



AO NOW

NEWSLETTER OF
ALPHA OMEGA
International Dental Fraternity



STEVEN SPITZ - International President

“Success means caring. You’ve got to care more than anyone else does,” claims motivational speaker, Eric Thomas. It is true for our profession, our families and our fraternity, and Alpha Omega has been successful due to members, like you, who care.

As I sit with part of my family (as my youngest is now away at college) during Labor Day pondering the end of summer, I also think about Rosh Hashana and the New Year that is right around the corner. Rosh Hashana is a time to reflect on the success and growth experiences of the past year and what I can do personally and what we can do as a consortium, to make a difference in both 5780 and 2020.

To look back, AO started the year with one of our most successful conventions in years in New Orleans, even celebrating with our own AO parade through the downtown streets. Our chapters around the globe have held CE programs that exemplify the professionalism of our fraternity, while the Henry Schein Alpha Omega Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program has made an impact for over 1000 survivors living below the poverty line. Our fraternity and our members all over the world are involved in many other acts of kindness which exemplifies our Judaic

values. We had an amazing European convention where over 25 chapters represented in Porto, Portugal highlighting our fraternal values. We also must look back at the many special fraters who have passed this year, including PIP Ben Williamowsky. Words cannot express our sadness and know he and Minna cared as much as anyone could about his fraters, friends, and fraternity.

At this time, we look forward to so many great events: our London chapter will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sept 10th, we are gathering September 20-22 in Boca Raton, Florida for a strategic planning meeting and discussing how AO can and must work to dissipate hatred and anti-Semitism together throughout the world, and then we end 2019 in Los Angeles, California December 26-30 at our International Convention. We all joined AO for a variety of reasons and stay active (or don't) for a variety of others. I hope that you all care to join your local chapter and/or an international event at least once this year and make a difference for yourself and/or for others. For details of the many meetings and CE available across the country and across the globe, visit our website at AO.Org.

L'Shana Tova and Happy New Year.

Smile Always,

Steven Spitz
2019 International President

Steven Spitz, DMD - Boston
International President

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Past International President Advisor

AO Calendar of Events

NOV 1 | SHABBAT ACROSS
AO 2019

DEC 26 | 2019 AO CONVENTION
LOS ANGELES

2020

2020 AO CONVENTION
ST. PETE, FLORIDA

ao.org

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

50 YEARS OF ALPHA OMEGA UK

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
 RECEPTION: 6.45pm. DINNER: 7:30pm
 AVIV RESTAURANT, EDGWARE
 DRESS: SMART CASUAL. £85pp
 RSVP STEPHEN@HANDELSMAN.CO.UK



SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 25-26
2019

DR. GORDON J. CHRISTENSEN





THE CHRISTENSEN
"BOTTOM LINE"
2019



MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER MARVIN SONNE



Fall has arrived, and your Alpha Omega is readying itself for a most critical glance inside its body's system for existence. From September 19-22, we will have our Strategic Planning session that will delve into who we are, where we came from, how we got to where we are today and how we maneuver through life's maze going forward. AO is 112 years old, and our basis for existence is no different today than it was in 1907. Our triangle's base is Judaism. AO was founded due to anti-Semitism and while for some of us that may be just words today, the problem that caused our formation is alive and well throughout the world, including America. The bigger question may be whether that particular reason will sustain Alpha Omega in this millennium.

I asked you in my last email to send me any comments, questions, or concerns you had. There is still time to have more emails sent to me so your view can be included in the agenda for the upcoming meeting in Boca Raton, FL. President Steve Spitz's comments are most appropriate regarding our beloved fraternity.

Beyond this Strategic Planning session, AO has its next superb convention coming this Dec 26-31 in Los

Angeles, CA. Marshal Bob Simon and his outstanding crew of PIPs Max Cutler & Lionell Greenberg plus Eddie Harouni & Ron Saidara have planned a most outstanding meeting with marvelous CE, time for exploring the beautiful LA landscape and, of course, the time to gather again with friends (family, actually) from all over the world. Please check our website at www.ao.org for details, including the registration form and hotel information. Fran & I are excited to be coming to Southern California. Please join us for an experience you will remember for the rest of your lives.

I wish you a L'Shana Tova. May this coming year bring you and your family health, joy, prosperity and most of all, peace; peace for us wherever we may be and peace for Israel.

AM CHAI ALPHA OMEGA: LONG LIVE ALPHA OMEGA

AM CHAI ISRAEL: LONG LIVE ISRAEL

Fraternally,
Marv Sonne
International Communications Director

Sara Bustard

Congratulations to Sara Bustard, AO Membership Manager, who was accepted to the 2019 ASAE NextGen Summit taking place in Columbus this September. This highly competitive program is "an initiative which invests in high-potential leaders in the association community.

It provides the opportunity for up to 25 participants to cultivate new professional skills and creative confidence, while also acquiring the tools, visibility and network

necessary to become a force in the broader association community." The ASAE NextGen Summit is unwritten by Experience Columbus.

Earlier in 2019, Sara was appointed to the ASAE Membership Section Council and received an educational scholarship from the Pennsylvania Society for Association Excellence (PASAE) Foundation. We wish Sara success in these endeavors to enhance her career.



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NextGen

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity

40- Under- 40

2019 EDITION



2019 AO 40 UNDER 40

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Are you an AO member under 40 who is making a difference a local chapter or area? Do you know a young leader who should be recognized? Candidates should submit their applications before the Monday, September 30th deadline.

Questions? Please contact Sara Bustard at sbustard@ao.org.

AO STUDENT CHAPTERS



**UNIVERSITY OF NEW
ENGLAND CHAPTER**
AO INITIATION
AUGUST 2019

PENN DENTAL CHAPTER
ORAL CANCER WALK
JULY 2019



2019 LOS ANGELES CONVENTION

Thursday, Dec. 26th – Tuesday, Dec. 31st

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26	FRIDAY DECEMBER 27		SUNDAY DECEMBER 29	MONDAY DECEMBER 30	
FRATERNITY BOARD MEETING 8 AM – 3 PM	ATTENDEES BREAKFAST 7:30 AM	KABBALAT SHABBAT 5:30 PM – 7 PM	DELEGATES BREAKFAST 7:30 AM	CONTINUING ED. DR. BILL BECKER 9 AM – 10:30 AM	HONORS NIGHT RECEPTION & DINNER 6 PM – 10 PM
REGISTRATION 10 AM – 5 PM	FIRST BUSINESS SESSION 8 AM – 12 PM	SHABBAT DINNER 7 PM – 9 PM	SECOND BUSINESS SESSION 8 AM – 12 PM	SPOUSES' EVENT 10 AM – 12 PM	TUESDAY DECEMBER 31 THANK YOU AND SEE YOU AT THE 2020 CONVENTION
FIRST TIMERS' RECEPTION	CONTINUING ED. DR. ZIV SIMON 1 PM – 2 PM	SATURDAY DECEMBER 28 SHABBAT	UNIVERSAL STUDIOS TOUR	CONTINUING ED. DR. MARSHALL FAGIN 11 AM – 12:30 PM	
WELCOME DINNER 6 PM	DR. STAN MALAMED 2:30 PM – 4 PM	GOLF 10 AM	OPEN AFTERNOON	FRATERNITY BOARD MEETING 1 PM – 4 PM	
	KEITH DRAYER YOUNG PROFESSIONAL LECTURE 4 PM – 5 PM	STUDENT/YP NIGHT OUT	U.S. FOUNDATION EVENT	BOARD PHOTOS 5:30 PM	
		DINNER ON YOUR OWN			
		HOSPITALITY			

REGISTRATION: Prices are in U.S. Dollars

- Frater Couple \$1,200.00
- Frater Only \$600.00
- Young Alum Couple \$1,000.00
- Young Alum Only \$500.00
- Student \$400.00
- CE Only - Member \$250.00
- CE Only - Non Member \$400.00

TOTAL AMOUNT..... \$ _____

FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Full Registration Includes: All Event Dinners or Receptions (not including U.S. Foundation Night), Hospitality, Spouses' Event, and Continuing Education. Any group tours are not included.

EXTRA TICKET PRICES:

Available for Los Angeles locals and for guests of a full registrant.

- WELCOME DINNER - ADULT \$140.00
- ATTENDEE BREAKFAST - DEC. 27TH \$45.00
- SHABBAT DINNER - ADULT \$140.00
- SHABBAT DINNER - CHILD \$60.00
- SPOUSES EVENT \$60.00
- STUDENT/YP NIGHT OUT \$50.00
- HONORS NIGHT DINNER \$170.00

POLICIES

- Non-Member registration rates: add \$200 per rate.
- Members must be in good standing prior to the start of the convention.
- Prices reflect payments made BEFORE November 1, 2019. After November 1st, each category increases by \$100.
- All payment plans must be paid by November 1, 2019.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- I authorize a deduction from my Credit Card for a **Full Payment**.
- I authorize **Two Payments** from my Credit Card now and on November 1, 2019.
- Total Extra Ticket(s) Purchase _____ [No partial payments on Extra Tickets]
- Enclosed please find a check payable to:
Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity
50 W. Edmonston Drive, Suite 206 // Rockville, MD 20852
- One Payment**
- Two Payments**

Please Charge My: VISA MasterCard American Express

Name: _____

Spouse's or Partner's Name: _____

Credit Card No: _____

Expir. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Signature: _____

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

All requests for exceptions to the cancellation/refund policy must be submitted in writing by the registrant with appropriate documentation no later than December 15, 2019. After that time, no refund considerations will be made. AO regrets that refunds will not be given for no-shows. Submit all requests via email to hweber@ao.org.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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