

April 5, 2023

To our loyal patients,

It is with a mixture of anticipation and sadness that I announce the retirement of Dr Steve Moran on June 1st, 2023, and the conclusion of Heaton & Fisch Dental Associates.

I have worked tirelessly for the past few years with 2 different practice brokers, several means of advertising, and efforts with our state and national dental associations to find an associate dentist to fill Dr. Moran's position and/or a potential buyer of our dental practice. As you know, I brought on 2 associates in the past with hopes of purchasing the practice. It seems that younger dentists have less of an interest in owning a dental practice and are not drawn to living in Rutland, Vt. A potential buyer was unable to find a full time associate to work in the practice and withdrew the contract in late March. It saddens me to reach this point and I want you to know that I did everything I could to avoid it.

June 30, 2023 is the day Heaton & Fisch Dental Associates will close. As such, Dr. Moran and I will continue to treat patients until June 1st. After that date, I will do what I can to complete any lingering patient treatment with Monday and Wednesday as my days of availability. I will then transition to practicing full time at my dental sleep medicine practice, Green Mountain Dental Sleep Center.

Heaton & Fisch Dental has served the Rutland community since 1962 when Dr. Ronald Heaton began our dental practice in the Service building. We have been truly fortunate to have wonderful patients, an amazing, hardworking team, and a supportive community through all these years. It has been our pleasure to meet the dental needs of our patients, many who became patients in 1962, and many that have become like family!

At your request, copies of your dental records will be available to you or forwarded to a dentist of your choosing. Please contact our office as we will need your written authorization to complete this. After June 1st, the office will be open Monday & Wednesday 8-5pm, and Tuesday & Thursday 8-1pm to request records, settle your account & emergency care until June 30th.

Many thanks to all of you for your trust, support, and loyalty through all of these years together.

Judith M. Fisch, DDS

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