President’s Message

After a frigid Winter, Joyce and I hope you all have a Happy Passover and enjoy a rejuvenating Spring, 2019.

All who attended the Alpha Omega International Convention in New Orleans in December commented on what a great time they had. Congratulations to our own Marvin Sonne who was appointed to the AO International Board as Communications Director. One of the most memorable events, organized by International Director Heidi Weber, was a special parade for AO's which included a 5-piece jazz band and marching down the street in front of our hotel. Thanks also goes to Jamie Feldman who, as our long-standing photo historian, captured convention memories printed in this newsletter issue. It is always a great time for making new AO friends from all around the world and I encourage you to join us next December, 2019, when we gather in Los Angeles. Registration is open now.

Thank you to Allen Rubin for his efforts in establishing a "Donation Program" for all those who remember and wish to acknowledge the support their beloved Detroit Chapter has given them through the years. Allen's article has been reprinted in this issue and is looking for your questions, feedback, and support.

Our Study Club program continues running smoothly and is on track to present more continuing education speakers this year than in previous years because of the loyalty and dedication of chairman, Marvin Sonne.

We are all proud of our AO Detroit member, Marcy Borofsky, who has been honored as an "Angel Donor" by the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program. You will find her interview later in this newsletter.

Happy Passover, Steven Miller DDS FAGD

Get Well

Richard Bernstein
Susie Bloom
Terri Feldman
Allen Rubin

Sunshine Report

Congratulations on Birth

Ella Miller, to proud parents Jonathan and Dana Miller and grandparents, Steve and Joyce Miller

Please contact Susie Bloom to share your information for the Sunshine Report at 248-681-3810 or susiebloom20@gmail.com
April 16th and 17th will be our Senior Send-Offs for our students from AN and Chi Chapters. The invitations have been emailed and hopefully you'll be attending these marvelous events to wish our graduating students a grand farewell as they prepare themselves for a great career in our most honored profession. I can recall my days of preparation to leave dental school as I'm sure you can, as well. There was excitement and some apprehension, too, but having people around to congratulate us was very comforting. I know our students will appreciate your appearance at this very meaningful ceremonial bon voyage.

In May 2019, Alpha Nu will again travel to the Dominican Republic, on their annual Mission Trip to deliver treatments such as cleanings, restorations, and extractions to over 400 patients. It's not too late to support the cause.  [www.gofundme.com/m8nqo8](http://www.gofundme.com/m8nqo8)

AO has an exciting mid-year Regional meeting scheduled for Porto, Portugal from June 26 - June 30. Please visit our international web site at [www.ao.org](http://www.ao.org) for more details. Our year-end convention will be in Los Angeles. Details are available at the same international web site.

For those who were not aware of my latest AO venture, I am now the International Communications Officer which places me on our International Administrative Officers Board and a member of our International Board of Directors. I was appointed by International President Steven Spitz (of Boston) and am acting to complete an unfortunate vacancy of that position for the final year of the position's 3-year term. I am excited and pleased to be helping my beloved Alpha Omega again on the international scene. All of our International Officers and Board members along with Executive Director Heidi Weber, Membership Director Sara Bustard, Holocaust Program Chair Bernice Edelstein and Foundation Assistant Ellen Taranto are working diligently and fervently on your behalf to keep AO a strong and vibrant organization. If you have input about anything please let us know. You can call our office in Rockville, MD at 877-368-6326 or email Heidi at hweber@ao.org.

Fran and I want to wish you a Happy Passover, Marv Sonne, Acting Regent
Executive Vice Chairman and Board Member of Smile America Partners, a school based prevention and minimally invasive treatment oriented dental health company she co-founded, providing much needed oral health services to 500,000 children in 20 states.

She earned a MPH at Columbia University, a DDS at University of Michigan, and a BSc in Physical Therapy at Wayne State University. A member of the Dean’s Advisory Committee of Harvard Dental School and an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, she is currently a consultant to a NIH-NICDR Grant on Silver Diamine Fluoride and its use in the medical management of caries in children.

She is an invited speaker at many organizations, and has chaired panels including: Harvard’s 150th anniversary, Harvard Odontological Society, Alpha Omega Women in Dentistry, Multiple State Oral Health Coalitions, Oral Health Alliance Across Borders and many others.

Crain’s Business has named Dr. Borofsky a Notable Woman in Healthcare 2018. She was invited by Senator Bernie Sanders to be an expert advisor on a bill to expand dental care in the United States to be introduced this year.

What attracted you to the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program?

I am impressed by the overwhelming generosity of Alpha Omega members and the corporate sponsorship of Henry Schein Cares. A lot of deserving praise needs to go to dentists in our communities who provide service to this aging group of Holocaust Survivors. The needs of the aging are many. The dental needs of the Holocaust Survivor community are quite varied. The financial resources to obtain that care is also quite diverse. Working together, insuring that oral health is maintained and restored to the Survivor community is a very worthwhile goal.

Does anyone in your life play a role in supporting your involvement? In providing inspiration?

This program is quite personal to me. My parents are both survivors of the Holocaust. My father was from Sosnowiec, Poland and my mother is from Kaunas, Lithuania. My father died 33 years ago, however, my mother remains quite vibrant at age 94.
What do you wish others knew about the program?

*Our Holocaust survivor population is dwindling each year. I am in awe of the dentists who are choosing to provide dental care for this group and insure that this population has oral health dignity in their senior years.*

We are in year four of the program. Do you have any “words of wisdom” for us? What would be your philanthropic advice to us at this point in our program history?

*I just returned from a trip to Poland specifically Krakow and the Zaglembie district, which included Sosnowiec the town where my father was from. It is 75 years since the evacuation of the final remaining Jews from this area, most of whom went to Auschwitz/Birkenau. I never really knew a lot of detail about my father and his background. He died relatively young at age 61. It was a sad, informative experience to visit the towns in the regions where he and so many Jewish people lived. About 22% of the population in this city and nearby towns was Jewish. A vibrant, Zionist, community oriented Jewish population existed here with many organizations and institutions. No signs of Jews left, except for the cemetery, in this once thriving community. The Jews who survived did so against all odds. Their mere survival against systematized genocide is indeed remarkable. Even more remarkable for many of the survivors was that they were able to leave the ashes behind and build new lives. I hope that this program continues to be self-sustaining throughout the lives of our Holocaust survivor community. It is a strong statement of Jewish goals of providing social justice and health care equity for those in need.*

Anything else you would like to add?

*The goal of health care equity, including dental care equity, for all people regardless of economic status, is worthy of pursuit. The population served in the Alpha Omega/Henry Schein Cares programs is deserving of our support, whether the support is financial, or by providing direct services by a group of caring dentists. This is truly an act of G'milut Chassadim, i.e., act of loving kindness of behalf of our Alpha Omega members and corporate community.*

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**Congratulations and Best Wishes to our new 2019 graduates!**

*Alpha Nu Chapter*  
Dalia Hasso  
Janine Matsos

*Chi Chapter*  
Kelly Reinhart  
Khalil Abdullah  
Mitchell Sable  
Brad Thayer

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**Save the Date: Dr. Harold Luria and Dr. Arnold Zuroff Memorial Golf Outing and Dinner - Monday, June 17, 2019**
Golden Tributes

In memory of beloved husband, father, brother and long-time frater, Milton Jacobs
To: Mrs. Carolyn Jacobs and Family
From: Detroit Alumni Chapter

Special Tributes

In memory of beloved father and grandfather, Cantor Joseph Birnholtz
To: Drs. Mark and Sandford Birnholtz and families
From: David and Susie Bloom
Detroit Alumni Chapter

In memory of beloved husband and father, Milton Jacobs
To: The Family of Dr. Milton Jacobs
From: Linda Golnick and Family

In memory of beloved Dorothy Klausner
To: Warren Tessler
From: Detroit Alumni Chapter

In memory of beloved mother and grandmother, Helen Langberg
To: Dr. Mark Langberg and Family
From: Detroit Alumni Chapter

Roster Changes

- Borofsky, Marcy (Pg 14)
  Email: borofsky@gmail.com
- Fischer, Daniel (Pg 22) Add spouse (Paula)
  Home: 2080 Daintree Ave, West Bloomfield, 48323
- Freedman, Annette (Pg 22)
  Home: 3980 Ridgemaar Sq, Ann Arbor, 48105
- Rosenfeld, Michael (Pg 46)
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Dear Alpha Omegans:

As the AO International Treasurer, I am excited to share information about a member benefit that could offer a unique opportunity which we feel could create truly high value for many of our fraters. **Brunswick Companies**, located in Cleveland, Ohio, has established a particular policy for American members who want to lower their risk while saving money. Brunswick Companies can offer insurance in all fifty United States.

**Brunswick Companies** is a comprehensive insurance agency that has done its homework. They have researched the dental industry and can determine the types of insurance and the amounts your office needs. They can offer coverage for malpractice, office and personal needs, but if nothing else, you should allow them to analyze your current office insurance plans to make recommendations. This complementary analysis may show that you need additional coverage or that you are paying too much for your current coverage.

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- ERISA bond coverage
- HIPAA, OSHA, or State Board violations
- Malpractice

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https://www.brunswickcompanies.com/professional-liability-insurance/alpha-omega-dental-program/

Please share your experience with Brunswick Companies by contacting me at my email, meyer5233@aol.com.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Glen R. Meyer DDS
International Treasurer
Donation Program

Allen Rubin is soliciting memberships opinion on his proposed "Donation Program" earmarked for Member Retention and to help fund Continuing Education.

The method for this funding is to use our members traditional IRA's required minimum distributions, donated to our fraternity's education fund. As a 501-C3 eligible organization, we are able to offer tax-advantaged status.

This means no tax charged to our donors for their contributions.

If you wish more information or to work with Allen on implementing this plan, please offer your suggestions and/or your help!

Thanks for your attention. Allen Rubin

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REMINDER
Please report any changes of address (home or office) to the Alpha Omega office so that we may keep our mailing lists up to date.

WANT TO ASSOCIATE? NEED HELP?
Contact Marvin Sonne if you are in need of an associate, associate position or student support.
Sonnedoc@hotmail.com
248-933-4761

PHONE SQUAD UPDATE
As a reminder to our membership, if you should suffer the loss of someone in your immediate family, (spouse, parent, child or sibling), and would like to notify your fellow fraters, please call Gail at the AO office, 248.594.2262. The office is open Mon-Thurs, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. At other times you may leave a message on the answering machine.

Upcoming Events
Study Club - 5/5/19
Stephanie Munz, DDS - Topic TBD

Golf Outing - 6/17/19

Special $10                Tribute $8

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Have a Happy Passover!

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Check out the online calendar for the latest information on this year’s events