

President's Message: Making Great Strides!

As we enter a new year and look forward to new beginnings, let us also take a



few moments to reflect on 2017. First and foremost in this regard, is remembering the sudden loss of a member of our Rhode Island Osteopathic family, Dr.

Stephen Fanning. Steve worked tirelessly as a member of the RISOPS Board of Trustees for many years and was always there to lend a steady hand. His advice and direction will be sorely missed not only in our organization, but also throughout our entire community. Anyone lucky enough to know him can quickly recall stories of Steve and his influence. I met him at the literal start of my career as I applied to medical school. He fostered my participation in RISOPS from the beginning, he allowed me to rotate at his office as I progressed through training, and provided a brand of humble, no-nonsense direction as a trusted colleague once I became an attending. I, like so many of you, was

honored to know him and to call him my friend. As we recall the work of Steve and many others who worked to build RISOPS over the years, let us all find a rekindled spirit to continue the tradition of promoting our profession and supporting our organization. There is still much to be done!

Although the year is new, the RISOPS Board of Trustees continues to work on unfinished business from 2017. We continue to meet with AOA representatives to rectify Lifespan's grossly unfair and archaic practice of discriminating against the credentials of Osteopathic Residency and/or Board Certification. We will continue to press for resolution on multiple fronts. We will need the entire community's support; we will not rest until this is resolved. The Board has also met with AOA Physicians Services to seek support on the issue of regulating Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment in the Rhode Island healthcare marketplace in an age where ANY alternative treatment for chronic pain should be fostered rather than limited. Despite the chilly winter weather, planning is already underway for the upcoming Summer ROME (Regional Osteopathic Medical Education)

Conference to be held in beautiful Mystic, CT. Please mark your calendars for August 9-12, 2018. The event is always jam-packed with CME and networking opportunities. Remember that your support of this event directly impacts RISOPS.

Lastly, as a reminder, RISOPS remains on Inskip BMW/Mini's list of preferred organizations in Rhode Island. This means substantial discounts (not available to the general public) on both brands are offered with proof of active membership. If you are considering a purchase or lease, please don't hesitate to contact our Affiliate Executive, Samyuktha Gumidyala, to get the details on what your membership can save you in real money. We will continue to look for ways to provide usable benefits to our members. If you haven't already, please remember to send your 2018 membership dues. I once again look forward to the upcoming year, and I ask for your continued support as we seek to expand RISOPS's membership and influence in Rhode Island and beyond.

Respectfully,
Gregory G. Allen, Jr., DO

In Memoriam

STEPHEN A. FANNING, III, DO, of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, passed away suddenly on August 4, 2017. He was the devoted husband of Susan Fanning, loving father of Timothy, Daniel and Emily, Michael, Patrick, and Katharine, and proud and giddy grandfather of Kailar Fanning.

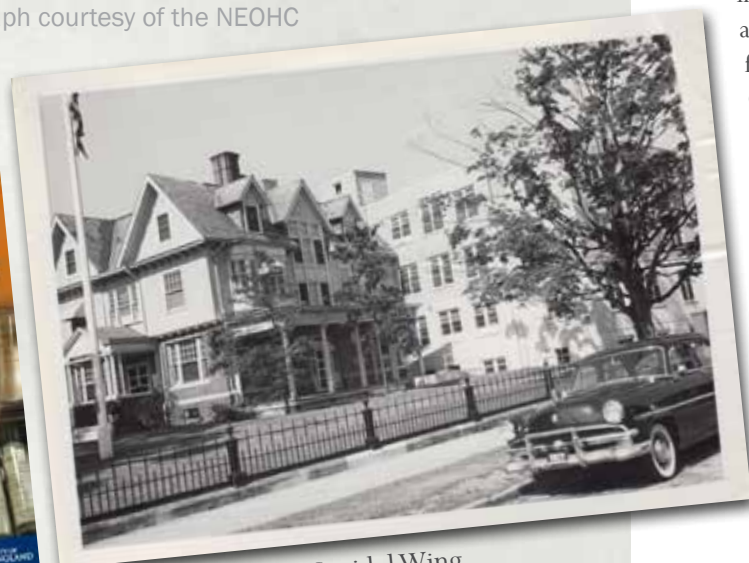
Steve graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts and earned his doctorate degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his...

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A LOOK BACK IN **HISTORY**

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New Addition – Speidel Wing,
Osteopathic General Hospital,
1763 Broad Street,
Cranston, RI
(circa 1954)

IN MEMORIAM (cont'd from page 1)

Internship at Cranston General Hospital and his Residency in Family Practice at Union Hospital-NYCOME. He was a dedicated physician who served his appreciative patients for more than 30 years at the Apple Valley Family Treatment Center in Greenville, Rhode Island.

He was a career-long member of RISOPS and served on its Board of Trustees and held the position of Secretary for many years. He also volunteered his time and expertise on the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (RIBMLD) as the osteopathic medical profession's representative.

It sounds like a cliché, but Steve truly lit up the room when he entered—particularly with his colleagues and friends, of which had many. A good part of this light included a little of Irish blarney, too! Whether he was talking about golf or his family, he displayed a true joy of life. Unfortunately, he died before having many more years for all of us to continue to enjoy. He was a kind, loving healing man who will be missed greatly and remembered always.

May his memory be eternal and may he rest in peace.

Admission into **UNECOM** Interviews

The RISOPS Student Recruitment and Placement Committee holds interviews for students each year who are applying for admission to UNECOM. Interviews are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of September. After the committee completes the interviews, recommendation letters are sent to the UNECOM admissions office. The letters are also available to be sent to other schools that the interviewee would like them sent to. Applying to osteopathic school is a competitive process. Interviewing and getting a recommendation from RISOPS can be a very important addition to your application material. This past September, we interviewed 5 students, and we know that 1 of them was accepted into UNECOM. Congratulations to Andrew Felber on your acceptance! If you would like more information, please email risops@osteopathic.org.

Holiday Dinner Recap: December 18, 2017

We had a great turnout at our annual holiday dinner! 45 members and their guests came out to Trattoria Zooma for delicious food and good company. Our speaker, Robert Ward, MD, provided a presentation on “Dense Breast Screening.”

Thank you to Rhode Island Medical Imaging for supporting our event!



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August 9–12, 2018

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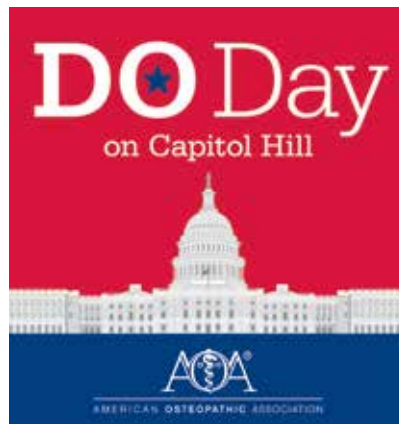
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Wednesday, March 7
Washington, DC

Feb. 2018 Legislative Update

RI H 7136 prohibits tanning by minors.

RI H 7233 expands the scope of practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to allow them to certify the need for mental health treatment for certain patients (current law only allows physicians to do this).

RISOPS Volunteer Opportunities: Committee Members Needed!

Committees:

- Bylaws
- Education
- Finance and Personnel
- Membership
- Programs/Convention
- RIOPAC
- Student Recruitment and Placement

Time Commitment:

1 to 3 hours every month to prepare and participate in board meetings. Participation can be in person or via conference call.

Interested individuals can email:
risops@osteopathic.org.



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