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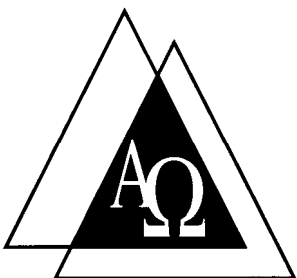
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ADEA & ALPHA OMEGA NAMES FIRST LEONARD ABRAMS FELLOW DR. ROY P. HOLEXA HONORED

The Alpha Omega Foundation has awarded a grant to Dr. Roy P. Holexa, and named him the recipient of the first recipient of the *ADEA/ALPHA OMEGA FOUNDATION/LEONARD ABRAMS SCHOLAR* in the ADEA Leadership Institute. Dr. Holexa is currently a Clinical Director at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health in Mesa, Arizona. He received his D.D.S. degree from Loyola University in 1976, entered private practice, and returned to his Alma Mater a year later to serve as Clinical Instructor in the Department of Operative Dentistry. His involvement in Dental Education includes development of the Evidence-Based Dental Curriculum at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health. He has

facilitated and conducted ADA certified national and international continuing education courses for 16 years, serving as a contributing author in associated journals,

Dr. Holexa's award is fair testimony to Dr. Lenny Abrams' contributions to our profession, to the principles and direction of the ADEA, and to Alpha Omega.

Ceremonies honoring Dr. Holexa were attended by Dean Jack Dilenberg (AO member) and our special envoy, Dr. Sy ("cuz") Evans. Pictured is the presentation of the award to Dr. Holexa by Frater Evans,

in presence of ADEA representative, Dr. Bertolaini.

The Foundation has committed itself to support the voice of dental education through its support of the *ADEA (American Dental Education Association)*. [A complete news release (March, 2009) may be viewed by visiting the Alpha Omega Fraternity Website; www.ao.org]



STATUS OF THE FUTURE IS NOW CAMPAIGN UNDER EXAMINATION

Once again, the situation surrounding the status and growth of the Tel Aviv University of Dental Medicine has raised some concerns. The supporters of the school are eagerly awaiting word from the new Ministers of Education and Finance (appointment by the new Israeli Government has not yet been announced) to determine their position on relieving the TAU deficit budgeted for the dental school.

It has been a veritable roller-coaster for the dental school supporters, especially for Alpha Omega members who are awaiting an aggressive move as promised by its announced campaign. It has been strongly suggested that the campaign be placed in a holding pattern until more definitive information is handed down by the Government and by the University. This information should be forthcoming

during the TAU annual Board of Governors meeting scheduled for May 15. Any information will be shared with the entire membership of Alpha Omega, as well as with non-member supporters of the dental school.



As this newsletter goes to press, the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University is meeting in Israel. Members of the Dental School's "Dental Advisory Board" are present in support of the future of the School. Present are: Prof. Haim Tal, Head of the School, Ralph Rothstein, Mervyn Druian, Andre Amiach, Harold Preiskel, and Avi Chesner., all TAU Board members. Any information will be shared with our readers.

Editorial

Not one of our readers needs to be reminded of the global economic downturn that has presently affected everyone of us. The Alpha Omega Foundation has likewise found fundraising activities sorely diminished. While our prudently invested portfolio has held itself fairly free of any catastrophic 'hit', the influx of new contributions have come practically to a standstill.

While we are weathering the bad-times storms....here is how you can help...and how you can help the Foundation carry out its mission...*reaching out to the needs of Dental Health, Education, Research and Care... throughout the World!*

- Send a payment towards any pledge you have previously made. Complete that pledge if presently possible.
- Make a separate one-time charitable gift to the Foundation.

- Join this year's Foundation Club...even if you do not plan to 'cruise the convention'.

- Respond to the annual Foundation club gala. Because of the convention format, gala plans will be different and innovative. Be on the lookout for those plans...and participate even if you are not planning to 'cruise'.

- Make use, daily, of the Foundations Tribute card program.

Have your chapter adopt at least one project or program selected from the Foundation's list of grant award recipients.

REMEMBER, IT IS YOUR FOUNDATION AND THE BACKBONE OF ALPHA OMEGA'S EXISTENCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE.

BERGMAN, KESS JOIN DENTAL ADVISORY BOARD OF TAU

Stanley Bergman, President and CEO of Henry Schein, Inc., and Vice-President, Steve Kess have been invited by the Professor Haim Tal, Head of the TAU Dental School to join its Dental Advisory Board (DAB). This board traditionally meets at the dental school just prior to the opening session of the TAU Board of Gov-



Bergman

ernors meeting. In light of the present problems at the University and the dental school, the input of the DAB takes on even a greater role this year.

Kess and Bergman (member of the University Board of Governors) join a number of other supporters of the school, likewise Board members and members of Alpha Omega. They are: Norman Schultz, Ben Williamowsky, Ralph Rothstein, Mervyn Druian (UK), Harold Preiskel (UK), Howard Pranikoff, Norman Mohl, Leo Sreebney, Ira Schechter(Canada), Andre Amiach(Lyon), Avi Chesner (Geneva), and Gerald Niznick.



Kess

FOUNDATION MID-YEAR MEETING SET FOR CHICAGO IN JULY

The annual mid-year meeting of the U.S. Foundation will be held at the Chicago Hotel Sax, on Saturday, July 18. It is suggested that Foundation Board members arrive on Friday so that they may join the Illinois Alumni Chapter for an AO Shabbat dinner. Coinciding with the meeting of the Fraternity Board of Directors, Foundation Board members are invited to join the concluding



session of the Fraternity Board on Sunday morning, July 19.

Many of the issues that will be discussed at this meeting involve plans for the AO Cruise Convention. The committee reports...and discussions will also be especially important this year as several terms of office will expire at the end of the year. Those include the office of Chairman of the Board, Board Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large.

Also of great importance will be an evaluation of the 'situation' at TAUSDM, especially as concerns the present Alpha Omega "The Future is Now" campaign, as well as the effects of the global economic downturn.

For those first-time visitors to Chicago, an extended stay in that "Toddling Town" is recommended.



Under the leadership of Board Chairman Sidney Tourial, the Foundation will continue its synergistic relationship with the Fraternity. Following the Fraternity Board meetings (Tourial included), the Fraternity's Board will participate in the Foundation Board meetings. Both Boards will be present at the "wrap-up" session. In accor-

dance with the Foundation's 'sunshine' rule, any Chicago members are welcome to attend the Foundation meeting on Saturday, July 18.



Sidney Tourial, Foundation Board Chairman

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TREATMENT PROGRAM IN FULL GEAR

The program to Holocaust survivors for their dental needs, has, thanks to the efforts of David Ash, Shlomo Matalon (TAUSDM) and senior dental students at TAU, finally moved into full gear.

First begun as a dream of Frater Ziv Simon (son of Holocaust survivors living in Israel), this program, previously reported in past issues of this Foundation Newsletter, the project gained the support of the Southern California Chapters of Alpha Omega and of the Foundation. Following are moving stories of but three of the patients who have been treated, along with photos taken at the clinic at The School of Dentistry at Tel Aviv University.

A 'Special Fund' has been established within the corpus of the Alpha Omega Foundation. Most of the funds have been contributed by the Southern California chapters, but others are encouraged to be a part of this mitzvah. You may do so by contacting the Alpha Omega Foundation, US., or through your own Foundation or Trust.

The story of Meir Fishman

My name is Meir Fishman and I was born in the Stislabov ghetto in Poland in 1940. My family was very wealthy- my father owned factories and shops, dealt in property, and we had a vacation home in the mountains.

When I was about a year old in the ghetto, my mother and I were smuggled out by a friend of my mothers who had an artificial leg in which he hid forged Arian documents as well as diamonds and cash. My mother was caught by the Germans and taken to a labor camp, but I was hidden, for 10 months in a cellar, by the daughter of a friend of my moth-

ers, who was a nun. At the age of three, a Jewish woman betrayed her to the Gestapo and she immediately smuggled me from there to a monastery. There I was given the Polish name Marek Yaratzky. She told me not to undress so that I would not be identified as a Jew. I was much neglected in the monastery with old clothes and covered in lice and of course there was an acute shortage of food and basic hygiene conditions. The nun was caught by the Germans who tore out her finger nails, but she did not betray me. Towards the end of the war, she transferred me to an orphanage in Krakow where I was beaten to within an inch of my life and was kept in subhuman conditions. I was 5 1/2 years old when I escaped from there and found my way to the convent where the nun attached me to a Jewish family traveling by train to Munich. To my collar she tied a label with my real name and my mothers name. In Munich I had nothing to eat and did not know where my mother was. Only the street prostitutes "adopted" me and gave me food to survive. I was 7 years old and looked for work. Someone took me to be the doorman of a brothel with a poster to attract clients. They dressed me in the clothes of a pimp and I called out, in English, "f@#*y f@#*y 1 dollar". The American soldiers would pity me and give me a quarter. I cleaned restaurants for a meal and collected cigarette butts which I re-rolled and sold to passers-by. At age 7 1/2 I found my mother who was a complete cripple from the beatings she sustained in the labor camp. I found her in a hospital and transferred her to Munich. I, a 7 1/2 year old child, was taking fateful decisions for both of us. My mother and I worked in the refuge center in Munich where I cooked at my mothers' instruction and in re-

turn for which we were given food. In 1949 we made aliya to Israel- my father and all his brothers were burned to death in the synagogue in Stanislav in 1942.

In Israel we came to Raanana where I rented a small room from a very good hearted woman. My mother slept in the bed and I on the floor. Every day after school I would ride my bike to Hod Hasharon where I worked at "Tnuva" cleaning milk cans so as to earn money for rent and food.

For 15 years I received psychological treatments through "Amcha" the organization which provided mental health treat-



ments for holocaust survivors.

I got married in 1964. Today I have 2 married daughters and 6 grandchildren and feel the need to give them all that I did not have.

The story of Roza Maltz

Roza was born on May 4th 1927 in a small village called Chop in Czechoslovakia .

Between 1942 and 1944 the Nazis forced Roza to wear the yellow "Star of David" wherever she went.

In 1944, on Passover, Roza, her sister, and her mother were taken to the ghetto of Uzhgorod-Ungvar.

Her father was taken earlier in 1941, by Hungarians working with the Nazis, to a forced labor camp in the Ukraine, where he died.



In the ghetto Roza suffered hunger, disease, and over crowding. She remembers each family receiving two meters of floor space to live on.

On June 1944, Roza was taken with her family to Auschwitz Concentration camp on the first transport out of the ghetto. She still remembers quite clearly the over crowding of more than a hundred people in one train cabin, all of which having only one small pot to relieve themselves.

As Roza and her family arrived in Auschwitz, she remembers Dr. Mengele standing on the ramp whistling merrily as he selects who will live and who will die.

In Auschwitz Roza slept in lager C block 17, which was the extermination lager. Twice a day, every day, they were forced to undergo selection for the crematorium and at 5:00 am every morning they were forced to undergo an exhausting head count.

In a miraculous and resourceful way Roza and her sister managed to slip into a working party leaving Auschwitz to the city of Freudenthal in the Sudets. In Freudenthal they labored making gas masks until the soviet army freed them on May 4th 1945, Roza's birthday.

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After the liberation, Roza walked for two whole months to get back home.

Roza believes that had she not slipped into the working party out of Auschwitz she would not have survived.

The story of Varda Chankes

I was 3 years old when my parents, my elder brother, and I left our home in Poland. I don't know whether we left willingly or were evicted.

After much wandering to many places along the way, we arrived

at a labor camp in Russia. The conditions were harsh and we endured much suffering, cold, hunger and disease which killed many. My parents suffered dysentery and died in the camps. My brother was ill as well but survived. Before she died, my mother placed me in a Polish orphanage, which was run by Polish nuns who forced us, the Jewish children, to go to church and to participate in their prayers.

In the book which was written about the children of Teheran, of which I was one, it is told how Jewish communities and Zionist youth worked to gather these

children from the orphanages in Poland. Next to the Polish camps they established orphanages for Jewish children and there received Jewish children of Polish nationality who had been expelled from Russia.

Jewish Polish soldiers transferred from Russia to Teheran and we joined them. In Teheran a camp was set up by the Youth Aliya organization to receive the children who were transferred from Russia. The camp was supported by The Joint and the local Jewish community. Hygiene conditions in the camp were very bad and many fell victims to intestinal and eye infections. Many suffered lice

and both children and adults had their hair shaved.

We remained in Teheran for about one year. In December 1942 we left Teheran and after a tortuous route through India and Egypt, we arrived at the Atlit camp in Palestine.



David Ash with Fishman & Chankes

SPECIAL OLYMPICS/SPECIAL SMILES...SOMETHING SPECIAL

Alpha Omega chapters encouraged to get involved.

Last year more than 22,000 children and adults received individualized oral hygiene instruction, comprehensive dental screenings, and were accessed into the healthcare delivery system. More than 3000 athletes who competed in contact sports received mouth guards as well as nutritional counseling from registered dieticians.

Following is a copy of a letter distributed to members of the Washington Alumni Chapter by Frater Arnie Feldman. He successfully undertook the soliciting of dentists for screenings of *SPECIAL OLYMPICS-SPECIAL SMILES* at an event scheduled at a nearby venue.

“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

-Special Olympics Athlete's Oath

“Hello and welcome to the Special Olympics Special Smiles

program! Special Smiles is a dental screening, education and referral program that operates under the auspices of Special Olympics Inc. The program was developed in 1993, and first implemented at Special Olympics Massachusetts Games that year. The Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine helped manage Special Smiles until it was officially recognized and adopted by Special Olympics in 1997. The program is now one of the lead components of the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® initiative, created to focus attention on the overall health issues facing Special Olympics athletes, but benefiting all people with disabilities.

Each Special Smiles event includes (at minimum) a registration/check-in station, a non-invasive dental screening, a

dental hygiene education station, and a final station at which the athletes receive “goody bags.” The goody bags contain a toothbrush and toothpaste, other items that have been donated by sponsors, a “report card” on the state of their oral health, and a referral list of

dental providers or facilities where care is provided for people with disabilities. A mouth guard program, oral cancer screening, and nutritional counseling by registered dieticians are available options to the program.

The Mission of Special Smiles is to increase access to dental care for Special Olympics athletes, as well as all children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and to increase the number of dental professionals who will serve them in their practices.

Dental screenings are used as

means to increase awareness of the oral health of the athletes, as well as their parents and/or caregivers. We also provide athletes with personal hygiene education to help ensure that they are doing an adequate job of brushing and flossing, and nutrition counseling so they'll understand how their diet affects both their oral health and their overall health. At some locations, we also provide free mouth guards for athletes competing in contact sports.

Professional awareness is increased by encouraging dental and hygiene students, as well as practicing dental professionals, to volunteer to do screenings at Special Smiles events. Continuing Education (CE) credits are given to dentists and dental hygienists participating in these events by the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). It is a wonderful way to break down the barriers in working with people with disabilities that often exists. Special Smiles has found that most dental professionals, especially those who don't usually treat patients with special needs, leave at the end of the day

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with a much greater appreciation of the problems that people with disabilities face, and in many cases a commitment to get involved. This is the kind of experience we hope to provide.

Data is collected for each athlete on whom we provide a dental screening. The data is either entered into the Healthy Athlete System (HAS) Web site by local programs, or sent to the Special Olympics headquarters in Washington, D.C., for compilation and analysis so that an assessment of the oral health of a representative sample of Special Olympics athletes from around the world can be generated. This data will be necessary to encourage more dental and hygiene schools to increase the education they offer on caring for patients with special needs and to demonstrate to government legislators on all levels that access to oral health for this population must be increased.

Special Smiles events are held in conjunction with Special Olympics events at city, state or re-

gional Special Olympic Games around the world.

Special Smiles is privately and publicly funded and volunteer staffed. There is a volunteer Local Clinical Director for each Special Olympics Special Smiles screening event. They are responsible for recruiting volunteers (dentists, dental students, hygienists, hygiene students, and non-professionals) and for handling all the logistics on-site. Clinical supplies for the screenings and products for the “goody bags” (toothbrush and toothpaste) are supplied by national sponsors. Additional sponsor funds help expand the Special Smiles program, primarily through education and/or research and data collection projects. Local funds are raised by the Local Coordinator to cover expenses such as telephone, T-shirts, other giveaways, printing of forms, and miscellaneous supplies.

Since its inception in 1993, Special Smiles has demonstrated remarkable success in creating awareness and improving access to dental care for children and

adults with intellectual disabilities. From that pilot program at Boston University, we now have a presence in more than 70 cities in the United States and more than 30 international sites. Most importantly, this success comes from the hard work and dedication from you, the Local Coordinators and the volunteers you recruit and inspire.

We funded Yale University’s esteemed School of Public Health to produce their report, *The Health Status of Individuals with Mental Retardation*. This document has been highly acclaimed by the health-care community.

We were responsible for the historic first-ever Senate Hearing on the “Health Status of Americans with Mental Retardation” held at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Anchorage, Alaska, in March, 2001.

We provided the text and conscience for the Surgeon General’s Report on Oral Health, even though the authors attempted to ignore this population in the final report.

We were acknowledged by former Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, to be fully responsible for the historic first-ever Surgeon General’s Conference on Health Disparities of People with Mental Retardation held on December 5 and 6, 2001.

We provided the testimony on issues of dental care for children with disabilities at the Senate Hearing for Senator Bingamen’s bill on Oral Health for Children.

Thank you for your help in making Special Smiles a success.”



Let me win. But if I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt.

A SPECIAL VIEW OF AN AO CHAPTER-TEL AVIV

The Tel Aviv (TA) Chapter has set lofty goals aimed at strengthening its image among dentists, and increasing its membership. Chapter activities included a number of professional lectures and those linking science and Judaism. The chapter arranged guided trips for recent graduates that took them to Jerusalem and the “Chain of Generations” museum, culmi-



Fraters Ash and Zohar with Israel AO Founder, Arie Samat

nating in a tour of the recently excavated tunnel leading from the Western Wall of the city of Kings David and Solomon.

Three study scholarships were given to TA student chapter members who were in desperate need of assistance. This tradition emphasizes the alumni chapter’s commitment to the students and young graduates of the Dental School founded by the Alpha Omega International Fraternity. We further encouraged and participated in the student community activities that included visits to Ichilov Hospital and the Department of Pediatric Oncology at the Dana Center.



Recent TAU grad, Yitzhak Sher with Palestinian Oncology patient at Dana Center

Working through the Social Service Department of the Tel Aviv Municipality, fraters of the alumni chapter continue to provide dental services to the needy. We were recognized by the City Fathers and presented with a special award.

In February of this year, a very important social project was inaugurated...dental care for Holocaust survivors, with treatment, under supervision, rendered by students. This project could not have been started without the support of the Southern California chapters of Alpha Omega. Special thanks for bringing this program to fruition must be made to fraters Ziv Simon (the program’s founder), Lionell Greenberg, and Max Cutler. We would be remiss not to recognize the love and support by Ziv Simon’s mother, Fanny, and her friend, Brenda Nathan. Final year students carry out treatment, supervised by faculty.

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This provides an invaluable service to this special population group, strengthens the scope of instruction at the Dental School, helps the school financially, and brings the good name of Alpha Omega to public recognition. We embrace the support of the International Fraternity Board, and the love and care from the Alpha Omega Foundation, US. To fraters Ralph, Ben, Sidney, Marc, and to all members of the Board, we say "Thank you!"

The chapter is investigating the possibilities for treating children in hospital oncology departments in conjunction with the pediatric department and post-graduate students at the Tel Aviv Dental School. All of our established activities will continue-hospital visits, treatment of needy patients, support of students and recent graduates...and, of course the treatment of Holocaust survivors. The ongoing problems at Tel Aviv University Dental School and its uncertain future, leave our chapter with special

responsibilities for the moral, academic, and financial well being of our students and of our chapter. We realize that it may



Grad students (now dentists) at the Dana Children's Center

become our task to provide and supplement functions that the University is unable to fill.

{In each Foundation Newsletter, an AO chapter will be featured, particularly for its recent growth in size and in activity and its approach to tzedakah. All chapters are encouraged to supply the Foundation with similar news of their chapter. Photos are most helpful. Please contact the Foundation office for details.}

THIRD WORLD SOCIETY: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

GUATEMALA, APRIL 2009

One of the Foundation's most satisfying outreach programs has been its involvement with the "Third World Society" project in Guatemala. Following is a letter received from Brad and Danni Krusky on behalf of the team, many of them Alpha Omega members from the U.S. and Canada. *It is what we are all about!* Editorial liberty has been taken in condensing the account in the interest of newsletter space.

"Six months ago I wondered what would be the content of this message. How would I be describing what ostensibly might be the most difficult 2 weeks of work in Comitancillo since the program was opened some 15 years ago? The 2009 goal was to treat 1000 patients...almost 20% higher than in any other year. Many questions were posed. How are the roads going into 'Comi'...like the rest of the country? What would the new working location be like? What of our plans for a permanent clinic? Would the town support the idea of our involvement, and would our partners in Comi (AMMID) help make it happen? Would we be able to form a long-term working relationship with the artisan community to provide means to

sell their crafts and help feed their families? The anticipation of what would be in store was overwhelming, especially for my wife, Danni, Shane (Fisher) and me. We were anxious heading into the hills...with fingers crossed, but with open minds!



Danni and Emily...again

Comitancillo warms your heart. People are gracious, friendly, appreciative, and hard-working. It is the most compelling reason that we return each and every year to Guatemala. It is likewise the favorite site for many of our volunteers, although a most difficult place in which to pursue our goals. Aside from a final-year dental student who works in the main town (over 60,000 people live in 23 communities), there are no professional dental services available and little if no dental education. After 15 years of treating dental problems, our organiza-

tion is taking steps toward prevention by building a permanent clinic in the town.

While in Comi, we work in two clinics per day...one in the main village, and one in a more remote area. Our portability allows us to set up in someone's home, a school room, or a community center. Last year, the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada funded the purchase of a gas-powered compressor which affords us much needed flexibility since most of the outlying communities have inadequate electrical power sources.

Our two weeks in Comi produced incredible results! During this time, we worked in Comi each day and in 8 small villages with the help of 24 different volunteers (7 dentists, 2 hygienists, 6 assistants, and 9 support workers). We treated 530 patients and completed 1291 procedures, in spite of the incredibly difficult working environment. It is an enormous achievement for our team, and a source of great pride. It is always difficult to say "good-bye" to our friends in Comitancillo.

There are many personal experiences involving dental care by

local dentists. It is often poorer than no care at all. They are too numerous to share them all, but none will be forgotten. On the final day at the clinic in Comi, two young girls showed up at the end of the day when we had just started to 'pack up'. Earlier in the week, both had several teeth extracted (on one side of the mouth) and had returned to have other needed extractions on the other side. It was heart wrenching to have to send them away, telling them that they will need to wait possibly an entire year for treat-



Typical Clinic in Guatemala

ment.

A tremendous amount of work has gone into our project thus far, but now the real work begins! We will be looking for volunteers and

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supporters to help make the dreams of so many happen.

Soon we will not be saying, “see you next year”...and leave so many behind in need of care. Our goal is to have the clinic open for at least one week each month and longer, when our volunteers can commit to longer trips. The town mayor asked if

we could help with scholarship aid to send one of the bright students in Comi to the University to become a dentist and work in the town where he grew up. The town has been as supportive as they can afford to be, and all are most appreciative of our commitment to helping. It is our hope that many in Comi will someday be able to take care of their own. The true goal of any societal organization is to



Team member Dr. Rich

help people help themselves; this town has the right goals in mind.

We thank everyone involved in this year’s program and in years past. We are appreciative of the aid we have received from the Alpha Omega Foundations of Canada and the United States, and from other organizations and individuals. Shane, Danni, and I send you our personal thanks as well.”

{editor’s note: For more information regarding this program, you may contact Brad and Danni Krusky,

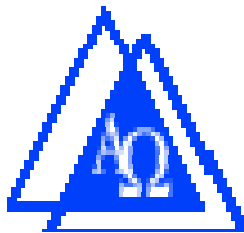
THINK AHEAD....WE’LL BE CRUISIN’ BEFORE YOU KNOW IT THE FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

This year’s ‘cruise convention’ is a new venture for Alpha Omega. Many changes will be made in the convention format to allow more time for ‘fun and sun’. Because of such time constraints, AND BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN THAT HAS AFFECTED ‘NOT-FOR-PROFIT’ FOUNDATIONS, THE FOUNDATION CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

Last year, under the direction of Andy Lasky, the Foundation Club registered more members than ever before! The prizes offered were more numerous than ever before! It is our fervent wish that all of you will become members, whether you are ‘sailing’ or not and that you will do *so before* the ship leaves port. Our next edition of the Newsletter will picture some of the many prizes...art, crafts, services, etc. that could be yours. Very shortly, you will receive a formal invitation to join along with a return envelope in which you can include your \$150.00 membership fee.



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