



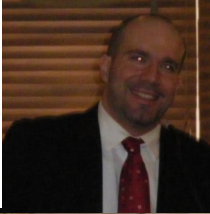
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The 2013 New England Regional Convention held in Newport, RI was a great success thanks to the efforts of the Newport AHEPA and DOP chapters. We would like to especially thank George and Ellen Anagnostos for organizing this great event year in and year out. I don't know what we would do without these two very dedicated individuals. We had a great number of dignitaries from National who attended the convention. We would like to thank them all for taking the time to come to this special event. It was wonderful to see old friends from Districts 7, 8 and 9 and it was a great opportunity to make some new friends.

Friday night was a great success when we attended the Newport Dinner Theater and the hilarious cabaret show immediately following the play. Saturday began with a joint District Lodge meeting followed by separate District Lodge meetings. Each District conducted their individual business and elected new Lodge officers. Some of the Districts concluded their official business before lunch and those Brothers and Sisters had the opportunity to tour Newport. The District Governors were installed by Grand President, Joanne Saltas and Supreme President, John Grossomanides immediately following the delicious prime rib dinner served at the Grand Banquet. THANK YOU George and Ellen Anagnostos for your efforts in hosting this New England Regional Convention.

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



Greetings to all in the Ahepa Family, We have just returned from the Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida. The week was exciting and highly productive. It was, however, bittersweet for District 7 as we saw the closing of the era of Supreme President John Grossomanides. Our "favorite son" has left a legacy of accomplishment that stands alone in Ahepa history. We look forward to showing our appreciation at Brother John's Testimonial on October 5, 2013 at the Mystic Hilton. We are expecting a huge turnout with the expectation of a night we will all remember.

Here's some convention Highlights:

- Anthony Kouzounis elected Supreme President
- Philip Frangos elected Supreme Vice President
- Atty Gregory Stamos of the New Haven chapter elected Supreme Counselor
- Nicholas Nikas of the Stamford chapter returns as newly elected Region 4 Supreme Governor
- The Yankee District News selected as the 2nd place winner of the best publications within the nation. Kudos to Krystyna Kazakos Editor in-chief
- Anthony Petros of the Norwich chapter receives the "Lifetime Achievement award"
- Niko Koutouvides of the New England Patriots receives the prestigious Harry Agannis Award. He has had a stellar 10 years record in the NFL and is most deserving of this honor

Now for some District News:

- Brother John Grossomanides of the Norwich chapter, recently stepped down as District Treasurer after an

illustrious career. We thank our PDG for his service to Ahepa on many levels. Brother John Melenopoulous of the Hartford Chapter is our new District Treasurer and also has accepted the duties as the Yankee District News Business Manager.

- District Secretary Andy Aros is the new co-chairman of the Scholarship Program in the District. He and Donna Rados of the Daughters of Penelope will serve as co-chairs and take over for the iconic Joanna Halogittas who has served the Ahepa family for many years in the highest capacity.

Future Events:

- October 19, 2013 is the Fall Conference at the Ahepa Housing in Norwich, CT
- November 16, 2013 is the Hellenic History Contest in Orange at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

Chapter Presidents should send election results to the Governor and District Secretary. Presidents should put the Governor and District Secretary on their mailing lists and communicate all chapter activities to us. Be sure to have your chapter's activities sent to the Yankee District News editor Krystyna Kazakos. Help the financial strength of our publication by selling ads and sending the proceeds to our District Treasurer. Stay current with your per capitass. Remember to RECRUIT, RETAIN, and REINSTATE MEMBERS.

I am looking forward to a great year for the District , with many projects being contemplated. Our District Slogan remains, AHEPA GIVES BACK. Get your chapter's involved in your communities .

Hope you to see you all soon!

Jack

Jack Isaac
 District #7 Governor



L to R: Emmanuel Moshovos, Advisor, George Rados, Hellenic Affairs, Andrew Aros, Secretary, Jack Isaac, District Governor, Alex Boutsioulis, Lt Governor, John Melonopoulos, Treasurer

Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor:

Sisters,
I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for your support over the past year as I served my first term as District Governor. I am extremely thankful for my wonderful Lodge, a TEAM that supported my every effort.



- **Anastasia Persico**, who cooked some delicious meals for our District Scholarship Dinners and who attended and helped at each event.
- **Donna Rados**, PDG, our treasurer, who kept my expenses straight; who chaired the Greek Night at the Rock Cats in New Britain and who also chaired a very successful District Scholarship Dinner.
- **Myrsini Papoutsis**, our secretary, who kept me sane when we were getting ready for each of the Conferences as well as the New England Regional Convention. I must have called and emailed her a thousand times about some form, application, or news item I needed to prepare for these events.
- **Penelope Hiotas**, our Marshall, who carried out her duties effortlessly and did a great job manning the registration desk at our District Conventions
- **Lucia Kazakos**, PDG, my advisor, who was there to guide me, answer all of my questions, and lend a willing shoulder for me to lean on when things got a little crazy.

I am grateful to the District Convention delegates who have re-elected me for a 2nd term. I will make every effort to serve the District to the best of my ability. Also elected were the same lodge members as last year except for Penelope Hiotas who wanted to step down from the Marshal's role. The new Marshal is Karen Isaac from New Britain. We all appreciate your confidence in us to continue to lead the District next year. We are all looking forward to working for the Yankee District #7 Daughters of Penelope and we have some great new ideas for the upcoming year!

I would like to congratulate this year's awards winners:

- **Donna Rados, PDG – Penelope of the Year.** Donna was initiated in 1984 and has served at the Local, District, and National level; has held every office at the Chapter and District level; been a delegate to the District almost every year since she was initiated; a delegate to the National convention for numerous years; served as Chair for the Budget & Finance Committee and as Chair of Penelope House at the National level. Donna is a member of Eretria chapter 138 in New Britain, CT. Thank you Donna for that all that you have done for our District.

- **Adele Antoniou – Estia Award.** Adele was initiated in 1964 and has been very active in the organization. She has held various chapter offices; attended numerous District and National conventions and is very involved in the AHEPA housing organization. In particular Adele has been a dedicated member of her chapter, and very instrumental in keeping her chapter active and growing. Adele is a member of Thoas chapter 198 in Hartford, CT. Thank you Adele for your commitment to your chapter.

- **Stella Capiris – Lifetime Achievement Award.** Stella was initiated in 1974 and has been the Recording Secretary and the scholarship chair for many years. She has unending patience and energy giving advice and encouragement at every turn. Besides the Daughters, Stella has been active in PTO, Philoptochos, and was the first female member of the Parish Council and the first female President of the Parish Council. Thank you, Stella, for all of your good work and for your devotion to the Daughters of Penelope. Stella is a member of Hermes Chapter 41 in Bridgeport, CT.

Hartford was Chapter of the Year. Thoas Chapter 198 grew by 20% over last year by reinstatements and new membership. Congratulations to all of the Sisters in the chapter for all of their hard work to bring in new members and reinstate some others; keep up the good work. Congratulations to all of the chapter officers elected this past Spring. Remember to send in your officers' election form to National Headquarters and to the District Secretary. I hope that you are all enjoying your summer and look forward to seeing many of you at the **Fall Conference** on October 19, 2013 in Norwich CT. Also please make every effort to attend the Testimonial Dinner for AHEPA Supreme President, Dr. John Grossomanides on October 5, 2013. More information will be sent out regarding these two events.

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Yours in OΠ,

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Waterbury Chapter # 48

New Britain, Elpis #117

The Waterbury AHEPA chapter #48 and the Daughters of Penelope Chapter #199 honored 19 students at their annual scholarship Luncheon on June 9, 2013 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Chase Parkway in Waterbury, CT. There are a total of 15 endowed scholarships which are awarded annually; three of which were endowed this year, Rev. Fr. James Diavatis memorial scholarship, the Honorable George P. Harlamon memorial scholarship, and the Mary P. Voulgaris memorial scholarship. The scholarship recipients attending were, bottom row L to R: Katherine Tzepos, Steven Gagas, John Michael, Alexander Tinios, Adrianna Mihalek. Second Row L to R: Sarah Qadir, Emilia Boutsoulis, Alexandra Gagas, Stephanie Dibble, Elaina Rocco, Angelica Moureges, Stephanie Sorosiak. Those not in attendance were: Cassandra Boutsoulis, Johnathan Gallo, Andrew Kotsaftis, Katherine Lainas, Cassondra Tracey, Christina Tsitso, and Constantine Tzepos.

were four District Lodge members. The luncheon was held at Brazi's Restaurant in New Haven, CT which is owned by Sister Tina Capobianco's Husband, Valerio. The awards were presented immediately after a delicious lunch was served. In attendance were seated L to R: Toni Coukis, 65 years and a founding member; Phyllis Zagres, 50 years; Stella Condaris, 65 years and a founding member; Myrsini Paoutsis, 27 years, current District Lodge Secretary; Donna Rados, District Lodge Governor, 24 years; Mary Nicholas, 46 years; Lola Velezsis, 37 years; Tina Capobianco, 21 years; Joannie Mihalakos, Maria Alekshun, 38 years; Marianne Boutsoulis; Laura Jean Petrakopoulos; Karen Isaac, District Lodge Marshall. After the presentations, the sisters took the opportunity to try on special "tie scarves" which were designed and hand made by sister Joannie Mihalakos—what great fun we all has trying on all of those beautiful scarves! In addition, all those present donated toward Toy Closet for pediatric Oncology children at Yale New Haven Hospital, which is the chapter's chosen charity project.

Waterbury was well represented at the Convention and was named Chapter of the Year. In the picture below Left to Right are: Alex Boutsoulis, Waterbury AHEPA Secretary and Lodge Lt. Governor; George Tinios, Waterbury SOP; Niko Kotsaftis, SOP; John Ververis, SOP Supreme Vice-President; John Grosso-



A beautiful end-of-the-year luncheon was organized by Myrsini Papoutsis, outgoing DOP president, of the Waterbury Deucalion Chapter 199 to honor those sisters who have reached milestones of 10-65 years as Daughters. Twenty-six sisters were honored; two of them were founding members of the chapter. Also in the attendance



manides, AHEPA Supreme President; Penny Pecka, DOP District Governor; Andreas Christou, SOP Supreme Governor; John Michael, Waterbury SOP; and Rick Pecka, SOP Past Supreme President.



YANKEE NEWS' HISTORY SEGMENTS Volume I - Oral History (Myth) By G.A. Rados, Historian/Hellenic Affairs Chair will be in the next issue!

Supreme Convention August 18-24, 2013



It is with a distinct sense of honor and pride that we convey the news that our very own Brother Gregory Stamos has been elected Supreme Counselor by the AHEPA 91st annual Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida on August 24th. Supreme Counselor is an exceedingly esteemed position, providing legal advice and guidance to the Supreme Lodge. This election recognizes the professional abilities and fraternal contributions made by Brother Greg over many years. He will bring his wisdom, ethical sensibilities, and counsel to the Supreme Lodge for the betterment of our fraternal order. Greg's service and recognition by the delegates in Orlando brings credit to New Haven Chapter #98. We offer congratulations to Brother Peter Stamos, Greg's father, who has long nurtured Greg in the culture of AHEPA. Brother Peter is a past District Governor. Brother Greg follows in his father's footsteps in serving our order. Segment written By Eugene Esares.

HOUSTON NATIVE RUNS UNCONTESTED
ORLANDO - The delegates of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the nation's millions of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, elected Anthony Kouzounis, Houston, as their supreme president at the 91st Annual Supreme Convention, Orlando, Fla. Kouzounis ran unopposed in elections that were held Friday, August 23, 2013. Formal installation ceremonies were held Saturday, August 24, 2013.

"It is an honor to be elected AHEPA supreme president," Kouzounis said. "The community continues to face a multitude of challenges that are important to address as the need for community service is relentless, both in the United States and abroad and the promotion of Hellenic ideals will always be a priority." He added, "I am excited to work with our seasoned Supreme Lodge and our membership to address these challenges and keep AHEPA on the steady path set forth by my predecessors in a spirit true to our mission." Kouzounis is a member of Alexander the Great Chapter 29, Houston. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership

Zachariades, Supreme Counselor Gregory Stamos, Supreme Athletic Director Louis G. Atsaves, and Sons of Pericles National Advisor James Kokotas. The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Nick Stathopoulos, Region II: Philip Yamalis, Region III: Ted Fanikos, Region IV: Nicholas Nikas, Region V: Tony Manolias, Region VI: Nick Kavadas, Region VII: Nicholas Dixie, and Region VIII: George Booras. Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: George Loucas, Cos Marandos, and Nick Matthews. Matthews was re-elected.

District 7 was well represented at the Supreme Convention. Our District now has two members on the Supreme Lodge Supreme Counselor Gregory Stamos and Supreme Governor Region 4 Nicholas Nikas, Congratulations to both.



positions including two terms as supreme vice president and all offices at the district and chapter levels. As supreme president, Kouzounis' responsibilities include being the chief executive officer, and principal spokesperson, of the entire AHEPA domain, which includes the United States, Canada, and chapters in Europe. Election of AHEPA Leadership for 2013-2014

The AHEPA Supreme Lodge is the international governing body of the organization. The 2013-14 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President George Vassilas, Supreme Vice President Phillip T. Frangos, Supreme Secretary John Galanis, Supreme Treasurer Andy



Nathan Hale's New Elections

Elpis Chapter # 117

On June 4th, 2013, Nathan Hale Chapter 58, in the Lodge Room of AHEPA 58/Nathan Hale Senior Center Apartments elected and inducted the following officers for the year 07/1/2013 – 06/30/2014:

John Melonopoulos, President; Jerry Copsinis Vice President; Jordan Smith, Recording Secretary; George Karageorge, Corresponding Secretary; Emmanuel "Mo" Moshovos, Treasurer; George Nakos Chairman; Governors: Lou Antonio; George Bouzakis, Angelo Giannakopoulos, Larry Papanic; George Savva, Chaplin.

Appointed to the following positions were Nick Varunes, Esq., Parliamentarian; Niko Yanouzas, Assurance Fund; Jerry Copsinis Scholarship; George Nakos, AHEPA Hartford Foundation, Inc.



With the end of our year, on June 18th the chapter was proud to announce and present the following scholarships on Father's Day after the Devine Liturgy at the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral:

Kristina Tougas	George Leaska Scholarship	\$2000
Anna Marie Falvey	Nathan Hale 58 Scholarship	\$1500
Alexander Loukellis	Nathan Hale 58 Scholarship	\$600
Iraklis Mantzianis	Nathan Hale 58 Scholarship	\$600
Kristi Spiri	Nathan Hale 58 Scholarship	\$500
Lauren Yanouzas	Nathan Hale 58 Scholarship	\$500
Alexander Zapatka	Nathan Hale 58 Scholarship	\$500

Congratulations to all recipients.....

A thank you goes to the scholarship committee: Jerry Copsinis, Chmn; members: George Karageorge; Paul Matsikas; Jerry Pangakis. The chapter has resumed meetings as of September 3rd, 2013.

Elpis Chapter # 117 raised money for the children of Greece . AHEPAN Costas Georgacopoulos brought the money to Greece. His daughter Stergia , who lives in Greece used the money to purchase and distribute medical supplies and other needed items for children of special needs. Quoted directly from Stergia "I just got back from Tandem which is the volunteer section of PIKPA the center for special needs children and delivered medicine, cleaning & hygiene products, and some snacks for the kids such as croissants and cookies. I spent 390.21 euros. They were very thankful for all the donations and will send a card in the mail. I met a little boy named Konstantinos there who ran right up to me when he saw me enter. He is blonde and about 10 years old, very cute and asked me to be his friend and wanted to give me a kiss he said because I was so sweet. Helping children like these who have been abandoned because they are special needs really makes your day special".



New London Winthrop—Chapter #250 June 17th Meeting



**Yankee District
7 Hellenic
History Tourna-
ment**

According to famous historian Arnold Toynbee, there are only three extant cultures whose collective memories go as far back as the 13th century B.C. (i.e. 3300 years ago): the Chinese, the Jews, and the Greeks. And yet, Greek Americans can hardly lay claim to this awesome collective memory, since our knowledge of the history of the Greeks is pitifully deficient. Fortunately, our district has come up with a way to remedy this situation by encouraging our youth to learn more about the history of their ancestors. The Hellenic History Tournament is a competition for high school students about the long history of the Hellenes (Greek speakers). It is open to students in grades 8-12 at registration time. There are no other requirements. Participants have an opportunity to win a share of the \$4,500 in prizes. These prizes and other associated expenses are financed by all District 7 chapters and participating chapters from neighboring districts. Joe Keane, Chairman, AHEPA Hellenic Cultural Commission and

Ex-Chairman, AHEPA Educational Foundation, has called the tournament "the best use of our chapters' education dollars". We have held four successful tournaments since 2009, helping to educate a total of 180 students so far. This year we hope to educate another 54 student in 18 teams sponsored by District 7 chapters (Hartford, CT; New Haven, CT; Stamford, CT; Norwich, CT; New Britain, CT; New Britain DoP; Newport, RI; and New London, CT) as well as neighboring district chapters (Nashua, NH; Paramus, NJ; New Rochelle, NY; Waretown, MA; Wyckoff, NJ). Come to observe this year's tournament and learn something about your heritage free of charge at 11:30 am on Saturday November 16 at St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Rd, Orange, CT. For additional information, <http://www.ahepad7.org> (Hellenic History section) or contact Nicholas Nikas, niketes@yahoo.com, 203-554-5570.



Daughters of Penelope #198



Newly elected officers of Thoa's Chapter #198 Daughters of Penelope Hartford, Ct. are – Seated L-R: Marguerite Lake, V. P.; Christina Smith, Recording Secretary
Top Row L-R: Treasurer, Helene Moran, PDG – Chapter President, Adele Antoniou – Asst. Recording Secretary, Elaine Melonopoulos.
Absent from photo: Corresponding Secretary, Sarah Smith and Chairman Bd. of Governors, Loukia Kazakos. PDG



In Memoriam

Claire Grossomanides, Past District Governor of Yankee District #7, and former Member of the Hartford DOP, of Delray Beach, FL formerly of Westerly RI, Wethersfield, West Hartford and Hartford passed away on July 14, 2013. She was the wife of the late Stephan Grossomanides who passed away in 2009. They were married for over 59 years. She was born in Willimantic on May 29, 1925. She was the daughter of the late Costas and Helen Stamaton who were immigrants from Macedonia, Greece. She graduated from Bulkeley High in Hartford. She worked for over 20 years for Sears. She leaves her five loving children and spouses; George and Gerri Grossomanides of CT, Costas and Leni Grossomanides of CT, Elaine Grossomanides of Florida, Kathy and Ray Bolduc of Florida and Stephan and Deanna Grossomanides of Florida. She leaves her six loving grandchildren; Amy, Nick, Jessica, Kristina, Alex and Ella. She leaves a sister Mrs. Ann Mattia of Norwich. She also leaves a brother-in law John and Celia Grossomanides of Westerly, RI and sister-in-law Anastacia Bates of Coventry R.I.

WANT YOUR CHAPTER'S PICTURES IN THE NEXT ISSUE?

It's easy! Just email or call Krystyna Kazakos with the information you'd like to include and it will be included!
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We would love to share your chapter's activities with everyone!

**Wishing everyone
a Happy Halloween
& Happy Thanksgiving!**



AHEPA is the largest Greek-American association in the world with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, Cyprus, and sister chapters in Australia and New Zealand. It was established in 1922 by visionary Greek Americans to protect Hellenes from prejudice originating from the KKK, and in its history, AHEPA joined with the NAACP and B'nai B'rith International to fight discrimination.

The mission of the AHEPA family is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

For more information about the AHEPA family, or how to join, please contact AHEPA Headquarters, (202) 232-6300, or visit www.ahepa.org. To learn more about the AHEPA National Educational Foundation, please visit www.ahepa.org/education.

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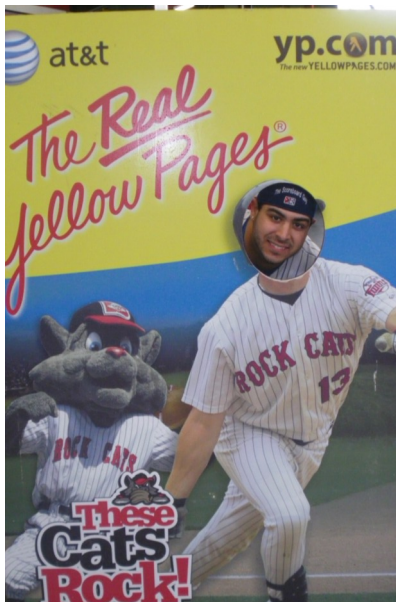
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Compliments Order of AHEPA Elpis Chapter # 117



Hartford Chapter # 98 New Officers

On June 10th, 2013 Brother Ted Panagiotopoulos of Stamford Chapter #99 presented a program at Archangels Greek Orthodox church to help with the safety problem of college students in dorms. Dorm fires were the topic of discussion. Brief Bio on Ted G. Pangiotopoulos: He is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist, Certified Fire Investigator and a Connecticut State Certified Code Enforcement Official, with over 35 years of Fire Service experience. He currently serves as a Deputy Fire Marshall with the Stamford Fire Department. Ted has lectured nationally on various topics related to fire and life safety most recently having presented at the annual Campus Fire Safety, Security and Risk Management Professional Development Conference in Columbus, Ohio and the National Fire Protection Association's Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. His contact information is Phone: (203) 216-5264 Email : Ted@firelifesafteyconceptslc.com



Ahepa District #7 Attempted to have Greek night at the Rock Cat's game in New Britain, CT. Unfortunately due to inclement weather the festivities were cancelled, to the right are the District Governors with the Yankee News Editor Krystyna Kazakos. To the left is George Kazakos.



Save the Date



- The AHEPA and Union Fire District Awards Banquet will take place Monday, October 21, 2013 at the Estia Restaurant in Wakefield, RI at 6pm, If you are interested in attending please email: Dr. John Grossomanides at yanni7@yahoo.com so we can reserve seating for you, as seating is limited. AHEPA National was able to raise \$26000 to cover costs of the air travel, lodging, meals, and transfers.

Yankee District #7 and Capitol Hill Day
(May 22, 2013)
By Nicholas Nikas



You probably saw the May 28 press release and AHEPA News emails from AHEPA HQ featuring many photographs of our Supreme President, Dr. John Grossomanides, with US Congressmen, Senators, and other dignitaries and famous AHEPANs, taken on Capitol Hill Day, May 22, 2013. That evening, the Congressional Banquet at the famous Willard Hotel offered even more photo opportunities. The headline read: "Greek Americans Bring Foreign, Domestic Issues to Legislators' Attention; More than 70 Congressional Offices Visited during Capitol Hill Day; Congressional Banquet Triumphantly Returns to Nation's Capital". It was a glorious day, another outstanding event during Brother John's term.

The purpose of this short article is to point out something that went unrecognized that day. Yankee District participation was small in numbers but strong in impact. Among the 70 or so people who went to Capitol Hill, there were only 3 representing our district: Greg Stamos from New Haven, John Grossomanides from Norwich, and yours truly from Stamford. The purpose of our visit to Capitol Hill was to educate our US Representatives on the issues our Hellenic community cares about, and to convince them to join the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues (affectionately known as the Hellenic Caucus). Armed with appointment times and locations and professional briefing packages provided by Andrew Kaffes, Greg and I, along with Costa Papademetriou, who lives in Stamford but belongs to the chapter of New Rochelle, NY, visited the offices of our US Representatives Rosa DeLauro (CT-3) and Jim Himes (CT- 4), and our Senator Chris Murphy. In the absence of anyone from CT-5, we also visited the office of recently elected US Representative Elizabeth Esty, who replaced Chris Murphy and was the only US Represent-

District	Sum of Hellenic Caucus Reps	Sum of All US Reps	%
D01	6	41	15%
D02	6	27	22%
D03	11	33	33%
D04	3	18	17%
D05	8	13	62%
D06	15	27	56%
D07	7	7	100%
D08	8	9	89%
D09	2	5	40%
D10	3	14	21%
D11	7	25	28%
D12	1	9	11%
D13	8	26	31%
D14	1	14	7%
D15	2	20	10%
D16	9	46	20%
D17	1	11	9%
D18	0	1	0%
D20-21	22	75	29%
D22	3	15	20%
Grand Total	123	436	28%

tative from Connecticut and Rhode Island who was not yet a Caucus member. Advance work in her district by Governor Jack Isaac and Supreme Governor John Tanionos combined with our visit and discussion with her staff on the Hill resulted in her decision to join. This brought the Caucus membership to 122 and Yankee District's Congressional delegation to 100% participation in the Caucus. As of May 29, US Representative Adam Smith of Washington had joined as well.

There were probably other US Representatives who joined as a result of AHEPA visits that day, but that information will not be available for a while. In any case, most other Districts are far from 100%. The only District that will shortly share first place with us is Bay State District 8 (Massachusetts) under the strong leadership of Supreme Governor Tanionos.

Congratulations Yankee District #7! Just remember that we cannot rest on our laurels. The hard work of continuing to educate our Representatives on Hellenic issues and encouraging them to improve their score on our Congressional Scorecard lies ahead.

A note from Daughters of Penelope Chapter # 41

Chapter 41 is continuing to grow and be active! In May, we had a fun and successful Mother's Day Flower and Bake Sale. We continued our 21 Acts of Kindness with a pet food drive, a book drive and prom dress drive. We also sponsored a lunch for our Senior Citizens and sponsored a coffee hour after church. Our year officially ended with our wonderful year end lunch and installation of officers for the upcoming year. Our lunch was well attended by our District Governor, Treasurer and Secretary. The highlight of the lunch was when our own Stella Capiris was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award. We are so happy and proud to have Stella in our chapter. Our sisters were hard at work helping our brother AHEPANs at their Taverna night at the end of August. We are looking forward to the upcoming year with our first meeting in September, where we will be initiating new members, and planning the year's events and activities. PHOTOS: L to R – Pauline Halkias, Kay Zorzy, Stella Capiris; L to R starting with seated row - Our new Officers and Board of Governors – Carlie Centrella, Barbara Tsoupas, Stella Capiris, Kathy Yiannoulis, Theodora Fatibene – Helen Yeotsas, Evelyn Balamaci, Mary Patsiarikas, Pauline Halkias, Viola Skenderis, Connie Gorzelany, Cindy Waldron, Kathy Santella.



Stamford Chapter #99

Honoring our Father/Son AHEPAN Pairs – Passing the Torch Fundraiser for Humanitar- ian Greek Relief and Stam- ford Greek Schools

Please save the date for our "Passing the Torch" fundraiser on Saturday, October 26, a dinner-dance at the Norwalk Inn for the benefit of the National AHEPA Humanitarian Relief Fund and our local Greek Schools. It will be very similar to the very popular event we had last year: generous appetizer buffet, prime rib dinner, cash bar, music by Grecian Nights, \$60 per person. 6:00 pm.

The National AHEPA humanitarian relief effort for the people of Greece goes directly towards the acquisition and shipment of food and medical supplies. The Stamford AHEPA Scholarship Fund goes mostly to the two Greek Schools of Stamford, Annunciation and Archangels, and to sponsor Stamford teams competing in the Hellenic History Tournament.

We plan to honor the Father/Son or Father/Son-in-Law pairs who are AHEPANs. The elder AHEPAN of the pair will receive a "torch" which he will pass to the younger AHEPAN. Prospective honorees include but are not limited to George Adamis and John Skoparantzios, Arthur and Nicholas Kiratsios, Jack and John Louizos, Peter and Chris Nanos and Nick Soulios, Theophilos Nikolis and Angel Muniz, Stelios and John Petsagourakis, George Psathas and Vasilios Diakogeorgiou, John and Peter Ramoglou, Evans Stergias and Tim Hartch, Alkis and Steven Valassis, George and Aris Crist, Van and Tom Hatzis, Fr. Constantine and Nikiforos Mathews, Fr. George and Peter and Paul Poulos, and Nicholas and Alex Nikas. AHEPAN father/son pairs from other chapters are invited to attend and be honored. Members who get their son or father to join will be honored

as well. Reservation deadline is October 10 (need lead time to order the torches).

We will also publish a commemorative ad album.

Each page will be 8.5" x 5.5" and will cost \$100. Email your "camera-ready" page in .pdf or .jpg format; or purchase a line entry in the Save-A-Tree page (same price of \$100). Ad submission deadline is October 10.

For additional information, dinner/dance reservations, album ads or membership applications contact Nicholas Nikas 203-554-5570 or niketes@yahoo.com.

Dr. John Grossomanides visit to Stamford, CT, on May 11

By Nicholas Nikas

On Saturday, May 11, 2013, the Stamford AHEPA and the Church of the Annunciation presented the Supreme President of the AHEPA, Dr. John Grossomanides, to the community of Stamford. Governor Jack Isaac and Norwalk President The-



ologos Demetriades honored us with their presence. The event took place at the hall of the Church of the Annunciation, 1230 Newfield Ave, Stamford, CT. The doors opened at 7:00 pm for pizza & refreshments, and the presentation started promptly at 7:30 pm. John discussed his recent trip to Greece as leader of the 85th Annual AHEPA Family Excursion and his visit to the White House on the occasion of Greek Independence Day. He spent most of his hour and a half talking about the details of AHEPA's role in helping the people of Greece at this time of dire need. The Stamford community had contributed generously to this cause about a year ago and wanted to know how we had helped. The audience of about 40 took advantage of this rare opportunity to ask him a lot of questions.

This was probably the last time a Supreme President will visit Stamford for some time. We are grateful to John for taking the time to talk to us as part of his extraordinary effort to visit as many chapters as possible during his term. Incredibly, we were the 144th chapter he visited as Supreme President. And I know he visited many more after Stamford...




L-R: Seated: Fr. E. Evangelidis, Fr. G. Poulos, Dr. A. Kiratsios, Dr. J. Grossomanides, Gov. J. Isaac, Fr. Mathews, T. Nikolis - Standing: J. Psaltos, P. Mihalopoulos, J. Ramoglou, E. Stergias, N. Nikas, T. Boutsikoudis, Pres. J.W. Cocolis, V. Diakogeorgiou, Treas. J. J. Cocolis, VP J. Louizos, Norwalk Pres. T. Demetriades

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Thank you Krystyna Kazakos and Jack Isaac for your talent, dedication and hard work that brought honor to our district!

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