The fall season fast approaches, as we get ready for our 2011 Texas Meeting. We are gearing up with our speakers, presentations and festivities. Let me give you an example of the new dawn.

We are very proud to be able to have some of the most dynamic speakers from the dental world to be with us next May. Some of the incredible speakers are:

- Drs. Lee Brady, Gary DeWood, Bob Winter and Steve Ratcliff from the Spear Institute.
- Dr. Jim Fondriest and Matt Roberts (one of the most well-known laboratory ceramists) will present some of the latest techniques in crown and bridge.
- Dr. Michael Unthank joins us to offer his amazing office design course.
- Making a most deserving return is the hilarious but most informative Bruce Christopher.
- In practice management, we will have a highly energetic group of presenters: Kirk Behrendt, Debbie Castagna and Virginia Moore, Dr. Roger Levin and Rosemary Bray.
- Dr. Joseph Massad on prosthodontics.
- Jo Ann Majors on implant marketing.
- An exciting new dentist, Dr. Mark Kleive, joins Dr. Richard Hunt to present the latest in a workshop on esthetic provisional.

This is only a small tease of the great speakers that are coming. It's a new day …

This year we are proud to be able to present for the first time at the Texas Meeting a certification course for dental assistants on the application of pit and fissure sealants as well as a coronal polishing course available for the first time as well. This has been a long time in coming and we are very excited to be able to offer this to our membership.

It's a new life …

The Council on Annual Sessions is aware of how important the dentist/lab technician relationship is in the dental team concept. Because of this, for the first time in a long time we are offering courses from some of the most prestigious speakers in the world for both the dentist and lab technician. This “Lab Track” on Saturday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. offers five session options, culminating with lunch and an open forum, hosted by Dr. Mark Murphy, to discuss the “Role of the Dentist/Laboratory Technician in a Digital World.” Some of the greatest dentist and lab technician minds in the world will be here to participate in this.

The state-of-the-art exhibit hall is the place you need to be to find more than 500 exhibitor booths as well as the TDA Pavilion, TDA Smiles Foundation, DENPAC Silent Auction and the TDA Perks Program partners.

In addition, there will be an amazing digital caricature artist and happy hours on Thursday and Friday.

Our own Dr. Bud Luecke and his band Morning will be generating the great music for Thursday’s Texas Party.

It’s a new dawn. It’s a new day. It’s a new life. And I’m feelin’ good!