



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jeff Geno, DDS, MAGD

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin

This time of year associations and organizations are deep in campaigns to encourage their members to renew their dues for the coming year. During this time of professional – and personal - reflection and resolution, I thought I would offer some reasons as to why Texas AGD is worth your money (and time, and effort, and energy, if you are so disposed).

- 1. We are the ONLY organization in Texas whose SOLE purpose is to enhance the lives of the general dentist.
- 2. We are the elite in Continuing Education....Our Fellowship and Mastership credentials are recognized around the world as signifying our commitment to staying at the forefront of our profession. Texas AGD's "menu" of courses, conferences and continuum Tracks provide a path for the engaged general practitioner to fulfill his or her personal journey to excellence.
- 3. Jim Rohn (motivational speaker and self-help guru) once said, "You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with." Since only 7-8 percent of dentists obtain a Fellowship and 1 percent obtain the Mastership... why wouldn't you want to hang out with the best of the best? We all recognize how important mentors are in our journey; being an AGD dentist automatically UPS your average.
- 4. Continuing with the thought process of #3...I have the pleasure of interacting with our volunteer leaders at all levels. I am amazed at the level of creativity, integrity, drive, and passion these folks have for our organization. It is truly an honor to work with them, and Texas AGD dentists are lucky to have them.
- 5. Whenever I have the opportunity, I will ask our members if their experience with Texas AGD is positive and has been helpful for them. The answer is always in the affirmative. For me personally Texas AGD has had a profound impact on my life. Both professionally and as a person, my membership in AGD has made me better.

I am looking forward to seeing you at one or more of our many events in 2018, in which we all "Experience the Texas AGD Difference."

"Life is a learning process, learning is a lifelong process/ you can't separate them." - Vivienne Forrester