Dear AO members and friends,

The last few months have been difficult for us all. As I write this, most of the world is locking down yet again to attempt to handle the Covid-19 resurgence in Europe, Israel, and North America. I hope you and your family are staying healthy.

Alpha Omega International has been archiving all the webinars from the Spring for our chapters to use to engage members and is planning more Zoom programming for the winter, including some exciting and fun programs for our “Virtual Convention” and our AO Virtual Shabbat across the world.

We are loyal to our Heritage of speaking out against Anti-Semitism when a situation arose at Tufts Dental School. A current third-year student was discovered to have made many Anti-Semitic posts over the years; AO immediately contacted the Dean to pressure the school for punitive action. We are monitoring the situation closely and will advise you when the school has decided.

Linda and I are disappointed we have not been able to visit our chapters personally, but I have joined in on many “chapter meetings” virtually. I am glad to join any AO Chapter calls, and I encourage all chapter officers to have a “check-in” call with their members.

AO will weather this storm as we have over the last century-plus, but we need all our members to engage with us, even though I know it is difficult as we cannot meet in person. We are busy finalizing the contract for our 2021 Convention in St. Petersburg, FL at the beautiful, historic Vinoy Hotel.

AO also mourns the loss of Dr. Anthony Volpe, who recently passed. His contributions to Dentistry will be remembered.

We look forward to a better 2021, and we hope to meet with many of you face to face.

Fraternally,

Alan Moltz, DDS, FAGD
2020 International President
CALL FOR AO SOCIETY NOMINATIONS

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS CAN BE FOUND HERE:
https://www.ao.org/about/ao-awards

Meritorious Service Award
Chair Contact: Dr. Steve Spitz, drspitz@smileboston.com
Eligibility: A candidate must be an AO member in good standing and has demonstrated outstanding and exemplary service at the international level of Alpha Omega for over ten years.

Certificate of Merit
Chair Contact: Dr. Howard Pranikoff, Hpranikoff@aol.com
Eligibility: A candidate must be an AO member in good standing and has given special services at either the international or chapter level.

Honorary Membership
Contact: Heidi Weber, hweber@ao.org
Eligibility: A candidate has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of dentistry, to the para-dental family, to the allied health professions, and/or has made an outstanding contribution to the Alpha Omega Society.

Young Alumni Leadership Award
Contact: Heidi Weber, hweber@ao.org
Eligibility: A candidate is a young member who has shown exemplary service to his, her, or their chapter during the year. The proposed recipient must be a chapter member for at least five years.

Trudi Birger Community Service Award
Contact: Heidi Weber, hweber@ao.org
Eligibility: Recognition will be given to an individual, group, or chapter performing exemplary service in their community. The service can be dental or non-dental related.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BOARD
MEMBERS ELLIE FRIDMAN (USC) AND RACHEL KORMAN (MCGILL):

If you see something, say something. Take a stand against Anti-Semitism and discrimination.

If you ever experience anything on campus, within your faculty, or in your day-to-day life, let us know by emailing info@ao.org.
Presented by the Alpha Omega London Chapter
Managing Caries In Children: It Doesn’t Need To Be Difficult

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
19:30
PRESENTED BY:
PAUL ASHLEY, BDS
Senior Clinical Lecturer & Honorary Consultant Paediatric Dentistry UCL Eastman Dental Institute

LECTURE SUMMARY
Managing children can be challenging and treatment in the chair. It can sometimes feel like it is impossible, with the current situation with Covid-19 magnifying the problem. In this lecture, Paul will describe some tips and tricks to make the management of caries (and anxious children) simpler with an emphasis on non-AGPs.

ABOUT PAUL
Prof Ashley qualified with BDS in Manchester in 1991 and completed his PhD in Caries Diagnosis in 1997 at the same university. He has been working at the UCL Eastman Dental Institute since 1998 where he now runs the Professional Doctorate in Paediatric Dentistry and is Deputy Programme Director for the MSc in Paediatric Dentistry.

REGISTER HERE

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Bernice Edelstein, Program Manager
AO-HSC Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program
AO WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER PRESENTS

DR. STEPHEN CHU
Aesthetic Complications and Solutions with Immediate Tooth Replacement Therapy

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
6:30 PM EST

Click here to register for the webinar:
bit.ly/AODCChuReg

There is no charge to attend the webinar. CE credit will be issued to those who make a donation to Alpha Omega DC chapter

http://www.alphaomegawashingtondc.org/chuwebinar.html

Synopsis: Immediate tooth replacement therapy (ITRT) has become a mainstream treatment modality for single and multiple tooth implants in the esthetic zone. The balance between achieving primary stability, implant diameter, and gap distance is a delicate dance yet essential for survival and esthetics. However,esthetic risks and complications exist such as apical socket perforation, loss of labial plate thickness over time, and loss of the interdental papilla due to proximity issues with tooth-to-implant distance following placement.

An inverted body-shift hybrid implant design as a treatment solution for ITRT will be presented and supported by pre-clinical [animal histology] and clinical [human] studies that scientifically supports, validates, and reinforces the biologic principles in design that ultimately enhances esthetic outcomes in modern day implantology.

Dr. Stephen J. Chu is an Adjunct Clinical Professor at New York University College of Dentistry in the departments of periodontology, implant dentistry, and prosthodontics. He maintains a private practice in fixed prosthodontics, esthetic, and implant dentistry in New York City. Dr. Chu has contributed over 80 publications including 6 textbooks in the dental literature and has given lectures nationally and internationally on the subjects of esthetic, restorative, and implant dentistry.

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AO Revival Presents

A Zoom Cooking Class with Carolyn Cohen

From Delicious Dish

Wednesday November 18, 2020
7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
$20 registration per computer
All profits will go to CAMH Dental Clinic

A cook-along class with Carolyn where we will cook 3 kosher recipes together and she will provide us with 3 additional recipes.

A shopping list of ingredients will be sent out ahead of time so you can cook during the class and have dinner ready at the end!

Feel free to forward this email and invite your friends and family. Each paid registrant will be provided a personalized, non-transferable Zoom link.

Please RSVP by November 11th, 2020 to Jackie by either:

Name: _________________________________ Telephone: ____________________

Call: The Fraternity office at 416-250-7417 (Between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily)
Fax: The flyer to 416-250-8668
Scan & Email: The Fraternity office at info@aotoronto.org

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UPCOMING AO MEETINGS

HAVDALLAH ACROSS AO
Saturday, December 12th

AO 2020 DECEMBER MINI-VIRTUAL CONVENTION
Sunday, December 27th
Monday, December 28th

REGISTRATION LINKS COMING SOON

TIKKUN TOOLBOX: UNDERSTANDING RACE THROUGH A JEWISH LENS
Sunday, January 10th
Sunday, January 17th
*Sponsored by the AO Illinois Chapter
AO MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Maxine Feinberg

Congratulations to Dr. Maxine Feinberg for being recognized as Component Honoree by The New Jersey Dental Association and Union County Dental Society. Maxine served as the 2014-15 American Dental Association President.

Dr. Harry Wise

A word from PIP Michael Tenenbaum:

At a recent Zoom meeting of the Montreal Chapter, I had the honor on behalf of International President Alan Moltz of presenting long time member Harry Wise with a Presidential Citation. Harry has had a leadership role in the local chapter for decades. He is involved in all aspects of our chapter. He along with his brother Marty were recently honoured by our Israel Bond Committee for their many years of service.

Kol Hakavod, Harry. This is well deserved. We wish we could have presented this certificate to you in person.

The Cleveland and Columbus Jewish News featured our respective chapters in the dental October issue. Thank you to our AO members for being part of the dental communities in Cleveland and Columbus!

ACCESS ARTICLE
UK Dentistry published an article featuring AO London chapter chair Dr. Diana Spencer interviewing Dr. Mervyn Druian, AO Past International President. Thank you for highlighting the strength of AO!
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER OF AO voted this year to create a new award for our chapter members. This award would be known as the Ben A. Williamowsky Award and would be presented to a member who exemplified the devotion to the Washington DC Alpha Omega chapter that our beloved member Ben Williamowsky showed for over sixty years. The award would, hopefully, be given annually to that member who showed the devotion, enthusiasm, and involvement that Ben continuously displayed.

Ben would be very pleased that the recipient of the first Ben A. Williamowsky Award is our past president and present editor, Jennifer Tipograph. Her efforts for AO Washington DC more than qualified her for this honor and Ben would be very pleased with her selection.

MAZEL TOV, JEN!
1907 was a long time ago, and the world has certainly changed greatly. We have moved from a simpler life to cyberspace at the speed of light in every aspect of our lives, incorporating more alterations in our lifestyle than all the prior years in our history combined. Dentistry has participated in this transformation as well. Alpha Omega has changed in many ways, too. However, our primary purpose for existence hasn’t changed. We were founded to combat discrimination related to Jewish dental students in Baltimore and Philadelphia. We then advanced our mission to include projects throughout the world. Our basic premise of tolerance and others’ welfare caused us to expand our activities beyond our self-interest.

Our history is replete with enormous success in all endeavors we undertook and continue to undertake. We have grown from a small local chapter of dental students who gathered to aid themselves in their matriculation through dental school to an international dental organization focused on providing research and providing dental care to people throughout the world. We have had and continue to have some of the world’s most outstanding clinicians and researchers amongst our membership. Alpha Omega is a very respected dental organization in the world.

In 2007, we celebrated our 100 years of existence with Centennial Symposia with world-famous speakers who forgave their honoraria as a tribute to their LOVE of AO—and all that we stood for and, I submit, still stand for. We active members remain active because of the LOVE we possess for Alpha Omega. Our Achievement Medal winners understand this LOVE. Our Honorary Members understand this LOVE. Our Deans of Dental Schools understand this LOVE. CEOs of dental companies know this LOVE. DVI and the two dental schools in Israel exist because of this LOVE. Your Officers, Board of Directors, Regents, and Committee Chairs serve because of this LOVE. Our Executive Director, Heidi Weber, knows and feels this LOVE. Our Foundation, with its Director, Ellen Taranto, continues to exist because of this LOVE. Our Holocaust Survivors program exists because of Henry Schein and the program’s Director, Bernice Edelstein, know and understand this LOVE.

Alpha Omega has always been there for all of us. Now is the time that we must be there for Alpha Omega. To paraphrase former President John F Kennedy, “Ask not what Alpha Omega can do for you, ask what you can do for Alpha Omega.” One thing is to pay our dues. Another could be by donating Alpha Omega through your RMD or by using a Donor Advised Fund set up with a financial organization. For information on either of these last two suggestions, please ask us for information. You could also choose to serve AO either locally or internationally by accepting a position of leadership. LOVE brought us together, and LOVE can keep us together even though the recent COVID challenge as long as we continue to believe in Alpha Omega and work together to allow the light of this LOVE to burn even brighter in Alpha Omega’s 2nd Century.

**ALPHA OMEGA CHAI:**
**LONG LIVE ALPHA OMEGA**

Marvin Sonne
International Communications Officer
STUDENT INSIGHTS

John Jaicks, D4, University of New England College of Dental Medicine
AO Student Editor

2020 has certainly been a year far from normal. Dentistry has changed since the start of Covid-19. This is especially seen in dental schools. When I was a first-year dental student, I remember admiring the fourth-year students. They could treat patients instead of being in the classroom learning or the simulation clinic waxing teeth. In the hallways, they talked about all the cases they were working on and how they were excited to graduate soon, saying this with bright smiling faces. I used this to motivate myself to work and study hard, knowing one day that would be me.

As a now fourth-year dental student, big smiles are not as often seen, and even then, they are hidden behind our masks. We are in the clinic about half the time we were before the pandemic. After the patient leaves from our two- and half-hour appointments, I take off my PPE. I stare at myself with lines from my KN95 and face-shield, my hair all over the place and sweaty from my scrub cap, all with a headache from dehydration since we are no longer able to leave our operatory for water. Truthfully after being closed for months, we are just grateful we get to practice dentistry at all. Each school is different in its handlings of the reopening process. Every school and every class year have experienced the changes differently.

I remember back to previous years; everyone always knew who the first-year dental students were as they would walk together from one side of the campus to the other. Talking and laughing while walking as a herd, all looking like they could have used another 5 minutes of sleep. We no longer see that site since buildings are vacant as students do classes online. Some of the first-year students have never even met. Even when they are on campus for the simulation clinic, they are in small cohorts to promote social distancing. Gone are the days of turning to the person sitting next to you, who is just as lost as you, to ask them how to do G.V. Black style box prep or what the professors meant when they told you to festoon the denture without any directions.

Students everywhere are feeling stress and uncertainty, unlike ever before in dental school. An article published in the Journal of Dental Education in September found that most students reported a significant impact on their dental education. The two areas that were expressed were high levels of stress and confidence in their clinical education. Students living out of state or internationally are unsure when they will be able to see their families. Schools are encouraging students not to go home for Thanksgiving by threatening academic repercussions.

Many fourth-year students are worried about after graduation. Students try their best to get all graduation requirements done while still providing much needed comprehensive care to the patients. Those who are applying to residencies are interviewing over Zoom without being able to go and see the programs that could potentially be where they end up for the next year or more. Many students follow dental Facebook groups and see posts on why people should not hire graduates from this next year’s dental class. On top of it, all dental students are worried about the possibility of schools shutting down again with spiking cases. While dentists could reopen their offices, many dental schools remained closed for months after. They are leaving students to standby to worry about our patients whose dental needs are being neglected.

Students everywhere are doing their best to stay positive and stay connected. Students are doing a fantastic job at this time of building each other up because we all realize we are not alone. To all students in Alpha Omega, we are all in this together, and Alpha Omega is here for you.
AO CONGRATULATES THE 2020 SHILS ENTREPRENEURIAL FUND RECIPIENTS DR. MICHAEL ALFANO AND MR. DAN PERKINS

The Shils-Meskin Award named after Dr. Edward Shils and Dr. Lawrence Meskin, a renowned dental educator and former Dean of the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine and is given to those of great character and modesty in the face of renowned achievement and well-deserved recognition, was given to Dr. Michael Alfano, Professor, Dean & Executive Vice President Emeritus of NYU for his exceptional leadership and expertise as a researcher, educator, author, business executive, academic leader and international thought leader for over 4 decades. Having known and worked with Dr. Edward Shils and fellow Santa Fe Group co-founder, Dr. Larry Meskin, Dr. Alfano is uniquely qualified for this special recognition. “The Shils Entrepreneurial Fund provides great inspiration and educational support to a broad variety of people from the academy, the corporate world, and the not-for-profit sector including special recognition for students”, said Dr. Alfano. I am honored to receive the Shils-Meskin Award this year, two giants in the world of oral health.”

The Cohen-Volpe Award is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to dentistry or its allied sciences, and is named for two distinguished clinicians, researchers, and educators: Dr. D. Walter Cohen and Dr. Anthony Volpe. This year’s award was presented to Dan Perkins, Owner/CEO, Aegis for his championing of the importance of oral health in its own right and as part of its vital role in primary care for the professional teams and the public. In addition, Mr. Perkins close association with both Dr. Cohen and Dr. Volpe and his appreciation and publishing of their important contributions, made him an ideal recipient of this special recognition award.

Presenter and Sponsor Stanley M. Bergman, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Henry Schein, Inc.—the world’s largest provider of health care solutions to office-based dental and medical practitioners—delivered remarks about his personal relationship with Dr. Shils and the effect Dr. Shils had on so many people. “I have never met anyone who matched Ed’s entrepreneurial zeal and enthusiasm to connect people,” said Mr. Bergman. “He had an enduring quest for learning and a charismatic optimism that empowered everyone around him, especially young people. We should keep his vision clearly in our minds, his example strong in our hearts, and we should work together to expand the impact of the Shils Fund so we can pass Ed’s enduring legacy from generation to generation.”
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