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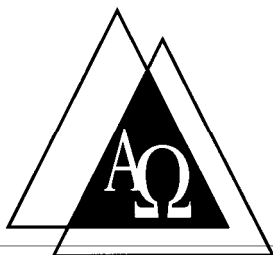
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ALPHA OMEGA

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ARIZONA AWAITS Foundation Welcomes Registrant-Participants

The Alpha Omega Foundation, US will hold its annual year-end meeting at the Kierland Westin Convention Headquarters on Tuesday, December 25th at 9:00am. It is anticipated that the meeting will last through a working lunch and be completed in early afternoon, hopefully in time for participation in Alpha Omega's annual GOHI project. Some of the events that have been planned include the following:



FOUNDATION GALA: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 BUSES LEAVE HOTEL AT 4:45PM FOR PHOENIX BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR DINING, MUSIC, TOURS AND SPECIAL "LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINRIAS" Space is limited for private party...RESERVE NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

ANNUAL ROTHSTEIN AO-pen WIDER GOLF TOURNAMENT AT "THE RAVENS GOLF CLUB". BUSES LEAVE HOTEL AT 8:00AM.



FOUNDATION CLUB/CHAI CLUB AUCTION AND PRIZE DRAWINGS. MORE PRIZES AND ITEMS THAN EVER. MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION BEGINS AT 6:30PM PRIOR TO NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION.

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION More Items than Ever

Most recent acquisition is a gold watch presented by Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, to Dr. David Ison....and so engraved. It was donated to the Foundation by AO member Nathan Shapiro and has been appraised at \$15,000. (Estimated replacement cost).



HAPPY CHANUKAH

HAG SAMEACH

MAY YOUR DAYS BE AS BRIGHT AS YOUR CHANUKAH



MID YEAR MEETING IN ROCKVILLE ESTABLISHES FORMAT FOR THE FUTURE

The mid-year Foundation meeting scheduled concurrently with the meeting of the Fraternity Board, gave a positive look into the future of our meetings. The locale, the hotel, conference availabilities, and the attraction of our Nation's Capital, augers well for future meetings. Following is a resume of reports, reflecting on future plans:



board members at work

The relationship between the Fraternity and the Foundation continues in great fashion. Physical space is ample, sharing of space and some personnel duties have been completely beneficial. PIP Mike Tenenbaum has been very pro-active in his role as Fraternity Representative to the Foundation. Executive Director Heidi Weber is "just what the doctor ordered".

Development of the Foundation's website is well underway. More definitive information appears in this newsletter.

Our Fraternity members are asked to help produce prizes, services, vacation travels, etc. for our annual auction and drawings for members of our Foundation and Chai Clubs. It is a great source of income for our Foundation.

Convention registrants are urged to sign up for the annual Foundation Gala (more information on other pages in Newsletter).

We are hopeful that the newly formed "Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations" will result in sharing in the successes of projects and programs of tzedakah and mitzvot with our all Fraternity members.

Presentations were offered by Treasurer Steve Kahan, reflecting information from our Financial Advisor and Accounting firm.

The presentation of the special grant to Yemin Orde Village in Israel for relief following the devastating Carmel Forest fires was made. A follow up report appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Tribute Card program as reflects revenue is on a par with past years. Ben Williamowsky, commenting on the report, suggested more people use the tribute program for recognition of events of sadness, gratitude, or accomplishment rather than through the e-mail (ao-exchange).

The Foundation, US is preparing for what lies ahead, as evidenced by Chairman Marc Rothman's "State of the Foundation" address to its Board members at the mid-year meeting. Some of the salient points are herein addressed:

Great emphasis is on the finances of the Foundation. While campaigns have been relatively successful, the funds raised that are needed for operating expenses and most importantly those needed to sustain our level of Grant Awards have suffered in the past several years. Marc suggested that a protocol be established for communicating with those who were investing in our Foundation. There are warning signs that it may be necessary to forego one year of awarding grants to all but the Israeli Dental Schools, or significantly curtail them.

The Foundation has established a search committee headed by consultant Lou Ann Brubaker to help recruit a professional full-time director of development. The goal would be for money raised per year to be in the \$200,000-\$300,000 price range.

There is a great deal of excitement generated by the plans to build our own website to promote our activities, tell our 'story', integrate with all of the social media, and process financial transactions.

The Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations, chaired by Larry Selinger is exploring ways to increase cooperation and communications between the various AO Foundations and Trusts. Its goal will be to collect and report all that members do from raising money, donating money, and giving up of one's free time to promote the overall mission of the different foundations and trusts...and subsequently using the information to "tell the story".

A report of the cornerstone ceremonies to inaugurate the Rothstein – Williamowsky Post-Graduate Clinics at TAU appears separately in this issue.

A *Tree of Peace* sculpture was dedicated at the Kornberg School of Dental Medicine at Temple University. See page 5 for an accounting of this wonderful event.

Dana Kogan, Member-at-Large of the Foundation, together with the Student Representatives and officers has undertaken developing a program for presentation to school children benefitting their awareness of dental healthcare.



board members at work

ROTHMAN HAS DONE IT AGAIN...HENRY SCHEIN "SHINES" AS WELL



Board Chairman Rothman

On his latest trip to Riga's Bikur Holim Hospital, Marc Rothman delivered a Panorex unit to the Hospital Dental Clinic in Riga, Latvia. Foundation Chair, Marc Rothman is a member of the Board of Directors of JHI (Jewish Healthcare International) and has visited Riga a number of times to promote the dental care directed by AO member Leonid Baron...treating needy patients from Riga's Jewish community. Steve Kess, VP of Henry Schein, Inc. was instrumental in making available and shipping the

Panorex unit to Latvia in time for Marc's arrival. The Alpha Omega Foundation, US has likewise been supportive of JHI and its outreach such as the one in Riga.



Panorex X-Ray Unit in Riga

INTRODUCING GERRY HARTIGAN, US FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to increase the corpus of the Foundation...which will allow it to distribute more Grants awards and enlarge the projects and programs consistent with the mission of the Foundation, a "Director of Development" has joined the Foundation staff at the Fraternity Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

Gerry Hartigan was born and raised in Ireland, has lived in five countries and has travelled to eighty. Since 1995 he has resided in the United States. He comes to us from Toledo, Ohio with plans to reside a short distance from the Foundation in Northern Virginia. He holds a Master's Degree in Management, has been a fundraising professional for over twenty years, as well as a college instructor for four years. He is the proud father of three grown sons and grandfather to one beautiful granddaughter. One of his more recent positions has been the Director of Development for the "Inner Change Freedom Initiative", a non-profit organization in Lansdowne, VA. His successes have raised millions of dollars for Foundations. He further brings experience in Grant-writing and has taught University level courses in management, leadership, strategic planning, and marketing.



director of development, Gerry Hartigan

OUR MAN, SIDNEY, GETS RECRUITED ONCE MORE



Sid Tourial, Pres, GDA

We are all familiar with the conundrum...."If you are looking for a person to do an important job, find one who is so busy that he has no time to do 'anything' more". Well, the Georgia State Dental Association (GDA) has taken that seriously and has elected 'our' Sidney Tourial as its President. As pointed out in the Association's GDA ACTION (July 2012), Sidney takes over at a time described as "one tough place for dentistry". It further states that "the profession is presently facing an onslaught of media attention, pressure to change the delivery model, and a fluctuating economy". Has this scared "our" Sidney? Alpha Omega's answer to that, developed by his positive leadership direction in so many of our Fraternity's advances over so many years, would be a resounding "NO!...BRING IT ON!" There is no doubt that Sidney's time will be taken up for the benefit of the GDA, but AO is in no way letting him go....as was stated at the beginning of this article..."If you are looking for...etc." to Sidney, we send a hearty "YASHER KOACH". {editor's note: please google GDA ACTION (July 2012) for more information.}

ZACH KORWIN, STUDENT MEMBER, INVENTOR, PHILANTHROPIST

Zach Korwin is an AO student member (Beta chapter). He is President of his own company, "Leader Brand, LLC", and the inventor of an innovative product, "Leader Light" that he markets and sells. He founded his company in 2011 with the mission statement of "making Dentistry more efficient". It currently offers two products, the LeaderLight...an LED light worn on glasses or loupes, and LeaderBoard, a computer keyboard that takes up minimal space and is easily sterilized. Exhibiting a refreshing sense of tzedakah, Zach has presented a generous donation to the Alpha Omega Foundation representing a percentage of proceeds from the sale of his products. There are other products 'in the works'. The Foundation wishes him great success and offers gratitude for his generosity. Zach Korwin, President of LeaderBrand LLC can be reached at: support@LeaderBrand.net.



Zach Korwin, Beta President

RIBBON IS CUT...CORNERSTONE IS SET FOR ROTHSTEIN/WILLIAMOWSKY POSTGRADUATE CLINICS AT TAUSDM

This past June, the Goldschlager School of Dental Medicine Founded by Alpha Omega at Tel Aviv University, laid the cornerstone for their Postgraduate Clinics that, when operational will honor the memory of Ralph Rothstein ז"ל and the devoted support of Alpha Omega member, Ben Williamowsky. Present at the ceremonies were several members of Tel Aviv University's Board of Governors who were meeting at that time. They included AO members of the Dental School's Advisory Board, some who are also TAU Board members. Present were US Foundation Chair Marc Rothman, Foundation Vice-Chair Allen Finkelstein, Foundation Secretary Allen Ressler, Mervyn Druian, Avi Chesner, Elisha Ben Zur, Steve Kess, and Andre Amiach. The audience was graced with the presence of, and remarks by TAU President Joseph Klafter, American Friends of Tel Aviv (AFTAU) National Chairman Jon Gurkoff, and AFTAU CEO and President Gail Reiss. The University under the leadership of President Klafter, and AFTAU, under the direction of Jon Gurkoff and Gail Reiss, have stated their continuing relationship as 'partners' with Alpha Omega from the beginning of the first campaign to build a Dental School.

Professor Ilana Eli, recently installed as Head of the School, conducted the ceremonies. She introduced several Faculty members who attended, as did the outstanding Dean of Hadassah School of Dental Medicine Founded by Alpha Omega at Hebrew University, Adam Stabholz. Dean Stabholz has consistently helped TAUSDM to become the quality dental teaching facility that was founded over 40 years ago. One unexpected visitor at the ceremonies was Ben's granddaughter Danielle Martin, who surprised him with her appearance as...in her words...a "Father's Day Gift". In his remarks, Ben chronicled the formation of the idea of a Dental School at TAU, the beginning of a campaign to raise such funds as were needed, all with the help of "partners"...Alpha Omega, AFTAU, the health labor organization (Kupat Cholim), the Ministries of Health, Finance, Education, and, the University Administration. Special appreciation was expressed to the late Gabriella and Maurice Goldschleger who were 'our' original "angels." Ben pointed out the gratitude that we have for Gerry and Reesa Niznick whose vision dedicated treatment clinics at the dental school, vital to our "moving ahead".

The campaign under the direction of many individuals named in this article as well as the additional 'partner' Henry Schein Inc. has gotten off to an energetic beginning. At the Scottsdale convention, Marc Rothman, Ilana Eli, Allen Finkelstein, and Steve Kess will detail the advances that have been made as well plans for the future....which is *NOW!* (More information on page 5 of this newsletter)

ALPHA OMEGA WELCOMES PARTNERSHIP American Friends of Tel Aviv University— AFTAU Message from Gail Reiss

Tel Aviv University is privileged to partner with the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity in this important initiative to create The Rothstein-Williamowsky Post-Graduate Clinics. We are committed to creating state-of-the-art facilities to serve the families of Tel Aviv. We are committed to providing expert training for tomorrow's dental professionals in primary and specialty care. We are committed to bringing Tel Aviv University's Maurice and Gabriella Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine to an elevated standard of excellence. Our professional development team is prepared, and stands ready to partner with each AO chapter to achieve our joint goal. We invite you to join us!



AFTAU CEO & President
Gail Reiss

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The partnership with AFTAU is a long and storied one. Alpha Omega's first International Convention in Israel was held in 1972; the venue was the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem. Part of the convention agenda was a tour, of course, to the beautiful Hadassah School of Dental Medicine Founded by Alpha Omega in 1964, and another trip to the School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University. At that time, classes were held in a building which housed the "Marsh Dental Clinic" and held in the bomb shelter. There were a few "research rooms" as well. When the Israeli Government appointed the "Rachmelevitch Commission to study the need for a second dental school in Israel, it was strongly recommended and our Fraternity become involved as was expected.



Jon Gurkoff
AFTAU National Chairman



Jon Gurkoff, Gail Reiss, Marc Rothman, Ben Williamowsky, Ilana Eli, Henry Schein Pres. and CEO Stan Bergman, Allen and Danielle Finkelstein, Henry Schein V.P. Steve Kess, Mrs. Bergman

With great support from TAU President Prof. Moshe Many, an "angel" (Maurice Goldschleger) was found to supply the initial funds needed. A Dental Advisory Board made up of Alpha Omega Members, turned to the American Friends of Tel Aviv University (AFTAU) to add to the partnership that led to the Founding of the School of Dental Medicine at the University. AFTAU has remained a staunch supporter of the School helping it through trying times. Our present campaign on behalf of the Dental School has never been stronger, thanks to the leadership of Gail Reiss and Jon Gurkoff. Jon is the son-in-law of Mel and Carol Taub, members of TAU Board of Governors, both supportive of our efforts from the beginning.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Professor Ilana Eli, TAU Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine Founded by Alpha Omega



Ilana Eli, Head of TAUUSD

In July, 2012, just before the mid-year meeting in Rockville, a wonderful reception was held at Mark and Bobbie Rothman's home in Philadelphia, to honor Dr. Ed Rosenberg and in the presence of Prof. Ilana Eli, Head of the Dental School at TAU. Thank you Bobbie and Mark for your wonderful hospitality! More events like that are planned by the various AO chapters with the hope to raise the necessary funds to complete the Rothstein-Williamowsky Post-Graduate Clinic.



Ben Williamowsky, Ralph Rothstein, 2nd

Meanwhile, the final plans for the Rothstein-Williamowsky Post-Graduate Clinic have been completed and we are in the midst of a process of choosing a contractor who will be responsible for building these modern, up-to-date facilities. Although not all the funds necessary for this ambitious project have been collected yet, the plan is to start with the construction of one of the floors (The Advanced Dental Care Clinic) pretty soon.



TAU President Joseph Klafter, Ben Williamowsky, Ilana Eli

The School is also experiencing a series of "change of guards" with five new Heads of Department recently elected: Prof. Marilena Vered as the new Head of the Department of Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology, Prof Tamar Brosh as the new Head of the Department of Oral Biology, Dr. Anda Kfir, as the new Head of the Department of Endodontology, Prof David Kochavi, as the new Head of the Department of Oral Rehabilitation, and Prof. Gaby Chaushu as the new Head of the Department of Oral Surgery. The new Heads of Departments bring with them numerous new plans and endless enthusiasm so wait for many good and productive changes coming soon!

Dr. Ben Williamowsky is shown unveiling the plaque indicating the place of the planned Rothstein-Williamowsky Post-Graduate Clinic, in the presence of TAU President Prof. Joseph Klafter, and Head of the Dental School, Prof. Ilana Eli, and friends.

TREE OF PEACE DEDICATED AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY



Tree of Peace Donor
Allen Finkelstein

Earlier this year a "Tree of Peace" sculpture by artist Hedva Ser was unveiled on the campus of the Kornberg School of Dental Medicine at Temple University. The sculpture was dedicated by Allen Finkelstein in honor of his children and grandchildren. Similar sculptures have been previously donated by Allen and placed on the campuses of the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine Founded by Alpha Omega at Hebrew University, and on the campus of the AT Still Dental School in Arizona. In speaking at the dedication, Allen spoke about the importance of establishing a message of peaceful coexistence with one's fellow man and passing this message from generation to generation. Present at the event were several dignitaries, among them Dean Amid Ismail (Kornberg School), Dean Adam Stabholz (Hebrew University), Dean Musa Bajali (Al Quds University), and Rabbi Gary Charlestein (CEO of Premier Products). Alpha Omega member Dr. Bernie Rothman (father of Foundation chairman Marc Rothman) and artist Hedva Ser were present as well. The Dedication of this sculptures is a continuing process in the development of the Alliance For Oral Health Across Borders, of which the Tel Aviv and Hebrew University schools of dental medicine are chartered members.



Tree of Peace Artist
Hedva Ser

Recorded below are the Tree of Peace medallions that are available for contributions of prescribed levels. For information on how you may qualify, please contact the foundation office.

Description	Size	Options	Donation amount (USD)
Small lapel pin	2cm x 1cm	gold or silver tone	360.00
Large lapel pin	3cm x 2cm	gold or silver tone	500.00
Earrings	4cm x 3cm	gold or silver tone	750.00
Cuff links	4cm x 3cm	gold or silver tone	750.00
Small broach	9cm x 7cm	gold or silver tone	1,000.00
Large broach	12cm x 9cm	gold or silver tone	2,500.00
Medallion (wood base)	10cm x 10cm	n/a	5,000.00
Statue	12.5cm x 13cm	n/a	10,000.00

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK**A New International M.Sc. Program at The Hebrew University–Hadassah School of Dental Medicine Founded by Alpha Omega**

Dean Stabholz, HUSDM

In today's ever dynamic world international collaboration is an essential resource in science. In order to expand our international exposure we have initiated a new international M.Sc. program which will be launched at the beginning of the upcoming academic year. The goal of our program is to both broaden our base of M.Sc. students and to acquaint students from other countries that have a scientific background to the on-going advanced dental research in Israel. Multi-disciplinary areas of research are offered to our students as: gene therapy, virology, microbiology, immunology and molecular biology. A student can choose from various routes; clinical, applied or basic science research.

We will recruit students who have a bachelor's degree in life sciences; a background in dental medicine; or dentists. The program offers many diverse courses, taught in English by instructors from our Faculty of Dental Medicine. The courses include oral lectures as well as seminars.

Each student will be assigned a mentor and will be required to conduct research projects under the supervision of a member from the faculty's academic and or clinical staff. In addition to the academic route, we will organize site-seeing tours in Israel as well as social activities to familiarize the students with Israeli history and culture. The duration of the program is two years. A special track will be offered as part of the internship program of the orthodontic department.



The Hebrew University-Hadassah
Faculty of Dental Medicine
Founded by the Alpha Omega Fraternity

We will celebrate our 60th anniversary in Jerusalem

- International Scientific Program
- 5th Middle East Symposium
- Social events
- Tour of the Dental School
& Ein Kerem Campus
- Gala Evening

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1953-2013
years of continuous
Faculty of Dental Medicine

July 10 & 11 2013

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For further information: hujident@cc.huji.ac.il

REPORT OF THE ALPHA OMEGA LONDON CHARITABLE TRUST 2011-2012



I am pleased to report yet another extremely active year and the Trustees have met regularly. Following the launch of the Tel Aviv University Dental School's "Future is Now" campaign, the Trust was keen to show immediate support having completed our funding of a computer-library students' room, two intra-oral cameras for postgraduate use and essential renovations of clinical areas. Following discussions with the Dean, Professor Ilana Eli, the Trust has agreed to sponsor a new three surgery postgraduate "Advanced Restorative Treatment Clinic" for a total of \$75,000, payable in equal instalments over the next three years.

Following completion of the Graduate Seminar Room and the Alpha Omega Conference Room at Hadassah, the Trustees have received a new request for support from the Dean, Professor Adam Stabholz. The School wishes to enhance the teaching of clinical dentistry using microscopy for both undergraduates and postgraduates and the Trustees have offered \$10,000 towards the purchase of a mobile microscope. Also at Hadassah, the Ino Sciaky Prize for Oral Medicine was awarded to Dr Maria Guy together with a \$500 bursary. Further to extensive discussions with Professor Eli Machtei, Head of the School of Graduate Dentistry at the Rambam Medical Centre in Haifa, we are delighted to sponsor the new "Maxillo-Facial Reconstruction Department". Specialists work closely with other healthcare professionals to produce artificial prostheses (egmaxilla, nose, ear and certain extra-oral prostheses) and this complex care enhances the quality of life and self esteem for soldiers, victims of terror and cancer patients. To support this key development for the region, we shall be providing a total of \$40,000 payable in equal instalments over the next two years. This facility will be one of only three in the country and the only one that also runs a highly regarded postgraduate training programme. Following consultation with Susan Zamet, the Trust was delighted to launch the "Dr John Zamet Memorial Prize in Periodontal Research" in 2011 to recognise and commemorate John's significant contribution to clinical periodontology. Strict criteria for award of the \$1,500 prize were agreed and two senior academics assessed the submissions. We are delighted to announce that the inaugural prize has been awarded to Dr Martin Ling, of the University of Birmingham School of Dentistry. Dr Ling will present a summary of his research "An Investigation into the Chemotactic Accuracy of Peripheral Blood Neutrophils from Patients with Chronic Periodontitis" at the clinical meeting on Tuesday 20th November 2012 when Mrs Zamet will present Dr Ling with his award.

In addition to the above, the following projects have been supported over the past year or are ongoing:

- Beit Issie Shapiro Anaesthesia related supplies for people with disability...\$7,500
- DVI Clinic Radiography equipment for the dental clinic...\$10,000
- DVI Clinic Assistance with computerisation of the dental clinic...\$5,000
- TAU Digital radiography equipment...\$10,000

We are delighted at the continued interest in undergraduate student elective awards, each of \$400, from young members of Alpha Omega - our future! Over the past year, successful applications for two such scholarships have been received from Michael Goodman and Brooke Zaidman. Michael studied the feasibility of implant supported dentures for housebound people in the UK whilst Brooke looked at the use of clinical photography in Oral Medicine at Hadassah. Both have experienced superb electives and submitted comprehensive reports on their return. In addition, agreements have been reached with the Deans of both the UCL Eastman and KCL Dental Institutes to offer an annual travelling graduate award of \$1,500 to each Institute to benefit a postgraduate specialist trainee and the wider community.

Royalties from the BDJ book "Tooth Surface Loss" by Andrew Eder and Richard Ibbetson have once again been generously divided between the BDA Benevolent Fund and the Alpha Omega Charitable Trust. In the order of \$400 is expected to be received for sales over the past year. Following a very successful and innovative Alpha Omega London Chapter programme under the Chairmanship of Dr Basil Mizrahi, which was generously supported by our colleagues in the Dental Trade, the Trust has this year received \$23,000 in support of its charitable activities. Henry Schein additionally kindly donated \$15,000.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our many friends and colleagues who give so freely of their time on behalf of the Alpha Omega London Chapter and Trust. In addition, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my fellow Trustees for their continued and devoted service to Alpha Omega.

Professor Andrew Eder (Chairman)
Dr Stephen Handelsman (Secretary)

ALPHA OMEGA FOUNDATION OF CANADA ANNUAL REPORT – 2012



The annual meeting of the **Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada** was held on 4 November 2012 in Toronto. At that time, the Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending 31 July 2012 was presented. As well, reports were received from the Canadian chapters of Alpha Omega Fraternity, the American Foundation and from the committees of the Canadian Foundation. Funds were allocated for charitable distribution in accordance with the wishes of the Members and Directors of the Canadian Foundation and the laws of Canada. All members of Alpha Omega Fraternity in Canada are members of the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada. At the 2012 annual meeting there were representatives from Montreal, Winnipeg and Toronto. The Foundation's accountant was also in attendance. Reports were received from other Canadian Chapters:

Calgary: The Chapter has 24 paid members. The chapter has had an off year as far as events but has continued to support several local charities. The chapter is working with patients through JFS as a group, offering basic and specialty care whenever called upon. A local lab donates their fees and our member dentists take care of the work needed. The Chapter is working hard funding and volunteering for Dentistry for All projects in Guatemala. The Chapter has increased its chapter assessments from \$10 to \$20.

Montreal: The Chapter has 272 active members. The total membership is 294, including life members. The Chapter is contributing \$5000 to Montreal Jewish General Hospital's dental clinic. The Chapter works on a program called OMETZ that is a combined group of organizations. They provided dental services to recent immigrants at the Jewish General Hospital. The chairside assistants are provided by OMETZ and the materials are provided by the Jewish General Hospital. This would be a good project to apply for funding from GOHI. The Chapter continues to treat as many as 20 patients per night at the JIAS clinic, and members do pro bono work on JIAS clients at the dental clinic in the Jewish General Hospital. The Chapter participates in both Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds, very actively. There has been increased and continued support for the Howard Katz Memorial Fund. The Chapter has been facilitating the transition of Jewish French dentists, immigrating due to an increase in anti-Semitism. The dentists may do a one year 'Stage', or residency program, provided the schools they studied in were equivalent to dental schools in Canada. The current president of the Order of Dentists of Quebec is a member of the Fraternity.

Toronto: The Toronto Alumni Chapter has 631 members, a reduction of 16 members. The Chapter has agreed to increase the Chapter assessments to \$15 per person. The Chapter raises money through Tribute cards such as the Scholarship Fund, the Library Fund, the Tribute fund and the Golden Tribute fund. These monies are transferred to the Foundation to be allocated to Research projects. Funds are also raised through sale of Entertainment Books, Charitable Draw tickets and excess revenues generated by various programs and sponsors. Through these, the chapter supports the DVI Clinic in Jerusalem, Lifeline for the Old (Yad Lakashish) in Jerusalem, Luba Slome Dental Centre, The JF and CS dental program, Beit Issie Shapiro, The Canadian Committee for Haifa Fund and the Hazon Yeshaya dental clinic. The Chapter's commitment to the new floor at Hebrew University dental school was completed this year. This year, \$19,000 was donated. The chapter is also actively involved in UJA, canvassing, volunteering and leadership positions. Over fifty fraters participated this year. About one hundred dentists participate in the JF and CS dental volunteer program treating underprivileged members of the Jewish community. Our members are active on many professional boards and dental associations.



Miriam Rosenberg and family with the family car.
Miriam is young lady who is standing.

Winnipeg: The Chapter has 60 members, 35 are active and paying. The Chapter sponsored two undergraduate chapter members to volunteer at the DVI clinic. Two international dentists have been sponsored for retraining and preparing for the NDEB examinations. The Dr. Samuel Muchnik Memorial Fund has been created. There are two undergraduate student awards and sponsorship of the Dr. Samuel Borden Periodontology Clinic at the University of Manitoba, and the 46th Annual Alpha Omega Memorial Lecture.

Each year, monies are set aside to fund the Research Project. Applications are solicited from Canadian Dental Schools and hospitals for the funding of research into dental and dentally related interests. The foundation is kept apprised of progress and suitable acknowledgement and recognition is given, in any publications or presentations made by the recipients. Five worthy projects were awarded:

Dr. Guy Aboodi, University of Toronto: *The oral innate immune response during periodontal disease.*

Dr. Abbasali Hassanali, University of Toronto: *Role of Filamin A in mechanical protection of periodontal tissue.*

Dr. Flavia Lakschevitz, University of Toronto: *Phenotypic changes in neutrophils from blood to oral cavity in periodontal patients.*

Dr. Gillian Layton, University of Toronto: *Understanding fluid dynamics in conventional and two ultrasonic irrigation methods using a novel experimental approach.*

Dr. Quyen Su, University of Toronto: *Genomic loci involved in alveolar bone loss and neutrophil recruitment in AXB/BXA inbred mice.*

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This year, there were no applicants for the Sherman Prize for Student Scholarship and Leadership. A faculty advisor to act as a liaison has been suggested to gain access to information needed to award the prize. The Canadian chapters' Foundation Assessments, calculated at \$10.00 per active frater, are split evenly between the Hebrew University and the Tel Aviv University Dental Schools in Israel. For the year ending 31 July, 2012 our contribution is \$4490.00 per school. The Foundation received many applications for support this year, and while many were worthy, due to financial constraints, we could not support all. The Foundation is supporting the following

Dental Volunteers for Israel - \$3500.00
Yad LaKashish - \$500.00
One Family Fund - \$2500.00
Dentistry for All- \$3100.00
Beit Issie Shapiro - \$500.00
About Face - \$500.00

The Members and Board of Directors of the Foundation wish to advise that all amounts in this report are in Canadian Dollars.

A representative of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University reported on activity at the dental school. An initiative has begun to create a first floor Special Care Clinic. The current clinic is inadequate as facilities for graduate students. The Chapters are encouraged to make donations and can honour an outstanding Frater. One hundred thousand dollars will achieve Pillar status. Toronto Alumni Chapter has chosen to honour PIP Gordon Perlmutter. Individuals donating will be recognised. The Toronto Chapter has made changes to the Tribute cards, and hopes all Chapters make use of them. We encouraged Chapters to make use of the Tree of Peace program to honour individuals with the gift. The Foundation's new website is still being worked up. A new webmaster is being sought.

The Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada has had a busy and successful year and is pleased and proud of its activities.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by **Miriam Rosenberg**, Secretary-Treasurer

Message from David Eisenstat: Newly elected President of the Canadian Foundation



David Eisenstat, Foundation
President, Canada

I have been a member of Alpha Omega since my student days in 1985. I graduated from the University of Toronto in 1989 and then spent one year in a residency program at the Jerusalem Dental Center for Children. I returned to Toronto and completed my diploma in paediatric dentistry in 1993. I was on the executive of the Toronto Chapter for over 10 years serving on and chairing various committees. From there I joined the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada as a director and became president of the Foundation at the beginning of November 2012. I am married to my lovely wife Amanda and the proud father of Ariella, Leora, and Joshua. All the best to you and good luck at the convention. Sorry I will not be there.

BREAKING NEWS: US FOUNDATION INAUGURATES WEBSITE

In a matter of days the Foundation will introduce its first very own website. To date there has been a much appreciated link available on the very effective Alpha Omega Fraternity web. Our site will display the "complete story" of the formation of the US Foundation as well as an accounting of Foundations of Canada, Israel, the London Trust and news from the chapters from other countries. This is a part of the "Alliance of other Foundations and Trusts outside North America". There will also be links to the history of the Foundation and a record of its accomplishments in the world of community and global service.

Featured as well will be past and current campaigns, with a direct link to pay for participation in functions, as well as funding donations for special programs and projects, and the ordering of such shared messages as present in the tribute cards, prayer books, etc. A special link will make grant award applications speedy and easy.

The website promises to be completely user friendly and will be yet another step into our modern world.

Yemin Orde Youth Village, the recipient of a recent emergency grant from the Alpha Omega Foundation that helped to rebuild some of their facilities (Dental Clinic included) destroyed in the Carmel Forest fires in 2011. This was recently featured in the Israeli media. Many families sent their young children to the Village where they were housed and cared for during the recent increase in rocket attacks from Gaza.

We applaud their response to the needs of others.

MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MIKE SPEKTOR



International President
Michael Spektor

In my travels on behalf of Alpha Omega, there is one value that we exemplify that crosses generations and geography and that is our commitment to philanthropy. Regardless of age or nationality Alpha Omegans understand the importance of repairing the world and they are anxious to help us as we redefine global oral philanthropy.

Our recently established Alliance of the Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations will allow us to access information and best practices from chapters around the world as we identify areas of need that will benefit from our AO grants and volunteerism. Our new website will allow members to view what we do internationally and will also connect with projects that fuel their interest.

In addition, as signatories to the Alliance of Oral Health Across Borders, Alpha Omega will be involved in improving oral health worldwide as a method of collaboration and diplomacy. The Alliance will be organizing training sessions that in the future will be available to interested Alpha Omegans.

Our US Alpha Omega Foundation is an integral part of these initiatives and will be exploring new and innovative methods to raise awareness and needed funds.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR THE WASHINGTON, DC PROGRAM ATTRACTS NATIONAL INTEREST An In Depth Interview with Ellen Blalock, JSSA Program Coordinator



Ellen Blalock, Holocaust Survivor
Program Coordinator

Late in 2010, Ellen Blalock, Coordinator for the Holocaust Survivor and Volunteer Program at Greater Washington's Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA), contacted the Washington Chapter of Alpha Omega. The call was referred to the AO Foundation Office in Rockville to look into the possibility of establishing an oral care volunteer program for the benefit of Holocaust survivors living under adverse economic conditions. It gave us (the local Alpha Omega members) the opportunity, as always, to 'give back' to our community in ways that we could contribute, through dental care. Following is an accounting of a recent interview with Ellen Blalock and AO Foundation Director, Ben Williamowsky.

BW: When did you become JSSA's program coordinator and how long has this program been in existence?

EB: I became coordinator in July, 2010, and the program to help Holocaust survivors has been in existence for 20 years!

BW: Was there a specific agency that was (and is) responsible for having established such a program?

EB: Yes, the International Claims Conference (ICC) helped to establish such programs in many major cities in the US with agencies dealing with Jewish Family and Children's services. These agencies provided ICC with information collected from the 'clients' that offered information that confirmed claims against the German Government for loss of possessions as a result of the heinous crimes against the Jews of Europe.

BW: I assume that programs for Holocaust survivors were in place for a number of years...and if that assumption is correct, why did you turn to us (Alpha Omega...and other Jewish Dentists) for help only in 2010?

EB: Dental problems were identified as the single most urgently needed area of care, dealing with needs that were proving to be terribly expensive and increasingly urgent as, I have come to note, happens with aging 'clients'. Having learned of Alpha Omega's previous involvement with JSSA's program for caring of Russian immigrants, and their (AO's) successful pro-bono panel for the dental care for residents of

Greater Washington Home for the Aged. It was a 'natural' that we turned to the World's only International Jewish Dental Organization... and roads led to you at the AO Foundation. We soon realized that we would never be able to put together a program to handle our case load by soliciting individual dentists. We needed a way into the dental community to turn to people who considered participation in a designed project to be a mitzvah.

BW: I am sure that you, personally and JSSA, appreciate the fact that there are other dentists (not all Jewish) who volunteered to perform this mitzvah. As a leadership committee was established, we were joined by the area's Maimonides Society, a vibrant dental study club whose membership included Jewish dentists who were not AO members.

EB: I did indeed, and after meeting with representatives of both organizations and learning of their past history of Mitzvot and Tzedakah, I felt that the program might be "just what the doctor ordered".

BW: Ellen, the biggest surprise to me was that there were so many Holocaust survivors living under a certain "poverty line" (as identified and qualified by JSSA) in our area! Can you share with us "numbers", average ages, etc.?

EB: That's interesting. My biggest shock was to learn that there is so little knowledge of the numbers of survivors in need of help...(cost for this care spirals as the survivors grow older). However, on the other side of the spectrum, it was a great, albeit a most pleasant surprise beyond my dreams that the response from the dental community was immediate, positive, and generous.

FOR OUR READERS: THIS IS HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS: 1) TO DATE WE HAVE OVER 65 DENTISTS, SOME SPECIALISTS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED. THEY WERE SOLICITED BY OUR COMMITTEE LEADERS, MORRIS COHEN, MICHAEL STERN, DONALD MEYER, SAM BLUM, AND MYSELF. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IF NECESSARY, MORE VOLUNTEERS COULD BE ADDED TO OUR PANEL. 2) JSSA REFERS PATIENTS THAT HAVE BEEN "CLEARED" FOR ELIGIBILITY, EACH PROSPECTIVE PATIENT IS REFERRED TO US AND WE CALL ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, OFTEN GUIDED BY NEEDS (FOR SPECIALTY CARE), RESIDENCE LOCATION. 3) WE INDICATE TO THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE THAT A SOCIAL WORKER FROM JSSA WILL BE PHONING FOR THE APPOINTMENT. 4) IF A PATIENT MUST BE REFERRED TO A SPECIALISTS, THAT IS DONE UNDER 'NORMAL' PROCEDURES...TO ONE OF OUR PANEL MEMBERS. 4) WHEN ASKED OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE ASSURED THAT TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE WITH COSTS PROVIDED BY JSSA, AND THAT LABORATORY BILLS...KEPT TO A MINIMUM BY BASIC CARE... BUT NONETHELESS, QUALITY CARE...ARE PAID FOR FUNDS OBTAINED FROM THE CLAIMS CONFERENCE. (THERE IS A DENTAL LABORATORY, "MICRODENTAL" THAT HAS VOLUNTEERED SERVICES, CHARGING ONLY FOR MATERIALS USED. OTHER LABS HAVE BEEN MOST GENEROUS IN THEIR CHARGES AS WELL).

BW: Now to continue. Has other money been made available to you to help fund this program?

EB: Yes, the Washington Chapter of Alpha Omega and the Maimonides Society have generously donated funds, and the Alpha Omega Foundation, has awarded us a grant. At Ben's suggestion, we will be looking along other avenues of financial help.

BW: Is the pro-bono care available to survivors who have moved to assisted living status?

EB: The available money from the Claims Conference is only for those living independently. Once they are in an assisted living facility, they no longer qualify. The money that the ICC passes on to "us" covers a variety of needs....one of the greater ones, as I previously related being dental care. There are some minimal funds available from JSSA's "special funds for dental care". *If it were not for the generosity of the pro-bono panel, we would have been sorely pressed for funds and perhaps would have run out of money!*

ED NOTE: {Early in 2013 the International Claims Conference will publish its inaugural Journal referencing Holocaust Survivor issues. The Publisher/editor, having learned of the Washington, DC...and hence, the involvement of Alpha Omega, has approached Ellen Blalock for permission to include the "story" of Alpha Omega's approach to such programs as reported in this interview. To date, we have been contacted by Jewish Family and Children's Services (such as JSSA) to help guide them into producing similar programs in their locales. Some that have approached us are from areas in Florida, Ohio, Illinois, and California. Kol Hakovod to Washington AO members and other area dentists.}

In Memoriam William (Bill) Kampel

Just before the beginning of Rosh Hashona, Alpha Omega lost a treasured friend, a veritable icon in its history...Bill Kampel.

Bill's dedication to the tenets of the an Alpha Omega Member to the day in his desire to make our organization that he forever insisted was the was 'whatever it took'. He promoted ters of which he was a member... Pittsburgh, to the Suffolk Alumni high into the ranks of Alpha Omega an International President with great breathe Alpha Omega, serving as the tending every convention with his longer cooperated.



Fraternity was legendary, from the day he became he passed away. There was nothing he left undone the true "Voice of the Jew in Dentistry", a concept 'bottom line' basis of our existence. For Bill, it this attitude in his service as an officer in all chap-student and Alumni alike...from University of Chapter (a small chapter with a large impact), and International. He was an outstanding Editor and vision and heart. He continued to live and Chairman of the Alpha Omega Foundation, at-beloved Hannah at his side until his health no

Bill Kampel knew more about the history and the structure of our Fraternity than any member in my memory. For many years, and to the present, as concerns the Alpha Omega Foundation, US he was the keeper of its Constitution and By Laws; he made sure that they were followed by each administration and each officer who followed him. It speaks volumes of his impact on our Fraternity, when one imagines that the tiny chapter, of which he was a member, gave us two International Presidents...Bill Kampel and his son Michael Kampel. Hannah, Michael, and Kathy were always supportive of his desires to make the Fraternity all that he wished it to be.

May the memory of William (Bill) Kampel z"l be for a blessing, and may he be remembered for all of his good deeds on earth.

Ben Williamowsky
Director, Alpha Omega Foundation, US

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