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2024 ALPHA OMEGA

2024 FALL SEMINAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024 - 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM

BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA SYNAGOGUE

100 Elder St, Toronto, M3H 5G7



DR. NATOOSHA NATALIE NARGASKI
Orthodontics And The Family Practice Dentist

MORNING 3 CORE 1 POINTS

8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
AM lecture begins Lunch Break



DR. MARCO MAGALHAES
**Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders:
Recognizing Early Signs Of Trouble**

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12:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m.
PM lecture begins End of day

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Sunday December 8th, 2024

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ANDREA'S ANGLES



Shana Tova to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed meaningful holidays with your families and communities. We started our AO Toronto programming year with a wonderful Society Night event on Monday September 16th at Shaarei Shomayim. I was so proud to be installed as the Toronto Chapter President in front of my family and all of our members in attendance. We celebrated the achievements of our chapter, our leaders and award winners. Please see the photos and article in this Aorta for more details about the event! We have also included (in this issue of the Aorta) some of the speeches from Society Night for everyone to enjoy. I was thrilled to hear our AO International update from Sharon Perlmutter and to share that she is running unopposed to become AO International President-Elect! I can't wait to attend Convention in December 2025 in Jerusalem and to be present for Sharon's installation as International President. It was a memorable event and we could all feel the special AO love and connections throughout the room.

I am looking forward to our upcoming AO Toronto events - we have an Executive Meeting on Oct. 22nd which will be held in person at Adath Israel in their Succah. Our exciting AO Revival Cooking Night will be on November 6th with Chef Justin Friedlich. We also have evening CE events on October 29th (Dr. Riva Black - Ulcer Mysteries: The Case of the Missing Epithelium) and January 16th (Dr. Sean Ostro - Pedodontics). Our next full day Core 1 seminar will be on November 22nd at Beth Emeth (Dr. Natoosha Nargaski -

Orthodontics and the Family Practice Dentist, and Dr. Marco Magalhaes - Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders: Recognizing Early Signs of Trouble). And of course - our AO Chanukah Party on December 8th at Beth Emeth! Save the date! I look forward to seeing you all at these events!

I can't forget the difficult emotions I was feeling at our last Fall CE Seminar - as we sat listening to Dr. Leung, we were also finding out the names and stories of some of the hostages who were released on that day. I cannot imagine how I would have felt sitting in any other dental CE course that day. It was incredibly hard, but knowing I was surrounded by my fellow AO dentists made it possible to get through the day. This is what AO is about to me - we are here to support each other in every possible way. I also felt "at home" when I spotted fellow AO members in the crowd at the huge outdoors Oct. 7th memorial event.

As a "New Year's resolution" - I would like to ask each of you to reach out to a friend who is not an AO member and encourage them to join or reinstate their membership. And I encourage you to come out to events and to get involved! You will make connections and feel supported in more ways than you can imagine. I also encourage you to get connected with AO International - you should be receiving weekly update emails from International. If you are not - please let Velarie know at the AO Toronto office and she will make it happen! AO International is offering tons of online CE and also ways to connect with AO members worldwide. At this time when the world is so divided - we can connect through AO!

I look forward to seeing you soon,
Andrea

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Next Executive Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Next AORTA Deadline (February)

Monday, January 6, 2025

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DENTAL VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

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Are you writing the RCDSO Pet exams? Do you want to join others who are writing for a study group?

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Contact the AORTA editor **Barry Reinblatt** at barryreinblatt@sympatico.ca with your suggestions!

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If any Alpha Omega member knows of individuals or corporations who may be interested in sponsoring our programs please let me know. This will ensure the quality of our programs and events.

Please email this information to stephenkay@sympatico.ca. To all committee chairmen, please forward a list of your corporate sponsors. Also please list the contacts and email addresses.

Thank you.
Stephen Kay

FROM THE EDITOR



As you read this, we are either heading into fall or firmly entrenched in it, depending on what is happening outside your window right now. As we all know, that means it's time to look forward to a winter vacation somewhere warm and sunny. If you are planning such a vacation, I hope you enjoy. However, prior to leaving, please have a look at this issue of the AORTA to catch up on all that is happening at AO Toronto.

In this issue, you will find reports from some recent events, including Sailing Day, Society Night Dinner, and the AO Family Shabbat Dinner. There is information on some upcoming events, such as the Fall Seminar and the Chanukah Party. We also have some very interesting articles: Stan Fenwick and family tell us about their experience with Hug For Hope, and Alex Nisenker's Investing In Real Estate Through Private Equity.

Finally, Harvey Cooperberg updates us on the AO Foundation, and there is an article on the Purchase Program from Steven Millman. Steven Brown entertains us with more of his personal observations, Stan Kogon gives us his opinion on downsizing, and Barry Korzen shares a couple of very timely pictures from Israel in ... 1000 Words.

I hope you enjoy this very full edition of the AORTA.

Barry Reinblatt



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AO FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

This year we had our very first "AO Family Shabbat Dinner" on Friday, September 20th.

It was amazing to see over 100 AO members and their families celebrating shabbat together.

Rabbi Gansburg and his wife Chana hosted our event at the Ledbury Jewish Centre.

Children of various ages were entertained by a magic show, bingo, basketball, prizes and more.

The meal was plentiful and enjoyed by all!

I could not think of a better way to spend shabbat dinner than with my family, my AO family, and their respective families. We hope to run this event again next year, and see it continue to grow.

Fraternally,

Adam Kaplan



PURCHASE PROGRAM UPDATE

Membership in alpha omega has many benefits, including our annual purchase program. This program allows members to get volume discounts on thousands of products. Every year we tender out to the program to over 20 suppliers this results in very competitive pricing and great savings to our members! By participating in the program your savings can easily cover the cost of your membership. The program has a very small mark up which is used to help subsidize our programming.

The Program has been run on an annual

basis since its inception. This year we will be running the program twice. This will enhance the benefits in several ways. Prices will be locked in over a longer period. It will be easier to store items as there will be two delivery dates and will be easier for members to budget.

The program will open for orders on February 10, 2025, and July 1, 2025. Shipping of orders March 15- April 20, 2025 and August 5- September 10, 2025.

Steven Millman

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL FULL DAY SEMINAR

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- 3 Core 1 points

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EVENING CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR

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37 Southbourne Avenue

PLEASE JOIN THE GLOBAL AO GROUP

When you join, please identify yourself to the group and indicate that you are from the Toronto Chapter. Join the group and communicate with AO members worldwide!



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THE RAMBAM UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL

Benjamin (Benji) Brown, a lone soldier in the Israel Defense Forces from Toronto, was stationed at Har Dov on Israel's northern border. On July 24th a missile launched by Hezbollah in Lebanon struck the army base, and he sustained a life-threatening injury. After being airlifted to Rambam Health Care Campus (Rambam) in Haifa, and following multiple surgeries, he was being treated in the Neurosurgery ICU when on September 22nd he and all the hospital's 900 patients, staff and equipment were moved to the minus 3 level of the hospital's parking garage where the infrastructure for the entire hospital, including operating rooms, had been pre-planned for use during war. The uniqueness of this facility attracted news outlets from around the world, including the CBC. During his tour of the hospital CBC reporter Chis Brown interviewed Benji's parents for a special news segment.



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AO FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The International Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations ambulance has officially set sail from the Port of Baltimore in the United States and is on its way to Israel!

Expected to arrive by mid-October, this incredible collaboration between the AO Foundation of Canada, AO Foundation of the United States, and The AO London Charitable

Trust, with the support of the Alpha Omega International Dental Society, showcases our strong commitment to the people of Israel. Additionally, the Alpha Omega vehicle coordinated by the French chapters is set to arrive in Israel the first week of September.

These ambulances mark a monumental step in our collaborative mission to support the

people of Israel. We can't wait for them to arrive and make a difference!

Harvey Cooperberg



AO FOUNDATION OF CANADA

I am reaching the final few weeks serving as President of the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada. The Foundation is the charitable arm of Alpha Omega and it supports dental research through grants, various worthy organizations that require our donations, funds for dental schools in Israel and Canada, and prizes to AO students who demonstrate academic excellence as well as community involvement and leadership skills.

When I think of what this time has meant to me, two very significant changes happened. The first was as a result of October 7, 2023. The horrendous attack on Israel prompted the establishment of the Emergency Aid to Israel Fund. We created a dropdown for anyone making a donation to the Foundation to direct the amount to the Emergency Aid to Israel. We have given the funds raised to Magen David Adom and Hatzolah. That fund is still available, and funds will continue to be directed to important needs in Israel.

The second is that we have joined efforts of Alpha Omega Foundations in the US, England, Israel, and France in what has been named the International Alliance of Charitable Organizations. Together, we

donated an ambulance in our name to Israel, and are supporting Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and Rambam Hospital in a program involving dental students and staff who have suffered PTSD either because of treating patients of the recent war in Israel or being called up for duty themselves.

The work done by the Board of Directors of Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada is so meaningful and is what should make every AO member proud that they can contribute to so many deserving recipients. This November, at the next annual meeting, Elliot Goldenberg of Montreal will take over as President of the Foundation. I actually went to dental school with him and know that he will assume the position with enthusiastic energy and wise leadership.

As a parting request, I would ask you to consider the Alpha Omega Foundation of

Canada when making a donation. One can choose from several funds within the Foundation.

Harvey Cooperberg



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ISRAEL FAMILY HOSTING

Our family hosted an Israeli family from Kibbutz Zikim adjacent to the Zikim Beach. This kibbutz was attacked on October 7 and has suffered from ongoing missile threats for many years. Many Israeli soldiers were slaughtered that day on the nearby army base and nineteen civilians from the beach were killed and or kidnapped that day -1 km from their home.

The kibbutz family came to Toronto with 2 of their children , aged 10 and 14. We met them over zoom 3 times previously to their arrival to help ensure a good match and expectations at both ends. Welcoming a family into a home begins with a leap of faith but ends with a wonderful and meaningful experience for everyone.

The first few days, we watched the family de-stress, gain our trust and bond with us in a calm and reassuring environment. The 10 year old who literally hadn't left his mom's

side since October 7 , was now smiling and playing again.

During the 10 days, we laughed, smiled, cried while our Israeli visitors quickly became part of our family. They also got a taste of cottage life which they absolutely loved ,Toronto by subway, a soccer game, Niagara Falls, Cherry Beach, and the Canadian National Exhibition. The parents got to go on their first date since Oct 7! They also enjoyed free time navigating Toronto on their own.

What made the experience extra special for us and them, is that our own children also embraced our new 'family', along with our siblings, spouses and close friends. Everyone actively participated in the 10 days of activities and gatherings, and showered the family with lots of warmth and love. The kibbutz family also shared their story one evening with a group of our family and

friends to inspire and connect Israelis with Diaspora Jews and to promote the Hug for Hope hosting program.

Overall, the program was an incredible and transformational experience for everyone, bonding with an Israeli family in great need. We provided respite and hope for the future, creating lifelong bonds between our new 'family' and the Diaspora. We are in touch weekly and feel much love on both sides of the world.

We would be happy to be a resource for other families considering the program. As well, please see the link to hugforhope.ca for contact information. PS This program is also growing in the USA.
With Hugs

Marsha , Stan , Erin , Adam Verk , Abby and Jason Fenwick



HUG FOR HOPE ISRAEL FAMILY HOSTING



Downsizing



minute fraction of the total cost, becomes a defining factor. The same can be said about paint colour, a carpet, or a few light fixtures. Although our home had a one car garage, this new place has a double garage but it does seem a bit small. One place was just not going to work because I had nowhere to put my collection of shovels, rakes, garden tools, fertilizer spreader, riding lawn mower and gas tanks. A wholly unimportant issue when you are looking for a stand-alone condominium with property management. Somehow the magnitude of the event blurs the focus of the big picture.

There is a point in time when a couple surveys their home and realizes that the square footage is considerably more than what is truly needed to live comfortably. The children are self-sufficient and grandkids are either living too far away or are building their own lives. The extra bedroom, bath, and play area provided by Bubbie and Zaide, are rarely used. Physical factors such as too many stairs, too much landscape or the certainty of imminent expenses for maintenance of roof, furnace, air conditioner, ageing plumbing, and ever-increasing property tax, all grow worrisome. One day they mutter to each other, 'we could be happy in a smaller and newer place.'

At first, the hunt is energized by curiosity. Scan the real estate apps, check out an open house or two. Engage an agent, who shleps you out to properties new and old, at times which are never convenient. Nothing is really good enough. How easily we find fault with things we never took notice of before. Too far north, too far west, no morning sun and the shingles are too brown. The mouldings look cheap and the mortice joints are sloppy. When is the last time you checked out your mouldings? The driveway only holds two cars. What would happen on Pesach when we need space for six. In truth, we have not been home for a Sedar for 10 years. This place feels good except the dishwasher is a brand 'x.' Your cousin had an 'x' and it had to be replaced in 4 years. In today's market it would not be unusual to have the total value of the sale and purchase of two pieces of real estate to exceed two million dollars, yet the cost of a dishwasher which represents a

One of the issues when searching for a smaller home is just that; the potential new home is smaller than the one you have grown accustomed to. Going from four bedrooms to three is indeed downsizing, but any three of your current four bedrooms and including the rest of the household furniture, still will not squeeze into your projected new space. The larger the difference in sq. footage and/or the number of rooms, the more demanding the downsizing becomes. You can take a tape measure to the bedroom dresser and dining room table to assure that they will fit in the new rooms, but you never account for the space taken by three boxes of family albums, the camping gear you last used twenty-five years ago, the year-books from high school, your kids favourite wagon, three old bicycles you promised to repair, rarely used golf clubs, sleds, lawn furniture, forty years worth of plumbing, painting, wallpapering, carpentry, and assorted hardware you used once and can't throw out. I came across a heavy legal box filled to the brim with handwritten lecture notes from my five years of dental studies. Not only were they musty and unreadable, but most of the content was obsolete and in truth I never took a peek at any of it since the day I graduated. That uncalculated hoard must be considered. You must take it with you or dump it. The third option is storage which amounts to expensive procrastination. We got to be on a first name basis with the Goodwill drop off guys and the young man at the dump, who eventually just waived me through.

Every woman who manages a family home has a collection of kitchen, dining and

partying stuff that was put away for special occasions or more often just forgotten. Now that you are moving you must come to grips with assorted pans, serving platters, small appliances, decorations from parties long forgotten, and dozens of odd cups and saucers that come from another era. Why we get personally attached to gadgets hidden away in junk drawers is beyond me. What should you do with five poorly performing meat thermometers? Perhaps your children will take somethings off your hands. It's there for the taking. Our experience, which seems to be the norm - they want nothing. Silverware, art, crystal vases, tea sets and platters, all in pristine condition, have no takers. Auctions, consignment resellers, donations, on-line selling apps, all take time and each come with some degree of aggravation. Take a seat before you are told that the carpets, sofa, and furniture you adore is unwanted. Moving or downsizing requires that a great deal of stuff gets put into cardboard boxes, sealed, and labelled, awaiting the moving day. No one has a warehouse of boxes of the right size, so you must build an inventory. You can purchase new boxes at an outlandish price for an item which will be used once and discarded, or you can collect used boxes. You transition into a sleuth, checking out supermarket loading docks and Dollarama aisles. Arriving home with three usable cardboard boxes prompts a celebration. Jammed tape dispensers and leaky markers become part of the joy of 'packing up.' Alternatively, you may put on blindfolds, open your billfold, and hire a packing company.

Personal picadilloes are exposed as you begin the packing process. My wife is a neat and tidy person. Everything has its place and there is a place for everything. However, she is incapable of passing by a sale of items which she claims will be needed in the future. Why not get them cheaper when you can? A reasonable concept, but downsizing means that you must move and find a place for hundreds of aluminum cooking trays of a variety of sizes and shapes, enough garbage, freezer, sandwich, storage bags and aluminum foil to supply Costco. We have sufficient Cetaphil moisturizer to soften the skin of an army brigade. More than fifty

years in the same house leads to a lot of redecorating. Painting, wallpaper stripping and hanging, and staining wood, all require tools and leave a collection of partially used cans. I could not trash any which had more than a few drops remaining. You never know when you need a touch-up. I am confronted with cupboards stocked with dozens of cans, some marked but most not, of paint, primer, and stains of various vintage and colours not to mention the array of saved tiles and part rolls of wallpaper. Since moving the stuff is senseless, the problem of disposal in an urban environment becomes an issue that must be addressed. I discovered that my charming spouse is addicted to bags. Not just small plastic grocery bags but any object made by man that could carry anything. We have bags full of beach bags. Bags full of handbags. Bags stuffed with thermos bags for hot and cold stuff. Enough travel bags to satisfy a cruise ship. How do you throw any of this stuff out when she claims that they all will eventually be of use. Over the years, I did almost all the landscaping. We had a half acre that was planted with trees, a vegetable garden, a pond with fish, a perennial garden, assorted bushes, and a lot of grass. All needed water from time to time, so I purchased lengths of hose, sprinklers, hose hangers and reels, hose repair stuff, water pumps, more hoses, fountain spitters and more hoses. With some degree of chagrin, I must admit that I had enough hose to nicely soak BMO field. No one would have noticed until we decided to downsize.

The discovery of objects which were out of mind for decades now require an active act of intervention. We found wedding gifts that were opened once and put away. A box of hundreds of grizzled B&W photos depicting a collection of adults and children who are strangers to me. My mother bequeathed me the box and I do remember that she struggled to identify many of the individuals. Occasionally there is a date on the back of a photograph or an allusion to 'the lake.' Can you get rid of them? Hell no! Somebody may wish to construct a family tree or wonder what late great-uncle, twice removed, Louie, looked like when he was 3 years old.

There is a truth to downsizing. Once gone, ever forgotten (almost). It has been only on rare occasions when we conceded, 'why did we get rid of this or that?' The opposite is not an issue. Finding that you transported stuff unnecessarily is easily managed-just find a hiding spot or head for the dump. There is one other truth. The tendency to return to accumulating has to be aggressively restrained. We have now moved to our smaller place, unpacked the boxes, hung

pictures, and filled shelves. Our smaller home is now just the right size. A week ago, Sheila and I went to Canadian Tire to pick up a few items for our 'smaller' patio. As we jockeyed our cart into line, I gazed into the pile of stuff and noticed 6 boxes of aluminum foil, which were on sale, and 25' of a new non-kinking garden hose. Déjà vu.

Stan Kogon



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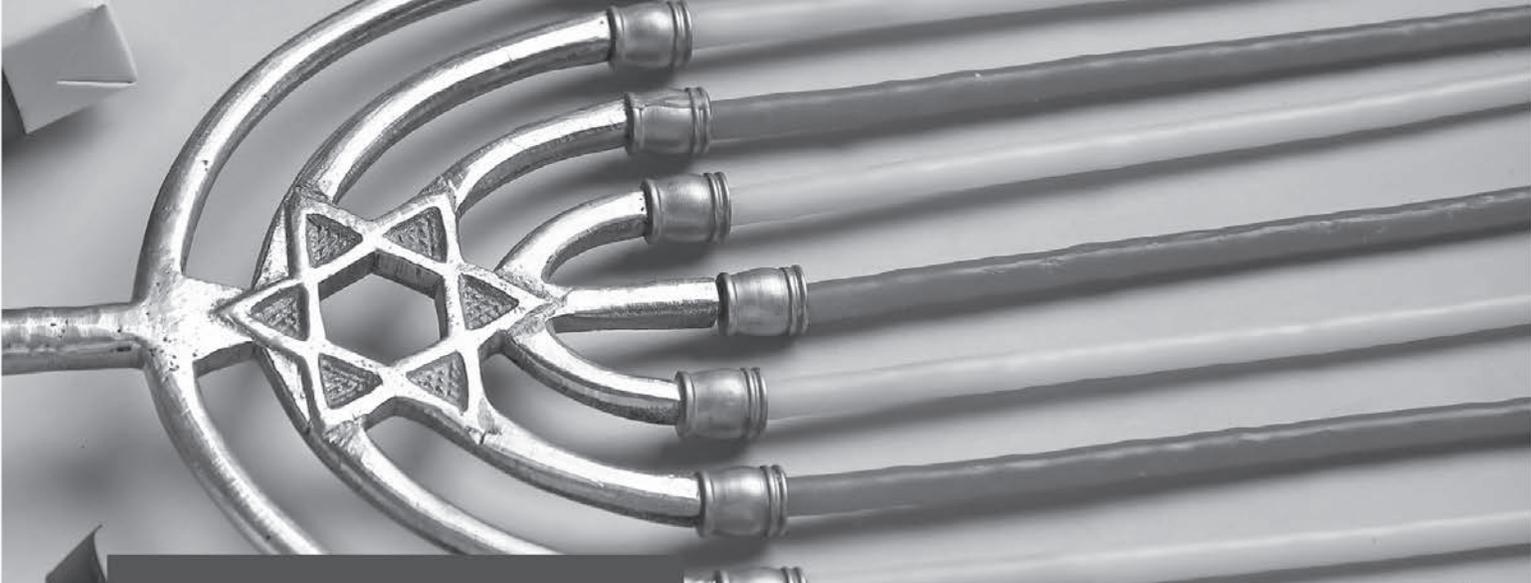
AO SAILING DAY 2024

AO Sailing Day this year was switched from July to August because of weather. The turnout was smaller but the weather the sailing the eating the comraderie the jokes the wind the everything was terrific.

Our AO sailors are a great bunch of fun people. This was our 52nd sailing day which started under president Irv Petroff and hopefully we will keep sailing for many more years.

David Cowan





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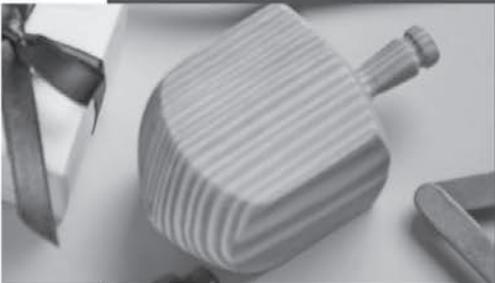
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Real estate private equity involves pooling capital from various investors to acquire, develop, and manage large-scale real estate assets. This type of investment allows individuals to participate in large-scale projects, which might otherwise be inaccessible due to high capital requirements.

How can investing in real estate private equity complement an existing financial portfolio?

This type of investing can complement an existing financial portfolio by enhancing diversification, offering higher return potential, and serving as a hedge against inflation. Real estate investments introduce an alternative asset class, thereby mitigating overall risk by spreading investments across different sectors. Firms like Greybrook actively manage projects to optimize outcomes and ensure risk management, further enhancing return potential.

How can I invest in real estate private equity?

Though minimum investment amounts and structures can vary greatly from manager to manager, generally speaking investors can invest through a wide range of investment vehicles from investing in a personal name to a corporate entity, as well certain managers

offer the ability to invest through registered plan accounts (i.e. RRSPs, LIRAs, TFSA's etc.).

What role does a real estate private equity firm typically play in the management and operational aspects of an investment?

This can also vary greatly from manager to manager, with active managers taking an active role in the management and operational aspects of each investment, whereas other managers may take a more passive position and simply facilitate the investment. Understanding the structure and positioning of the manager is a key aspect of understanding where and how to invest in real estate private equity.

How does investing in real estate through a private equity firm differ from buying real estate directly?

Though there are many differences, below offers some key points of differentiation:

- Passive investment strategy
- Investing in the "manufacturing of housing" vs direct unit(s) ownership
- Access to large-scale, high-quality projects
- Professional management and expertise in selected markets
- Diversification with low investment access

How do I choose a real estate private equity management company?

When choosing a real estate private equity management company, there are many factors that should be considered, such as their track record, experience, and alignment with your investment goals and risk tolerance. As noted above, understanding the structure of the investment and the role the manager is playing is crucial to understanding the risk you are taking on (for example is the manager actively involved or simply facilitating the investment). Look for firms with a proven history in markets that match your interests, and ensure they provide transparent communication and reporting

on your investment. Finally, assess whether the firm's investment strategy aligns with your preference for involvement and risk management

Alex Nisenker

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THIS ONE'S GONNA BE SHORT AND SWEET. JUST LIKE MY WIFE.

by Steven Brown

Paula wrote the title. She told me I'm getting long in the article. That's a play on words. For dentists only. I just perused my previous 45 contributions, and I certainly repeat myself a lot. So as I may have said 6 or 18 times before, don't read the ones you've previously seen and read.

Now, sticking with you know who. First of all, for my recent birthday, she (Paula) offered me a choice. A or B. A) A romantic dinner at a restaurant of my choosing, followed by a very romantic evening in bed. Or B). So I yelled B!!!! And I just read in the Globe and Mail this morning that divorce in your 40's or early 50's can upend your finances. So I told Paula we're OK, because of our age, we can divorce any time now. She was not amused.

And now the regular stuff? Those tree protection zones, 50 feet away from construction zones. They sure make for good garbage cans late at night for some 'people'. And they cut down trees, to put up the fences around the trees to protect them. Think about that. I'll wait. O.K. Times up. Given, I hate signs telling me what to do, like 'Post No Bills' on wooden fencing around construction sites. I cut off my address and name, and taped up my Hydro bill under a Post No Bills sign. That'll teach 'em. And my kids. My kids were so crazy when they were younger, they'd yell "Are we there yet?" fifteen times, and we were still at home, and not going anywhere. I always believed that saying "Where there's smoke there's fire." So we always stay in 'Non Smoking' rooms, cuz they can't catch fire. Now THAT was stupid. And speaking of Maryland. This is a true story. I love Maryland! Why you ask. I'll tell you why. The speed limit in construction zones is 70mph. SWEET!

Maybe I should have called this the Construction Stuff. Whatever. Too late.

And churches. You gotta give them all the credit. We just passed a church and the sign outside said - "Soul-er Powered By The Son!" And the next one said "CH_RCH, What's missing? - U". I almost went in. And a question. Do you ever watch the disease channel? I mean CNN. When I saw

my physician last week, I had to ask him about 23 medicines that might be right for me. I don't know what they're for, but.... He kicked me out. And another thing you'll agree with. Why do they have dancing and music in drug commercials? And I ain't killing my toenail fungus with a med that might kill me before the fungus! Oh. Oh. Sorry, I blew it. Just passed Maryland. Move this one up. (Not you Barry). We saw 2 signs 20 feet apart. They said "Next 3 miles Bears." And the other said "Next 3 miles Deer." If that was true, I don't think they needed to tell me about the deer. Take down the deer sign.

Also, I'm thinking of joining the 'Optimist Club', but I don't think it'll last. And whenever I see a runner, or runners in gym shorts exercising outside, I think if they just left earlier, they could have walked. And thinking back to a play on words. You can do it. It's at the beginning. I have an accountant friend, who says he goes to the washroom 7 times a working day. He tells his friends all about me, cuz I told him I go before I leave for work, and not again till I get home. It's not my superpower, it's "Mind Over Bladder." Now this is important, so listen up. According to me, the top 3 solo music artists of my generation, in no order except best to third, are 1) Paul Simon. 2) Lyle Lovett. And 3) Randy Newman. Steve Earle's good too. Honourable Menchen. You're allowed to disagree, but if you do, YOU'RE WRONG!

O.K. Now the dentist stuff. I went to Costco, and when the cashier looked at my card she said "Oh, you're a doctor?" I said "Yup, I'm a dentist." She said "All dentists are millionaires!" I said "I am. But I can only speak for me". Incidentally, I became a millionaire one way, and one way only. I stay away, and have never gone to Starbucks. Except to go to the washroom. And finally. Not that finally. You know every year there's another physician show. Finally, there's a new mystery show starring a dentist this fall on ABC. It's called "The Endo Files." That was for Dr. Jacobson in Halifax.

And now the 'Phone Barry' section. Concerning the Supreme Court in the States overturning Roe v Wade recently; Is NASA allowed to abort at the last minute, or do they

have to take off and blow up? It was a joke!! You know you shouldn't read the Phone Barry section. And Yip's Fruit Market on Oakwood. He used to be a pro golfer, but then he got the....Well, you know. And this could have been in the wife section, but it probably belongs here. Our next door neighbour, a 25 year old lovely lady, likes to sunbathe naked from time to time. My wife says we should call the police. Me? I'm on the fence. And I just completed AA. I didn't stop drinking. But I did change my name. I'm also opening a new business I'm going to call 'Sofa King'. Our ads are going to say "Our prices are Sofa King low. You'll have to buy something!" And now the worse stuff. If someone identifies as 'They', are they allowed to use the HOV lane when driving alone? And the Leafs just signed their first Chinese player. He can't score, so they're just going to use him as a Chinese Checker. Also a suggestion. We just took the kids. If you've never been to 'A Freakin' Lion Safari' you should go. They loved it. And did you know Bob Marley was Jewish. His grandson just had his bar mitzvah. Not a joke. Just true. I just try to say what you're thinking. O.K. Not what YOU'RE thinking, but I know it's what you're thinking.

And now my advice column. For you all just graduating. Take this to the bank per se. 1). You can marry more money in 5 minutes than you can make in a lifetime. 2). If you worry about something that hasn't happened yet, you might go through it twice. And even if it doesn't happen, you've still gone through it once needlessly. 3). And for your kids sake. When driving, don't speed. It's always better late than never. 4). Annnnd. Just because it's a losing battle; doesn't mean you stop fighting!

Lastly, I'm gonna keep doing this, till I get it right.

I am of course,

Societally Yours,

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The annual Society Night dinner was held on Monday September 16th at Shaarei Shomayim. We had an excellent turnout of 180 members and guests. The evening kicked off with schmoozing and appetizers. In the reception hall, we all enjoyed a beautiful rendition of O Canada and Hatikvah by Lani Kraus and the Aboodi kids. Jim Posluns presented an update from the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry on behalf of Interim Dean Dr. Laura Tam. Sharon Perlmutter presented an update from AO International and some words from International President Eldad Helft. We are all disappointed that the AO International Convention to be held in Jerusalem has been postponed to December 2025, but we are excited to be together in Jerusalem next winter.

We were also thrilled to hear that Sharon Perlmutter is running unopposed for the position of International President-Elect! We can't wait to be in Israel together for her installation as AO International President in December 2025. We then heard from Ken Serota regarding Dental Volunteers for Israel and the Canadian Friends of DVI. Ken shared powerful stories of his experiences with DVI, and explained how we can all help - by getting involved locally with CFDVI in planning events, raising awareness and fundraising, by volunteering in Israel at the DVI clinic, and by giving funds to CFDVI (directly or through AO Foundation). We hope all of our members will respond to this urgent call for help with DVI.

As we enjoyed a wonderful dinner, it was time for my installation! Past International President Mile Tenenbaum installed me, which was very meaningful as he was the reason I got involved in AO International in 2nd year dental school at McGill. Then my husband, Guy Aboodi, introduced me - we met at AO Convention as students in 2004! It was incredible to have Guy and my kids present for this exciting moment. It was a pleasure to address our chapter and also to thank Lani Kraus for her incredible leadership as President of our chapter for the past year.

Onto the awards! Gerry Pearson presented the Certificate of Merit Award to Brian Chapnick, and Mark Zeidenberg presented the Sheila Rodney Humanitarian Service Award to

Laurel Linetsky-Fleisher. Congratulations to Laurel and Brian - you are both role models to all of us and inspire us to contribute to AO and to our community as a whole.

We were happy to welcome our new and reinstated members, as well as our newly graduated alumni members. Jordan Klimitz, our chapter President-Elect, was proud to present the 50 year pins to our members, including his father! 50 year pins were presented to:

Alex Abrahamovitz
Maury Cepler
Harold Kershen
Stanley Klimitz
Amnon Klinghoffer
Elliot Schwartz
Michael Shorser
Frances Telch

Thank you for your continued commitment to AO!

Thank you especially to Velarie Mabounsou, our Executive Administrator, and Dr. Riley Lewis for their help in organizing the special evening.

It was a wonderful event - we all felt the personal connections that make AO so special. We look forward to a year of great programming for AO Toronto.

Andrea Heckler Aboodi





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Introduction by Guy Aboodi of incoming Toronto Chapter President Andrea Heckler-Aboodi

Good evening to all, members and guests.

I am so excited to introduce Andrea tonight. As you all know (or at least most of you), Alpha Omega was the matchmaker who brought us together, and it is so special to be here not only surrounded by our wonderful friends, but also accompanied with our three, AO-derived, wonderful children – Noa, Jonathan, and Maya. And my father-in-law Robert...

I met Andrea at the AO convention in Vancouver 2004. In her role as the International Student Representative, Andrea was the one welcoming an unimaginable number of students from all over the world. (I believe there were over 40 of us).

In just one week, under the leadership of this good-looking (and very cute) ISR, we became a family of young Jewish dental students. With her calm manner and her awesome approach to life, Andrea created a social

activities-packed week, which helped us form life-long friendships.

Renting a small student apartment in Tel-Aviv, I had the pleasure of hosting many of my AO friends in the year following that convention. Rich (from Laval), Rachel (Louisville), Louis (from Chicago), and one, Andrea, from Montreal.

It was during Andrea's visit that I got to know her better. I have learned of her strong family-value. Obviously - with her immediate family. But the importance of family was carried by Andrea to her AO family. I saw this in Vancouver, in her caring approach to all students and her leadership and management during the fraternity business meetings. During her visit, I was amazed to hear that she had traveled the states for her ortho interviews, not staying in any hotel. Instead, she was hosted by AO members across the continent, all of whom were so happy to open their home to this young AO frater.

Since, I have seen firsthand Andrea's commitment to Alpha Omega, both at the local and the international level. Not missing any opportunity to volunteer, Andrea was a member of the executive council since she moved to Toronto, back in 2006. Chairing

several committees, and working in several others over the years, Andrea really is at her best when she is doing for this AO community.

That of course didn't stop her involvement at the international level. Andrea was representing our chapter at the AO international board in her role as the young alumnae representative and was the chair and coordinator for the international student exchange program – doing what Alpha Omega is all about: connecting members from all over the world.

In today's world's sentiment, our Jewish community is more important than ever. As dentists, Alpha Omega is a key part of our Jewish identity. I believe we can all agree that AO is much more than CE courses and the purchase program. It is about connecting with each other. Volunteerism. Fraternalism. Judaism. Family.

Andrea – I have been looking up to you since we first met in Vancouver. As an AO member, I thank you for taking this role. I know that with you Alpha Omega will be even more welcoming, even more warm, and be a bigger part of our Jewish family. I couldn't be prouder standing next to you today, when you become our chapter's president.

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Andrea's Presidential Speech

Good evening! I am so proud, honoured and excited to be standing here today at our Toronto Chapter Society Night, being installed as Chapter President. Being together with you all here tonight is a testament to the strength and togetherness of Alpha Omega in Toronto and Internationally. This evening marks the start of a new year for us – I know we are all hopeful that this year will bring healing and peace to Israel and to our world. One year ago, Society Night was on September 11th and we remembered the tragedy of that day and hoped for a brighter future. We could not have fathomed the tragedy that came

on October 7th. As I searched for a song or poem to share tonight that has some words of hope for the future of Israel, I realized that the words of Hatikvah still ring true. Hatikvah means The Hope. We have all felt days, weeks and months of hopelessness in the past 11 months. As we sing the words of Hatikvah, I pray for hope – for the release of the hostages, for the safety of our soldiers, and for the safety of all of our friends and families in Israel and Jews worldwide.

Alpha Omega was founded to fight antisemitism. Now more than ever, we need to join together to fight against antisemitism in Toronto and worldwide, and to support the AO values of professionalism, Judaism and community. I am proud to follow in

the footsteps of all the chapter presidents before me – and especially the all-female Line that came before me. Thank you to Iris Kivity-Chandler, Laurel Linetsky-Fleisher and Tammy Herzog for being such incredible role models to me in the last 3 years on the Line. I have learned so much from you and I am so grateful. And to Lani – you led our chapter through such a challenging year. Your love for AO, guidance and leadership has strengthened our chapter at this difficult time. Lani and I have know each other since we were students together in AO. I feel so lucky that we have gotten the chance to continue on our AO journey together! To Jim Posluns and Jordan Klimitz – thank you for your support and commitment to our chapter. It has truly been so much fun to serve on

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the Line with all of you for the past 3 years. Welcome to Beatrice Marr who has joined the Line as secretary – I am excited to work with you! I am grateful to Avi Wurman who is our Advisor to the Line this year. Avi welcomed me to the Toronto Executive when I moved here in 2006. I had met Avi and Sharon and their family at International events during my dental school years. As you all know, Avi has served as Toronto Chapter president as well as International President – his wealth of knowledge and experience is an incredible asset to us all. I am so looking forward to the year to come with this amazing Line. And of course, I am thankful every day for the expertise of our amazing Executive Administrator, Velarie Mabounsou. We could not do any of this without your attention to detail and support!

I will tell you a bit about myself. I am the oldest of 3 sisters. I grew up in Montreal and attended Solomon Schechter Academy until the end of Grade 6. I then attended The Study – a small girl’s school in Montreal. My parents were always very involved in the Montreal Jewish community, and their commitment to these causes taught me from a young age the importance of volunteerism. My father was a leader with the Canadian Friends of the Technion and our Shul, and always encouraged us to take on leadership roles in volunteer organizations. I was the Hillel president in CEGEP and continued my involvement with Hillel throughout my time at McGill. I loved planning events to bring people together and to raise funds and awareness – and I still do! I was the first dentist in my family – which apparently was a dream that my Zaydie had for my father!

Alpha Omega has changed my life in so many ways. I have been a member since I joined the student chapter as a 2nd year dental student at McGill University in the fall of 2002. I was involved throughout dental school in my local student chapter, with the Montreal alumni chapter, and also with AO International.

At Mike Tenenbaum’s house in 2002 - I found out what Alpha Omega International is all about - and I was hooked! I attended multiple regional leadership seminars as a student and young alumni over the next few years.

I also attended Convention every year as a dental student (and almost every Convention since then!). In 3rd year, I was elected as International Student Representative and sat on the AO International Board of Directors in that capacity. I was then on the International Board of Directors again as a Young Alumni a few years later. I met Guy Aboodi at Convention in Vancouver in December 2004 - he was a 5th year dental student at Tel Aviv University and was representing his chapter at Convention. Guy had no idea then that Tim Hortons would become his regular coffee shop! Guy and I started a long distance relationship that summer and he moved to Toronto so we could be together after he graduated dental school in Tel Aviv the following year. Guy started the Perio Program at U of T after I graduated ortho, and Guy and I got married in Israel in 2007!

After I completed dental school in 2005, I did a residency year at the Montreal Children’s Hospital, and then moved to Toronto for the Orthodontics Program at U of T. The connections Guy and I made through Alpha Omega also helped us tremendously during our speciality programs. Anywhere we travel in the world - we ALWAYS have friends! We have attended multiple conventions with our family. Our kids are now 7, 11 and 14, and they are AO Convention experts! Of course they loved attending our Convention in Toronto, and before that we had an incredible AO Convention experience in Porto. We were hoping to come together with you and your families in Jerusalem – that will have to wait another year but we are planning to be there.

Our kids attend Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day school, and both Guy and I recently completely separate 2 year terms as Presidents of the Parents’ Association of our school. Our eldest daughter Noa just completed Grade 9 at Harbord Collegiate, and she is involved now in the Jewish club at school. This year, more than any other, we have all felt the need to connect to our Jewish community.

We were in Israel on October 7th, and as is with all of you, our lives are forever changed. For me, Alpha Omega is a way for us to connect. It represents me in so many ways - as a Jewish dentist who wants to be a support and leader

in my community, and as an advocate for Israel and for Jewish values. I hope AO can provide you with the support and connections you need at this challenging time. If you want to know more about what other AO members are dealing with and doing worldwide, there are many ways to get connected through AO – there is an active What’sApp group that has members worldwide for example – contact the AO office if you want to join the group.

As the current line of the Toronto AO chapter, we want to ensure that Alpha Omega advocates against anti-semitism in our community. We want our voice to represent what we all stand for. We want to support dental students facing challenges in our Universities - locally and internationally. And we want to ensure all of our members feel safe and supported. My grandparents were Holocaust survivors, and Guy’s family survived many challenges as Jews in Iraq. We hope our challenges will be nothing compared to what our ancestors went through.

As a member of Alpha Omega for the past 22 years, I am grateful for all that AO has given to me, and I am so happy to serve as your Toronto chapter president this year. Shana Tova to you and your families and here’s to a wonderful AO year!

Andrea Heckler Aboodi

AO Toronto Chapter President 2024-2025

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Introduction of Laurel Linetsky Fleisher

Hi, I'm Mark Ziedenberg and I have been given the distinct honour and privilege of introducing my very special friend, your recipient of the Sheila Rodney Humanitarian Award, Dr. Laurel Linetsky-Fleisher. I have known Laurel for 35 years and from the first time I met her I knew this day would come.

I met Laurel on the first day of dental school at the University of Toronto in September of 1989 — yes, in the 80's. Our class was the first class of 64 students, reduced from larger previous classes of 104 students. We didn't know it at the time, but our class of 1993 was a very special class. A class of select terrific people lucky enough and motivated to want to become dentists. Our class had a strong alpha omega presence as a third of the class was Jewish. Our classmates formed a tight group of friends that basically grew up together; we dated, all got married, had our children together, and started our practices at the same time. We worked hard, played hard, and all watched our dreams come true. We are all very fortunate to have come up in this environment.

Let me tell you a little about Laurel, so you may understand the type of person she is. Laurel was born and raised in Toronto and attended Leo Baeck Day School the first year it opened, along with my wife Jill. Laurel attended Woodland Senior Public School in Thornhill for middle school and then went on to graduate from Thornlea Secondary School. Laurel spent her summers at camp B'nai Brith, a camp in the U.S. called Goldman Union Camp Institute and, finally, at Camp Walden. She had many summer roles, including being a CIT, swim staff, and her many years of unit head positions. Laurel grew up very involved with the Jewish community as well, with her mother being a founding member of Temple Har Zion. Working numerous jobs, between valeting cars and working at shoe stores and later at Roots, even after starting dental school, instilled in Laurel a commitment to hard work and social responsibility. Even as a teenager, Laurel was involved in planning and organizing and giving back to her community with fundraising and charitable initiatives

including her work developing a high school fashion show.

Laurel went on to study at the University of Western Ontario to earn her Bachelor of Science in Biology and then at the University of Toronto for Dentistry from 1989-1993. Laurel was very active in Pi chapter of Alpha Omega during dental school. She was the social chair for our dental school class and was in charge of creating our Friday night TGIF gathering as well as all social programming. Memories of attending an AO convention in Detroit in 1990 are strong in my mind. Laurel went on to a general practice residency at Toronto Western Hospital, before entering into private practice.

At the age of 23, Laurel was so fortunate to go on a blind date with Danny. I remember studying with her in the dental school library before the pickup. Oh where has the time gone! Laurel and Danny have created an amazing family with four very successful and intelligent sons. Zach, Brandon, Sammy and Jonah are all very proud of their mom and she has a wonderful and close relationship with her boys. Together the Fleisher family 6 pack have flourished. Having four boys gave Laurel a whole new chapter of projects and involvement to keep her even busier!!

Laurel continued her involvement in AO after graduation by running a myriad of programs over the years. She has been on the executive every year since graduation in 1993. She was the AO glue that continued to bring our dental school friends together participating in all the programs that she ran. Chanukah parties, picnics, bowling nights, Grand balls, skating nights, and bingo nights. Laurel helped run and refine the Big Sibling program and conceived and started the AO Revival program in the fall of 2008. AO Revival is a program designed to encourage and engage younger members. She put together a dynamic committee of younger members, two of which are past AO chapter presidents, and developed new ways to keep AO relevant. AO Revival runs at least five programs a year including cooking classes, a speaker series, fitness classes, and even a flower arranging class. All AO Revival programs are subsidized but are also fundraisers with profits going

to local dental related charities. All our classmates (as well as most other Toronto alumni chapter members) knew they would get calls from Laurel imploring us to attend these wonderful events, and we could never say no. We were all the better for it!!

Laurel's community involvement did not stop with Alpha Omega. While working part time in dentistry, raising a large family, and being an amazing partner to Danny, Laurel also somehow found the time to be involved with Venture Sinai at Sinai Health Foundation, be a board member for Jacob's Ladder, and run the Pages Book club since 1995. She also planned events for the Gerry and Nancy Pencer Brain Trust and ran the UCC Prep Parents' Organization for three years.

Due to Laurel's magic of enthusiasm and commitment, you cannot say no to her. If she can take on 15 things at once and do it with good intentions and a smile, how can you say no? This is why Laurel is so successful in everything she touches. She wears her heart on her sleeve and is never afraid to tell you what she thinks and what is best for you! By the way, she is always right...!

From the minute I met Laurel, I was amazed by her energy, enthusiasm and involvement. This is why Laurel is so great at what she does. The world needs more people like Laurel. I have had the pleasure of saying this for 35 years: "If you want something done, give it to Laurel." And here you are receiving the Alpha Omega Sheila Rodney Humanitarian Award. Sheila Rodney was an amazing and engaging individual who certainly had a huge impact on all of us that knew and worked with her. You are a very worthy recipient and role model for the rest of us.

Laurel, we have grown up together, learned together, sweat together, and watched our families grow up together, and I have been in awe of you the whole time. You're an amazing friend and I treasure the time we have spent together and look forward to so many fun times ahead. You're truly a gift to us all and I am so happy and fortunate to be able to celebrate this accomplishment with you!!

Mark Ziedenberg

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Acceptance Thank you speech for the Alpha Omega Sheila Rodney Humanitarian Award Monday Sept 16th, 2024

Mark- thank you so much for that beautiful introduction and your thoughtful words. I love that you and Jill have been on this life journey with Danny and I and that we have so much history together. You are such special friends and huge supporters and I am forever grateful to have you both in my life in such a large and meaningful way.

I am so honoured and humbled to be receiving the Alpha Omega Sheila Rodney Humanitarian award. I am very blessed and feel a real sense of purpose and pride in being able to give back to the community in a myriad of different ways and for a myriad of different causes that are close to my heart. Alpha Omega, among others, truly speaks to me as a dentist and a Jew and I am so proud to be able to represent our Society and to have been on the line and so involved in

Gerry Pearson's intro of Brian Chapnick

Hello, Alpha Omega friends.

When Brian called to ask me to introduce him, I could not refuse.

I have been friends with Brian for over 50 years. He is caring, conscientious, loyal, and considerate of others. We have never had an argument in the 50 plus years we have known each other. But that is Brian.

Brian was in private practice with his late, renowned father, Dr. Gilbert Chapnick, from 1977, after graduating from the University of Toronto and completing an internship at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Brian has two children, Aubrey, married to Caroline, and Laura, married to Sol.

almost every program and committee we have. I have learned from and have such admiration and respect for some of my mentors and mentees in this room who I would like to give a shout out to: Gary Elman, Allan Katchky, Ira Marder, Stephen Kay, Iris Kivity-Chandler, Tammy Herzog and Lani Kraus. Thank you for being a shining light in my AO journey. I feel so lucky to have had you in my orbit. Andrea- mazel tov on your installation as President- you are such a committed, devoted and beyond capable human that I have loved getting to know. Your passion is palpable and I am excited for you to embark on this journey. Alpha Omega is in very capable hands with you at the helm.

Tammy Herzog and I were very involved with Rick Rodney and Marvin Obar in helping name this award in Sheila's name. I was fortunate to have known and worked with Sheila for many years and was a recipient of her kindness, knowledge and dedication. I hope she is here with us tonight and knows how touched I am to be receiving an award in her honour. This award was first given to Carole Gruson in 2023 and I couldn't be happier to be following in her footsteps. Carole- you are a shining example of philanthropy at its finest

Brian's first position with Alpha Omega Pi Chapter was Sargent of Arms. His responsibility was to keep the fridge at our Frat House on Bathurst Street full of beer and return the empties to the beer store.

Brian followed in his late father, Gil Chapnick's footsteps, and became President of our Alpha Omega Toronto Chapter.

He was Chair of Alpha Omega International's Regional Meeting in Toronto.

He was Marshal of the most recent Alpha Omega International Convention in Toronto in 2023, which was very successful as everyone who attended can attest.

He served as a member of the Board of Alpha Omega International.

Brian continues serving as Co-chair of the Steering Committee of our Alpha Omega

and I am humbled to be joining you as a fellow recipient. Rick and his family have generously awarded each recipient of this award with a financial gift to be awarded to the recipient's charity of choice. I have chosen my funds to be evenly divided between 2 charities. B'nai Brith Canada to help address and fight the growing anti-semitism we are all facing in this country and the Margaret's Legacy Holocaust Learning and Jewish Advocacy Centre based in Hamilton, Ontario.

I would like to take a moment to thank Danny and my family for their constant love, support and willingness to share me with all of you and the numerous other charities I am involved with. I am lucky tonight to have my oldest son Zach here with his girlfriend Syd to represent the Fleisher boys. Unfortunately Brandon, his girlfriend Cristina, Sammy and his girlfriend Lindsay and Jonah could not be here. My aunt and uncle Franny and Jonathan Weizel are also here and I know are schlepping naches this evening.

Thank you to those who nominated me- I will be forever grateful.

Laurel Linetsky

Dental Clinic at Baycrest.

Brian also served as President of the Toronto Academy of Dentistry, the Toronto Crown and Bridge Study Club, and Chaired the Ontario Section of American College of Dentists.

Brian has received fellowships from the Academy of Dentistry International, International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy and the American College of Dentists. and honours, from the Ontario Dental Association and the Toronto Academy of Dentistry.

Having known his late parents, I am sure that they are now looking down and very proud of their son as are his sister Marlene and her husband, Sheldon here tonight.

I am very happy to introduce someone who I can call my friend and who I feel is very deserving of this award.

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Brian Chapnick's Speech

It has been suggested that most things can be said in only a few words so I will be short.

I have sat in this forum many times recognising others, and in my wildest dreams never thought I would be up here being recognised myself. That you feel I have contributed to the profession and in particular to Alpha Omega in a positive way means so much to me and I thank you. I accept this recognition humbly and do so on behalf of the many talented and dedicated Alpha Omega members who I have been privileged to meet, work with, learned from and most importantly who I can call my friends. Of course I include my

family, here tonight who have supported me, encouraged me, consoled me and let me do without complaining about the meetings, phone calls, and commitments that are all part of organizational involvement.

I can honestly say, Alpha Omega has always been in my life. My Dad, a Chapter Past President, my Mom, a Chapter ladies auxiliary Past President, indoctrined me in Alpha Omega from my earliest years. To me Alpha Omega is the shade we can feel comfortable to relax under knowing it provides us many opportunities to grow, professionally and personally. That shade is only present so long as we continue to build it, strengthen it and keep it relevant. We must continue to explore new ideas and plan for the future for to only live in the present ultimately accepts our demise.

Everyone must do their part in their own way, small or large. I encourage each and every one of you to join a committee and contribute to the shade we all are protected by now and for those in the future. You will get out of your membership what you put in to it and much more. I know, because I have.

Again, thank you for this wonderful honour. To be recognised by ones peers is the highest complement a professional can receive and I will always treasure this moment.



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Condolences

Dr. David Auerbach on the loss of his son Paul

Dr. Aubey & Marilyn Banack

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Dr. Lyon Schwartzben on the loss of his wife Judy

Dr. Joel Edelson

Dr. Ronald Weintraub on the loss of his son Mark

Dr. Rick Rodney

TRIBUTE CARDS

Condolences

The Family of Dr. Bernie Gryfe

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The Family of Dr. Gerald Halbert

Dr. Perry & Irit Rubin

Dr. Lyon Schwartzben on the loss of his wife Judy

Dr. Stanley & Ellen Markin

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GOLD CARDS

Condolences

Dr. Sheryl Lipton on the loss of her mother Annette

Dr. Rick Rodney

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PLATINUM CARDS

Congratulations

Dr. Aubey Banack in celebration of his birthday

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