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AO Calendar of Events

FEB 21 | AO CHICAGO
MIDWINTER DINNER

JUN 26 | AO EUROPEAN
CONVENTION PORTO

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STEVEN SPITZ - International President

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

—Albert Einstein

Have you ever noticed how fast the month of January flies by? We celebrated the celestial new year, made New Year resolutions and came back to our offices to find patients ready to start treatment that they'd put off at the end of the year. Now, we blinked, and it's February.

During the month of January, your International Board has been working hard setting plans for the year and our future. As we remembered Holocaust Remembrance Day, we were working to, and accomplished, expanding the Holocaust Survivors program to new cities. As there are still thousands of survivors living below the poverty line with tremendous dental needs, we need your help to serve them. I urge you to please reach out to your chapter leaders and ask how you can get involved in treating our survivors.

The upcoming Chicago Midwinter meeting dinner is right around the corner, and we are also looking forward to the European Convention in Porto, Portugal in June. If you plan to join us in Chicago or Porto, make sure you register soon. The hotel in Porto will be selling out as that time of year is prime time in the region; the hotel is fantastic! <http://www.aoportto2019.com>. Make sure you get your reservation in early.

I spent time with the Rocky Mountain Dental Society meeting and our Denver chapter, at an AO Breakfast and Shabbat dinner. Cliff Litvac, Raymond Pol, Paul Bittone, and Ian Topelson put together an excellent program.

Brett Kessler, a long-time member of AO, is now the ADA 14th District Trustee-elect. He gave a great presentation on what's happening in dentistry, on a national level, including the discussion of Mid-level providers. Dean Denise Kassenbaum gave an update on the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine and our dental students, Megan Iritani and John Rausch, provided a thorough update of school programming. The student chapter has over 100 members, of which very few are Jewish. However, they are excited to join, as they find Alpha Omega represents valuable Judaic ideals of serving the community, fostering a caring, collaborative environment, and maintaining the values of integrity, compassion, inclusion, and generosity. Their main philanthropic project this year was volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and next year, they are looking to expand the Toothday at Fenway program, providing oral cancer screenings at the Colorado Rockies game.

Alpha Omega is connected through a unique network of dentists throughout the world, doing good locally and internationally, supporting each other, and sharing the growth in every aspect of the dental field. As it stands, every AO chapter is involved in a charitable program and, although unique to their local area, and all are connected worldwide. This connection we share is what I call, Standing together, or *Omdim b'Yachad*.

We value your membership and encourage you to spread the word to those who may want to join. Go to AO.org for more information on membership.

Smile always,


Steven Spitz
2019 International President



MARV SONNE
International
Communications
Officer

As we pass from one year to the next,
Our life is far better with AO in the text,
We have accomplished much in our 112 years,
Now is not the time for us to change gears.

Much is planned right now from February until June,
The Midwinter meeting in Chicago will be here very soon,
We hope to warm you up with our Illinois hospitality,
Meet old friends or form new as you enjoy our congeniality.

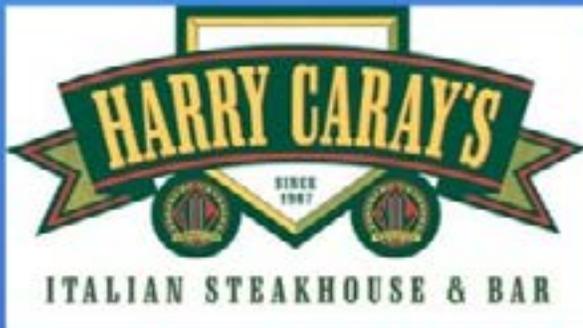
This year we plan to inform you with regularity,
As frequent messages arrive of our desires with clarity,
It's because of you we've taken on this loving task,
If there's something you desire, please don't hesitate to ask.

We are here to serve you in any way we are able,
It's only with you that AO can remain stable,
So please read our messages and keep us in the loop,
Of things in your life that are important to you and our group



2019 AO Chicago Midwinter Dinner

Thursday, February 21st



6:00PM Networking Hour

7:00PM Dinner

33 W. Kinzie Street, Chicago

COST:

AO Illinois Member	<i>Gratis</i>
AO Member	\$70
AO Under 40 Member	\$40
AO Student	\$20
Guest	\$80

Register Here: <http://bit.ly/AO2019MWMDinner>

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AO BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

A 20-member board of directors governs the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity is currently seeking nominations for individuals who wish to contribute their time and talent to serve on the 2020 Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Board of Directors.

2020 AO
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOMINATIONS FORM

2019 AO STUDENT EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

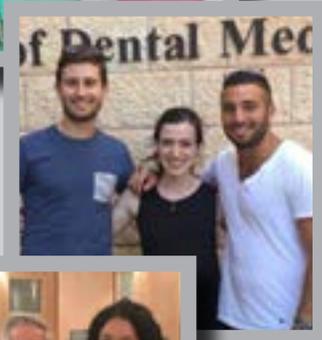
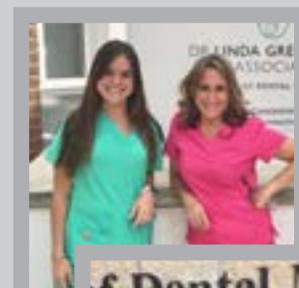
OVERVIEW: Alpha Omega offers dental students the opportunity to conduct a two-week externship. These externships consist of 'over the shoulder' dentistry where students can watch all phases of dentistry in private dental offices and interact with Alpha Omega dentists to expand, enrich, and gain more knowledge in their dental careers.

EXTERNSHIP
APPLICATION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

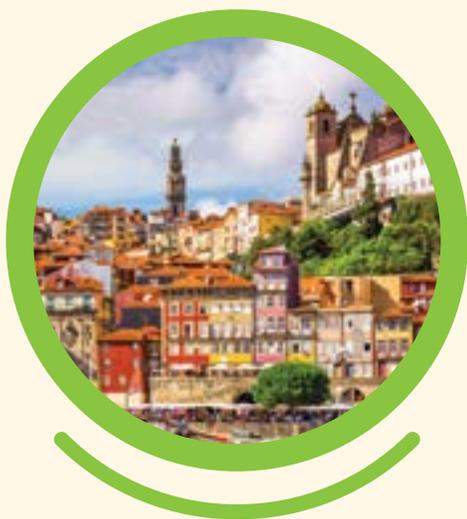
EXTERNSHIP GUIDELINES

- Each externship city offers different features from year to year. **It is completely up to the local alumni chapter that you are assigned, to structure your externship, NOT International Alpha Omega or the Externship Chairperson.** If there is a particular area of dentistry that you are interested in, you must make your request when initially contacting the alumni member overseeing your externship program.
 - You must make your own arrangements with regards to both travel and accommodations. **This is your responsibility**, but in many cases, your hosts may either provide you with a place to stay or help you to make other arrangements. In the past, for example, some externs have contacted, if available, the student chapter in a nearby dental school for possible living arrangements.
- The program usually runs for two weeks (and sometimes only one), but you are welcome to extend it at the discretion of your hosts.
- Preference will be given to those students who joined AO during their first or second year of dental school and are active in their student chapters. Attendance at International meetings is also highly encouraged for preferential city placement.
 - The Alpha Omega Externship program is not affiliated with any University, Dental School, or Hospital. Students should apply with the knowledge that their dental visits will be in private practices.
 - **Students can only apply and participate in the AO externship program the summer prior to their graduation from dental school.**





UPCOMING AO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



**AO EUROPEAN CONVENTION
PORTO, PORTUGAL**

**JUNE 26, 2019
THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2019**

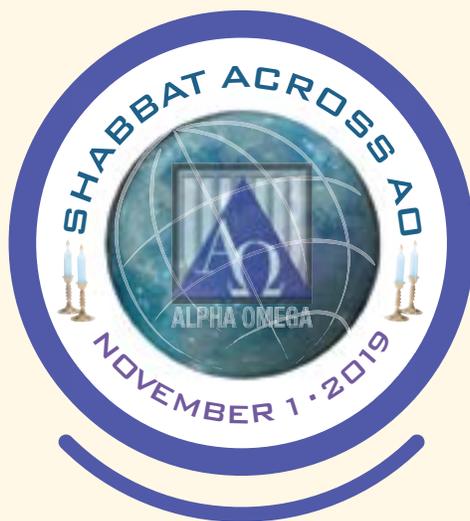
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**2019 AO CONVENTION
LOS ANGELES, CA**

**DECEMBER 26, 2019
THROUGH
JANUARY 1, 2020**

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The AO Continuing Education Corner

MICHAEL STERN,
CE PROGRAM CHAIR



Great Continuing Education at Convention

Kudo's to our Executive Director Heidi Weber, International President Steven Spitz and Israeli Regent Eldad Helft for organizing a superlative Continuing Education Program at our annual convention in New Orleans. At the opening session on Thursday, Steve Anderson started our convention by encouraging us to think positive, analyzing what Alpha Omega has done well in the past, exploring future opportunities that will make our organization strong and what resources we will need to make those opportunities real. Our first CE day was on Friday, where Dr. Israel Finger started the morning presenting a new concept in dentistry, the Digital Denture. After a short break, Dr. Lisa Germain gave us parameters of whether to attempt restoration of a compromised tooth or restore the site with an implant restoration following extraction of the tooth. The morning ended with a discussion of Opioid abuse and pain control using NSAIDs, led by Dr. Dov Glazer and Jordan Spektor. On Sunday, the first Walter D. Cohen Memorial Lecture was given by Drs. Adam and Ayala Stabholz, discussing the uses of the Er: YAG laser in Endodontic treatment and the treatment of Peri-Implantitis.

We look forward to our next convention in Los Angeles. Contact Heidi Weber or me if you have suggestions for interesting topics and speakers.

A Word About Alpha Omega International's CE Program

Alpha Omega is proud to be an approved national provider by the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and has assigned us a provider number that is used for all courses approved by the AO Continuing Education Committee. The AGD/PACE program has strict guidelines that must be followed. Periodically, Alpha Omega must provide documentation to the AGD to assure compliance with their directives. Significant hours are expended to prepare and maintain this documentation.

Chapter participation with AO International's Continuing Education AGD/PACE program is voluntary. However, many States and Provinces in the United States and Canada will only accept courses

for licensure maintenance if given by a nationally approved course provider. If the jurisdiction in which you practice requires such course approval, participation with the AGD/PACE program satisfies this requirement. Some chapters maintain their AGD/PACE status as a locally approved course provider. The standards for local approval are not as strict and may not be accepted by the dental board in the state/province where you practice. Please review your state/province's dental board as to their definitions of what courses are acceptable.

Should your chapter wish to participate with AO's Continuing Education Program, they may not use the AGD provider number unless they comply with the AGD/PACE standards and AO protocols. This will require a bit of advanced program planning and meeting announcement preparation by your chapter's program chairperson. All courses presented for AGD/PACE approval must be reviewed and approved by our CE committee, which meets every three months. To achieve this requirement, proposed courses need to be presented to the AO CE committee 90 days before the course being given. Also, following approval, the CE chairperson must receive the meeting announcement flyer that will be sent to prospective course participants 30 days before the course. In return, your chapter's program chairperson will be provided with all the forms needed to administer the course along with detailed instructions. Upon course completion, the chapter's program chairperson will return the completed forms to the International Fraternity's CE Chairperson for processing. The fraternity will maintain records of CE attendance for seven years.

Currently, chapters in New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Detroit and Washington, DC participate in our program. If your chapter wishes to attend, let us know. I'm always available for any questions you may have.

Fraternally,
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