

# HOTSEAT

Newsletter  
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## DÉJÀ VU & SENTIMENTS TOO



Another Day,  
Another Year,  
Another Round in  
the forthcoming  
weeks of new  
applicants and  
interviews, so  
another pending

new group of alumnae – but – but –  
the same old Chairman.

As I said to our alumnae at the  
Boston AAO meeting this year –  
paraphrasing General Douglas  
MacArthur who said “Old Generals  
Never Die – They Just Fade Away”  
-----“Old Chairmen Never Die,  
They Just Stay – and Stay – and  
Stay”.

Don't get me wrong – I am not  
complaining; I am very happy TO  
BE ALIVE; to kick up my heels, to  
drink my share of red wine, and am  
extremely happy to see our great  
alumnae – young and old – at our  
annual meetings each year. After  
all, we are really Family and in  
today's fast changing world and  
differing environments – That's  
Really Something and Truly  
Special!

Think about it – the world keeps  
going around and around – but our  
feet stay glued to the earth – they  
call it Gravity - and we don't fall  
off.

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## CONGRATULATIONS DR. BAHREMAN

Dr. Bahreman, Eastman professor of clinical  
dentistry and orthodontics was honored last fall  
during a visit to Beheshti University in Tehran,  
Iran, for his many contributions to dentistry  
both in Iran and in Rochester.

Dr. Bahreman is the first in  
dentistry to be awarded Professor  
Emeritus at Beheshti University.  
In addition, he was given the  
highest medal in research for his  
ongoing work since 1967. He  
founded and chaired both the  
pediatric and orthodontic  
departments, and also served as dean of the  
dental school for five years. During that time,  
he developed postgraduate curricula that were  
the first of its kind in Iran. He also founded the  
Dental School Journal and the Iranian  
Association of Orthodontists, where he served as  
President.



Bahreman has been a member of a number of  
dental organizations, including the American  
Association of Orthodontists, and the World  
Federation of Orthodontists. He is also a fellow  
of the International College of Dentists.

Since 2003, Dr. Bahreman has served Eastman  
Dental Center as a full-time clinical professor in  
the orthodontic, pediatric, and advanced  
education in general dentistry programs. He  
has been invaluable to our residents for his  
experience and insight in treating pediatric  
patients. We appreciate his time and effort in  
bestowing his knowledge to all those fortunate  
enough to have had him as a professor and  
friend.

Sincerely,

EDC Ortho Class of '09

## DÉJÀ VU AND SENTIMENTS TOO...

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Our first alumnae graduated in 1957, and year by year we have been increasing in numbers and we (I, also, am an honorary EDC alumnus and have a certificate to prove it) have not only kept our feet on the ground, but we have stuck together as a group – a happy group. Added to gravity, there is something special about our group – it's called “A Spirit” that keeps us together – Year after Year – as a Great Group of Friends – Eastman Orthodontic Alumnae Association. You people and your spirit have made Ortho at EDC (U of R) the cherished and recognized spirit that it is today. It stands high in reputation as well as cohesiveness.

As you people may have guessed, I was raised with a “bit” of a competitive spirit. My father who came to this country alone at the age of 16, uneducated but bright, kept telling me to shine, to use my brain and – like the Armed Services slogan – “To Be the Best I Can Be”. With this admonition in my background – when I came to the old Eastman Dental Dispensary I made a decision that the new Orthodontic Department would shine – shine in a world of stars – it would come to be considered “Top Drawer” well-known and recognized.

As I tried to say in our Boston Get Together You Alumnae and our terrific faculty (many of which are also alumnae), Made It Happen and I want to thank each and every one of you for making it so! You are Great Alumnae and more importantly Great Friends. You Alumnae have been great supporters of our Orthodontic Department – for which I am additionally thankful. You've warmed the cockles of an Old Professor's Heart and have made my role that much more pleasurable and fulfilling – and as we await the naming of a new Chairman - that much more meaningful and fun.

I love seeing you all at our reunions. Let Gravity Keep Your Feet Planted on the Ground – and Keep Doing Good Things.

Blessings to All.



## DAMON FORUM



The Damon Forum was held in Scottsdale Arizona at the Marriot Desert Ridge Resort during the third week of January. Seniors Meghan Alexander, Steve Clifford, Shiva Khatami, Matthew Rogers, Jeff Toothman and faculty members Dr. Bellohusen and Dr. Dietrich all attended. There were also several Eastman alumni present for the meeting. The forum was a wonderful learning experience and a nice winter getaway from the cold of Rochester. This marked the third year in a row that senior residents of Eastman have attended the event.

## AAO MEETING

The annual American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) meeting was held in Boston this May. It was attended by all junior and senior residents as well as several faculty members, including our Chairman Dr. Subtelny, and Program Director Dr. Deeney.

The residents were exposed to several prominent speakers and had the opportunity to walk the exhibit floor to meet the numerous vendors.



The alumni reception, which was held on Saturday night, gave everyone a chance to become reacquainted. It was an enjoyable evening of food and fun.

On Sunday, the residents were treated to a special night out with Dr. Bellohusen. This provided a great opportunity for resident bonding. It included a delicious meal at the Italian restaurant Lemoncello with drinks and dancing afterwards at the Green Dragon. We all appreciate Dr. Bellohusen's generosity.



## WELCOME CLASS OF 2011

### **Dr. Jocelyne Abi-Nahed**

Jocelyne was born in Quebec, Canada and is from a Lebanese background. She received her dental degree in 2002 from the University of Montreal. In 2003 Dr. Abi-Nahed received her advanced education certificate in general dentistry from Montreal Children's Hospital through McGill University, Montreal, Canada. In 2007, she completed a Master of Science in Dental Public Health at the University of Toronto in Ontario and soon thereafter became a fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Jocelyne enjoys outdoor activities and traveling, especially when shared with friends and family. Dr. Jocelyne Abi-Nahed is especially grateful to Eastman for the unique opportunity to be in the same program at the same time as her "big sib", Dr. Genevieve Abi-Nahed (class of 1010).

### **Dr. Rose Chen**

Rose was born and raised in the city of Montreal, in Quebec, Canada. She attended McGill University where she majored in Microbiology and Immunology in 2004 and then earned her dental degree in 2008. Rose then moved to the United States to complete a one year residency in general dentistry at the University of Connecticut. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, eating good food, shopping, watching movies, going to the gym, badminton, volleyball, skating and a good laugh!

### **Dr. Joseph Dietrich**

Joe was born and raised in Alliance, Ohio. He attended Miami University (Ohio) where he received a B.A. in Zoology. While at Miami, he met his wife Courtney whom he married in 2006. Joe received his D.M.D. from Case Western Reserve University in 2009. In his free time he enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing sports, watching his Cleveland sports teams collapse, and fishing.

### **Dr. Alex Figueroa**

Alex was born in Chicago, IL and raised in the nearby suburb of Glencoe. He attended New Trier High School where he aspired to become a dentist. After graduation in 2002, he was accepted to Case Western Reserve University's pre-professional scholars program, enabling him to combine his undergraduate and dental studies into a 6 year program. In May 2008, Dr. Figueroa earned his DMD from the Case School of Dental Medicine. Over the past year Dr. Figueroa has had the pleasure of studying under Dr. Ross Tallents as a TMJ resident here at Eastman. Alex enjoys both water and snow skiing, cooking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. After graduating from Eastman, he plans on joining his father, Dr. Alvaro Figueroa (class of '80), in private practice in Chicago.

**Dr. Cherie Gyorffy (Nicolucci)**

Cherie grew up in Ancaster, Ontario, Canada. She studied chemistry and education at Queen's University in Kingston and graduated with a B.Sc. in 2003. From there, Cherie moved to London Ontario, and in 2007 she earned her D.D.S. at the University of Western Ontario. She worked as a general dentist in rural Ontario for a year before moving to Rochester, New York where she completed a GPR at Strong Memorial Hospital. Shortly before the start of her orthodontic residency at Eastman, Cherie married Dr. Jeff Nicolucci, whom she met while in dental school. They were married in Las Vegas (not by Elvis!) and had a great time with 40 close family and friends who attended. Jeff is currently in a periodontics residency at Temple University, in Philadelphia, PA. When away from work, Cherie enjoys jazz music, skiing, and family time - especially on week-ends visiting Jeff in Philadelphia! Cherie Nicolucci is thrilled to be starting her orthodontic training at Eastman, and looks forward to joining the Eastman Family!

**Dr. John "Pier" Sullivan**

Pier was born and raised in Rochester and attended Pittsford Sutherland High School. He received his B.A. from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY with a major in Economics and a minor in Fine Arts. He completed his pre-dental studies at the Harvard Extension School in Cambridge, MA. After earning his D.M.D. Degree from Boston University Goldman School of Dentistry in 2004, he completed an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency in the Navy. During the five years he served as a lieutenant, he practiced general dentistry at Camp Pendleton, CA, on a deployment to Djibouti, Africa, and most recently at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He is a golf and sailing enthusiast. His wife Jessica will complete a Masters of Science in Health Sciences as a Physician Assistant at George Washington University in August of 2009 and is looking forward to practicing in the Rochester medical community. Pier is honored to have the opportunity to study with the incoming EDC Orthodontics class under the guidance of a great faculty with rich alumni involvement.



## GRADUATION 2009

This year's graduation reception will take place at the Woodcliff resort and spa in Fairport, NY. The seniors are looking forward to the big night in which they can share this great accomplishment with family, friends and the outstanding faculty who taught them. The seniors are leaving a gift of book shelves in which the several skulls that are currently kept in boxes can be displayed. This will allow easy access for future residents to go grab one during Hotseat seminars. As Dr. Subtelny has taught us, and all Eastman graduates understand, we must "Know Thy Anatomy".



## FUTURE PLANS

Meghan Alexander will be moving to Farmington CT and will be joining a large group practice as the new associate. She is also busy planning her upcoming nuptials. Steve Clifford will be headed to our neighbor of the north and will become an associate at a practice with several offices in the eastern provinces of Canada. Shiva Khatami is headed back to Vancouver where she will be completing her Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia as well as practicing orthodontics there locally. Liliya Nicholcheva will be moving to her husband's hometown of Fredricton, New Brunswick and joining a group practice as an associate. Matthew Rogers will be moving to the Washington DC area where he will be stationed at Bolling Air Force base and resuming his active duty service. Jeff Toothman will be joining his father Dr. Ronald Toothman (class of '77) at his practice in Hagerstown M.D.

