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Bruce J. Crispin DDS, MS

presents

"How are Digital Technologies Changing Today's Dental Practice?"

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

ABOUT THE TOPIC

From the materials you select, the techniques you use, your cost structure, efficiency, predictability, and even what you practice are all changing due to digital and CAD/CAM technology.

Message from Bruce J. Crispin DDS, MS: I have practiced for over 40 years and dentistry today is as exciting and motivating as it has ever been. I started using digital CAD/CAM technology as one of the first Cerec trainers in the USA and computer image modification before I could type a letter on a computer. While crude at first, my prediction was that technology was going to change the world of dental materials. Today we see this prediction has come true. The laboratory business today has totally changed because of CAD/CAM technology.

I will try to focus on the areas of my practice that have been most impacted by today's digital and CAD/CAM technologies. In addition you will learn how to create your own in office CAD/CAM lab that will do far more than common systems for \$60-70,000 less. You do not even need to have a trained designer in your office. Learn how to get same day restorations with little or no technology and cut the cost of implant restoration. Implant placement has never been more predictable and achievable by any dentist. Enhancing communication with patients and the lab will minimize problems. This session will be interactive so participants can ask questions and share experiences.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Bruce J. Crispin, DDS, MS received a DDS in 1972 and an MS in 1975 (Fixed Prosthodontics) from the University of Michigan. He has the unique combination of being a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and an Accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He is a Professor Emeritus at UCLA and an alumni member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He founded the UCLA Center for Esthetic Dentistry (first in the US) in 1987 in which he started one of the first "Esthetic Mini-Residency Programs" (continuum) for practicing dentists. He is also the founder and current director of "Esthetic Professionals," a state of the art hands-on and clinical dental education, patient care, and laboratory facility in Tarzana, CA. Dr. Crispin has published over 45 research and professional publications including the textbook *Contemporary Esthetic Dentistry: Practice Fundamentals* which has been translated into five languages. He has lectured extensively both nationally and internationally for the past 40 years. The focus and scope of Dr. Crispin's practice is on Esthetic Restorative Dentistry from Conservative Treatments to Reconstructions and Implants. His many hands-on programs are in great demand and provide great value to the dental practitioner.

DATE:
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

LOCATION:
Sinai Temple
10400 Wilshire Blvd.
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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fraters,
We have had a busy month as we have begun the Alpha Omega 2016/2017 year. We started off with a great turnout at our first scientific meeting at Sinai Temple in September learning with Dr. Laurence Rifkin about new ways to evaluate, diagnose, and treat facial disharmony. We look forward to our upcoming meeting on November 16, 2016, with Dr. Bruce Crispin who will be discussing how digital technologies affect dental practice today. For those of us who have had

the opportunity to learn with Dr. Crispin in his mini-residencies and at continuing education seminars, we know what an opportunity it is to discuss cutting edge advances in dentistry with him.

At our most recent AO SoCal regency meeting, we had a great time hosting International President Dr. Wendy Spektor and her husband past international president Dr. Michael Spektor. We discussed all of the Alpha Omega news and events in the Southern California chapters, and made plans for the upcoming international convention in San Francisco in December. We are so pleased that the LA chapters will be hosting Shabbat Dinner at this year's convention and hope to see many familiar LA faces around the table.

Our local student chapters at USC and UCLA have been busy getting recruitment underway as the new school year begins, as well. We are fortunate to have such dedicated AO faculty advisors, as well as so many fraters who are on faculty at the dental schools, who are such strong mentors for the students. These connections formed in school are what motivate our students to continue long-lasting meaningful relationships with Alpha Omega as they graduate and help us to strengthen our fraternity. We are so proud of our student leaders and all of our fraters who dedicate their time to help them.

We are also busily preparing for another exciting celebration of Shabbat Across AO, which will be taking place this year on November 4, 2016 at Pat's Restaurant. We had such a great time last year and are excited for an even better turnout at this year's event. Shabbat Across AO is a great opportunity to enjoy the meaningful experience of Shabbat dinner together with your Alpha Omega family and friends. Fraters are welcome and are encouraged to bring their families and friends. You can sign up on our website at www.aosocal.org or email us at info@aosocal.org for more information.

On a personal note, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a Shana Tova - a healthy and happy sweet new year - from my family to yours. May the upcoming year be one of good health and peace for our friends and family, our local LA community and for our brothers and sisters in Israel.

I look forward to seeing you all on November 4th at Shabbat Across AO and on November 16th at Sinai Temple!

Fraternally,

Talia Shainhouse Lebovitz, D.D.S.

REGENT'S REPORT



Dear Fraters,
There are many important dates on our Alpha Omega calendar and I hope you will participate in all of our upcoming events. We will celebrate Shabbat across AO on Friday November 4th at Pat's Kosher Restaurant; look for formal invitation in your emails

soon. This is a great opportunity for all of us to gather together along with our families and enjoy great food, wine and company. I have heard many times of our members' wishes to have a social event; what greater way to come together and welcome Shabbat on November 4th?

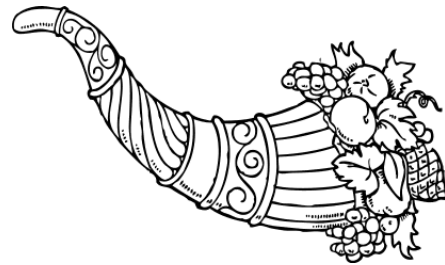
Your Southern California Regency will be sponsoring Shabbat festivities at our upcoming convention in San Francisco, December 27th - January 1st. Please join your AO brethren from across the world and enjoy all that San Francisco has to offer; sightseeing, cuisine, wineries, etc...

Back by popular demand, Steve Anderson will be our featured speaker at the 2017 Manusov/Styrt Seminar on Friday March 31, 2017 at a venue to be determined later. Those who attended our last seminar got to know the dynamic and engaging speaker that Steve is. The topic for the seminar will be "Why Patients Say No". Bring your

office staff with you and learn many things that you could use the very next day in your practice.

Alpha Omega has a lot to offer to its membership. Join us in one or all of the above events, learn something new, meet someone new and enjoy relationships and friendships that last a life long.

Fraternally,
Ron Saidara, DDS



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**Please join your fellow fraters
and their families as we celebrate**

Shabbat Across AO

Friday, November 4, 2016

LOCATION: Pat's Restaurant (Glatt Kosher)
9233 Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

TIME: 7:00 PM

**More Information will soon be
forthcoming in your emails.**

AO/HSC Holocaust Survivors Oral Care Program

The Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program is in full swing and I would like to offer a big thank you to all who have volunteered to participate in this very worthwhile program. The response from the Survivors who have been treated and their families have been overwhelmingly positive and are very grateful for services received. Without this wonderful collaboration, including Jewish Family Services, many of the Survivors who are financially compromised at this vulnerable stage of their lives, could not afford to receive medically necessary dental care. You are doing a huge mitzvah.

The program is a pilot three-year initiative that provides pro-bono dental care to Holocaust survivors. It launched in nine North

American cities in 2015 and the Greater Los Angeles area in February of 2016. The program focuses on providing oral care for the most economically vulnerable Holocaust Survivors who are served by the network of Jewish Family and Children's Service agencies and identified partner organizations, as well as individuals of any faith who were victims of Nazi persecution and meet the other eligibility requirements of the program. In addition to financial need, patient participation is prioritized by three critical factors: the elimination of pain, restoration of function, and lack of dental coverage. Since its launch, the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivor Oral Health Program received The Blue Card's Max L. Heine Humanitarian Award in November of 2015. The Blue Card is a national nonprofit organization that provides direct financial assistance to needy Holocaust Survivors living in the United States.

Any AO members who would like to join this partnership to provide care to a vulnerable population very much in need, please contact me. You will not only help improve the quality of someone's life for the better but gain the satisfaction that you made a difference.

Thank you to the following AO members and dental labs who have volunteered to participate in the program. Apologies if any names were inadvertently left out.

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Yasher Koach!

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AO Israel Externship 2016

Mikaela Benlulu & Giuliana DiPiazza
USC Tau Chapter

We were both selected to participate in the Alpha Omega Israel Externship program this year and couldn't wait to start this journey together; for two weeks, we visited universities, clinics, hospitals, organizations, homes and private offices throughout Israel. This was a unique opportunity in the sense that we were not only able to observe dentistry, but we were also able to learn about the purpose as well as mission of each site. It was incredibly eye-opening to learn about these different site missions, current projects, and ultimately what it takes to run their programs. As dental students, this is a side of dentistry we don't get to see from a first hand point of view!

There are only two dental schools in Israel, and since we began our trip in Tel Aviv, we started with a full day at The Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dentistry at Tel Aviv University (TAU). The Dean, Professor Ervin Weiss, not only met with us personally and gave us a full tour of the Special Patients clinic floor progress and construction site plans, but he also invited us to his private office where we observed his specialty practice of prosthodontics! Later on our trip, we spent a full day in the very first dental school in Israel, the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dean Palmon hosted us in the morning, followed by Dr. Rakefet, the director of oral medicine, and Dr. Stabholz gave us the grand tour of the (large) school and showed us the incredible 'AO Museum'!

During our trip, we traveled throughout the country via public transportation and visited many sites that the AO Foundation has donated to: Save a Child's Heart (SACH) Heritage Home, Wolfson Medical Center- both located in the city of Holon. Save a Child's Heart is a program which treats children with heart defects from developing countries. After speaking with one of the program directors, it was brought to our attention that many of these children are not receiving any type of dental treatment or oral hygiene instruction during their stay unless it was an emergency. Recognizing the importance of maintaining oral health in patients with congenital heart defects, we wanted to find a way to help. Our goal was to include a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, and an oral hygiene instruction pamphlet in their backpack in hopes of the children continuing their oral hygiene care when they return home. We were able to collect enough toothbrushes for the 17 children that were cleared to return home, and we hope this will be implemented from here on!

Our visit to Beit Issie Shapiro - an organization that serves children with special needs- was very unique; we learned about Snoezelen Therapy and got to experience the multi-sensory rooms! The [Naomi & Shimon Ditkovsky] Dental Clinic at Beit Issie Shapiro utilizes these specific techniques to help relax patients (primarily children) with developmental disabilities to provide them with quality

dental care in a very comfortable setting. Incorporating these methods has greatly reduced the need for general anesthesia and is only used in 8% of their patients!

Next stop, Haifa! Dr. Shaul Lin and his wife

hosted us in their home for Shabbat, and we visited the beautiful Baha'i Gardens the next day. Dr. Lin is the Director of Endodontics and Trauma Unit at the Rambam Health Care Campus, where we spent a day exploring all of the departments of the Graduate School of Dentistry and clinical units in the hospital. One (very long) bus ride later, we arrived in the village of Rosh Pinna where we were graciously greeted by the Roisentul family! Dr. Alejandro Roisentul is the head of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Unit at Ziv Hospital in Tsfat. He also has a private office connected to his home, which was something neither of us have ever seen before. This visit really showed us the work ethic and mindset of Israelis, and Ziv hospital was an extremely powerful experience; located in just kilometers from the Syrian and Lebanon border, the hospital is essentially a bomb-shelter... multiple surgeons took time out to explain to us how their hospital is so unique, the experience is one we cannot put into words. After visiting each one of these sites, we both left with new sense of respect as well as appreciation for what each one of these organizations do - not only for dentistry, but for their communities. In particular, some of the site's current projects left an impact on us that we would like to help follow through with. For instance, 'Dental Volunteer's of Israel' (DVI) in Jerusalem was another site which had a program we would like to partner with. Currently DVI will be implementing a 3 year denture program providing free dentures to the elderly in Jerusalem.

Reflecting back on the two weeks we spent in Israel, neither one of us can begin to express the newfound appreciation we have for Alpha Omega but also for dentistry in Israel. This was an incredibly eye-opening experience and the educational experience we had on this journey was something we would have never experienced in dental school. Alpha Omega has truly been like a family to us throughout our dental school careers and this experience has only further solidified that feeling. We both look forward to being lifelong members of Alpha Omega as we both have experienced what this organization has to offer and how we can also be part of making a difference with Alpha Omega.



SFV Chapter Schedule 2016

November 4 – “Shabbat across AO” – *Pat’s Restaurant*

November 10 – “Current trends in soft tissue grafting” – *Dr. Alina Krivitsky Aalam*

LA City Schedule 2016

November 4 – “Shabbat across AO” – *Pat’s Restaurant*

November 16 – “How are Digital Technologies Changing Today’s Dental Practice?” – *Bruce J. Crispin DDS, MS*

AO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



DEC. 27, 2016 - JAN. 1, 2017

San Francisco is a site that all of us can get to easily by plane or car. Alpha Omega conventions are a wonderful way to meet new friends or see old friends.

There will be a tour to the wine country, as well as continuing education and banquets where we install new officers, celebrate Shabbat and give Alpha Omegas highest honor, our Achievement Award.

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Member at the door	95.00	Speaker	<i>promptly at 7:30 p.m.</i>
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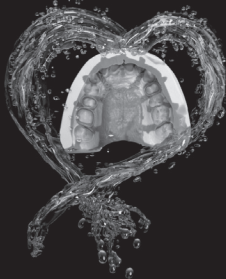
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