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Top Left: Group photo of all participants with Governor Jack Isaac, New Haven Chapter President Gene Esares, and PDG Nicholas Nikas. Top Right: The winning team, The Nikes of Norwich, with Gov Jack. Bottom Left: The second team, Feta kai Psomi, from New Rochelle, with Gov Jack. Bottom Right: The Chapter President of Norwich, Ernie Pool, receiving the Hellenic History Trophy and being congratulated by Gov Jack and Nicholas Nikas

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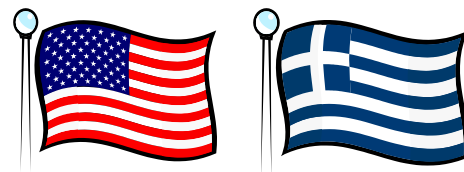
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**Message from
 the Order of
 AHEPA District
 # 7 Governor**



Holiday Greetings to all in the Ahepa family! Unfortunately our celebrations of the season have been muted by the recent devastation of hurricane Sandy. The magnitude and ferocity of the storm was almost unprecedented. New York and New Jersey were particularly affected. Ahepa National sent out a call to districts to help and I'm glad to say District # 7 had responded. In a short period of time \$3000.00 was raised with contributions from chapters in Stamford, Danbury, New Haven, Danielson, New- port, Norwich, New Britain, Meriden, Hartford, and the District Lodge. Waterbury collected a truckload of supplies for beleaguered areas. Other chapters have said they would be organizing to make their donations in the near future. Our Districts generosity has been overwhelming.

We in District # 7 have set forth an ambitious set of initiatives for this year. With everyone's help and participation, we believe they can be accomplished. They include the following: (1) the establishment of a Governor's Advisory Board. This Board will be comprised of past district governor's and will utilize their vast collective experience. It will be chaired by the most recent PDG and will offer advice and counsel to the current District Governor, (2) We will participate as a District in the "Relay for Life" program. This fundraiser for Cancer research has proven successful in the past and will offer Ahepa an opportunity to help eradicate this terrible disease that affects nearly every family. Our participation will be co-chaired by Brother Paul Velezis and Brother Tim Simoulis. We thank these brothers from the Waterbury and New Haven chapters for taking on this responsibility (3) The New Haven chapter will host a fundraiser to help PADEIA complete their theater on the UCONN campus. This is a noble cause and we in Ahepa are honored to assist PADEIA in this great accomplishment. From the beginning Ahepa has worked with and supported PADEIA. Recently at the dedication of the theater. Many Ahepans were present. Brother Greg Stamos and Brother George Scarvelos of the New Haven chapter and I had the opportunity to address the large crowd



that attended. This was a moving experience for all. As the plans for the fundraiser become finalized. Everyone will be notified (4) a fundraiser for the Ahepa District Scholarship Program will be held in the Spring. We will be putting on "A Night at the Races". This will be a prelude to the Kentucky Derby RACE and will be a collaboration with the Daughters of Penelope. It promises to be a fun evening for all. More information on this event will be coming soon (5) Governor Pecka and I are exploring the possibility of reinstating the District wide picnic. This is still in the planning stage and we will keep everyone informed if it can become reality.

After the last convention, the lodge took the phrase "Ahepa gives back" as it's focus for the year. We had no idea that events would take these words and make them a reality. Our district has accomplished much and we thank all the chapters and brother who have given their time, talent, and treasure.

Have a safe and Healthy Holiday Season!
 Fraternally,

Jack

Jack Isaac
 District #7 Governor

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Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor:

Sisters, I know that each of you are very busy getting ready for the upcoming Holidays and I wish all of you and your families a Joyous Christmas and Healthy and Happy New year. Well it has certainly been a very busy three months for me. In September I attended the Governors' Conference in Washington, DC where I met some old friends and made some new ones. I also met Demi Thomas, Grand Secretary and our District Liaison. She's a great lady and has been very helpful to me and a great source of information. At the Governors' Conference we were reminded about an important change adopted at the National Convention. This change which will affect your chapters effective on January 1, 2013 is that the National per-capita fee will increase to \$30 from the current \$27. So please be sure to mail out the correct invoices for the 2013 National membership dues.



On October 20, 2012, the District Fall Conference was hosted by our Brothers and Sisters in Waterbury, CT. I would like to thank both chapters for their hospitality and to especially THANK our Sisters from Deucalion Chapter 199 for the great job they did in making the conference a great success. The conference was attended by 32 Sisters representing 6 of our 7 chapters. Also in attendance were Sisters Anna Helene Grossomanides, Grand Vice President, who spoke about her Growth and Expansion program as well as Demi Thomas, Grand Secretary, who brought a message from Grand President, Joanne Saltas', about achieving our goals. I believe that everyone had a great time and walked away with some bit of useful information about the Daughters, both at the National and District levels. My next three events were chapter visitations. Two of these were joint visitations with my great counterpart, AHEPA District Governor, Jack Isaac; it's always a pleasure working with Jack, he's so cooperative! The first visit was to Hermes Chapter 41 in Bridgeport where I took part in the initiation of Alexis Koulouris. This was the very first initiation I partici-

pated in as District Governor, so it will always have a very special place in my heart. What a great turnout they had! There were 35 sisters who attended the joint AHEPA and DOP dinner, the initiation and the meeting. This chapter is very involved in many community projects; their favorite is the "Keep Them Warm" program. The Sisters collect thousands of hats, socks, gloves and scarves and distribute them to those in need through the hospitals, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and other such organizations. Thank you Sisters for the great work you are doing. My second visit was to Thoas Chapter 198 in Hartford where we had a wonderful dinner and discussed various ways to raise money without much work. One idea suggested by Lucia Kazakos, PDG, is to participate in Community Giveback Programs which are sponsored by some of the chain restaurants such as Red Robin and Ruby Tuesday. Participating restaurants give non-profit organizations an opportunity to receive a percentage of food and beverage sales during a certain day selected by that organization and the restaurant. The organization is given coupons which they can distribute to anyone and when that coupon is presented to the restaurant a percent of that food tab will be sent to the organization. There is no cost to the organization and the only work involved is distributing the coupons and encouraging family, friends and fellow parishioners to go out to eat at that restaurant on that particular day. If you are interested, contact your local chain restaurants to see if they participate in such a program. Sisters, thank you for the great exchange of ideas. My third visitation was to beautiful Newport to visit the Sisters of Ares Chapter 49. We were treated to a joint dinner with the AHEPANS at the Main Stay which is where we will be holding the 2013 New England Regional Convention (NERC). After dinner we had a lively discussion about the Daughters' purpose and mission. Sister Joanne Hologgitas, PGP, was very informative about the history of the Daughters and various brochures about the projects that the Daughters support locally and nationally was provided. I believe that we all learned quite a bit at the meeting. Thank you Sisters for a wonderful night! My last stop was to Worcester, MA where the AHEPA and DOP New England District Governors met with our great Convention organizers George and Ellen Anagnostos from Newport to discuss the

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2013 NERC Convention which will held at in Newport, RI May 17th through May 19th at the Main Stay Hotel. We will be offering a variety of package combinations to entice as many people as possible to attend. Some great ideas were discussed and adopted by this planning committee. We will be holding another

Stamford Chapter #99 Hosts Cyprus Documentary

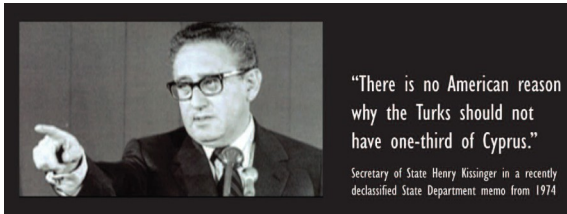
On October 12, the Stamford AHEPA jointly sponsored an event with the American Hellenic Institute and the Annuniation Greek



Orthodox Church. It featured a viewing of the documentary "Cyprus Still Divided: A U.S. Foreign Policy Failure", and a follow up discussion led by AHI President, Nick Larigakis. The event was a great success. The 75-people-strong audience included Hellenes from Danbury (PSG Kip Kyprianou), New Haven (PSG George Scarveles), Bridgeport and Rye, NY. The extremely informative and moving documentary summarized the Cyprus tragedy. Our guest Nick Larigakis then took the microphone to amplify the points made in the film and to answer the many questions from the audience. His eloquence re-ignited a spark in our hearts. Everyone left thinking we need to be more proactive in our relationship with our representatives in Congress about why helping Greece resolve it's many legitimate issues with Turkey is better for US interests than siding blindly with Turkey in the name of some imaginary strategic importance. Congratulations to the event committee: Vasilis Diakogeorgiou, Larry Karipides, Arthur Kirat-

sous and James W Cocolis; and to all those who attended. This AHI documentary is extremely well made and designed especially to be shown on PBS stations. It was aired on Maryland Public Television on October 17, 2011 and on PBS-Detroit on Sept. 13, 2010. It reveals the web of domestic politics, the real politics of Henry Kissinger, and his refusal to apply the rule of law to Turkey's invasion and occupation of 37 percent of Cyprus and the refusal of the Executive Branch since then to apply the rule of law to Turkey's invasion and occupation in Cyprus. For example, the documentary presents a recently declassified August 13, 1974 White House Memorandum of Conversation that clearly indicts Kissinger, who said, "There is no American reason why the Turks should not have one-third of Cyprus." We implore our brothers in Central Connecticut and Providence to approach their local PBS station to convince them to show it. Nick Larigakis (nlarigakis@aheworld.org) can provide guidance to those who want to pursue this action.

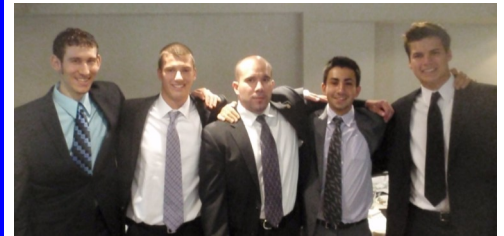
Fraternally,
Nicholas Nikas, PSG
Membership Director
Stamford AHEPA



Sons Of Pericles Solon #61 Waterbury, CT



The Sons of Pericles assembled a team for Boston HUB #27's annual basketball tournament in October, and hosted a 10th Anniversary celebration in Waterbury to commemorate the 10th year of the reinstatement of the Waterbury Sons on November 24th. The event was attended by past and present chapter members along with close friends and family.



The Waterbury Sons attended the annual Governor's Conference in Washington, DC. In attendance were Supreme Vice President John Ververis, chapter president Steven Gagas, chapter vice president Nico Ververis, chapter secretary Niko Kotsaftis and Anthony Minchella. The Sons were accompanied by DOP District Governor Penny Pecka, AHEPA District Warden/chapter adviser Rick Pecka, and AHEPA #48 treasurer Dick Pecka.

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meeting on March 2, 2013 and plans will be finalized at that time. During my travels and visitations I have found a common thread running through all of the chapters, district events, and through the various district committees; **teamwork**. When a group works as a team,

they can accomplish many tasks much quicker and more efficiently. Teamwork brings about cooperation and communication which makes everyone feel part of a group striving for success. When there is teamwork anything is possible!

Yours in OII,
Penny

In Loving Memory

- Dr. Michael Phillips of the Norwich, CT Chapter
- Mr. Peter James of the Norwich, CT Chapter
- Mrs. Maria George wife of Fr. Andrew George (AHEPAN) of Providence, RI
- Alexander Nicholas Rand, 25 of Niantic and Philadelphia, PA passed away suddenly on Nov 2, 2012. Alex was the beloved son of Albert L. Rand Jr. and Lea (Mitchell) Rand of the New London, CT Chapter. Grandson of PSS Terry Mitchell and PDG Esther Mitchell
- Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families affected by the Sandy Hook Tragedy



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Chapter # 98 New Haven



On October 3, 2012 seven members were initiated into the chapter with over fifty members in attendance! Pictured at top are the newly initiated members of the New Haven Chapter. To the left is

AHEPA President Eugene Esares, along with other Chapter 98 AHEPA members presented Parish Council President Theo Nicolakis with a \$13,000 check during the AHEPA Breakfast at St. Barbara for the Social Hall Building Pledge Drive. On September 29, 2012 New Haven chapter # 98 participated in the opening ceremonies at UCONN in Storrs, CT. New Haven Brother Greg Stamos, Master of Ceremonies, introduced Brother George J. Scarveles who presented a check from the Chapter to Professor Elias Tomazos. Many brothers from New Haven Chapter # 98 were on hand early in the morning to assist in the preparations.



Greek Firefighters

AHEPA Welcomes, Hosts Greek Firefighters to United States On November 1, we welcomed 16 firefighters from Greece who came to the United States for intense training on life-saving measures. Under the direction of Fire Chief Richard Perry and Deputy Chief Keith Quinn of the Union Fire company, the Brigade members from Greece trained side-by-side with their American counterparts. The 16 Greek firefighters (also included one female firefighter) trained for five days to learn groundbreaking techniques that will assist them in saving lives in inner city accidents. AHEPA awarded each member of the Greek Brigade an AHEPA medal and certificate in honor of their service as a first-responder. Also, Chapter 106, Providence, R.I. chapter held a dinner in the firefighters' honor, District 7 sponsored a luncheon for them, the Athens Chapter 24, Boston helped to transport the firefighters to Rhode Island for their training. This year we would like to provide the housing, meals, and the transportation to and from Boston Logan Airport and from housing facility to training facility. This year we would like to host 10-12. The cost for the housing, meals, transportation, and training is projecting to be \$1000 per person according to Deputy Chief Quinn of the Union Fire District. The Hellenic Delegation will be arriving in early May in to Boston Logan Airport. In addition we hope to provide the firefighter a small stipend.

Bridgeport Chapter # 62



The following pictures are from Bridgeport's last meeting which their agenda was as a follows: dinner, installation of officers, initiation, breast cancer awareness by Daughters of Penelope, a raffle to benefit Swim Across the Sound, and a regular meeting that included Father Andreas, the District Governor and Mo Moshovos PDG.

Hellenic History Tournament October 27, 2012—Norwich, CT



The 2012 Yankee District #7 Hellenic History Tournament winner was the team from Norwich, CT. However, the path to winning was filled with unprecedented events at the tournament held at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT on October 27, 2012. In both

the opening and the semi-final round, teams were tied. In the opening round, the teams from Norwich (Matthew Novosad, Mia Muscarella and Kathryn Wyland) and New Rochelle, NY (Nicholas Georgiou, Yiorgos Argyros, and Christian Deknatel) battled to a tie, even after exhausting 8 additional tie-breaking questions. The two teams would then meet again in the final round. However, before New Rochelle could reach the finals it found itself again in a tie with

Newport (Theodore Panoutsopoulos and Nikolaos Spentzos). This particular match was resolved after 4 additional tie-breaking questions. The members of the final winning team (Norwich) each received a \$1,000.00 scholarship, while the runners up (New Rochelle) each received a \$500.00 scholarship.

The Hellenic History Tournament is a single elimination event. Each match consists of 24 questions equally divided among 3 periods:



"Ancient" to 30 BC, "Middle" to 1453 AD, and "Modern" to present day. The team selects its time period, and then the moderator asks a question from that period. Each correct answer earns the team a point. The team with the most points wins



the match, advancing to the next round. Most of the questions and answers were taken from the book "Hellenika" written by Peter Limber. Dr. George Melikokis, former Principal of Greek American Day School of Jamaica, prepared the questions.

The Hellenic History Tournament was created, developed and chaired by Past Supreme Governor Nicholas Nikas. Past Supreme Governor Kip Kyprianou provided the all important IT support. Other volunteers filled a variety of



positions including chaperones, moderators, scorekeepers and proctors. Brother Greg Stamos, President of the Hellenic Bar Association of Connecticut, provided dispute resolution services for several disputes that arose during the event. A special thanks goes to President Eugene Esares and the members of the New Haven AHEPA chapter for hosting the tournament.



Other teams participating in the tournament were: New Haven (John Maccone, Valentina Ballas, and Philip Ellis), Norwalk (Aphrodite Haralabidis, Georgia Kiriakides, and Sophia Kiriakides), Newport (Theodore Panoutsopoulos, and Nikolaos Spentzos), Stamford (Nikki Boutsikoudis, Christos Perdakis, and George Rassias), Nashua (Christina Katsioulis, Maggie Panteli, and Thomas Pappas), Hartford Titans (Kristina Tougas, Iraklis Mantziaris, and Yianni Mantziaris), Hartford Argonauts (Christopher Augustinos, Nicholas Wing, and Ksanthipi Lapa) and New Britain (Nicholas Manos, Daniel Hawkins, and Ryan Vecchitto).



American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

AHEPA District Seven

Scholarship Award Application for 2013

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be currently attending college or postgraduate school and plans to enroll as a full-time matriculated student in the next academic year.

The applicant must satisfy **one** of the following:
 The applicant is a member of an AHEPA family organization of District Seven or The applicant is a child of a member of an AHEPA family organization of District Seven. Both **MUST** be in good standing (paid per capita) Nationally and in the District.

In addition, the applicant must satisfy all of the following:
 The applicant or the parent of the applicant must complete one year/12 months of membership in an AHEPA family organization prior to the deadline of this application.
 Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
 The application portion of the Verification of Eligibility form, below, must be completed and signed by the Chapter President.
 Applicants may re-apply if they continue to meet the requirements *and* have not received three previous grants from the Yankee District #7 Scholarship Foundation.

AWARDS

Scholarships will be awarded at a special AHEPA District Seven event . Recipients will be notified and be invited as honored guests of the District at the event. Award winner or parent/guardian should attend to receive award. If award winner cannot attend, the committee must be contacted prior to the award ceremony.

FILING

All information requested must be submitted for the application to be considered complete. **Incomplete applications will not be officially accepted and filed.**

Only information requested herein will be evaluated. Letters of recommendations and testimonials are not required. Awards are given primarily on the basis of academic achievement, community service.

All materials requested must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chairman, by the deadline.
 All materials submitted will be held in strict confidence and are not returnable.
 The following materials must be submitted:
 This application, filled out, typed or legibly printed in its entirety.
 An **official** transcript from the most recently attended academic institution. Official transcripts must be received directly from the academic institution.
 A certificate of enrollment or admission letter from the academic institution you are planning to attend.
 On a separate sheet of paper submit a typed essay of at least seven hundred (700) words and no more than on one thousand (1,000) words. Choose one topic from those listed in section five (5) of the application.
 The completed scholarship application must be postmarked or handed to the Scholarship Committee Chairman by **April 15, 2013**
 The completed application package can be mailed to:

Dr. Joanne Hologgitas, PGP
District #7 Scholarship Chairperson
448 Broadway
Newport, RI 02840

CONFIDENTIALITY

All the information reported on the scholarship application will be kept strictly confidential. Only the scholarship selection committee will review the information within the application. Applications are evaluated anonymously.

PERSONAL DATA

NAME	
PERMANENT ADDRESS	_____ _____ _____
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TELEPHONE and E-MAIL	_____

2. VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

I hereby certify that _____ (list applicant's parent or applicant) is a paid-up member in good standing of Chapter _____, for one year prior to the deadline of this application, located in the town of _____ in the state of _____.

Signed _____ Date _____
 (Chapter President) Chapter Number

3. EDUCATIONAL DATA

SCHOOL MOST RECENTLY ATTENDED

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY & STATE	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE AWARDED	YEAR COMPLETED

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU WILL BE ATTENDING: _____.

4. LIST ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO:

<u>FROM - TO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>

(Attach additional pages as required)

5. ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper submit a typed essay of at least seven hundred (700) words on one of the topics below. The essay should not exceed one thousand (1,000) words.

- A. Why I want to become or already am a member of the Order of AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope.
- B. How I have benefited from my Hellenic heritage, what I plan to do to return the favor.

6. HARDSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Are there any family hardship circumstances you would like the committee to consider? (Attach additional pages as required)

7. ENDORSEMENT

I hereby certify that the information furnished in this application and the accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making false statements will result in having my application rejected. The scholarship committee reserves the right to request additional documentation in support of my statements herein.

Applicant's Signature

Date

REMEMBER! ENSURING ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED ARE POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE IS SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT

Chapter #58—Hartford, CT

Alexander Loukellis is congratulated by the Nathan Hale Chapter 58 President for his attending the Ahepa Academy in Washington, DC back in June 2012. Alex thanked the Chapter at the November 2012 meeting and gave a Power Point presentation of his experience to the Chapter. Pictured Left to Right are Vice President Paul Matsikas, PDG Mo Moshovos, Alexander Loukellis, President George Nakos, Secretary Jordan Smith & Brother Peter Smith.



Thanksgiving dinners for 83 tenants of Ahepa 58 Apartments was prepared by current members and volunteers. Pictured Left to Right are Krystyna Kazakos (current Yankee News Editor) , PDG of Daughters of Penelope Lucia Kazakos, Chapter# 58 Vice President Paul Matsikas and

PDG Mo Moshovos.

Picture on right : Brother Peter Kokinis of Chapter 58 was inducted into the Connecticut Coaches Association Hall of Fame on November 15, 2012. Left to right PDG Mo Moshovos, Brother Peter Kokinis, Peter's son, George Kokinis (Personnel Director of the NFL Baltimore Ravens) & Charles Sticka.



Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

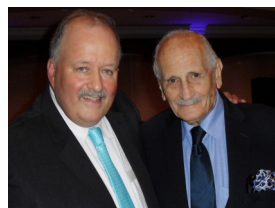
We all saw the news reports in late October about the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy in the Northeast leaving many without homes. There was an appeal sent by the National AHEPA and DOP Headquarters requesting assistance for a number of chapters hardest hit in the New York and New Jersey areas.

As a result of this appeal, the Waterbury AHEPA chapter 48, Paul Velezis, president, and Daughters of Penelope chapter 199, Myrsini Papoutsis, president, joined forces spearheading a relief drive for those in need. They elected to help two Brooklyn chapters; AHEPA chapter 41 and DOP Demetra chapter 33. They collected boxes and boxes of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene items, blankets, shovels, work gloves, diapers, toys, and others items as well as hundreds of dollars in monetary donations.

On a sunny Thursday morning, Dick Pecka treasurer of AHEPA chapter 48 and Penny Pecka, DOP District Governor, loaded the Waterbury Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox van with all of the supplies and gift cards and drove to Brooklyn, NY. They delivered the supplies and gift cards to Efthemia Galiatsatos, president of DOP Demetra chapter 33, at Three Hierarches Greek Orthodox Church in Brooklyn, NY. The supplies and gift cards will be shared by AHEPA chapter 41 from Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and DOP chapter 33.

Chapter 90 Hosts Cigar Night! October 4th, 2012

This year on October 4th, the Danbury, CT Chapter of AHEPA hosted their Second Annual Cigar Night Fundraiser at The Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury, CT. Guests were treated to a relaxing evening of fine cigars, great food and interesting speakers that featured AHEPA's own Supreme President Dr. John Grosso-manides, as well as special guest speaker and 11 time Emmy Award winning broadcast journalist Ed Silverman. Proceeds from the event to be distributed to ThanksUSA, an organization that provides need based scholarships to active members of the military and their families, as well as AHEPA community outreach.



 *Wishing everyone a* 
Merry Christmas and a
Happy & Healthy New Year!

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Dates to Remember

- Spring Conference March 16, 2013 in Bridgeport, CT
- District Convention will be the New England Regional Convention in Newport RI May 17-19, 2013 at the Best Western Hotel
- Supreme Convention will be August 18-24, 2013 at the Portofino Hotel at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL



Preliminary Plans for the 21th New England Regional Convention

George Anagnostos, Chairperson of the 12th New England Regional Convention, formerly known as the Tri-District Convention, met with the District Governors from Yankee District # 7, Bay State District # 8, and Northern New England District # 9, at the AHEPA Home in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 17, 2012 to plan for the May 17 – 19, 2013 Convention. The upcoming convention will be held at the Mainstay Inn in Newport, Rhode Island.

District Governor Jack Isaac and DOP District Governor Penny Pecka led the Yankee District delegation. The planning session included suggestions to correct registration and meeting room assignments and provide social activities for the delegates. Various reservation packages for 1 or 2 night stays will be available. Another pre convention conference is planned for March 2013. Both the AHEPA and Daughters' District Lodges encourage the chapters and their members to please inform them of anything they think might be helpful for improving the upcoming District Convention. Your ideas will be brought to the convention officers' attention for discussion.

Daughters of Penelope Chapter # 41

Chapter 41 would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year filled with health and many blessings. Our chapter was very moved and saddened by the terrible aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in our surrounding communities. Our church, Holy Trinity of Bridgeport, CT, was quick to respond with a very successful drive to benefit the victims in Staten Island and Long Island. Our chapter provided blankets and other items for the relief efforts.



In addition, we responded to our National DOP plea for gift cards by sending Home Depot cards to be distributed as well. For the Christmas holiday we provide food

baskets to needy local families and throughout the winter our "Let's Keep Them Warm" drive is in full swing. We have collected hundreds of items so far and we are going strong. We also had another successful Christmas Wreath Sale, selling well over 100 wreaths this year! Lot's of fun decorating! In December our chapter has a Christmas party with the AHEPA, and we look forward to our Chicken Souvlaki Luncheon in February on Godparent's Sunday. Until next time!! In theta pi, Helen Yeotsas, Chapter 41 President

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Tony Aretakis, a member of Winthrop chapter #250 of New London CT will be inducted into the Connecticut Volleyball Hall of Fame on November 20th 2012. Tony was a collegiate volleyball referee for 25 years and is still a high school volleyball official in his 28th season. His officiating accomplishments include NCAA tournament appearances, numerous high school state finals, chairperson of the CT collegiate board, CT volleyball rules interpreter, CT volleyball official of the year, and head high school volleyball trainer for new officials. A highlight of his career was refereeing a Karch Kiraly/Kent Steffes beach volleyball match on the AVP tour. Besides his officiating accomplishments Tony had a long playing career in volleyball. He won many CT area championships both in indoor and beach leagues and tournaments. He won area championships in his 20's, 30's, 40's 50's and his last championship at age 60. He also coached the girls volleyball team at his Greek Orthodox church St. Sophia in New London CT for 15 years.



AHEPA Family Fall Conference hosted in Waterbury, CT On October 20, 2012



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