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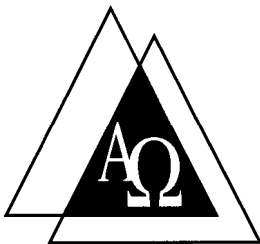
December 2009



ALPHA OMEGA

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FOUNDATION PREPARES TO SAIL

Bon Voyage Party, Shipboard Auction Featured

On Saturday evening, December 26th, the Alpha Omega Foundation US will host a **Bon Voyage Party**. This affair will be particularly convenient for those ready to embark the following day. It will also benefit the Foundation. Most of all, it will be a fun filled evening with plenty of food, drinks, music and dance. One can learn the island dances, and practice them before heading to the Caribbean. There will be a few places

reserved for latecomers. It is not too late to “book passage” by calling the Foundation office: 1-877-368-6326.

Once again, the Foundation will host its annual live auction. It will be held on **Tuesday, December 29th, 6:30-7:30pm in the Eagle room**. Auctioneer deluxe, Sidney Tourial (and helper, Steve Kahan) will conduct what will be a shorter-than-usual affair, not to

keep anyone from other shipboard activities.

Therefore the auction items this year will be selective and greater in value. {see page 2 to view some of the great items for auction}



FOUNDATION CLUB, CHAI CLUB PROMISE RECORD NUMBERS Drawing for “Super” Prizes aboard Ship on January 2nd

Once again, Foundation Board member, Andy Lasky has worked his magic. As of December 1, payments to the Foundation and Chai Clubs are within 90% of last year’s record totals. There are only three chapters that have joined (as a chapter), and thanks to the contribution of the **Boca Chapter of Southern California (\$3000.00)**, the chapter membership is at a record high.

There is still time to join the club, join the fun, and be eligible for the “finest array of prizes ever”. The drawing for the prizes will take place on **Saturday, January 2nd, 7:30pm during the President’s reception (Eagle Room)** the day before docking. Any prizes that might present a “carry-home” problem will be shipped to the lucky person. Be sure to stop by the Foundation registration desk on December 27th...the day of embark-

ing...and sign up.. **{view some of the prizes on page 2}**.

Listed here are the names of the current Foundation and 125 Chai Club members as of December 1. **Is Your name there?**

Boca Chapter, New York Chapter, Brooklyn Chapter, Washington, DC Chapter; *Sam Blum; Al Citron; *Bruce Braverman; Hessa Border; *Charles Cooper; Bob Crandus; Jeff *Cross; *Max Cutler; Harold Einhorn; *Ed Epstein; Adam Frieder; Steve Friedman; *Mike Goldstein; Ron Goldstein; *Nelson Goodman; *Laurie Gordon-Shaw; *Lionell Greenberg; *Gary Greenbaum; *Steve Guttenberg; John Hasenberg; Alan Heller; Ellie Kahan; *Steve Kahan; *Bill Kampel; *Lorna Katz; *Steve Kaufman; *Stacia Krantz; *Andy Lasky; Wendi Levine; Richard Levy; Rustin Levy; *Mark Luria; Gene

Manusov; *Fred Margolis; *Steve Marsh; Richard Meltzer; Glen Meyer; Alan Moltz; *Jay Paulen; Sharon Brown; *Mike Pollowitz; *Howard Pranikoff; Charles Price; *Albert Rabin; *Steve Ratner; *Eli Raviv; *Paul Richman; Susan Rifkin; *Bernie Rothman; Bette Rothstein; *Bud Rothstein; *Ralph Rothstein; *Milt Salzer; Jay Samuels; *David Schlectus; David Schneider; Jerry Schonfeld; *Gail Schupak; *Andrew Schwartz; Marcy Schwartzman; *Richard Shapiro; Alan Sherman; *David Shipper; *Bob Simon; Amy Smith; *Wendy Spettor; *Roger Spott; Lillian Starr; Neil Starr; *Ronnie Starr; Chet Stein; Joan Stern; *Michael Stern; *Mike Szikman; *Sidney Tourial; *Philip Trask; *Dan Uditsky; *Sam Unger; *David Weiss; *Ben Williamowsky; Minna Williamowsky; Dennis Winson; *John Wolffe. **{Chai Club Members are Starred *}**.



HAPPY CHANUKAH

HAG SAMEACH

MAY YOUR DAYS BE AS BRIGHT AS YOUR CHANUKAH CANDLES



AHOY SHIPMATES!

ADD THESE EXCITING FEATURES TO YOUR CONVENTION CRUISE SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 6:30-7:30PM
EAGLE ROOM

FANTASTIC LIVE AUCTION FOR
ALPHA OMEGA FOUNDATION

PRE-DINNER DRINKS AND HOR D'OURVES
EVERYONE WELCOME

SOME OF THE AUCTION ITEMS:

- HOUSE (SLEEPS 8) IN COSTA RICA...ONE WEEK
- APARTMENT IN PARIS...ONE WEEK
- CONDO IN BANFF WITH CALGARY HOCKEY TICKETS
- WEEK-END IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO: HOTEL, DINNER, PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENT OF CHOICE
- HOCKEY TICKETS, MONTREAL
- TWO PASSES TO MASTERS GOLF PRACTICE ROUND
- SIGNED ALEX OVETCHKIN (2-TIME MVP) JERSEY
- SIGNED BASEBALLS: BOB FELLER, PETE ROSE, WHITEY FORD, ROD CAREW AND MORE.
- HEROUS VENUS PACKAGE w/ 12 CE CREDIT IPOD, DIAMOND STARTER AND POLISHING KIT (\$2000. VALUE)
- WEEKEND IN NEW YORK: APARTMENT, NYC BALLET TICKETS, THEATHER TICKETS, PASSES TO MOMA & JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 7:30PM
PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION
EAGLES ROOM

ANNUAL DRAWING FOR FOUNDATION CLUB AND CHAI CLUB PRIZES:

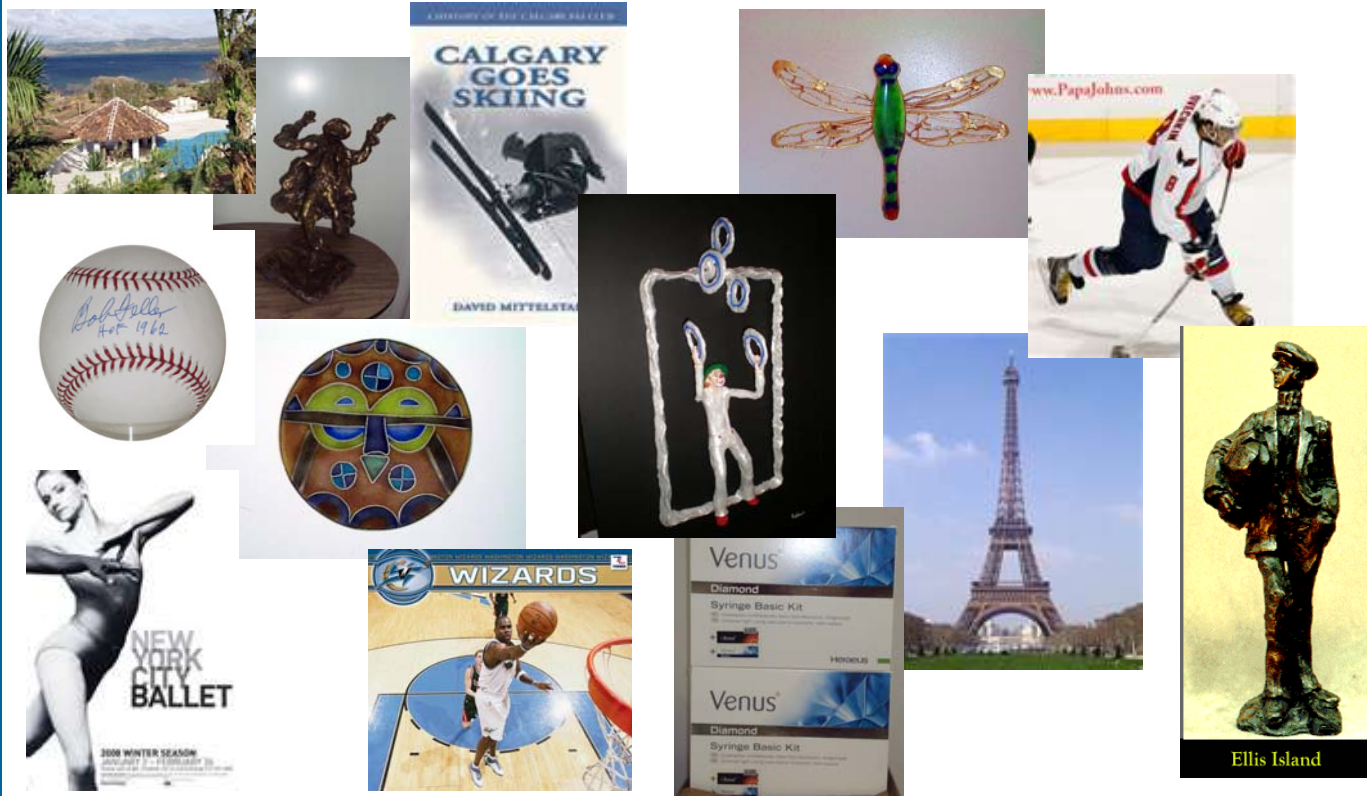
SOME OF THE GREAT ITEMS:

- SCULPTURES BY ARNIE FELDMAN & BEN WILLIAMOWSKY (BY COMMISSION)
- SCULPTURE BY RENOWNED ARTIST, PHILIP RATNER
- MENORAH BY JUDAICA ARTIST, GARY ROSENTHAL
- SCULPTED MEZUZAH BY RON STARR
- JEWELRY BY ELLEN RATNER, RON STARR & OTHERS
- BEAUTIFUL NEEDLE-WORK ART BY MARGE SHAPIRO
- SPORTS MEMORABILIA

AND MORE...

PRIZES WILL BE SHIPPED TO WINNERS IF SO DESIRED

JOIN THE FUN AND JOIN THE FOUNDATION AND CHAI CLUBS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRIZES. AUCTION AND "CLUB" EVENINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL.



GREETINGS FROM FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN SINDEY TOURIAL

Another year has come to an end, and we can look back to 2009 as a very productive year for the Foundations of Alpha Omega. It is time for our International Convention, and together we will be “*Makin Waves*” aboard the Carnival Valor.

As we get to convention each year, everyone sees more of us and the great things we do throughout the year. The beneficial effects of our Foundation have been felt everywhere around the world through dental research projects, through our grants to dental schools, and our care for the aged and indigent.

We are very proud of our part in building and developing our two dental schools in Israel. Each year the Foundations of Alpha Omega raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to help dental education all over the world, and we always start with our schools in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

This year we combined efforts with the Foundations and Charitable Trusts in Canada, France, Israel, and London to begin our project to improve and to update our facilities at the Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine in Tel Aviv. This project will continue through 2010.

We will hold our Foundation Night as a pre-cruise “*Caribbean Bash*” on Saturday night, December 26th at the Miami Marriott. We encourage all Fraters to become members of our Foundation Club and our student Chai Club, and we will also be selling Tribute Cards throughout the cruise.

On Tuesday evening, December 29th at 6:30 PM, we will have our auction and cocktail reception. We hope that all of you will join us for this party before dinner. This is always fun, and this year will be no exception.



On behalf of all of the Foundations of Alpha Omega, I would like to thank all of you who have made this year so special. I would like to give special thanks to Ben Williamowsky and Ralph Rothstein. I wish all of you a good meeting and a fun cruise.

REPORTS OF US FOUNDATION COMMITTEES 2009

Budget and Finance

Ralph Rothstein

This past year has not been a kind one for the US Foundation. Although we suffered from the economy like most major institutions, we have recuperated almost 2/3 of our short term losses and are optimistic that the trend will continue.

The level of donations from our own members has been disappointing, and may reflect the “signs of the times”. The Future is Now campaign has begun and we are fortunate to have received support from friends of Alpha Omega. Unfortunately, some pledges have not been paid in timely fashion. We hope for better performance.

The Foundation has honored all of its grant awards for 2009 of over \$100,000 total. Some were paid in installments allowing the Foundation to deal with the volatility of the ‘market’.

The Charitable Gift Annuity program continues to thrive. Fraters who have been receiving annuity payments, in spite of the economic downturn, are pleased with returns. Payments can never be reduced and

are guaranteed. Investment in a CGA is still a most attractive program.

Costs of maintaining the Foundation office have remained stable. The Foundation Board will consider future considerations as concerns this office.

Constitution and By-Laws

Bill Kampel

As Nov. 1, 09, no proposed amendments or by-laws have been proposed.

Convention Registration

Sam Blum

The Foundation(s) will have a desk provided on the ship at the very beginning of boarding on Dec. 27. It will be manned for a limited time.

Foundation Club

Andrew Lasky

Since it will be difficult to “sign up” Foundation Club members aboard ship (except at the short time period during ‘registration), all chapters and members have been solicited to join before the cruise. As of Nov. 1, 09, membership is listed at 110. The goal is

to exceed last year’s total of 180. A number of prizes...arts and crafts work, memorabilia, and dental supplies have been received for the drawing that will take place during the cruise. Exact time and place will be posted.

Special Foundation Event

Steve Kahan

As there will be no especially reserved time during the cruise for a separate function to benefit the Foundation, a pre-cruise *Bon Voyage* party has been scheduled Saturday evening, Dec. 26 at the J.W. Marriott in Miami, where many convention registrants will be staying. Children have been invited as well. Fliers and sign-up information have been mailed. Costs for attendance have been kept to a minimum.

Grants

Marc Rothman

The Grant committee is wrestling with the task of dealing with the present economic downturn that has impeded the growth of the Foundation Corpus. Grant requests have been received; they will be compiled and sent to

committee members for recommendations to the Foundation Board that will meet on Dec. 26. It appears that Grant awards this year will total approximately \$100,000. The recipients will receive their awards over a protracted period of time during the year, depending on the economic climate in 2010. All awards for 2009 have been satisfied.

Nominating

Lionell Greenberg

At the mid-year board meeting in Chicago, recommendations were made for the following offices: Chairman: Sam Blum; Immediate Past Chairman: Sidney Tourial; Vice-Chairman: Marc Rothman; Treasurer: Steve Kahan; Secretary: Allen Ressler; Fraternity Liaison: Dan Uditsky; Student Foundation Representative: (To be presented by the student board in December); Members-at-Large: Terms have been completed by Andrew Lasky and Michael Goldstein. Suggested names (official nominations will come from the Fraternity at the convention): Andrew Lasky and Shane Fisher.

REPORTS OF US FOUNDATION COMMITTEES 2009 — continued

Convention Fund-raising

Laurie Gordon-Shaw

There will be a live auction aboard ship. The time (to be announced) will be limited and many items will be presented through photographs and descriptions. An impressive collection of items...vacation and holiday packages, sculptures, advanced dental products, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc. have been donated. Participation in the limited time is essential to the success of this prime fund-raising function. Pre-cruise publicity is also of great importance.

Foundation Liaison Outside North America

Emil Landes & Gail Schupak

This committee continues to collect information from chapters, mainly from Europe. It is a difficult chore. Responses are sparse. Andre Amiach continues to be the main source of information. Phillipe Levy of Strasbourg has also sent information of activities within his region; this information has been reported in the Foundation Edition of *AO Now*, along with a complete report from Andre Amiach.

Tribute Fund

Michael Goldstein

The Tribute Fund success mirrors that of past years. It appears that the amount of proceeds

from this fund will approach \$15,000, with the bulk of that amount coming from the programs of the So. California and Washington, DC chapters. Those programs are directed by Nannette Cutler, and Phyllis Blum. An attempt will be made in 2010 to institute a Fraternity-wide Tribute Card campaign patterned after the successful California and Washington programs.

The Future is Now Campaign

Ben Williamowsky

The campaign on behalf of the School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University has gotten off to less-than-aggressive start, as the Foundation and Fraternity awaited news from the School and the University regarding plans for refurbishing the physical plant and looking ahead to improvements in the research and post graduate facilities. As we await the results of the blue-ribbon commission appointed by the government to study the overall future program at the school, we have concentrated in collecting donations to replace aging units in the teaching clinics and to purchase new units in the Niznick Clinic. There have been commitments as well for endowing separate rooms for specialty treatment in the Niznick Clinic. As of Nov. 1, over \$200,000 has been pledged

paid toward the campaign. The response from the Fraternity members and chapters has been disappointing, with the majority of pledged and collected funds coming from "outside" sources. It is expected that 2010 will herald a more aggressive turn toward our goals. A more complete report will be published in the Foundation Newsletter that will be mailed before December 20.

Task Force on GOHI

Marc Rothman

A report on the Global Oral Health Initiative was given at the Fraternity/Foundation mid-year meeting in Chicago. A report regarding the Foundation's involvement is deferred to the publication of the December Foundation newsletter. That issue will feature a most complete and comprehensive report of this important initiative undertaken by Alpha Omega. GOHI will likewise be an important agenda item during the Foundation meeting on Dec. 26th.

Fraternity Representative to Foundation

Cliff Litvak

In an effort to further strengthen the relations between the Fraternity and Foundation Boards, the mid-year meeting (Chicago) once again included some joint sessions. It is further suggested that

this policy be continued. The date for the 2010 meeting(s) was announced. It will be held in June in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Foundation Student Representative

Whitney Mostafiz

The student foundation fundraiser for the Chai Club is in full speed! Custom designed and printed Tee-shirts were produced and are being sold to support this year's chosen charity...Alpha Omega's Oral Global Health Initiative (GOHI). The shirts are being purchased by chapters, individual members, alumni, and friends. The shirts illustrate the GOHI, aspiring to bring dental care to world wide areas in need. Plans are being discussed to organize a service trip to such a needy area in the coming year. The shirts were first distributed at the leadership conference in Cleveland in October. The sales will be promoted prior to the convention, and if possible, during the cruise. They are "timeless" in design and sales will continue as long as the attractive shirts are in demand. The shirts sell at \$18.00 each, and can be purchased through the US Foundation office, with payment by check or credit card.

GRANTS COMMITTEE ISSUES STATUS REPORT FOR 2009

Optimism Prevails for 2010

The Grants Committee of the Alpha Omega Foundation, US has evaluated the grant request application and issued its evaluation to be acted on by the Foundation Board at its year-end

meeting in December. For the second consecutive year, the Foundation's ability to fund grant awards has been deeply impacted by the status of the global economy. This year's

awards will amount to \$100,000. Thankfully, there has been a fair amount of support by chapters and individuals for many of the projects, programs, and installations that the Foundation seeks

to help. Additionally, the London Trust, the Canadian Foundation, and European chapters have maintained a typically generous level of support through their giving programs.



AO LONDON CHARITABLE TRUST 2008-2009

I am pleased to report yet another extremely active year and the Trustees have met regularly.

Previous Trust reports have advised that letters in support of the Tel Aviv Dental School were sent to the Deans of the Medical and Dental Schools as well as the President and Governors of Tel Aviv University and the Council for Higher Education. Following earlier confirmation of the positive future of the Dental School at Tel Aviv University, the Trust was keen to show immediate support. In this regard, and following discussions with Professor Haim Tal, the Trust agreed to donate \$75,000, payable over three years, toward a computer-library students' room, two intra-oral cameras for graduate use and a contribution toward essential renovations of clinical areas. As we approach the final year of

this commitment, the Trustees are looking at opportunities to support the "Future is Now" campaign.

Following meetings with Professor Adam Stabholz of the Hadassah Dental School, the Trustees continue to support the development of a Seminar Room for Graduate Students for the sum of \$75,000, also payable over three years. This sum will also reflect our contribution to The Alpha Omega Conference Room being endowed by all Alpha Omega Chapters worldwide. Also at Hadassah, the Ino Sciaky Prize for Oral Medicine was awarded to Dr Naama Keshet together with a \$500 bursary.

On a visit to Israel last year and after discussions with our Trustees, a grant of \$10,000 has been promised to Hazon Yeshaya toward the purchase of two dental chairs for a new clinic in Ashkelon. These funds are yet to be distributed and the Trustees hope to have the opportunity to consider additional sup-

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

Aleh Negev Dental Clinic	"Snoezelen" support room for special care patients	\$17,000
Beit Issie Shapiro	Defibrillator and endodontic equipment	\$5,000
Luba Slome	Toothbrushes and toothpastes only	\$5,500
Jaffa Dental Institute	Apex locator, fibre optic handpiece, turbine, slow handpiece	\$2,000
Trudi Berger DVI Clinic	Compressor	\$6,450
World Jewish Relief	Toothbrushes (approx 30,000)	\$4,000

port for their expanding dental care programme.

Closer to home, we are saddened that Norwood (formerly Ravenswood) have stopped their onsite provision of dental hygiene services for the residents of their Berkshire village. We have, however, been in ongoing communication with Norwood in this regard. Two undergraduate student elective travelling scholarships have been awarded this year, each of \$400, to Clare Simon and Rachel Gocman. 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 \$400 to each Institute to benefit a post-graduate 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

Submitted by Andrew Eder, London Trust President



AO FOUNDATION of CANADA Annual Report 2009

The annual meeting of the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada was held on 8 November 2009 in Toronto. At that time, the Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending 31 July 2009 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 2009 annual meeting there were representatives from Montreal, Calgary and Toronto. The Foundation's accountant was also in attendance.

The Foundation received reports from the Canadian chapters as follows:

Calgary: The chapter has 36 members. They are currently recruiting 4 new members. The chapter ran 3 events this year. A dinner and lecture on Emergencies was combined, a lecture

on Employment law, and a dinner and tour of Stars Air Ambulance. They were well attended. Several members have volunteered in Guatemala and Nicaragua for Dentistry for All. The chapter sponsors the Student chapter at the University of Saskatchewan and has sent a student to convention and to Guatemala.

Montreal: The chapter has 266 active members. The total membership is 307, including life members. The chapter continues to treat as many as 18 patients per night at the JIAS clinic, and members do pro bono work on JIAS clients at the dental clinic in the Jewish Gen-

eral Hospital. Some members have 'adopted' JIAS families and treat them in their own offices. 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. This money is growing for the establishment of a Scholarship Fund. There was a student fundraising project through the entertainment books. The student chapter sells Entertainment books and supports a mobile dental clinic called Dans la Rue, for teens and homeless people on the street.

Toronto: The Toronto Alumni Chapter has 650 dues paying members. The chapter raises money

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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 and Charitable Draw tickets. Through these, the chapter supports the DVI Clinic in Jerusalem, the Chapter's commitment to the new floor at Hebrew University dental school, Lifeline for the Old (Yad Lakashish) in Jerusalem, Mount Sinai Hospital's dental clinic and local dental services, such as the Loving Rose Mission and the Shout Clinic for street youth in Toronto. They also supported the clinic being built by Dentistry for All in Guatemala. Almost \$22,000 was donated. The chapter is also actively involved in canvassing for UJA. Over fifty fraters participated this year. About one hundred dentists participate in the JF and CS dental volunteer program.

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. Eight worthy projects were awarded:

Dr. Guy Aboodi, University of Toronto: *Oral neutophilgingival delivery kinetics and activity during different stages of periodontal disease.*

Dr. Valerie Tom-Kun, University of Toronto: *Blockade of toll-like receptor-2 to inhibit the lipopolysaccharide suppression of genes involved in mineralized matrix formation in human dental pulp stem cells.*

Dr. Karina Roth, University of Toronto: *Development of a model for analysis of bacterial challenges of the sealer-root dentin interface.*

Dr. Babak Nurbakhsh, University of Toronto: *Post-treatment resolution of maxillary sinus mucositis associated with apical periodontitis of maxillary teeth: a cone-beam CT investigation.*

Dr. Nghe Luu, University of Alberta: *Study model analysis using Cone-Beam computed tomography-generated digital models.*

Dr. Ashraf Abd-Elmeguid, University of Alberta: *Roles of Dentin matrix protein 1, substance P and calcitonin gene related peptide in dental pulp calcification: Implications for prevention of calcific metamorphosis after tooth re-plantation.*

Dr. Katia Muller, McGill University: *Natural history of oral and oro-pharyngeal cancer precursors.*

Dr. Violet D'Souza, McGill University: *Anxiety in head and*

neck cancer patients: a clinical trial examining the effectiveness of the Multimode Comprehensive Tailored Information Package (MCTIP).

This year's Sherman Prizes for Student Scholarship and Leadership were awarded to the following students:

Debbie Levin	U of T
Tracy Hendler	U of T
Ryan Schure	U of T
Hayley Naiberg	UWO
David Walt	UWO
Amanda Huminicki	Uof Manitoba

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, 2009 our contribution is \$6000.00 per school. The Foundation received many applications for support this year, but due to investment and market implications, funds available were reduced. The Foundation has decided to commit funds to research, and continue its commitment to the Dental Volunteers for Israel.

Dental Volunteers for Israel
\$1500

The Members and Board of Directors of the Foundation

wish to advise that all amounts in this report are in Canadian Dollars.

Following the granting of student prizes, the Board discussed a new initiatives program to bring in new young members, to encourage old members to rejoin, and to bring in new funds. The future of the Fraternity seems to be focused on GOHI, and the Fraternity's association with it shows its relevance and good works. International has a new program in association with Hebrew U and Al Quds dental schools called the Tree of Peace, with sculptures and logos available to schools to use to show this new relationship. The Board discussed a new website for the Foundation. The website will help with donations and Tribute Cards across Canada, and promotion of our accomplishments. The Board discussed how this will ensure continuity within the Foundation, helping to fulfil its mandate. The Board will also promote our works through various dental and local media outlets.

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

*Submitted by Miriam Rosenberg,
Secretary-Treasurer*



Andre Amiach reports on the activities of the Rhone-Alpes chapter. The scientific program offered seven programs...5 scien-

REPORT FROM FRANCE – 2009 DONATIONS

tific and 2 lectures concerning management. The outstanding lecturers included Georges Khoury, JL Tremblay, Dr. Christian Nolle, Drs. Faouzia Boussetta and Eric Bonnet, Dr. Thierry Degorce, Dr. Edmond Binhas, and Dr. Bernard Touati
Philanthropic activities were

once again outstanding. The following contributions were made: 1) Colis du Coeur (Association for the handicapped)...3000EU; 2) Tel Aviv University School of Dental Medicine...5000EU; 3) Jaffa Institute (for Children with dental deformities) 3000EU; 4)

UEJF (Jewish Federation) 1000EU.

[Ed. Note: Once again the Lyon chapter activities and philanthropies under the direction of Andre Amiach are outstanding. Other chapters are encouraged to follow suit and to report them for others to follow]

TAUSDM: FUTURE IS NOW CAMPAIGN UPDATED Tel Aviv University Elects New President



Alpha Omega's campaign to refurbish the School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University has been slowed somewhat by decisions that the faculty has yet to make. The School is still awaiting a report of the blue-ribbon commission to study its future, before definitively identifying the School's

needs. To date we are certain of the following: 1) Students will be accepted for the next year's class, and those presently enrolled will continue until graduation. 2) The Niznick Clinic is in operation and awaiting the purchase of new units by the University and through individual endowments. 3) Specialty rooms have been opened and have received grateful support from generous donors. 4) The campaign will

focus on commitments from Alpha Omega Chapters and individuals to replace aging units in the teaching clinics. Solicitations from other needs will begin once the aforementioned blue ribbon commission issues its report.

The University administration has announced the election of Professor Joseph Klafter to succeed former University Presi-

dent, Professor Zvi Galil. Several members of the TAU Board of Governors (also members of the Dental Advisory Board) have written introductory letters to Professor Klafter, detailing the urgent need for the Administration to address the future advancements at the dental School. He has been informed that he has the support of our Fraternity and its Founda-

CAMPAIGN SEEKS COMMITMENT FROM ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTERS

The success of the FUTURE IS NOW campaign depends very much on the support of the Fraternity chapters. Chapters are being asked to purchase at least ONE dental unit (\$12,500.00USD) for the newly opened Niznick Clinic and for the student teaching clinics. To date chapters that have responded are: BOSTON, LYON & WASHINGTON DC.

Following are the donors to the campaign to date. Non-Alpha Omega contributors are double starred (**).

ABBA WORLD WIDE MINISTRIES**; AMITY CLUB, WASHINGTON, DC**;
DAVID ASH; HASKELL ASKIN;
JANET BALDINGER **; MIKE

BARLOUS**; CHARLENE BERKMAN; SAM BLUM;
ANN BORD ESTATE**; GERALD BRIN**; DAVID BROWN**;
D. WALTER COHEN; ZIVAN COHEN**;
MORRIS COHEN; PAUL COHEN; ROBERT CRANDUS**;
MAX CUTLER; VIC DIAMOND;
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KNAUER; ANDY LASKY;
GUY LEVY; NORMAN MANN**;
FRED MARGOLIS; MURRAY MILLER; NORMAN MOHL;
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DAN SCHREIBSTEIN**;
ROBERT SCHWARTZBART**;
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MICHAEL STERN;
MARVIN SYMKO-

WICZ**;
SAM TALLER**;
MEL TAUB**;
MICHAEL TENENBAUM;
ROBERT TOPCHIK**;
SAMI TOTAH**
SIDNEY TOURIAL;
BURTON TUCKER**;
DAN UDITSKY;
WILLIAM WALLERT;
JAMES WILEN**;
BEN WILLIAMOWSKY;
ALLEN WOLPE**;
LAWRENCE ZABNER

This beautiful medallion will be distributed to all donors who are present at this year's convention. Others will be mailed.



Tel Aviv University School of Dental Medicine Honors Gideon Sa'ar

In a Gala dinner, which took place during the annual Scientific congress, the Israel Dental Association (IDA) honored the Minister of Education Mr. Gideon Saar, in view of his efforts to reopen the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine, Founded by Alpha Omega at Tel Aviv University. As many know Mr.

Gideon Sa'ar was very instrumental in appointing a national committee aimed to draw the future structure, size and budget of the School. The committee promised to finalize its conclusions by the end of February 2010. In his speech, Mr. Sa'ar described the importance of dental health and dental education to the general health of the public, and empha-

sized the significance of TAUSDM in educating the future generations of dental manpower in Israel. Prof Haim Tal, Head of the school presented to Mr. Sa'ar a certificate of honor from the TAU, and blessed being a leader in education in general, and in dentistry in particular. The event took place at a Honors night Gala Dinner of the Israel Dental Asso-

ciation at which Prof. Haim Sarnat, former Head of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry received the IDA 2009 achievement award. Prof. Marc Littner, head of the honors committee described Prof. Sarnat's academic and clinical achievements and his pioneering activities in the field of pediatric dentistry at a national level.

Hebrew University – Hadassah School of Dental Medicine Promotes Dental Volunteerism

We at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine recently organized a unique study day devoted to "Dental Volunteerism."

This study day attended by over 200 people, took place on September 15, 2009 at the dental school in our Legacy Heritage Fund Auditorium, which was inaugurated during the Alpha Omega Centennial Convention two years ago.

The aim of this day was to present existing philanthropic projects related to dentistry in Israel and to suggest ways for various volunteer bodies to cooperate, increase the number of volunteers by improving service and funding and to establish a joint committee to coordinate between the various systems. The President of Israel, Mr. Shimon Peres, agreed to lend his approval and promised to support this entire project.

The organization committee included Prof. Jonathan Mann, Prof. Joseph Shapira, Rami Barnett, Abraham Rapaport and Kobi Wiesel. Representatives of all the philanthropic organizations related to dental medicine presented their projects.

Among the dignitaries that attended the conference were: Isaac Herzog, Minister of Welfare and Social Services, Rabbi Yakov Litzman, Deputy Minister of Health, Mr. Amram Mitzna, Head of Yeruham Municipality, Mr. Ilan Ben Dov, Lotus Founder, Dr. Yair Birnbaum, Associate Director-General, Hadassah

Dean Adam Stabholz addressed the audience and said that we should remember that Alpha Omega, one of the dental school's founders, is a voluntary organization whose activities and contributions have always supported dentistry in Israel and worldwide.



The Presidium at the Volunteerism Convention

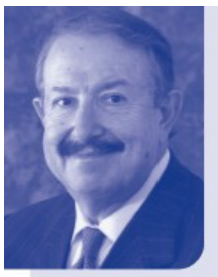
Mr. Ilan Ben Dov, Lotus Founder, Rabbi Yakov Litzman, Deputy Minister of Health, Mr. Isaac Herzog, Minister of Welfare and Social Services, Mr. Amram Mitzna, Head of Yeruham Municipality, Dr. Yair Birnbaum, Associate Director General, Hadassah Prof. Adam Stabholz, Dean

Our dental school is proud to cooperate with the voluntary organizations that exist in Israel and commends them on their work. Our volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

Dean Stabholz's report is a prime example of "Tzedakah" that extends beyond one's normal agenda. Other schools, chapters and individuals are encouraged to likewise contribute.

LEONARD ABRAMS MEMORIAL REVISITED

In 2005, the Alpha Omega Leonard Abrams Memorial Conference inaugurated its first func-



tion to honor one of Dentistry's most beloved icons, Leonard Abrams. Through the efforts of the Alpha Omega Foundation and the Conference Planning committee headed by Marc Rothman and Joseph Green-

berg, the fund established to honor Leonard's ideals on behalf of his profession has grown in size and prestige.

The Foundation, in conjunction with the Leonard Abrams Memorial Scholarship Fund, has established a training fellowship in the Leadership Institute of the ADEA. This prestigious organization held its annual meeting in Phoenix. Alpha Omega was graciously represented by Frater Sy Evans. Sy reported that although several dental school academicians received fellowships, special emphasis was placed on the presence of the Alpha Omegan – Leonard Abrams Scholar, Dr.

Roy Hoxea. Dr. Hoxea praised the contributions of Leonard Abrams to dental education and scholarship, best remembered for his compassion, ethical, and moral behavior during his lifetime devoted to his profession. Sy reports that the name of Alpha Omega was mentioned numerous times during the ceremonies; several of the 36 deans in attendance approached Sy to congratulate Alpha Omega for its generosity, and to comment on the excellence of the Fraternity students.

Marc Rothman writes, "I believe the scholarship event is extremely beneficial to the reputation of Alpha Omega and a lasting tribute to one of our most revered

fraters, Leonard Abrams. Thanks to all members of the Alpha Omega Foundation who supported this idea. We should be proud!"



Dean Stabholz honors the Abrams Family

DVI WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

DVI board and staff welcome our new General Director, Dr. Roy Petel, replacing Dr. Moti Moskovitz after 13 years of dedicated service. Moti is leaving DVI to increase his tenure at the Hadassah Dental School. Over the last 13 years, Dr. Moti brought the clinic to the high standard for which it is now renowned, with its unique emphasis on prevention and oral hygiene. Dr. Petel is also a pediatric specialist, who as Moti, believes in the vision of DVI.

Dr. Petel holds a B.Med.Sc. in Medical Science and a D.M.D in Dental Medicine from Tel Aviv University with specialization in Pediatric Dentistry from the Hebrew University and Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem. He is a clinical instructor



Dr. Petel with DVI volunteer

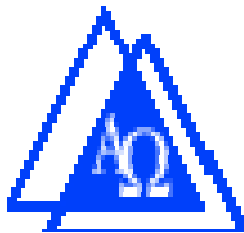
at the Department of Pediatric Dentistry of the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and formerly a lecturer at the School of Education in Tel Aviv University. Dr. Petel has many years of experience in private practice and also holds a license in Clinical Hypnosis. He is involved in dental research and has presented at international conferences. Dr. Petel is a member of the Israeli Society of Pediatric Dentistry, The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, The International Association of Pediatric Dentistry and the Israeli Society of Clinical Hypnosis.

We wish both Moti and Roy all the very best in their new ventures and look forward to the next 13 years of DVI being as successful as the last.



Here's to a wonderful 2010

L'chaim!



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