Kick up your ‘dental’ heels in San Antonio

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The 2011 Texas Meeting is fast approaching, May 5–8. 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 be with us in May. The speakers include the following:

• Dr. Lee Brady, Dr. Gary DeWood, Dr. Bob Winter and Dr. Steve Ratchiff from the Spear Institute.
• Dr. Jim Fondriest and Matt Roberts (one of the most well-known laboratory ceramists) presenting some of the latest techniques in crown and bridge.
• Dr. Michael Unthank, offering his office design course.
• The hilarious but informative Bruce Christopher.
• Kirk Behrendt, Debbie Castagna and Virginia Moore, Dr. Roger Levin and Rosemary Bray, all talking about practice management.
• Dr. Joseph Massad on prosthodontics.
• Jo Ann Majors on implant marketing.

A new dentist, Dr. Mark Kleive, joining Dr. Richard Hunt to present the latest in a workshop on exquisite provisional.

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. These two courses have been a long time in coming, and we are very excited to be able to offer them to our membership.

It’s a new life …

The Texas 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.

The “Lab Track” on Saturday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 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 dentists and lab technicians 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 a digital caricature artist and happy hours on Thursday and Friday.

Our own Dr. Bud Luecke and his band, Morning, will generate the music for Thursday’s Texas Party.

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