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Thomas F. Wuesthoff, DDS, MAGD

presents

"CBCT and CAD/CAM Integration for Dental Practice Growth"

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

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Dr. Wuesthoff has been involved in dentistry since earning his DDS from the University of California, San Francisco in 1989. He completed postgraduate work in UCLA's Comprehensive Aesthetic Dentistry Continuum and Practical Occlusion Program. He also has a Mastership from the Academy of General Dentistry Conferred in 2006. He maintains a private practice in Westlake Village, CA where he enjoys the use of his state-of-the-art Digital Imaging, 3D CBCT Imaging, and Cerec Technologies.

DATE:
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

LOCATION:
Sinai Temple
10400 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024
SW corner of Wilshire Blvd. and Beverly Glen

TIME:
Cocktails 6:15 p.m.
Dinner 7:15 p.m.
Speaker 7:30 p.m.

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To qualify for the \$80 rate you must pre-register and pre-pay **by Sunday, April 14, 2019.**

Member pre-register	\$80.00
Member's Guest (non-dentist)	\$80.00
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<i>(up to 5 yrs. after graduation)</i>	\$60.00
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Member at the door	\$95.00
Non-Member dentist	\$95.00
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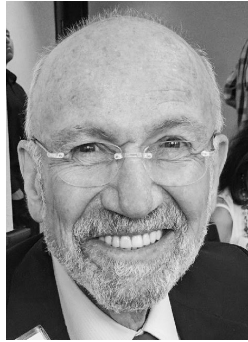
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We must continually face and negotiate change, for that is the way of life. “CHANGE” is the only thing that stays the “SAME”, the only thing we can count on. This coupled with the Talmudic saying “Reality is an opportunity before it is a hindrance” gives us the ability to anticipate, view, and react to change in a positive way. So it is with Alpha Omega.

At the heart of this change are the “newcomers”, the students who are key to our survival. This year we will be welcoming them as never before. Here are some of the highlights of welcoming our students:

1. “SPONSOR A STUDENT” tzadakah opportunity. When responding for attendance at our speaker/dinner meetings members will be able to sponsor a student’s attendance by paying for their meal at the basic food cost, which is below the usual entrance fee. These costs limit the number of students AO has the ability to invite. Please help out by being a sponsor. On the response envelope will be a space for you to indicate your sponsorship along with your RSVP.
2. Students will be asked to sit with members, not sequester themselves at one or two tables as has been the case in the past. This will give the students the opportunity to relate to practicing dentists and visa versa. Most students have no idea what it is like once they graduate. This will also give us the opportunity to make the students feel welcome and part of Alpha Omega, enhancing the probability of their continued involvement in Alpha Omega once they graduate.

By changing we keep up with life. In giving we receive. That’s tzadakah!
Please join with your colleagues in this opportunity to enhance the lives of our Alpha Omega student members at USC and UCLA, and the opportunity to enhance the goals of Alpha Omega by sponsoring a student’s attendance at our speaker/dinner meetings. Alpha Omega continues to provide professional education, fraternalism (community), and adhere to Jewish values, the three pillars on which Alpha Omega was founded.

And WELCOME to our members and students. Your support is vital. So are the volunteer efforts of our board and members who help with the tasks of running AO and at the meetings.

Thank you to all.
Fraternally,
Phil Trask

AO & Anti-Semitism

by Phil Trask

I was denied admission to USC Dental School; being told by the Dean of Admissions they had already reached their “quota for Jews”. I also know of other local dental colleagues who were discriminated against because they were Jewish. We are grey now, although still vividly remember our experiences with Anti-Semitism.

Today’s American Jews are mostly numb to the lessons of history. What can explain a Jewish dental student or dentist not joining Alpha Omega?

Alpha Omega was started because of Anti-Semitism. At the time all other dental fraternities refused to allow Jews. Judaism is one of the three pillars on which AO was formed, and to fight against Anti-Semitism within dentistry and community. Over the years AO has been successful eliminating Anti-Semitism from American Dental Schools. There are many other sad stories of how American dental schools have negatively impacted Jewish dental students. Luckily this is no longer the case, in large part because of Alpha Omega.

ALARMING RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

The news has been full of the rise of anti-Semitism around the globe. Jews are leaving many European countries because of it. European leaders have been called out for their public anti-Semitic statements and policies. Jewish cemeteries are once again being vandalized with Nazi Swastikas. Here in America there has been a dramatic rise in Anti-Semitism. It really hit home when my local shul was desecrated with Nazi Swastikas and threats. No other religious institutions have been forced to spend such vast sums for armed protection at their entrances, including armed guards, fences and cameras. Our synagogues

are taking funds from education, religious, family and children’s activities to secure their congregants and their facilities.

Let us not forget the role Alpha Omega played in our dental education and our ability to practice dentistry. As Alpha Omegans we must support efforts to combat Anti-Semitism here in America, globally, and continue to support Alpha Omega.

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Teeth Can Identify Sex

Teeth preserve well and have long played a role in helping archeologists research and understand ancient societies and people. Wear patterns can tell about diet, plaque can tell about bacteria in the mouth including pathogenic bacteria. The shape of the teeth can tell about ancestry due to slight variations of people from around the globe.

Archeologists now have a new way to identify the sex of human remains. This is done with the use of mass spectrometry to measure proteins from the teeth. Amelogenin proteins are found on the X and Y chromosomes that determine biological sex. Females have amelogenin-X, males have both X and Y. This adds another piece to the information archeologists can learn from a single tooth.

2019 ALPHA OMEGA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMES TO LOS ANGELES



“Fraters” from Europe, Israel, Australia, Mexico, Canada and the many chapters across the U.S. will congregate at the Century City Intercontinental hotel this December. Hosting this convention is a golden opportunity to discover the richness of our many commonalities. We are planning two half days of outstanding continuing education. More details of that program will follow.

Please refer to the website AO.ORG for the details of dates and activities and put this event on your calendars. We will need local volunteers to assist with hosting of convention events including Universal Studios tour, an Alpha Omega Foundation event, sightseeing activities and a golf outing.

Please contact Bob Simon (rlsdc@mac.com) for any questions and to discuss participation.

ALPHA OMEGA TRIBUTE PROGRAM REVITALIZED

Our chapter has sponsored the Alpha Omega Tribute Program where we have recognized when a frater has lost a spouse, loved one or there was a celebration within the family that you want to recognize. For years this program was run efficiently by Char Gilbert, Nanette Cutler, Bernice Bloom and Al Rubel. Today this is still an excellent vehicle that we can utilize to print the tributes in our bulletin to keep the membership informed.

Therefore you may want to remember the life cycles of loved ones, colleagues and friends. You also may want to honor significant occasions of all kinds with our Standard, Gold and Platinum Tribute Cards. We make it easy to Donate and Celebrate.

Your gift helps to support the U.S. Alpha Omega Foundation’s Global Oral Health Initiative (GOHI) fund to improve the human condition through dental health, education, research and access to care.

You can call me, Lionell Greenberg, on my cell 310-874-5491 and leave the following information and I will mail your tributes:

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Fraternally, Lionell

P.S. If you or your spouse would like to be an additional contact, it will be appreciated.

The Value of your Dental Education

As our graduates are preparing to graduate I want to congratulate each of them for this major accomplishment in their lives. It is my pleasure to welcome you as a doctor into one of our local chapters and hopefully you will continue your membership in Alpha Omega.

I am sure that you are aware that graduation is just the beginning of your dental education. No matter how long I have been a dentist I have a thirst for learning and reconfirming what I know. During the last four months I have taken a multitude of continuing education courses. The message is: take the time, continue to learn, and continue to learn.

Attending our Alpha Omega monthly meetings gives you the ability to meet a number of established dentists who can help you get a job. Whether you are a sophomore or a senior this gives you the ability to make connections by networking.

IF you are a senior dentist, hiring a recent grad will give you the ability to learn from the new graduate. We all think that we are up to date with our education but a young new graduate can help us learn.

Thanks, *Lionell Greenberg*

The Passing of an Alpha Omega Mentor

As we think of Alpha Omega there are some very special fraters that we consider to be our mentors. When I moved to Los Angeles I met **Bill Frank** who was **Dr Alpha Omega** and was everyone's friend and mentor. Unfortunately, Bill passed eight or nine years ago.

On an international level, **Ben Williamowsky** was a friend and mentor to everyone who had the opportunity to meet him. He was a special friend to all of us who were involved internationally. I met **Ben and his wife Minna** when I became involved in International Alpha Omega in the 1970s.

When we went to a convention, Ben was always there. At the Achievement Medal/Installation cocktail party, Ben was there to tell stories and jokes to fill in the down time.

Recently he was one of the only fraters to be awarded with the **Meritorious Service Award before he became International President**. Because of his personality and love for Alpha Omega and people, he was an excellent president and he represented us well.

One of Ben's loves was dental education in Israel and he was on the **Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University** with his good friend **Ralph Rothstein**. When the school was ready to close, Ralph and Ben lobbied their friends on the Board of Governors to reopen the school. Because of their work they revitalized the school and they led necessary fund raising drives for the school. The **Ben Williamowsky/ Ralph Rothstein pediatric clinic for special needs children** was opened in their names.

Before he passed he was instrumental of developing the **Washington DC program for treating the Holocaust Survivors**. This successful program became the model for similar programs throughout North America and was his current love.

I will miss my friend Ben Williamowsky when I attend conventions and he is no longer there.

Lionell Greenberg

AO SCIENTIFIC DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please make _____ dinner reservation(s) to attend this month's Alumni Dinner Meeting **at Sinai Temple.**

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CLIP to DETACH

REGISTRATION:		TIME:	
Member Pre-register by 4/14/19	\$80.00	Cocktails	6:15 p.m.
Member Guest (non-dentist)	80.00	Dinner	7:15 p.m.
Member at the door	95.00	Speaker	<i>promptly at 7:30 p.m.</i>
Non-member dentist	95.00		
Sponsor a student	60.00		
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April 17 – "CBCT" – Dr. Thomas F. Wuesthoff

SFV Chapter Schedule 2019

May 2 – "Practical Solutions for Complex Rehabilitations Using Adhesive Dentistry"



Dr Rami Eteessami Volunteers at Refugee Camps

We are so very proud of Dr Rami Eteessami for volunteering helping refugees in the Mideast. His latest was in Greece at a refugee camp.

Dr. Rami Eteessami serves on LA Alpha Omega's executive board as Program Chair. In addition to his active endodontic private practice in West Hollywood, Rami is a beloved and respected faculty at UCLA Dental School, and has presented scientific lectures at our Alpha Omega meetings. We are very proud of him, to have him as an Alpha Omegan colleague and friend. He's a mensch, this is a true example of Tzedakah.



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