



December 2022

Dear District 7 Sisters,

Happy Holidays to all! I hope you enjoyed Thanksgiving and send my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Since becoming D7 Governor, I have had the opportunity to attend many wonderful events. I attended my first District Governor's Seminar in Washington, DC. "The Power of WE" (women's empowerment) is our theme this year. This year our focus is on empowering women to explore and share ideas with confidence. The Daughters believe each member has unique talents and skills that can be harnessed to strengthen the whole. Additionally, "The Power of WE" allows us to express unity and collaboration and it sends the message when working together anything is possible.

Some of the key messages from this conference that I wanted to share are 1) Get to know your chapter! By getting to know the strengths and weaknesses of your chapter you can contribute to its overall success. 2) Communicate! By keeping an open dialogue all members can be on the same page about our goals and objectives. 3) Celebrate! You have to have FUN to continue to invest your time & energy to the DOP. It can't be all work, no play. Celebrate & enjoy your sisterhood!

I am implementing these ideas in my interactions with the chapters. For example, I have worked on member 'housekeeping' with the officers, increased communication, and shared ideas for promoting the DOP in the community.

I'd like to thank the sisters who attended the Fall Conference held in Norwich, CT on Oct. 15. We were honored to have Grand VP Marianthi Treppiedi from Spokane, WA and Grand Governor Zone 1 Marianne Boustioulis (PDG D7). Governors Elaine Kevgas, District 8 (MA) and Toula Barber, District 9 (VT, NH & ME) and some of their members joined us. You could really feel the bonding and sisterhood. Many thanks to the Norwich AHEPA chapter #110 and our sisters of Lysandros Chapter #181 for all their hard work in hosting such a successful event.

On Oct. 19th, I attended the Bridgeport Chapter #41 visitation and officer installation with Marianne Boustioulis Grand Governor Zone 1. Congratulations to the new officers. There was a lot of positive energy and it was heartwarming to see such a well-attended meeting and hear about their projects and upcoming fundraisers.

Looking forward to visit the Waterbury chapter #199 on March 21, 2023.

I was very excited to participate in a meeting with the Maids of Athena officers and young women who are interested in starting a Maids chapter in New Haven/Orange.

Enjoy each opportunity of Sisterhood (details to follow):

Dec 17, 2022 - New Britain annual Christmas dinner & dance

March 18, 2023 - DOP Sisterhood Conference in Waterbury, CT - Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

May 5 & 6, 2023 - D7 Ahepa/DOP Spring Convention, Newport, RI

Week of July 23, 2023 - Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, NV

Yours in Theta Pi, Elisa Marotta