

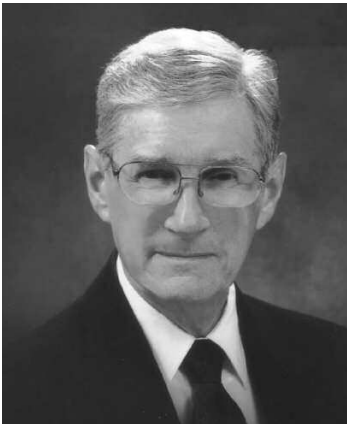


THE ALPHA OMEGA
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NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING



Thursday, November 3, 2011

Robert Merrill, DDS, MS

presents

“Obstructive Sleep Apnea”

About the Topic:

Sleep-Related Breathing Disorders (SRBD) are becoming a universal problem in the U.S. as our life-spans get longer and our girths get larger. Obstructive Sleep Apnea can cause many serious health problems including destruction of cortical neurons, heart attacks, stroke, and death. Snoring without sleep apnea is not benign. Evidence now shows that snoring itself increases the likelihood of developing carotid atherosclerosis that leads to stroke. Dentists are in an ideal position to screen for SRBD because they tend to see their patients more frequently than do the physicians. This lecture will review screening and use of oral appliances to help manage SRBD.

About the Speaker:

Dr. Merrill graduated from the University of Southern California School of Dentistry in 1973 and practiced general dentistry until 1995. He returned to UCLA and completed a two-year graduate program in Orofacial Pain and a one-year Fellowship in Pain at the UCLA Pain Management Center in 1990. After receiving an MS in Oral Biology in 1994, Dr. Merrill was appointed the Director of the UCLA Graduate Orofacial Pain Clinic in 1995. Since that time, he has maintained a private practice in the UCLA Orofacial Pain Faculty Practice.

Dr. Merrill set up the first comprehensive Orofacial Pain Clinic at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry in 2000 and was appointed an Associate Clinical Professor. He was appointed the Director of the UCLA Graduate Orofacial Pain Program in 2003 and has served on the Board of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and the American Board of the Orofacial Pain Examination Committee. Dr. Merrill established the Dental Sleep Medicine Program as part of the UCLA Orofacial Pain Center in 2007 and was appointed a Clinical Professor at UCLA in 2011.

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Date:	Thurs., November 3, 2011	
Time:	Cocktails	6:00 p.m.
	Dinner	7:00 p.m.
	Lecture	8:00 p.m.

Location: Braemar Country Club
4001 Reseda Blvd.,
Tarzana (818) 345-6520

*Note: if you require a Kosher meal,
please give us 48 hours notice.*

Program	Dr. Michael Alfandari
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE JOYS OF VALLEY MEETINGS

I always enjoy our Alpha Omega San Fernando Valley component general meetings. Sure I have to rush on a week day to finish work, close up shop and schlep over to the beautiful Braemar Country Club. But then upon entering the meeting room and being greeted by Max and Ron, the enjoyment begins.

At the pre-meeting cocktail hour I socialize with old and new members, visit the vendor tables, and just unwind after a busy day. The meeting begins with an invocation which highlights the Jewish aspect of Alpha Omega. Then it's dinner time. If you haven't had the buffet at Braemar, you really are missing a way-above-the-usual meeting meal. Next, Max introduces new members and visitors. He knows things about people that they probably don't even remember. Amazing!

The lights go dim and the lecture begins! Even though I am a specialist, I never leave thinking I have wasted my time. Any new information is beneficial and helps me to be a better practitioner. I have found that I also really enjoy the non-dental speakers such as Rabbis, financial advisors, and yes, even attorneys.

Our most recent speaker was Dr. Abdi Sameni of USC who spoke on "Minimally Invasive Adhesive and Esthetic Dentistry." There were almost fifty fraters in attendance. Dr. Sameni was a fantastic, stimulating, and knowledgeable speaker. He held everyone's attention until the very end and no one fell asleep even at the late hour after a hefty meal.

Our next meeting will be on November 3, 2011 at the Braemar Country Club where Dr. Robert Merrill (UCLA, yeah!) will speak on sleep apnea and sleep medicine. You really need to treat yourself, support AO, and attend the AO SFV general meetings. See you there!

Fraternally,

Dr. Ted Feder, President

2011-12 SFV Chapter Meeting Schedule

November 3, 2011

Robert Merrill, D.D.S., M.S. – "Obstructive Sleep Apnea"

February 23, 2012

Alan Felsenfeld, D.D.S. – "Oral Surgery"

April 19, 2012

Kurt Skarin, J.D., Ph.D – "Practice Sales"



Innovative Fundraising Leads to Purchase of Panoramic X-ray Unit for the Trudi Berger DVI Clinic

Having recently moved from a rented facility that had housed the DVI clinic for 30 years to a new facility that was purchased, among other capital requirements there was a need identified for a panoramic radiography machine. Purchase of that machine was the purpose of a Rotary International matching grant proposal. It was only with the potential support of Rotary International which limits its grants to capital projects that such a capital acquisition could be contemplated. The proposed budget was \$54,900 USD. Renovations of the facility are proceeding and delivery of the machine is planned for August 25 in Jerusalem.

Through the diligent efforts of **Frater Robert Simon**, the matching grant proposal was initiated by The Rotary Club of Jerusalem who pledged \$7,500. The Rotary Club of Fullerton South, to which Bob belongs, pledged \$2,250. The Rotary Club of Fullerton pledged \$1,000. Southern California Rotary District 5320 in which the Fullerton Rotary Clubs are located matched their donations by contributing \$3,250. The total of Rotary co-sponsor donations amounted to \$14,000. The Rotary Foundation contributed \$8,625. There was additional "outside" funding that amounted to \$25,275, \$10,000 of which came from the Alpha Omega London Charitable Trust, identified by the Rotary Club of Jerusalem. Our Alpha Omega Foundation grant this year of \$6,500 completed the funding.

Alpha Omega would like to congratulate Bob Simon for his hard work and persistence. He is truly an example of what Alpha Omega is about.

OUR AO WEBSITE IS BACK!!

Thanks to our computer *GURU* and Webmaster, Jeff Berlin, our new and greatly improved website is finally online. Please visit www.aosocal.org for all scientific meeting schedules, officer's rosters, links to many dental organizations, archived AO newsletters and much more.

We appreciate all comments!!

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818-774-3324

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The new Golden and Platinum tribute cards are lovely. They are both dark blue and the Golden Tribute has the AO insignia in gold on the front and the Platinum has the insignia in silver. Any personal message can be written inside. For any of your tribute needs, please contact.

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2011-12 L.A. City Schedule

Oct. 26

Renzo Casellini, M.D.T.

"Newest Techniques of Implant Esthetics"

Nov. 30

Joel Laudenbach, D.M.D.

"Hot Topics in Oral Medicine"

Feb. 29 – TBD

April 25

Manual Diaz, Esq.

"Embezzlement in the Dental Office"

May 23

Rabbi Wolpe - Social event

Topic – TBD

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