Detroit Alumni Chapter

Fall Paid-Up Dinner
Wednesday, November 14, 2012
Cocktails 6:15 pm - Dinner 6:45 pm

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P.O. Box 251304, West Bloomfield, MI 48325
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Alpha Omega In The News
Alpha Omega International President Michael Spektor was featured in an article in the Canadian Jewish News in their October 2nd issue. The interview took place during a presidential visit with the Toronto Alumni Chapter. The positive press helps Alpha Omega get our message out. This is more evidence that the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity has recently created more awareness and credibility in the Jewish community and in the world secular community as well. The article can be found at:
**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Another hot summer has passed us by. I hope you were all able to enjoy this wonderful season. As our beautiful fall season approaches, hopefully, we all will be able to enjoy the color changes. And by that I don’t mean which states are red or blue. The upcoming election aside, let us remember how much value we have in our beloved Alpha Omega. The triangle of AO, fraternalism, professionalism, and Judaism, still binds us together as no other group can claim. What began over 100 years ago with but a small idea of a few students has blossomed into an enormously strong and meaningful dental organization.

Today we stand for more than just making sure the Jewish dental student gets a fair shake in terms of getting into dental school or being treated fairly once that admission has been gained. Today we stand for tolerance for all students and dentists in addition to still being the voice of the Jew in dentistry. We are strong in continuing education beyond having founded two dental schools in Israel. Tikun Olam, saving the world one person at a time, is a driving force for our new Global Oral Health Initiative (GOHI). Our Jewish Dental Clinic is the Detroit Alumni Chapter’s contribution to this project. It is our greatest achievement. I know you are as proud as I am for this undertaking. The Tree of Peace is our new logo. It represents the “new AO” without ridding ourselves of the “old AO.” Actually, it is the “old AO” that I still cherish. By that I mean the friendships and interpersonal relationships that have become the mainstay of our fraternity. The intangible of belonging to AO is the one thing that differentiates us from everyone else.

While this may be something a little different for each of us who has been around a while, we all know to what I am referring; and it this “special something” that we need to pass along to our younger and newer members so that our reason for existing remains intact. If we are successful then AO shall continue to thrive. Isn’t that what we all desire? I think so. With that in mind, I propose that all of us do our utmost to not only maintain our existing membership but that we go out into our community and bring back our former AOs who have departed our active membership rolls.

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**REGENER’S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the hot summer and are ready for the fall!

Let me begin by saying that we are very proud of the level of enthusiasm shown by both student chapters and their presidents, Rebecca Kam (Chi) and Adam Piotrowski (Alpha Nu), along with many other students at both schools who have stepped up to take on leadership roles. Both Alpha Nu and Chi Chapter have already held successful rush events, “meet and greets” and other activities to welcome new members. As evidence of their gaining momentum, each chapter has even been able to recruit a number of the faculty (some with no previous ties to AO) to join the fraternity! With this renewed level of excitement and energy, the student chapters are doubtless going to have a very successful year!

Additionally, the students, along with the alumni chapter will be sending representatives to the upcoming AO Leadership Seminar, taking place October 13-14 in Chicago. This seminar will be featuring an outstanding speaker, Steve Anderson, with the focus on new ideas to engage lapsed members and recruit new ones.

Lastly, AO will once again be participating in the upcoming Special Olympics Special Smiles event. Taking place Saturday, November 17 in Lansing, we will be providing custom fitted mouthguards, oral screenings and oral hygiene instructions to the Special Olympics athletes. To say that this is a worthwhile event is an understatement! Hope to see you there!

On a personal note, as many of you know, our seven year old son Jacob was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor, medulloblastoma in May. Since then, he has undergone 6 weeks of radiation and has just started chemotherapy. Despite all of this, Jacob just started 2nd grade as planned. He will likely miss a lot of school this year but right now actually feels pretty good. Thanks to all of you for your love and support!

L’Shana Tova,
Michael Shapiro
It is never too late to ask a former member to come back. We all know a number of former fraters who have left us for any number of reasons. Let’s not just accept their departure as OK.

This year our Sunday morning CE seminars will again be under the leadership of Chair Lloyd Alpert. The location is still the Jewish Family Service Building on Maple Road just west of Drake Road across from the West Bloomfield Jewish Center. Our first one is scheduled for November 11th. Regent Mike Shapiro is maintaining our good connection with our AN and Chi student chapters. These chapters are as active as ever and for that we are very fortunate. Gail will keep you all abreast of their activity throughout the year. It would be wonderful if you can attend one of their events. By doing so you not only help our students know how much we care, you will gain a terrific feeling of one of those intangibles that makes belonging to AO a good thing.

Our international fraternity has updated our web site. Please check it out at ao.org. As well, please check out our Detroit web site at aodetroit.org. A great thanks goes to Jamie Feldman for his expertise in this area. Our list of activities for the year will be made available to you in the dues packet you should be receiving soon. Hopefully you will be able to attend these events.

Our chapter functions smoother because of our outstanding Executive Director, Gail Halsted. Gail’s (AO Detroit) email address is alpha.omega.detroit@gmail.com. The phone number is 248-594-2262. Heidi Weber is our International Association Director. Her email address is hweber@ao.org. Our international phone number is 1-877-677-8468. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful executives running our daily activities. Please feel free to contact either one of them for anything AO.

At this new year, Fran & I wish all of you L’Shana Tova. May you be blessed for a good year and a sweet year and a year of health, prosperity, and peace. May Israel know peace.

Fraternally,

Marvin Sonne

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Andy Ratiner

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Amy, Mike, Ashleigh, & Zoe Brown
Lisa, Travis, Cameron
& Mia Wheeler
Jeff Sonne

Warren Tessler & Family

From Chi...

On Saturday, September 29, Chi Chapter welcomed its new members by hosting a Scavenger Hunt in Ann Arbor to raise funds for the Community Dental Center.

Members were split into teams and given clues of places to find around Ann Arbor. The teams took a picture at each location, and for every clue found, $5.00 was donated to the CDC. After the scavenger hunt, the members enjoyed a picnic near the Huron River.

A faculty member who heard about the event anonymously donated $100 to support AO’s philanthropy projects and the CDC. The AO Alumni Philanthropy fund matched this donation. We were able to raise $190 for the CDC and are looking forward to the CDC 5K fundraiser on Sunday, October 7th!

From Alpha Nu...

Enthusiasm abounds in Alpha Nu after welcoming 58 new members and membership growth of over 100%. We extend our utmost gratitude to Dr. Jamie Feldman, Dr. Lou Hirschman, & Dr. Mike Shapiro who have given us their most dedicated support. Their energy and the support of our other board members made this possible. Thanks to all alumni members who gave their time and support, especially those who came to the Meet & Greet and initiation dinner.

Now the job is to provide members a quality experience to enhance the value of Alpha Omega so they remain active throughout dental school and for a lifetime. We invite continued alumni support. It ensures student involvement. Alumni support was the number one thing listed in a survey presented to new members. Please continue your support and please be involved in the new mentorship program that is planned. We can continue to grow and become the fraternity that everyone at Detroit Mercy wants to join.

~Adam Piotrowski, President
On the occasion of Dr. Maurice Opperer’s retirement from the full-time practice of dentistry and to honor a distinguished career in which Dr. Maurice Opperer served thousands of patients with skill and warmth, Dr. Opperer’s family has created the Dr. Opperer Family Matching Fund. For the Jewish Dental Clinic to receive the full matching gift, the Jewish Dental Clinic must receive $10,000 in contributions from new donors or increased contributions from existing donors no later than December 31, 2012. Dr. Opperer’s family (Dr. Amy Brode and her husband Adam, and Joshua Opperer and his wife Rachel, together with their grandchildren, Oren, Asher, Aden and Elie) looks forward to the full match being earned and thanks all the JDC volunteers who devote their time and energy to serving our community’s patients in need.

Please support the JDC today with your much needed donation to help take advantage of the generous donation from the Opperer Family!!

Kindly mail your donations to:

The Jewish Dental Clinic, Inc.
25511 Southfield Road   Suite 102
Southfield, MI  48075
Platinum Tribute

In memory of the world’s most wonderful gentleman and accountant, Isadore Silverman
To: Evelyn Silverman
From: Linda Steinberger

Golden Tributes

In memory of beloved frater, Milton Goodman
To: Dr. Robert Goodman and Family
From: Detroit Alumni Chapter

In memory of Suzanne Schultz, beloved mother of Wendy Schultz Spektor
To: Wendy Schultz Spektor and Family
From: Joel and Ellie Schaumberg
Marv and Fran Sonne
Detroit Alumni Chapter

Thinking of you both – Wishing Jacob a speedy and complete recovery
To: Drs. Michael and Lainie Shapiro
From: John and Judy Marx

Special Tributes

In memory of Benita Feldman, beloved wife of frater George Feldman, OBM
To: The family of Benita Feldman
From: Detroit Alumni Chapter

In memory of beloved Eden
To: The Sage and Cooper Families
From: Dick Williams

Tributes

In memory of Robert M. Galin
To: Mrs. Elayne Galin and Family
From: Lillian Crayle

In memory of Dr. Jack Upfal
To: Wela Upfal and Family
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Contact Michael Shapiro if you are in need of an associate, associate position or student support.

mrshapiro@hotmail.com
734-657-1245

PHONE SQUAD UPDATE
As a reminder to our membership, if you should suffer the loss of someone in your immediate family, (spouse, parent, child, or sibling), and would like to notify your fellow fraters, please call Gail at the A.O. Office 248-594-2262. The office is open Mon-Thurs. 9:30am-3:30pm. At other times you may leave a message on the answering machine.

Upcoming Events

Study Club
Sunday, November 11, 2012

Fall Paid-Up Dinner - Beth Ahm
Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Special Olympics Special Smiles
Mt. Pleasant, November 17, 2012

Study Club
Sunday, December 2, 2012

Check out the online calendar for the latest information on this year’s events.

For more news, photos, and member comments be sure to visit our website.

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