Greetings to All Our AO Members and Friends:

Yom Hazikaron was this past Sunday evening, Israel’s Memorial Day. It was a day for all of us both in Israel and in the Diaspora to pause, reflect and remember the remarkable Israelis who made the supreme sacrifice to keep Israel safe.

How typical of the Jewish people to follow this sad and poignant day with a celebration. A celebration of the dynamic, amazing State of Israel, Yom Haatzmaut, Israel’s 69th birthday.

Andy and I will have Israel in our thoughts over the next few days. We want to wish our Israeli Fraters and their families a future free of strife and conflict and only good news will flow from this outstanding country.

Having remembered the Holocaust last week, I would like to quote Former Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks’s comments on the 60th anniversary of Israel’s Independence.

Israel, brought into being three years after the Jewish people stood eyeball to eyeball with the angel of death during the Holocaust, is the Jewish people’s collective affirmation of life. Its existence and achievements are living testimony to one of Judaism’s greatest messages to humankind: the principled defeat of tragedy by the power of hope. And though Israel was built by human hands, it is impossible not to sense beneath its history, the hand of heaven.

Mervyn Druian
2017 International President
On Friday, March 27, 2017, the AO Germany chapter hosted special guests and members to a Shabbat dinner in Cologne, which coincided with the International Dental Show. Attendees included fraternity board members Mervyn Druian, Philippe Levy, Yossi Kassirer, Keith Drayer, and special guest Stanley Bergman, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Henry Schein, Inc.

Special thanks goes to chapter leaders Artjom Zalesskiy and Igor Schlafman for organizing a wonderful and welcoming dinner for the AO community.
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AO Regional Weekend in Columbus, Ohio
Friday, November 3rd – Sunday, November 5th

Details Coming Soon!
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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
8am - 4pm  Board of Directors Meeting
4pm - 7pm  Registration
9pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
9am - 11am  First Business Meeting
1pm - 4pm  Second Business Meeting
6pm - 7pm  Memorial Service and Kabbalat Shabbat
7pm - 9pm  Shabbat Dinner
9:30pm  Hospitality

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
7:30am - 9:30am  Shabbat Service
8am - 4pm  Board of Directors Meeting
4pm - 7pm  Registration
9pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
9am - 12pm  Continuing Education
7pm - 9:30pm  Installation Dinner
10:30pm - 1am  New Year’s Eve party

HOTEL

GROUP RATE:  $255 per night (plus tax) for an intercoastal room. Available from December 24, 2017 - January 4, 2018
Registration:  bit.ly/HarborBeachMarriottAOGroup

- One night’s hotel deposit per room is required when making a reservation. Deposit is refundable if cancelling before November 30th.
- Room rate is for two people.
- Registration must be completed within 30 days of securing a hotel reservation.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
bit.ly/2017AODecemberMeeting

*Refund policy: Full registration refund is available on or before November 30, 2017. After December 1st, a $200 administrative fee will be charged.

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2017 AO MIDWESTERN CHAPTER MISSION TRIP

MAY 27TH - JUNE 4TH
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Midwestern (IL) chapter will be in partnership with Bright Islands Outreach to take 20 students to the Dominican Republic to perform sealants, fillings, root canals, extractions and dentures.

Please consider donating to their trip: www.gofundme.com/student-dentists-mission-trip

Supplies (toothbrushes, floss, toothpaste, composites) are also requested. Please contact Sabina Vlaeva (svlaeva94@midwestern.edu) for more information or to arrange a supply donation.

Support our AO students who are helping to repair the world with dentistry!

2017 DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATION SEASON BEGINS

With dental school graduation season approaching, our chapters are starting to host their senior farewells.

Above: The AO Denver alumni chapter hosted a University of Colorado Beta Iota brunch to wish the grads good luck. Congratulations Beta Iota grads and thank you to PIP Cliff Litvak for sharing the photo.

STUDENT CHAPTERS: please send your senior farewell event photos to hweber@ao.org.
Certificate of Appreciation

NATAN-International Humanitarian Aid appreciates the generous support of

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For the acquisition of a Mobile Dental Care Unit

This Unit is an indispensable element allowing the creation and the operation of the Dental Clinic for refugees fleeing the violence in their countries.

NATAN and CADENA are proud to collaborate with Alpha Omega in easing the suffering of thousands of refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan in Refugee Camps around Europe, by providing them with much-needed emergency Dental Care.

We believe that dental primary care is a crucial part of the process of restoring health and dignity to people who have been suffering the humiliation of war and of migration for many months.

The care is provided by volunteering dentists, Jews and Arabs, coming mostly from Israel.

DANNY KAHN – CHAIPERSON

DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 2017
ANDREW EDER

London frater Andrew Eder was the 2016 Alpha Omega Certificate of Merit recipient and he accepted his plaque from 2017 International President Mervyn Druian during the London chapter’s annual Annenberg Lecture on March 31st.

Pictured (L-R): Stephen Handelsman, London chapter chairperson; Andrew Eder; Mervyn Druian; and, Erwin Weiss, Dean of the Tel Aviv School of Dental Medicine.

THE AO CONNECTION

AO South Florida member Michael Eggnatz and Howard Pranikoff, AO Orlando member and Past International President, were recently participating in the American College of Dentists event to teach ethics to third and fourth year dental students at Nova Southeastern College of Dental Medicine.

Michael is a third generation Alpha Omegan. Both his father and grandfather were members. His grandfather, Meyer (Mike) Eggnatz, was the 1942 AO International President.

Michael is the current President Elect of the Florida Dental Association and will be installed as President at FDA Annual Meeting in June.
The AO UNC chapter has been busy growing their new chapter and have recently helped out with collecting $700 worth of canned goods to benefit the Table NC, whose mission is to provide healthy, emergency food aid every week to hungry preschool, elementary, and middle school children living in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, NC. The students helped to sort the donations at Table NC’s facility. This effort was the culmination of a AO Acts of Kindness Day.

The UNC chapter also hosted a Seder dinner during Passover.
WELCOME BACK AO NYU IOTA CHAPTER!

After a brief absence, the Iota chapter is back in the AO community. Over the past few months, the chapter has held meetings and lectures with AO members, including AO New York chapter president Whitney Mostafiz.

Special thanks goes to Gail Schupak and Whitney for helping the Iota chapter leader Marina Milgrom and her committee to revitalize the chapter.

Thank You
AO Members!

Thank You for Renewing Your 2016-17 Dues
Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!