“I came to Park Family & Cosmetic Dentistry to get established with a practice and get a cosmetic consultation for my smile. I have had a wonderful experience here. Everyone has been very informative and friendly. They worked around my schedule, for the numerous appointments I had, to reach my goal of a much better smile. Dr. Long was the best!”

~ Sandra Schroeder



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To Those in Our Community

We need to take this space in our newsletter to write a note from the bottom of our hearts. **You never halt in your support of PFCD and all of our charity events. On May 12th we hosted our 5th Annual Dentistry From The Heart Event.** This event provided those in our community with free dental care.

We are humbled by your overwhelming generosity, in both volunteering, monetary and material donations. Due to your vast amount of donations, not only did we account for all necessary materials for this year, we have been able to proactively set aside items for DFTH 2019 as well.

This generosity proves your devotion to, not only our staff and practice, but also the community. Furthermore, this shows your understanding that proper oral health is essential to your overall health.

We cannot thank you enough!

With great appreciation,

Mai Huynh-Le, DMD Long Huynh D.M.D.

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