



September 2023

During the Yankee District 7 AHEPA Family Convention in Newport, RI, a new chapter unfolded as the 2023-2024 Daughters of Penelope (DOP) District 7 Lodge officers were elected. Reflecting on this past administrative year, collaborating with my D7 sisters has been an honor. I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve you again. Let's extend congratulations to the recently elected officers of both the Yankee District 7 AHEPA and DOP Lodges (their names are provided on the last page).

During the 2023 Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, the Daughters of Penelope delegates elected Marianthi Treppiedi as our Grand President. Last year, she championed the "3 I's": Invite, Involve, and Invest, alongside the theme of The Power of WE. These themes have borne remarkable results. I'm delighted to share that all DOP districts have experienced membership growth. In two consecutive years, membership increased by over a thousand members, a collective effort where sisters invited sisters. We've achieved even more with the initiation of 5 new chapters (#449 Schenectady, NY; #450 Greece; #451 Ocean City, MD; #452 Bavaria, Germany; #453 Cyprus) and the reactivation of two chapters (#39 Binghamton, NY; #149 Tucson AZ).

Guided by Grand President Marianthi's vision of "ThePower of WE ... commUNITY", unity is at the forefront. This sense of togetherness fosters collaboration and shared purpose, driving motivation and engagement. The year ahead looks promising! Join us at the fall conference to delve deeper into these exciting developments.

A heartfelt thank you to the chapters for their efforts and accomplishments. Highlights:
Most members reinstated: Hermes chapter 41, Bridgeport,
Most members initiated: Thoas chapter 198, Hartford,
We celebrated Sister Adele Antoniou from Thoas chapter 198 with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In June, at the scholarship dinner in Waterbury, CT, District 7 awarded scholarships totaling \$23,000. Congratulations to the deserving students. A special thanks to the Waterbury chapters for their gracious and dedicated hosting.

An exciting and fun-filled AHEPA Family Supreme Convention took place at the Horseshoe / Paris hotels in Las Vegas, NV. Kudos to the D7 Hellenic History Tournament team for securing the national championship!

Looking ahead, the 2024 Supreme Convention will be held in Cyprus.

Mark your calendars: the Northeast Hellenic History Tournament (HHT) is set for Saturday, November 18th, 2023. For details, reach out to pdgahepad7@gmail.com or call 803-463-0495.

SAVE THE DATE ~ Yankee District 7 Fall Conference is on Saturday, October 21st 2023, in Hartford, CT.

Presentation and round table on *Understanding and Engaging a Multi-generational Organization towards Growth and Productivity*. We will explore the characteristics, views and values of each generation and ways to capitalize on each generation's unique strengths; ways to attract and retain younger members.

Insights from the Supreme Convention

Review of changes to the Book of Rituals (now called Book of Procedures)

It's a must-attend!

Yours in Theta Pi,
Elisa Marotta, Governor, District 7