#ShowUpForShabbat

Dear Fraters,

This upcoming Shabbat many synagogues, communities, and Jewish Federations across North America will come together in an expression of unity, strength, and love as one people. This Shabbat we will proudly show solidarity for the Jewish community of Pittsburgh and the entire Jewish people.

Alpha Omega was founded on the principles and values that encourage tolerance and acceptance. Alpha Omegans will resist and fight hate and Anti-Semitism.

If your chapter is hosting a “Shabbat Across AO” dinner Friday night, please try to attend. Furthermore, the officers of Alpha Omega International Fraternity urge all Alpha Omegans and their families to #ShowUpForShabbat at their local synagogue or place of worship. Let us confront Anti-Semitism with solidarity and purpose.

May we continue to stand together from Strength to Strength.

AO International

AO Calendar of Events

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AO International

STAY PART OF THE AO COMMUNITY
MORE THAN 5,000 WORLDWIDE MEMBERS
IN THE OLDEST INTERNATIONAL DENTAL ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD.
The AO Boston Alumni Chapter hosted a special Regional Meeting in early October. The weekend kickstarted with a lecture by expert clinician and AO member Dr. Alan Atlas. Over 80 AO members and local dentists attended Dr. Atlas’ lecture entitled Guidelines for Better Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry.

A lovely Shabbat dinner was held at the Spitz family home. The group welcomed students from the hopefully new chapter at the University of New England School of Dentistry.

The New England Zoo at Franklin Park was the location for the AO Honors Night program. Held in the tropical forest exhibit, International President-Elect Steve Spitz conducted the master of ceremony duties while Dean R. Bruce Donoff presented the 2018 Achievement Medal Award to Dr. Robert Langer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Langer is a leading researcher and educator in the field of chemical engineering.

Message from 2018
International President Steve Marsh

Dear Fraters and Friends,

This morning I was at the Mayfield Cemetery for the unveiling of my sister Joanne’s headstone. She passed away one year ago from ovarian cancer, and moments like these cause me to rethink - or sometimes, just think - about my/our place in the world. Interestingly, as at her funeral service, though some of the Cantor’s words spoke of her work life, as both a teacher and a travel agent, most of the “sermon” revolved around Joanne’s enthusiasm and attitude, her effect on those around her, and the influence she had on her children on how they lived their lives.

So what does that have to do with our chosen profession of dentistry and dental fraternities like Alpha Omega? I think it revolves around our commitment and responsibilities and our effect on those we work with and work on. The AO triangle is about Fraternalism, Professionalism, and Judaic values.
UPCOMING AO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

SHABBAT ACROSS AO
NOVEMBER 2, 2018

2018 AO CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LA
DECEMBER 26, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2019

AO EUROPEAN CONVENTION
PORTO, PORTUGAL
JUNE 26, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

2019 AO CONVENTION
LOS ANGELES, CA
DECEMBER 26, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2020
TRIBUTE TO
D. WALTER COHEN

The Compendium October 2018 issue featured several tributes about D. Walter Cohen, an inspirational man who touched many lives in the Philadelphia area and around the world. AEGIS Communications granted permission for AO to share the tribute issue with our members.

D. WALTER COHEN

AMBASSADORSHIP TO ISRAEL 2018 REPORT

Our names are Dr. Blair Cohen and Dr. Sara Engleman. We graduated from Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry in May 2018. We’re both continuing our education in General Practice Residencies in New York and Philadelphia. We started our involvement with Alpha Omega within the first week of dental school and quickly learned how AO was a way for us to get involved and meet amazing people. In our 3rd year of school, we served as President and Vice President and worked hard to make Temple’s chapter strong and active. Dr. Marc Rothman presented us with the opportunity of a lifetime, to travel to Israel and see how Alpha Omega influenced dentistry across many cities. The D. Walter Cohen Alpha Omega Ambassadorship Trip to Israel was Dr. Marc Rothman’s idea to send two dental students to Israel yearly. This gift to D. Walter Cohen was embodied by his dedication to education as it gives a chance for Alpha Omegans to connect and learn from each other. We are honored to be the beneficiaries of this ambassadorship this past summer because not only learned so much, but also met wonderful mentors, students, and friends. We feel proud to have been a part of D. Walter Cohen’s vision of education, mentorship, and generosity, and we are excited for future students to help his legacy live on.
AO University of Toronto Creates a Dear First Year Student Video

The chapter’s fun, informative video showcases the students giving their younger selves advice and hopefully the new first year students may benefit.

ENJOY WATCHING IT!

2018 AO Externship Reports

KRUPA PATEL
AO UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE CHAPTER

The externship to Dallas was an experience I am forever thankful. I applied to the program as I was going into the summer of my third year. I wanted this experience to help me understand what I wanted to do once I graduated but also to re-acclimate myself to real-world dentistry before starting in the clinic. I saw my first patient the Friday before I left for my trip to Dallas. For the last two years, I have been torn between periodontics and public health dentistry after a GPR, and so I chose to spend my birthday out in Dallas, Tx trying to figure out which direction was I was headed.

“ABOSLUMENT AUCUN AMALGAM”
TINEKE KRUYTBOSCH
AO UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CHAPTER

When I was applying for the Alpha Omega observership program back in the spring, I never imagined that I would find myself, a few months later, in the south of France with a second family. Don’t worry, I don’t mean that I ran away from home – I mean that I was welcomed with open arms by the dentists of Marseille and Aix-en-Provence. They not only welcomed me into their dental offices but also into their homes with their families. A very special thank-you goes to Drs. Thierry Meyer, Andrea Heckler, and Stephane Abitbol who worked together to organize my two-week stay in France! When I was applying for the Alpha Omega observership program back in the spring, I never imagined that I would find myself, a few months later, in the south of France with a second family. Don’t worry, I don’t mean that I ran away from home – I mean that I was welcomed with open arms by the dentists of Marseille and Aix-en-Provence. They not only welcomed me into their dental offices but also into their homes with their families. A very special thank-you goes to Drs. Thierry Meyer, Andrea Heckler, and Stephane Abitbol who worked together to organize my two-week stay in France!
Frater Stephen F. Litton, DDS, PhD
Minneapolis Chapter Member

Stephen, an orthodontist who practiced for 44 years in Minneapolis and Golden Valley, Minnesota, and who is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), is the recipient of the 2018 James E. Brophy AAO Distinguished Service Award.

Frater Bruce H. Seidberg, DDS
Jamesville, New York
IAL Member

Bruce Seidberg was recently elected Secretary for the American Association of Dental Boards at the recent AADB meeting. He is a past president of the American College of Legal Medicine and of the Onondaga County (NYS) Dental Association.

Frater Harvey Weingarten, DDS
South Bend, Indiana
IAL Member

The Indiana University School of Dentistry appointed Harvey Weingarten as the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs. Harvey has held previous at the IU School of Dentistry and works in private practice in South Bend, IN.

Want to submit your news? Please email Heidi Weber, Executive Director, at hweber@ao.org.