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**February 2017**

**Vijay K. Ahuja, CFP**

**presents**

## **"Wealth Accumulation Strategies And Qualified Retirement Plans"**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

### **ABOUT THE TOPIC**

This presentation will review:

- Wealth Accumulation Strategies
- Qualified Retirement Plans

### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Vijay Kumar Ahuja, born in 1964, earned a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics from University of Mumbai (formerly known as University of Bombay) in 1987. Vijay Ahuja is the president and senior investment advisor working at R-tech Advisors, Inc. in Woodland Hills, CA and has over 21 years of experience in the finance industry. Vijay is registered with the SEC as an Investment Advisor, which is defined as someone who is paid to provide advice about securities. Investment advisors can also be paid to manage investment portfolios or offer financial planning services. Other terms commonly used for investment advisors include Investment Advisor Representative (IAR) and Registered Investment Advisor (RIA). Vijay Ahuja has taken additional exams to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP). CFP professionals must pass the comprehensive CFP Certification Examination, pass CFP Board's Fitness Standards for Candidates and Registrants, agree to abide by CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility and Rules of Conduct which put clients' interests first and comply with the Financial Planning Practice Standards. He also got certified as Certified Pension Consultant (CPC), Enrolled Retirement Plan Agent (ERPA), Certified Fund Specialist (CFS), California Licensed Life, Accident and Health Agent Qualified Pension Administrator (QPA), Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA).

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**DATE:**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

**LOCATION:**

Sinai Temple

10400 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90024

*SW corner of Wilshire Blvd. and Beverly Glen*

**TIME:**

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fraters,  
Happy New Year! The Los Angeles chapter got off to a great start for 2017 with a huge turnout of students and alumni (both Trojan and not!) at our January scientific dinner meeting to learn from Dr. Avishai Sadan, the Dean of the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC about the use of adhesive dentistry for cases involving complex dental rehabilitation.

Local fraters who made the journey north to San Francisco for the Alpha Omega International Convention were a strong and visible representation of our Southern California chapters. Both alumni and students from our chapters welcomed the Alpha Omega families into Shabbat. We hosted a banquet for 270 fraters and family members, produced a program for the evening that was distributed to the attendees and Lionell Greenberg was present to represent the regency and act as MC for the evening.

We are so proud of the strong student representation that our USC student members have on the international level, as well. Nicole Ahobim was the student representative of the Alpha Omega Board of Directors at the convention, Judy Naziri was elected as one of the two International student representatives for 2017 and Mikaela Goodman Benlulu was a shining star representing the fraternity/Foundation externship in Israel last summer. Mikaela visited many of the sites that the Foundation supports and because of her effort a program is being established to send student ambassadors to Israel.

In light of the strong commitment of our local students to the fraternity, I'd love to remind everyone about the amazing opportunities that we have to give back to our students, the fraternity and the community as a whole. The fraternity's Mentorship Program spearheaded by Dr. Bob Simon is a great way for alumni dentists and dental specialists to help educate and encourage our students and recent graduates. It reminds them that we are as committed to helping them begin their dental careers as we hope they are to continuing their ongoing relationship with Alpha Omega. Dr. Paul Selski has been running a much-needed program in which local dentists are donating their time and services to treat the small local community of Holocaust survivors. Both programs are always wanting for more volunteers who would like to be more involved and active in helping the community. To learn more about either program or to volunteer your time please reach out via aosocal@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

The next meeting of the Los Angeles chapter takes place at Sinai Temple on February 22, 2017, when Vijay Ahuja will be presenting on Wealth Accumulation Strategies and Qualified

Retirement Plans. Consider sponsoring a student or a recent graduate who may be interested in joining us at the meeting – we always welcome both new and familiar faces!

*Fraternally,*

Talia Shainhouse Lebovitz, D.D.S.

## REGENT'S REPORT



**D**ear Fraters,  
Your Southern California Regency is excited to present Steve Anderson as speaker for our annual Manusov/ Styrt seminar to be held at the Olympic Collection on March 31, 2017. The topic of the presentation will be "The 4 Silent Killers of a Winning

Practice, Creating and Maintaining a Culture of Success in Your Practice". Those who attended Steve's seminar

last year found him to be a dynamic speaker who kept the audience engaged for the entirety of the presentation, and learned communication skills that would be used the next day in their practices. I encourage you to attend this one day seminar along with your staff to discover the four essential things that we must all do to stay relevant, competitive and profitable in the future. Please note that this year's topic is totally different from last year's. I look forward to see all of you along with your staff members at the seminar.

*Fraternally,*  
Ron Saidara, DDS

## AO/HSC HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

**D**ear Fraters,  
This past year, members of the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley Alpha Omega Chapters have provided essential dental care for Holocaust Survivors who had no other means of attaining dental treatment. Currently, 25 Holocaust Survivors have been referred for treatment with the help of Jewish Family Services. The response from our members to participate in this program and provide treatment has been wonderful. Gratitude expressed by the people who have received treatment is heartwarming. The satisfaction received by the treating dentists has been equally well worth the experience of helping survivors, who have already gone through so much, but now cannot afford basic dental care. I personally would like to thank all those who have made this project possible. We hope to continue participating in this program for years to come. There are not many Holocaust Survivors left and whatever we can do to ease the burden for them in their twilight years would be a huge mitzvah. I ask all members to please make every effort to be part of this program. At this time, more General Dentists are needed to exam and recommend treatment plans. If you are a practicing dentist in the City or Valley, and would like to offer some time and services please contact me at [pselski@gmail.com](mailto:pselski@gmail.com) or call at (818) 554-4226 for more information.

*Fraternally,*  
Paul Selski

## THE NEW A.O. WOMEN'S GROUP

**D**ear Spouses and Fraters,  
When the AO Auxiliaries could not find leaders in the late 1970's each chapter (City and Valley) ceased to exist. In 1980, a group of us, brought the group back together calling us "The New AO Women's Group. We are no longer new nor do we do any activities except we did handle the AO tributes that we sold locally. Due to the aging of our group, we have handed that project back to National. If you'd like to send a tribute it is noted in the bulletin. The interesting thing is our treasury has money in it. We did pay all postage for the tributes thus being able to send headquarters 100% of all collected money.

Now it is time to disburse the funds. After discussion with those who are on the account and others, it has been decided that we will send the money to the Jewish National Fund. Since the fires a few months ago, money is needed for fire equipment, fire houses, trees etc. Our small amount of \$2,500.00 will help pay to replant many trees.

I want to thank you for all your help by paying dues, working on all the conventions and being supportive.

*Nanette Cutler*

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# ALPHA OMEGA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SAN FRANCISCO 2016

*Submitted by Dr. Robert L Simon, US Director*

The venue was ideal. Our convention hotel was the J W Marriott at Union Square. It was sumptuously appointed and the room rate was deeply discounted. In an effort to bolster convention attendance, the traditionally seven day agenda was reenvisioned as a four day meeting which convened Wednesday two days after Christmas.

The welcome dinner followed the first of two business sessions. The second and final business session was Thursday. Thursday afternoon was sunny, cool and ideal for the golf outing at the excellent Lake Merced Golf & Country Club. Friday featured a very well attended wine country tour, returning in time for a festive Shabbat dinner.

Saturday night was celebrated both as Honors night and New Year's Eve. The event featured gratitude to International president **Wendy Spektor** and then installation of London Frater **Mervyn Druian** as

international president, and Cleveland Frater **Steve Marsh** as president-elect. Chicago frater **Laurie Gordon-Shaw**, received the Meritorious Service Award for her service to the fraternity and the U.S. Foundation. London frater **Andrew Eder** received the Certificate of Merit for his service as chair of the London Charitable Trust. Our own **Judy Naziri** of the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC was elected as one of two new International Student Representatives. Alpha Omega's Achievement Medal for 2017 will be conferred upon **Ahmed Ismael** currently Dean of Temple University School of Dentistry. It will be presented in Philadelphia later in the year.

The most impactful change announced this year was the partnership with Aegis Communications, the publisher of Compendium of Continuing Education in dentistry beginning with Volume 38.



▲ *Young Members Night Out- Exploratorium Museum (12/29)*

*Local LA students exploring SF during free time; from left to right: Mikaela Benlulu (USC DDS 2017) and Max Benlulu, Nathan R. (UCLA 2018), and Josh Novinbakht (USC 2017).* ►



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Steven J. Anderson

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**Los Angeles, California**

**Meeting Venue:**

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**11301 Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, California 90064**

## **Tuition:**

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**LA City Schedule 2017**

**April** – TBA

**May 17** – *Renzo Cacellini*



**SFV Chapter Schedule 2017**

**February 9** – "Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT), Usage In Dentistry" – *Dan Schechter, DDS*

**April 20** – "The First Four Questions God Will Ask You" – *Rabbi David Woznica*

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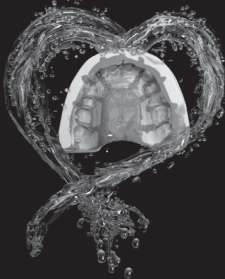
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