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Since my last article a lot has happened in the fraternity and around the world. We had a most successful Fraternity Night Dinner with over 275 attendees. This was one of the most well attended in years. We were so gratified to bestow the Alpha Omega Achievement Award on Mark Librach for his contributions to the fraternity and to the community. Well done Mark!!! We also welcomed ODA president and frater, Dr Larry Levin, ODA president and former frater, Lou Ann Visconti and Dean Dan Haas, Dean Of University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry. Congratulations to Iris Kivity Chandler and her committee for doing a wonderful job.

Our Pi chapter is growing by leaps and bounds. Pi chapter president Josh Raisin and his executive have been successful in registering 96 members. We are so excited with these numbers as we all know that the future of our profession and fraternity lie with the young.

Our new mentorship program which pairs students with alumni is well underway and an event has already been planned for the mentors and students to meet. Hopefully, this program will provide students with tools to assist them while in dental school and after as well when they are planning their futures.

Many of our programs will be running in October and November after the holidays. Continuing Education, Fall Seminar, AO Shabbat around the World, Fall Social, two cooking demonstrations with Carolyn Cohen and the Chanukah party. Thank you to our committee chairs for all their hard work putting together our amazing programs. Please sign up and take advantage of what they have to offer.

Alpha Omega International Convention will be held in Fort Lauderdale this year from December 27 to January 1. I went to the convention last year and I must say Charles and I had an incredible time. It’s wonderful meeting Alpha Omegans from around the world in a very warm and friendly environment. Consider going - you won’t be disappointed.

Our dental clinic at Baycrest is progressing well. Expected opening is in early 2018 if everything goes as planned. We should be very proud of this major accomplishment!! It will be a state of the art, preeminent world class facility. If you haven’t done so already, consider making a donation to the clinic. No donation is too small.

Around the world, Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma have bombarded the southern United States. We have joined with International to accept donations to provide financial relief for those affected by the devastation. Our hearts go out to those who have lost their homes and livelihood.

Anti-Semitic activities are rampant even in our city. Who would have believed that quiet, polite, conservative Canada would harbour such hatred. Swastikas and hate graffiti have covered Shuls, schools, and other buildings. For our part, we have formed an advocacy committee which will liaison with administration at U of T should an anti-Semitic or discriminatory incident be reported by one of our students. It is most important that we show our strength as a community to fight this uprising.

As many of you know, Jackie, has been out of commission these last few weeks with a broken ankle. She has needed two surgeries to correct the fracture. Even while she was suffering she managed all of the fraternity’s affairs from her bed. We look forward to her return and wish her a very speedy recovery. We are greatly indebted to Bronwyn Sheppard and Ellen Markin for stepping in to help us out over the last few weeks. Let me tell you that we could not have functioned without them.

On a personal note, I am looking forward to the high holidays where I will be spending precious time with family and friends. I am not looking forward to making dinner for 20 on first night Rosh Hashana and for over 20 for ‘break fast’. Charles and I, Stephanie and Corey, Hailey and Jeff and Justin and Ronly join me in wishing you and your families a very happy and healthy New Year. Chag Sameach and all the best!!!

Carole Gruson
I am going to break with tradition in my editor’s column this issue and get right to what you will find inside this edition of the AORTA. As you will see as you go through the issue, there is a lot happening with Toronto Alumni Chapter.

You can catch up on a couple of past programs by reading about Sailing Day and Frat Night Dinner. There are quite a number of upcoming programs that you can find information about inside these pages. These include the Fall Seminar, Delicious Dish evenings, Shabbat Across AO, the Chanukah Party, the Regional Meeting in Columbus, and the Florida December Meeting.

There are also quite a number of articles in this issue for you to peruse. Howard Tenenbaum writes about the BDS movement on campus and how AO can help combat it. As well, Stan Kogon gives us the third episode in his series on Forensic Vignettes and Steven Brown shares his random thoughts to make us think and laugh. Finally, our Pi chapter correspondent, Lindsay Katchky, lets us know what is new with the student chapter of Alpha Omega, and Barry Korzen shares his latest edition of Israel Insights with us. Sharon and I hope you enjoy this issue of the AORTA.

Barry Reinblatt

You are invited to join the Toronto Alpha Omega Fraternity group on Facebook

Do you have a story to tell that other Fraters would love to hear? Contact the AORTA editor Barry Reinblatt at barryreinblatt@sympatico.ca with your suggestions!

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Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Programs

The New Anti-Semitism On Campus

Boycott, divestment and sanctions programs (BDS) against Israel were created, ostensibly, to pressure Israel economically, academically, and on the political stage to change Israel’s behaviour towards Palestinians and Israeli Arabs. In this regard, the BDS movement has accused Israel of being an Apartheid state akin to Apartheid South Africa. Supporters of BDS have even accused Israel of carrying out genocide against the Palestinian people. Of course we know that there are no Apartheid-like laws or behaviours in Israel and that Israel bears no similarities to the hated regime that once governed South Africa. Nor is Israel committing genocide against the Palestinian people. In fact, if Israel is carrying out genocidal behaviour, she has been spectacularly unsuccessful in that the Palestinian population continues to grow!

The BDS movement focuses its opprobrium solely on Israel, the world’s only Jewish state while ignoring true human rights abuses elsewhere (Syria, Tibet and so on). Given that only the State of Israel is in BDS crosshairs and insomuch as Israel is the sole Jewish state, then one has to conclude that the goals of BDS campaigns are rooted in anti-Semitism. This idea is not new and much more detailed arguments supporting this viewpoint can be found in many papers and publications on this topic.

Let’s look at one example relating to BDS actions that shows rather strikingly that the goals of BDS activists are not so much to improve the lot of Palestinians but to hurt and eventually delegitimize Israel as a Jewish state; even at the expense of the wellbeing of Palestinians. SodaStream is by now a well-known company that produces a product that allows people to make carbonated beverages at home. Its plant in the West Bank evidently employed (past tense should be noted) about 1,300 people. And within the labour force, it has been estimated that there were about 350 Israeli Jews, 450 Israeli Arabs, 500 who were West Bank Palestinians. Pay and benefits were identical for all employees in the groups noted above. SodaStream was seen as an almost utopian demonstration of the fact that people of all faiths and ethnicities could work and profit together in the modern State of Israel; something that is glaringly absent in any of the surrounding countries in the Middle East.

Yet, regardless of the protestations of Arab Israelis and Palestinians, BDS supporters eventually got their way and SodaStream was forced to close down in the West Bank area! It would appear that the passion demonstrated by the supporters of BDS in support of Israeli Arabs and Palestinians in fact lead to terrific harm to these very people they sought to protect. So the most obvious conclusion one can make from this debacle for Palestinians and Arab Israelis versus Israel is that BDS supporters hate the latter more than they love the former. Evidently, any damage to the Jewish state of Israel is worth the price as long as it’s paid by Arab Israelis and Palestinians. This essentially constitutes prima facie evidence that at its core, the BDS initiative is basically anti-Jewish since there can be no other explanation for their activities.

How does this affect students on campuses across the world and, specifically, here in Canada? Supporters of the BDS movement have infested many if not most university campuses. Their goals are to brainwash the uninformed into accepting that Israel is an Apartheid and genocidal state and that therefore all Israeli products, should be boycotted. But this also extends to Israeli scientists, and other academics! This concept of course is totally anathema to academic pursuits and freedoms and is in itself wholly anti-Semitic. Jewish students on campus are facing constant threats to their wellbeing and personal safety by proponents of BDS. And based on the understanding that BDS is at its core an anti-Semitic movement, then Jewish students on campus are experiencing increasingly threatening hostility, particularly if they are known supporters of Israel but even if they are not (i.e. they’re merely Jewish!). They must deal with other students who are members of the BDS movement but even more egregiously they must also face professors who are openly in support of BDS and no longer feel that they need to filter out anti-Semitic speech. Our Jewish students are not being protected adequately by university administrations, notwithstanding the latter’s refusal to support BDS motions.

In light of the foregoing then, it is up to us in Alpha Omega, to monitor and protect as best as possible all students, particularly Jewish students (to reiterate; regardless of whether they openly support Israel or not). Ironically, interest in membership in Alpha Omega has waned over the years. This is likely related to a false sense of security for Jewish students and academics. Indeed, the very reason Alpha Omega was founded so many years ago was to protect Jewish students from harassment and anti-Semitic actions. Well, it seems that there is once again the need for Alpha Omega to look back to its roots: we must work to protect Jewish students and academics from racism, discrimination and intimidation.

This is why Alpha Omega has established a working committee to which undergraduate and graduate students as well as academics can report incidents of anti-Semitic, racist and discriminatory behaviour. This committee will, when necessary shine a spotlight on these issues until they’re resolved. The committee will work with students and university administrations to ensure that the new anti-Semitism known as BDS cannot be used to strike fear into the hearts of Jewish students and professors.

Dr. Howard Tenenbaum
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This year’s Fraternity Night was held on Monday September 11, 2017 at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The event was attended by 275 people, including 51 of the 96 Pi Chapter members. These numbers are astounding, both the overall attendance and the Pi Chapter’s growth. Josh Raisin, the Pi Chapter president, and his class reps recruited vigorously and had a great turnout (not a single no-show) because they know that Alpha Omega is a great fraternity that offers the students educational and social support. This year our three young singers were Dr. Gina Markin’s three kids, Lucy, Kaitlyn and Samuel. All who attended had a great time as there were several interludes that allowed for super-schmoozing and partaking of the delicious meal prepared by Menchens Catering.

We had a busy agenda but managed to stay ahead of time every step of the way and to leave early, which is considered a success! It was a team effort and the tone and atmosphere were upbeat except for the few solemn moments when we commemorated the victims of September 11, 2001, as well as those Fraters who passed away. We lost several wonderful and beloved Fraternity members, some in an untimely manner.

This year we did not have a visit from the Alpha Omega International President, Dr. Mervyn Druian, since he needed to put an effort in visiting AO chapters that were either struggling or needed a boost to continue thriving. Mervyn sent the message that Toronto Alpha Omega is still recognized as the biggest and strongest Chapter and our Philanthropy leaves a great legacy.

Dr. Carole Gruson was installed as our President of Toronto Alpha Omega Alumni Chapter and she will continue the initiative started by Dr. Gary Elman as Alpha Omega continues its support for a new dental clinic at Baycrest Hospital. Just this past week there was a Wall Breaking ceremony at Baycrest and our 6 Baycrest Dental Clinic committee members were in attendance in their hard hats. We continue to fundraise as we anticipate the opening of the clinic in early 2018.

We honoured Dr. Mark Librach with the Alpha Omega Achievement Award, an award presented to a Frater who has displayed exemplary service and dedication to our Toronto Alumni Chapter. Mark gave us his acceptance speech with his signature humour and humility.

Also awarded were the 50-Year Pins to: Dr. Jeffrey Pancer, Dr. Steven Richmond and Dr. Lawrence Sirota.

Thank you to Ellen Markin and Bronwyn Sheppard, executive secretary liaisons who saved the day since Jackie Levitan was dealing with a severely broken ankle. Still Jackie was always the life-saver as she kept me on track despite her ankle surgeries. Thank you to my committee made up of Dr. Shawn Groyeski and Dr. Riley Lewis.

Please check our Facebook page for more photos.

Fraternally Yours,

Dr. Iris Kivity-Chandler, AO Secretary and Chair of Fraternity Night 2017
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Hi Barry:

I enjoyed reading the August issue of AORTA. I enjoyed reading Dr. Stan Kogon’s article about Forensic dentistry. However, while I see his photo, I do not see his name as the author.

I see listings of multiple continuing education evening and daytime seminars. Every speaker on the lists is a dental specialist. That’s good, and worthwhile except for one thing. THERE SHOULD ALSO BE ONE OR MORE GENERAL PRACTITIONERS to educate other general practitioners.

In the 1970’s and 1980’s, I can remember Dr. David Cowan, an excellent general dentist, giving seminars, and Dr. Gordon Perlmutter, and others.

I have noticed in very recent years, the absence of general practitioner lecturers for A.O. members. Allowing young dental specialists to present and promote themselves has become a priority. This is a worthy objective, but if the primary priority is the best and most practical continuing education for general practitioners, the inclusion of general practitioner lecturers is a necessity.

I leave it to you to decide whether this is printed as a Letter to the Editor, or just submitted to the Executive for consideration in their future plans.

Fraternally,

Mel Perlmutter (a past AO Alumni continuing education director in the early 1970’s)

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

“Volunteers needed for the Alpha Omega Holocaust Program. This program has been very successful and we need more volunteers, especially in the Bathurst Corridor.

If you would like to perform a mitzvah which would be greatly appreciated please contact Gerry Pearson at (416) 494-4477 or drgepearson@bellnet.ca.

I promise you that the satisfaction you will get from rendering treatment to our survivors will be greatly self-rewarding. You can contact some of the dentists who have participated in this program previously.

We need your help desperately as this program is growing.”

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**FALL SEMINAR**  
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2. #medicinefordentists  
   Dr. Adam Kaplan  
**6 hours of Core 1**  
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue  
100 Elder Street

**SHABBAT ACROSS AO**  
**Friday, November 3, 2017**  
Hillel House  
36 Harbord Street

**AO REVIVAL’S DELICIOUS DISH EVENT**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017 & Thursday, November 9, 2017**  
(Different menus each night)  
582 Woburn Avenue

**EVENING CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR**  
**Monday, November 20, 2017**  
Dr. Robert Barron, Oral Surgeon  
Local Anaesthesia and Medications affecting Surgery  
Adath Israel Synagogue  
37 Southbourne Avenue

**CHANUKAH PARTY**  
**Sunday, November 26, 2017**  
Beth Emeth Synagogue  
100 Elder Street

**AO 2017 FLORIDA DECEMBER MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 28, 2017 - Monday, January 1, 2018**  
Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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The AORTA would like to apologize to Stan Kogon for not giving him appropriate credit for his excellent article in the August issue.
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I Dream the Dream of Becoming a Sailor

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In joining AO Toronto, I was once again able to approach my dream of sailing. Maybe not sailing the seven seas, but the next best thing - Toronto Harbour with Admiral Dave Cowan and his team.

I approached my first adventure fearing two things:
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Fortunately, neither event took place. It was exhilarating, riding the high seas of Lake Ontario on Admiral Dave Cowan’s 49’ yacht, “Beneteau,” with the beautiful Toronto skyline as backdrop. It was an inexperienced crew, but we were eager.

At the Island Yacht Club, one would swear that they were in the Muskokas but we had our true bearings again as we turned the comer to see a most magnificent view of Toronto with the CN Tower and Bank Towers. Another magnificent view was the myriad of sailboats cutting lazily through the water with fellow Alpha Omegans and some of their family members learning the ropes.

The breeze in our hair, the blue of the lake, the sound of the water gently lapping the boat as we moved stimulated and enhanced conversations on dentistry and life in general evolved. It was the perfect blend of the Triad of Alpha Omega - Fraternalism, Professionalism and a little bit of Judaism.

Taking advantage of this opportunity is truly worthwhile. Taking off one day in July allows you the chance to enjoy and share an adventurous activity with a large dollop of relaxing and sharing. President Elect Carol Gruson and her team always make every effort to provide fun, learning, Judaism, leadership and friendship for all Alpha Omegans.

Mark Twain, who also wished he had been a sailor, calls us to, “Carpe Diem”, (seize the day) with these words:

“Twenty years from now
You will be more disappointed
By the things you didn’t do
Than the ones you did do.
So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe harbour.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.
Explore.
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SAILING DAY

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Introduction
Although the staple of forensic dentistry is ante mortem/post mortem comparison, the media, crime novels and even the public seem to suggest that the analysis of bite marks is what forensic dentists do on a regular basis. It is an inaccurate portrayal of the discipline. Apart from being rather uncommon (for me, about 20 cases in 47 years), it is a forensic technique which has fallen into disrepute, and in my opinion, for good reason. However, there are situations where bite marks prove to have significant evidential value (Aorta, June 2017, Forensic Vignettes Part 1, A Better Mousetrap). Bite injuries in humans produce complex pattern injuries. No dentist would choose human flesh, with its variety of elastic tissues, dynamics of inflammation, infection and post-injury medical intervention, as a suitable material for an accurate impression. Beside these biologic facts, there are many other evidentiary and judicial issues which have led the courts to conclude that the analysis of bite marks, as a means of establishing identity, should be classed as ‘junk science’. For many years, the Ontario forensic dentists who consult with the central and regional forensic laboratories have taken a very conservative position vis-à-vis bite marks. In general, we comment on whether it could have made the mark. After the photographs were standardized for size and side, I compared the incisal edges of the victim’s teeth with the pattern injury on the suspect. I stated that I could not exclude her and that there were many consistencies between the dental arrangement of the girl’s teeth and the configuration of the injury on the young man. At this point, the defense stipulated that they would not dispute the claim that the girl bit the suspect. However, they proposed that there was consent for sex and the bite was made in the throes of passion.

At trial there was no argument from either side as to who did the biting and who was bitten. The Crown asked me to give a general description of the bite mark. The injury was on the back of the accused, about 10 cm from the top of the shoulder. It was clear that the marks of the maxillary teeth were directed toward the crest of the shoulder and the mandibular teeth toward the lower part of the back. The Crown asked if I could demonstrate a sexual position where the female, consenting or not, could inflict such a wound in the throes of passion. I left the witness box and with the aid of a charming young Assistant Crown, showed that it was not possible to duplicate a position during intercourse which could have resulted in this arrangement of teeth to shoulder. The accused was found guilty.

A Real Who Done It
An off-duty police officer, wearing civilian clothes, was driving through a rough part of town. He noticed a melee where six men were scuffling. He left his vehicle and announced that he was a police officer and said that they should disperse before someone got injured. Three left and the three remaining jumped the officer and began punching and kicking him. During the struggle he felt pain in his left ear. As he began to defend himself, the assailants fled. The officer noticed that he was covered in blood and when he touched his ear it was clear that most of the bottom third was missing. He located the missing part on the road, bandaged his ear as best he could, and went to the hospital. On the way he called in the event and his forensic colleagues found him in the ER. Many photographs were taken before he went to surgery for an attempt to reattach the severed part. No DNA was obtained.

A week later, the investigating officer came to see me with the photographs. It seems that the assailants were known to the police who were eager not only to convict all of them but in particular the one who did the ‘Tyson’. I explained my philosophy about human bite injuries but they were convinced I could be of some assistance. They obtained warrants to take impressions of each assailant (A, B, C).

A week later, the lead investigator arrived with three sets of casts. Meanwhile, the attempt to reattach the severed part of the ear had failed. I asked that they not tell me anything the suspects said or who the police thought may have done the biting. Using the classic overlay technique, I compared the incisal edges of each suspect’s maxillary teeth with the edge of the injury to the ear. After a week, I called the lead officer. I said “This is the best I can do: I cannot exclude A and I cannot exclude B. However, it is my opinion that C could not have done the deed.” The officer replied that C had confessed and A and B had pointed to C as the perpetrator. I said that I was sorry that I was of no help. To my surprise he replied that it confirms their suspicion. A and B had criminal records for assault but C did not. They had colluded to get the lowest possible sentence.

Did They or Didn’t They?
About twenty years ago, defense lawyers asked me to look at some photographs and if possible provide an opinion. In a small northern town in another province, a young female was found deceased in a snow bank on the outskirts of the community. Two young men were accused of the crime although they had an alibi which put them in another town at the estimated time of the crime. Defense counsel could not find a dentist who would take the case because the community was irate, there was strong allegiance to the local police and the prosecution’s expert was a well known high profile forensic dentist from
that province. One of the photographs showed a number of contusions and some crescent shaped injuries on the left breast and another was a picture of the skin of the mons pubes showing an odd shaped bruise. The genital tissue had been removed and photographed using a transillumination technique.

To me, the breast injuries looked like finger nail scratches and the genital mark was vague and without definition. I shared the photographs with my forensic pathology colleagues who agreed with my observations. When counsel called a few days later, I reported my impression of both the breast and genital marks. I was told that the crown was going to claim that they were bite marks and will use the analysis to prove that one of the accused assaulted the girl before she was murdered. I took the case.

I travelled north to sit in on the preliminary hearing, but gave no testimony. The expert for the prosecution made a transparent splint, he related the incisal edges to various locations on the breast where there were groups of the crescent shaped injuries. He used transillumination (shining a light through excised skin) to illustrate that the outside edge of the bruise on the mons pubes roughly matched the shape of the buccal edges of the cuspid and bicuspid teeth of the accused. The judge ruled that the case would go to trial.

While awaiting the trial, I found a dental student of about the same physical proportions as the victim. Her colleagues took an impression of her left breast which I used to make a silicone replica. I also took impressions of six clinic patients and just as the prosecution’s expert did, photographed their casts with the buccal aspects of their cuspid and bicuspid teeth along the edge of the bruise.

Six months later, in the dead of the winter, I returned to the small northern town and spent two days on the stand.

Using the silicone model, I demonstrated that it was impossible to produce small crescent shaped marks on soft breast tissue without any evidence of mandibular teeth. There was no evidence of classic arch shape or any definition of tooth anatomy. The marks were of such poor evidentiary value that they could not be used to exclude anyone let alone make an identification of the biter. As to the genital bruise, the jury was unable to choose between the accused and any of the anonymous persons who provided impressions of their teeth. I gave the opinion that bite marks should not be used to identify an individual and that transillumination had no scientific foundation and was no more than an untested technique looking for an application. The boys were found guilty.

Currently, the judicial consensus is that bite marks in human flesh should not be used to identify individuals and transillumination as a forensic technique has not been validated scientifically.

Stan Kogon

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Who knew? I’ve got threadbare jeans (look that up on google if you just graduated), but that’s because I’ve worn them for 30 years. I didn’t buy them that way! Anyway, it leads me to my 5 most important inventions, or discoveries of all time. Here we go. Number 5 - Fire- BBQ’s. Need I say more? Number 4 - Penicillin. I don’t think I need to explain that to a bunch of dentists trying to get out on time on a Friday afternoon. Number 3 - GPS. Remember the old days, when you had to stop at a gas station to ask directions. If you stop at a gas station nowadays, they don’t even know what street they’re on! (Don’t write Barry!) Just listen to the lady in the GPS box. She knows EVERYTHING! Number 2 - Heated Car Seats. Where would our keesters be without them? You may have to google that too if you just graduated), but that’s how old would you be?” I said “Guess.” He said “Well…… if I said 25, I think I’d be really…… really…… wrong” I said “Correct”. So he said “Would you be in your 70’s?” So I decked him. Don’t tell. Next - Whenever anyone asks me why I went into Dentistry, I say I really wanted to be a Proctologist, but they have much lower standards. About 3 feet lower. Oh yeah. I just read a study where they asked 100 dentists if Dentistry was stressful. 99 said yes. One said they quit. When a patient says they get food caught under their dentures, I ask them if they’ve ever fallen in the snow. If you fall in the snow, do you get snow in your gloves? They’re not attached to your skin. Neither are your dentures! I teach at the school. You should try it. It’s like having a support group with the instructors. It’s great. Anyway, a student came up to me and said, “What do I do when Elvis leaves the building?” Do lawyers hear these things? Postmen? Nope. I also have a lovely lady who only has 2 teeth left. She said “You can’t retire until I lose my last 2 teeth. I said “You’ve got a deal. But one day I may have to take them out, whether you’re ready or not.” Also recently, I said to a 17 year old, after doing a difficult procedure, “Jack, You know Dentists are the heroes of the world.” And within a second, Jack said “You’re right. Not all heroes wear capes.” I love Jack! I said to a 7 year old upon entering the room, “So what’s cookin?” She smelled the air and said “Nothing.” Times have changed. But it will for them too……eventually. And another thing. I call dentists reverse magicians. Patients make things disappear, and we make things reappear. Some of us are Dentists, and Psychiatrists. It ain’t always easy, but it’s worth it. Last 2 dental thoughts. If my last name was Aardvark, during graduation, I would have graduated first in my class, but because my name is Brown, I graduated 13th.

And lastly. Now this is serious. Whether new grads know it or not, when I was in Dental School there was a relatively adversarial relationship between some demonstrators, and the students. I find it so much more enjoyable and friendly now. So way back in 4th year, I applied for an internship at one of the teaching hospitals. When I found out who the interviewer was, I knew it was a done deal. We
never got along. Partway through the interview he looked at me and said, quite sarcastically, "Mr. Brown,... where exactly do you think you stood in this class?" So I thought for a moment, and knowing this interview was over before it started, I said, "Well Dr. Putz (not his real name), I know when I applied to dentistry, there were 1450 applications. And I know only 125 were accepted. And I know I was one of them, so..............I don't think it really matters. (Thanks for coming.)

And now for the non-dental thoughts, that come to me at random times during drilling. I exercise 3 times a week. Once a week, I ride the bike. Once a week, Paula and I do Tai Chi at the Y. And once a week, I cut my toenails. And last week we were loading up our bikes at Sunnybrook Park, when a 20 something, shall we say- fellow, ran by with earphones on, singing (screaming) inappropriate Rapp lyrics. 5 seconds later,a 70ish man road by on his bicycle and yelled back at us - "Isn't mental illness wonderful?!" As he rode away, I yelled "So far!" No anonymous emails with new unused anonymous email addresses. Anonymous don’t count! On another note, if they really wanted to find Osama Bin Laden, they should have just told my receptionist of 32 years, he was 2 months overdue for his checkup. How she finds people, I'll never know. But she finds everybody. Speaking of receptionists; mine actually answers the phone. Incidentally, has any company not recently changed their menu options when you call. And we're not talking food here.

I remember I visited my Bubby, many years ago in her one room apartment, and we were watching TV. This was the time of the old Roger's brown boxes with the 40 buttons for the channels and the long wire.(Google it). At the end of the show I said, "What do you want to watch?" She asked me to put on channel 7. So I got up, took the box off the TV set, brought it back to the couch, hit the 7, and changed the channel. And she said "You can take it off the TV?" She was a good Bubby. And about Trump - 2 things. I've used a complicated formula, but I’ve figured it out. The Canadian dollar should be worth 4 dollars and 27 cents! Also, everyone has their own way of protesting. When my wife and I play bridge, no matter how many points I have in my hand, I always open One No Trump! And a quick question. When people carry open umbrellas when it’s sunny, do they put them away when it rains? No letters to Barry! And speaking of weather; ever wonder why Fall is the only season with 2 names? I do. Fall and autumn works. But winter could be winter, and "Oye, Not Again". Spring could be spring, and "Almost There". And summer could be summer, and WOOHOO! Just a thought.

O.K. Let's talk signs. They leave the "Bridge Could Be Icy" signs up all year. It would be better, (if they weren't going to take them down like they should), to leave them up, but have the signs say "Bridge could Be Icy, Or Not". Another sign on the highway says "Shoulder Work". Yet I've never seen an Orthopaedic Surgeon within miles. O.K. That was stupid. Don't read it. Another time I saw a sign that said "Fallen Rocks". Not Falling Rocks, but "Fallen Rocks". Who cares. They already fell. It doesn't matter anymore. The government could save a lot of money if, instead of putting up "Construction Zone Ahead" signs, they took those down, and only put up "No Construction Zone Ahead" signs. Less signs, less money. I understand the "Falling Rocks Next 3 Kilometres" signs. But what about the "Moose Crossing Next 3 Kilometres". Rocks can't move. They have to fall in the next 3 kilometres. Moose can't read. How does the government know they're crossing in the next 3 kilometres? I saw a sign on a building that said "Royal Importing". I asked if I could get Prince Charles for a birthday party. They hung up on me. I saw another sign on a telephone pole for pot lights. But when I phoned they said "No sir, they're not for growing Pot." Who knew. A little more specific would have been nice. And whenever there's road construction in Toronto, instead of saying "Completion Date-Fall of 2018", it would be much more truthful if the sign said "Eventually" or "Hopefully". And if you have to read a Vanity Plate backwards, then it was stupid in the first place. If you couldn't get what you wanted, get something else.

So now, girls, wives, and girlfriends. Did you know that Gloria Gaynor of "I Will Survive" fame (google it), had a smaller little sister. They called her Half-Gaynor. And as luck would have it, she turned out to be a high diving expert. Another little known fact. I just asked my wife, "If a tree falls in the forest, is it still my fault?" Just kidding. I love my wife. And shouldn't emancipated be ewomancipated? Also, recently, my wife and I were driving past Kingston, and she said "Look at that prison, and all that barbed wire." I said "How do you know it's a prison? Maybe it's a barbed wire factory test centre." But my favourite pickup line, before I met my wife, was to go up to a girl and say "Is there a Beauty Pageant in town I didn't hear about?" And yes, I had a few girlfriends in my time, but my first one turned out in later life, to be a Dermatologist. I like to tell her, whenever I run into her, that although I had a lot of girlfriends, she was the "Specialist!" And finally, about Paula; I asked her one night, and she said "Not tonight, I have a headache." I said "Come on, it won't take long." And she said, "No, sometimes it does take a long time." So I promised it wouldn't. But it did take 45 minutes. So I guess I lied. Sometimes Cribbage does take awhile.

And now some random thoughts; like the previous stuff wasn't random enough. If Don Cherry saw his dead dog again, would that be Deja Blue? Sorry, that was stupid and heartless. If you're reading this Don, I apologize. Also, I've been to a lot of Garage Sales lately, just looking, and not one...I repeat, not one was selling a garage. What's that all about? Oh yeah. I went to Friendly's Restaurant in the States, and they yelled at me! I went to Fast Signs, ordered one, and said "How long will it take?" And they said "3 weeks." Then I went to Lou's Careful Laundry. They ruined half my shirts. And last week I went to a concert at Larry's Hideaway. I missed half the show. I couldn't find the place. Another time we were biking and we came across 12 Mile Creek. I bet it's closer to 11 or 13. I mean, who measures life, to be a Dermatologist. I like to tell her, in my time, but my first one turned out in later time, to be a Dermatologist. I like to tell her, whenever I run into her, that although I had a lot of girlfriends, she was the "Specialist!" And finally, about Paula; I asked her one night, and she said "Not tonight, I have a headache." I said "Come on, it won't take long." And she said, "No, sometimes it does take a long time." So I promised it wouldn't. But it did take 45 minutes. So I guess I lied. Sometimes Cribbage does take awhile.

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Almost done. This should get those cards and letters coming. Barry and I live in a bus shelter. No address, no email. But it does have
beautiful views on all 4 sides. Now if we could just get a door for winter. Anyway, with those earbud phone talkers walking on the street; I don’t know which talkers are crazier, the ones with the phones, or the ones without them. And remember when we were kids in the 60’s learning in school, how to be safe, when walking home. That song; everybody who remembers, let’s sing along. Loudly! “Single file, Canadian Indigenous Aboriginal People style. Facing traffic, all the while.” We were way ahead of our time at our school.

And FINALLY, remember that Michael Moore movie, where he said people in Canada really do leave their doors unlocked. Well, he actually came to my house (true story, not really), and our door was unlocked, and he asked me “What if you were in your whirlpool tub upstairs, no one else was home, and you didn’t hear them, and they stole all your stuff. What would you do?” I said.

“I guess I’d go out and buy all new stuff.” He said, “O.K. then, What if you were upstairs in your whirlpool tub, and you didn’t hear them come in, and you were the only one at home, and they stole all your stuff, and then they came upstairs and saw you in the tub, and killed you? What then?” I said “Well………….. I guess my wife would have to go out and buy all new stuff.” It never made the movie.

And with that I leave you,

Societally Yours,

The Politically Incorrect,

Steven Howard Brown

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To...

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We were excited to welcome these members to the fraternity with the annual Fraternity Night Dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. This event was a great way for the new Pi Chapter members to experience the Alpha Omega community first-hand, and witness the level of passion and commitment that alumni members display towards the fraternity. Pi Chapter members took full advantage of the opportunity for networking and mentorship with the many members of the alumni chapter in attendance. We appreciate and value the ongoing support and guidance from Toronto Alumni Chapter!

Our fourth year students are looking forward to an upcoming mentorship mixer in early October to launch the Pi Chapter’s new mentorship program. This initiative pairs fourth year students with recent graduates based on areas of professional interest. The mentorship program promises to be a wonderful way for the upper-year students to benefit from the experiences of their fellow fraters. We look forward to many more upcoming events – both professional and social!

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