Dear Fellow Fraters,

It is truly an honour to be starting my term as president of our wonderful chapter. I look back at the list of past presidents of this chapter, and I cannot help but be humbled by the company that I am joining. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Matt Miller on his successful two year term as chapter president. Matt and I have been friends since we were kids so it gives me great pride to be following him up as president. As he hands the reins over to me, I know that he will continue to be there for me to help guide me along this journey. Along with the help and support from past presidents Mel Schwartz and Jeremy Werbitt, I have no doubt that my transition will be a smooth one.

I have gained a lot of valuable experience over the last few years through the elder statesmen on the mainline and executive committee: Mel Schwartz, Mike Tenenbaum, Bill Steinmen, Harry Wise, and Elliot Goldenberg just to name a few, that will hopefully allow me to carry on the great tradition of our chapter.

It was such a special moment for me to be honoured at this year’s President’s cocktail evening. There was a very nice turnout, and it was great to be surrounded and supported by so many of our past presidents and members. I have to thank Michelle Diamond and Jordana Delnick for putting together an absolutely amazing evening.

When I reflect upon what Alpha Omega means to me, many thoughts come to mind. These include family, friendship, leadership, community and of course, dentistry. Alpha Omega has afforded me the opportunity to make many new friends, establish professional relationships, develop team building skills, attend scientific lectures and enjoy many social activities.

We will be working on our social agenda in the up coming months. Our next social event is the annual Chanukah Party, taking place on Sunday December 3rd at Pizza Pita. This has always been a fun event especially for AO members with younger children, filled with activities, food and fun. If you have not RSVP’d yet, please do so, you will not be disappointed!

We will hopefully be having another AO’s got talent this year organized by Mark Grossman. The first event was such a success; I cannot imagine this not becoming a staple in our fraternity. If you missed out the first time, make sure you don’t make the same mistake twice!

We will be changing things up a bit for this year’s annual Israel Bonds man/woman of the year event. As most of you know, this year we are honouring our long time treasurer Elliot Goldenberg. While the Israel Bonds event has historically been its own entity supported by Alpha Omega, this year we will be combining our chapter closing dinner with the Man of the Year gala. I’m confident that nothing will be lost from either event, and will allow us to recognize and support Elliot, our new mainline, and the state of Israel all at the same time.

Aside from our social events, we have an exciting scientific lecture series planned.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Dr. Jonathan Werbitt has been doing a great job with this year’s lecture schedule, and I know that he is working very hard to build a quality-based scientific lecture series for the 2018-2019 Alpha Omega term.

I just want to take a couple of seconds to talk about the community initiatives that Alpha Omega is involved with. The Ometz clinic is a program in which dentists provide free basic care to people of our Jewish community in need. As of late, we have been having a shortage of volunteers, so if anyone who is interested, please contact Marty Wise. (drmarty@hotmail.ca) Even if you would like to help out for just one clinic, it would be greatly appreciated. There is also the Holocaust Survivor Oral Health Care program which is a joint initiative between Alpha Omega and Henry Schein with the aim of enhancing the quality of life of Holocaust survivors and their oral health care needs. I would also like to thank Dr. Jeffrey Tenser for his involvement as the ambassador of this initiative, and encourage AO members to get involved.

Finally, none of these articles, excerpts, reports, clinical pearls, or other various writings would be possible without the continuous efforts of Dr. Harry Wise. As the editor of the Probe and Mirror, he works very hard to compile everyone’s reports and edit them into this exceptional journal. Without his hard work, we wouldn’t have a Probe and Mirror of this quality. Thank you, Harry. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

I would like to finish up by saying that I feel very honoured and humbled to be the president of such a strong Alpha Omega chapter. I will do everything I can to keep up the tradition of AO-MRDS and to make this year a successful one.

Fraternally,
David Baker

EDITOR’S NOTE

Dear Fraters,

This issue of the Probe & Mirror is the first of a new format that is presented in response to the requests of a new generation of members that are accustomed to receiving information that is more current and concise than was previously delivered in past issues. In other words, I am now presenting the Probe in a manner similar to the international “AO Now” newsletter, which is brief, informative, and more frequent. I will continue to include the pictures of events as they occur and in some cases, articles of interest if I happen to come across anything of merit.

Since this is my first attempt at this format, I and the executive committee are open to your suggestions and criticisms if you feel you can contribute to improving our new type of newsletter. I have been at this for over 10 years and have seen the Probe evolve from a 16-20 page hard copy, first in B&W then colour, but lately, I have found it more difficult to find contributors of articles that are of interest. Therefore, I must adapt to the needs of the members and stick to the basics of simply passing on relevant information to keep you up to date and forgo the rest. Again, I appreciate any feedback and I will see you at the events. Also, please keep the executive mainline informed of any changes in your coordinates.

Fraternally,
Harry Wise, Editor
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Dear Fraters,

With the 2017-2018 Alpha Omega lecture schedule already underway, it is my pleasure to present the scientific report. I would like to start by acknowledging this year’s speakers and extend our gratitude to them for putting together such great presentations. Without them none of this would have been possible. I would also to thank the Jewish General Hospital for continuing to provide us with a venue for our lecture series.

We started this lecture schedule with a lecture by Dr. Bassel Kano who performed a very interesting lecture titled “Apical Surgery: Why, When, and How” with a live surgery demonstration. Dr. Kano presented remotely on two screens in front of a full ball room at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel from his surgical suite downtown.

The next lecture was an amazing one by Dr. Mark Grossman entitled “How to beat the Dentistry Blues.” Dr. Grossman lectured on how our profession is quite a stressful one and how we should reach out to our friends and colleagues to help us cope in times of stress.

Our last lecture was done by the super-talented Dr. Sandrine Barakat titled “Periodontal Disease and implants a Decision-Making Algorithm”. Dr. Barakat lectured us on what factors contribute to a higher success of implant placement, and how they should be maintained.

We currently have three more scheduled lectures for AO-MRDS:
Dr. Emil Shiri – The final Four - Financial Considerations and exit Strategies for the Dentist
Dr. David Baker – Prognosis of endodontic Treatment Why we do What we do
Dr. Erica Kader – Congenitally missing lateral incisors: What are the options?

I am also currently working on the next series of lectures to be presented in the 2018-2019 AO scientific term. I welcome anybody who is interested to please contact me directly, either by phone or email, in order to discuss potential lecturing opportunities with AO. I am truly very excited to be a part of this fraternity and my goal as the Scientific VP is to develop a valuable, rewarding and educational lecture series. I look forward to seeing you at the next lecture!

Fraternally,
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Dear Fraters,

The annual Presidents Cocktail was held in September at The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. It was a great success, where the members were able to catch up and mingle after the summer holidays. We honoured our new President, David Baker and we’re so excited for the year to come.

Our next event will be the Chanukah Party, taking place on December third at Pizza Pita. Lunch will be served and there will be activities for kids. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Please check your Emails for upcoming events.

Fraternally,
Jordana Delnick
Michelle Diamond
ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of

Solomon Joseph Indig,
father of Dr. Jeffrey Indig.

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of

Sylvia Weiss,
mother of Cheryl Weiss and mother-in-law of Dr. Joseph Szwimer.

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of

Dr. Ezra Kleinman,
AO member and past-president (1977).