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AHEPA's Active Role for

Humanitarian Assistance in Greece

WASHINGTON, DC -- The AHEPA applauds the Obama Administration's outreach to the American Hellenic community with a discussion on Greece, **August 6, 2015**, at the **Eisenhower Executive Office Building**, announced Supreme President John W. Galanis.

"AHEPA sincerely appreciates the high level of engagement by US government officials to address the crisis in Greece and its outreach to Capitol Hill and the community on the crisis," Galanis said. "We found the discussion to be straightforward, insightful, and substantive. AHEPA looks forward to continued discussions and stands ready to assist with the implementation of any sustainable, concrete opportunities or solutions for Greece and its people that may materialize."

Executive Director Basil Mossaidis met with Lea Bouzis, director, **International Affairs Office of Europe & Eurasia, U.S. Dept. of the Treasury**, to convey the community's appreciation for the efforts of the Treasury Secretary on Greece's debt crisis. The August 5 meeting was a follow-up to a letter SP John Galanis sent to Secretary Lew on the situation in Greece.

"We thank Director Bouzis for the generous amount of time she afforded us to talk about



the situation in Greece," Mossaidis said. "It was an informative meeting and we look forward to maintaining dialogue with Treasury on Greece's debt crisis." AHEPA embarked on a campaign to provide humanitarian assistance to Greece since 2012:

- ◆ AHEPA collaborated with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to secure **nine shipping containers of medical supplies** which have been delivered all throughout Greece, totaling more than \$6 million in medical supply aid. Each container costs between \$15k and \$20k to secure.
- ◆ A tenth medical supply container is planned

to be secured and sent in September.

- ◆ In 2013, AHEPA Canada donated a rigid bronchoscope machine valued at 10,000 euros (approximately \$12k Canadian) to Evangelismos Hospital. It is used to prevent bleeding while positioning stents in tumors.
 - ◆ More than \$500k was given to Apostoli Mission in Athens to feed people in Greece.
 - ◆ AHEPA's 31 chapters in Greece are helping local communities through charitable and philanthropic initiatives and programs.
- To date, the AHEPA family has raised nearly \$700k for humanitarian aid for the people of Greece to secure public health assistance or to help feed those in need.



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Biennial Congressional Banquet was Well Attended and Well Received

WASHINGTON, DC- The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), held its 41st Biennial Congressional Banquet, April 29, 2015, at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel, Washington, DC. Nearly 400 leaders of the Greek American community from across the United States and Canada were on-hand to salute excellence and service in the community.

The honorees were:

- **U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), 2015 AHEPA Pericles Award** [presented by U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD)];
- **Ambassador Robert W. Peck**, ambassador of Canada to the Hellenic Republic, **2015 AHEPA Aristotle Award** (presented by AHEPA Canadian President Ken Matziorinis);
- **The Stavros Niarchos Foundation, 2015 AHEPA Archbishop Iakovos Humanitarian Award**, accepted by Ambassador Vassilis Kaskarelis, senior advisor to the Board of Directors and member of the Executive Management Team of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (presented by AHEPA National Educational Foundation Secretary George Vorkas);
- **Col. Alan C. Macaulay, (USMC ret.), 2015 AHEPA Military Medal of Honor** [presented by AHEPA Public Policy Chairman Carl Hollister (Maj., U.S. Army, ret)];
- **Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, 2015 Daughters of Penelope Civic Responsibility Award** (presented by Daughters of Penelope Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides); and
- **AHEPA Past Supreme President Gus J. James, II, 2015 AHEPA Lifetime Achievement Award** (presented by Supreme President Phillip T. Frangos).

In acceptance remarks, the honorees shared their inspirational personal stories of triumph over adversity and reflected upon the importance of public service and community service. They also expressed gratitude toward the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope for promoting these principles.

In his introduction of Congressman Lewis, Congressman Sarbanes described him as "A hero of our time and of all time." In addition to the Pericles Award, Congressman Lewis was presented with a custom-framed copy of the historic March 26, 1965 issue of Life Magazine "Memorial at Selma" with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos on the cover. The inscription written on the frame stated in part, "In Commemoration of the Unity of the African American and Greek Communities."

"When Dr. Martin Luther King issued a call, members of your church responded, and we will never forget it," Congressman Lewis said. "And fifty years later you came to Selma to walk with us. Thank you."



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**A Message from the Order of
AHEPA District 7 Governor,
Alex Boutsoulis**

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for re-electing me as District 7 Governor for the upcoming year.

Thank you to all of you who attended the New England Tri-District 7-8-9 Spring Convention in Newport, RI, May 29-31. A very special thanks to Newport brother AHEPANS and sister Daughters of Penelope especially to George and Ellen Agnastos for the fabulous job in organizing the convention.

In addition, I would like thank the New Haven, New London, Norwich, Providence and Waterbury AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Chapters for inviting the District Lodge to the following successful events during the spring of 2015:

- New Haven – Middle East Symposium at Yale University – Friday, April 24.
- Waterbury – “Nite at the Races” Yankee District 7 wide fundraiser – Sunday, April 26.
- New London – Foundation Awards Dinner- Wednesday, May 20 & dinner meeting – Monday, June 22.
- Norwich – Foundation Awards Dinner – Tuesday, June 23.
- Providence – AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope Symposium – Wednesday, June 24.

Supreme AHEPAN President Philip Frangos and Daughters of Penelope Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides were the guest speakers at the Providence event and also at the Norwich foundation dinner the previous night. A special thanks to Past Supreme President John Grossomanides and Supreme Governor, Frank Fotis for organizing Brother Frangos’ 3 day visit to New London, Norwich and Providence chapters.

District Lodge members John Melonopoulos, Jack Isaac, other District 7 AHEPANS and I attended the National AHEPA Convention in San Francisco, CA, July 1-4. The highlight of the convention was the Yankee News being awarded the Best District Publication. My congratulations to the Yankee News volunteer staff for winning this prestigious national award. Another highlight was that our own Greg Stamos served as the event’s Master of Ceremonies and also AHEPA Family Athletic Luncheon Chairman.

My goal in 2015-2016 is to communicate to all Connecticut and Rhode Island communities what AHEPA is all about. I will focus on chapter visitations along with initiations in the upcoming months.

Hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,
Alex Boutsoulis
AHEPA District 7 Governor



**A Message from the Daughters of
Penelope District Governor,
Myrsini Papoutsis**

Dear Sisters,

Thank you to all the sisters for re-electing me as your District Governor for the 2015-2016 upcoming year. As District Governor I will continue to work with members, chapters, District Lodge and headquarters to achieve the goals of the Order of the Daughters of Penelope and the AHEPA Family. As District Governor I have identified the following goals during my tenure:

1. To continue to support and strengthen chapters in the District 7 Membership Growth and Retention Plan,
2. To counsel chapters in managing and resolving any issues the members may have which will enable them to better understand the Daughters of Penelope organization,
3. To encourage participation in the District Governor’s Membership Contest, and
4. To continue to encourage chapters to focus on the mission and vision of the Daughters of Penelope organization through related service and advocacy projects.

Congratulations:

- To the newly elected District Lodge Members:
 - o Governor Myrsini Papoutsis
 - o Lt. Governor Karen Isaac
 - o Secretary Marianne Boutsoulis
 - o Treasurer Valerie St. Peter
 - o District Maids of Athena Helen Sakellarides
 - o District DOP Advisor Penny Pecka

The Lodge and I will be communicating with the chapters and will be visiting each chapter to become better acquainted with members and speak on topics important to the chapters. Please let me know your visitation dates as soon as possible because dates are being filled quickly.

- To Connie Pillalis who was elected Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope at the Supreme Convention this past July in San Francisco!
- To Jan Spanos, who was elected Grand Vice President!
- To our Liaison Lili Respass, Grand Zone Gov. 1!
- To all the District Scholarship Recipients who received scholarships at the District Scholarship Luncheon which was held this past August in New London CT.

Fall Conference:

We are in the process of planning an exciting Fall Conference. More details to follow at a later date.

***A leader’s job is to look into the future
and to see the organization not as it is
but as it can become.***

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I look forward to working with members, chapters, District Leaders and headquarters leadership to execute the mission and vision of the organization.

Yours in Theta Pi,
Myrsini Papoutsis
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**John W. Galanis Elected
Supreme President**



The delegates of the AHEPA elected John W. Galanis from Elm Grove, Wisconsin, as their Supreme President at the 93rd Annual Supreme Convention. Galanis ran unopposed in elections and formal installation ceremonies were held July 4, 2015.

"It is an honor and privilege to be elected AHEPA Supreme President," Supreme President Galanis said. "My sincere appreciation is given to the convention delegates who placed their support and trust in me to lead this vibrant, venerable, and unique organization in the coming year. I am excited to work with our seasoned Supreme Lodge and our membership to keep AHEPA on the steady path set forth by my predecessors in a spirit true to our mission." He added, "My parents were Greek immigrants, and I'm proud of my heritage and that is why I'm a member of AHEPA."

At the installation ceremony, the Supreme President discussed his goals and challenges. "Our immediate thoughts and

concerns are with the people of Greece during this most difficult and challenging time in Greece's history," he said. "We aim to complete our capital fundraising campaign to help rebuild Saint Nicholas and focus our internal efforts on membership growth and retention. In addition, the community continues to face a multitude of challenges that are important to address as the need for community service is never ending, both in the United States and abroad, and the promotion of Hellenic ideals."

Galanis is a 47 year member of Chapter 43, Milwaukee, Wisc. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including most recently Supreme Vice President and on the Board of Trustees. Galanis' 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.

The Supreme President is a founding partner of Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., a Milwaukee-based law firm. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He also attended the London School of Economics. Galanis has served as president of

several community and charitable organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Milwaukee and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Galanis and his wife, Patricia, are members of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Milwaukee, and have three children and several grandchildren. Galanis is an Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle - Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.



2015-16 Supreme Lodge (l-r): Fotis, Joannides, Kalantzis, Kokotas, Hollister, Gober, Zachariades, Gallis, Galanis, Kirkiles, Matziorinis, Atsaves, Loucas, Papadopoulos, Stasios, and Horiates.

Election of AHEPA Leadership for 2015-2016

The 2015-16 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President Kenneth N. Matziorinis, Pierrefonds, Quebec; Supreme Vice President Andrew C. Zachariades, Brick, N.J.; Supreme Secretary George E. Loucas, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Treasurer Carl Hollister, Mason, Ohio; Supreme Counselor George G. Horiates, Esq., Moorestown, N.J.; Supreme Athletic Director Louis G. Atsaves, Lake Forest, Ill.; and Sons of Pericles National Advisor James Kokotas, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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"I am grateful and honored to be elected to serve AHEPA as the Supreme Governor for region 4. To succeed, I need your cooperation and support.

Our goals are to increase membership and to continue providing services to our communities.

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- **Frank P. Fotis,**
Supreme Governor

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By Basil Mossaidis

Thank you for Making Our Convention a Success!

Well, we've come to the end of yet another successful AHEPA Family Supreme Convention. Yesterday was jam-packed with events. Our Junior Orders, the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena, were treated by having a special guest attend their brunch, Archbishop Demetrios. His Eminence provided inspirational remarks to our young community leaders. Also, our newly-elected AHEPA Family Supreme and Grand Lodge officers took their oaths at our Installation Ceremony. Congratulations to our newly-elected Supreme Lodge officers who will be led by Supreme President John Galanis of Elm Grove, Wisconsin; and to all newly-elected AHEPA family officers. All the best for the 2015-2016 administrative year!

However, yesterday's events culminated with our pinnacle event, the 93rd Grand Banquet. The program was a testament to the AHEPA family's grassroots capability to raise much-needed funds for charitable causes. All told, AHEPA and its affiliated organizations, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of

Pericles, and Maids of Athena, announced nearly \$115,000 in new funds raised to help rebuild Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center. Our most worthy principal honoree was Theofanis Economidis, who received the 2015 AHEPA Aristotle Award, representing excellence in his profession and in service to his community, from Philanthropist/ Entrepreneur George Marcus. We commemorated the Daughters of Penelope's 85th anniversary, and we received an eloquent Keynote Address from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. Our AHEPA family leadership, led by Supreme President Phillip T. Frangos, each delivered emotional farewell addresses.

As we wrap a bow on the 93rd Supreme Convention, I am reminded about all those who came from near and far—from our local San Francisco AHEPA family to our delegates and guests who came from Greece, Bulgaria, and Australia—and commend them for taking the time to be with us and to attend to the business of the Order.

Finally, a big, sincere thank you goes to all our sponsors. Without their support, the convention could not be a success:

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See you next year in Las Vegas!
July 24-30, 2016
at the MIRAGE Resort Hotel.

EDITOR'S NOTES

by Jack Isaac,
PDG & Co-Editor, YDN

The staff of the Yankee News is pleased to report that our publication was awarded 1st place among all papers in the AHEPA domain. This is a great honor and we are greatly appreciative that our hard work has been recognized by the Publication Committee.

In order to continue to publish at a high level we need the cooperation of ALL the chapters. Appoint someone to be responsible for sending chapter news **with labeled pictures** and dates of upcoming events. Please do this! We would like to see a higher rate of participation from the District 7 AHEPA Family Chapters.

We are initiating two new features:

- ⇒ *Ta Neá* - This is a rebirth of a former feature. This will include notice of births, graduations, promotions and other such personal news.
- ⇒ Letters to the Editor - This will give our readers an opportunity to interact with the Yankee News staff. Send us your opinions or suggestions regarding Yankee News articles or editorials.



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News from the Tri-District Convention

Submitted by Jack Isaac, Convention Secretary

Another successful Tri-District Convention was held on May 29-31, 2015 in Newport, Rhode Island. The organizational skills of George and Ellen Anagnostos make for a smooth running convention and ensure a good time for everyone! Brother George Scarveles was elected chairman of the convention and handled his duties successfully. All officers of the Lodge submitted their reports on the year's activities.

Yankee News staff reported on some of the changes that would take place such as new features and chapter responsibilities. Past Supreme President John Grossomanides was acknowledged for selling nearly \$3,000 in new advertisements. The staff urged more chapters to send in information since we usually get material from five chapters each issue.

- A report was given by the new Chairman of the District Scholarship Committee, Rick Pecka. He explained some of the changes to be made.
- It was suggested that money accumulated by the Yankee News be moved to the Educational Foundation. A discussion followed and motion carried to form a committee to consider the possibility.
- National Representative Andrew Zachariades discussed the state of AHEPA National. He gave an impassioned speech regarding what happened on September 11th and the importance of building the Saint Nicholas Shrine.

- Brother Nick Nikas reported on the state of the Hellenic History Tournament (HHT). He informed the brothers that there will be three teams coming from New Jersey and he pleaded with the brothers to form teams to participate.

- Nick Nikas presented a check to Andrew Zachariades from the Stamford AHEPA. Stamford AHEPA, via a Dinner Dance and a Commemorative Album, was able to donate \$4,000 to the National AHEPA Fund towards the construction of the St. Nicholas National Shrine at the WTC site in New York City.

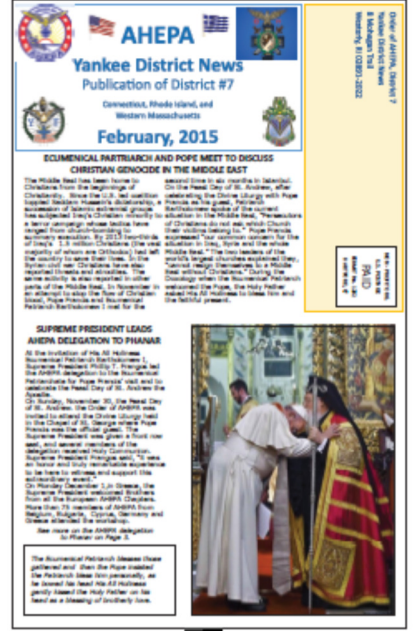
- Nominations for District Officers were made:
 District Governor: Alex Boutsoulis Lt. Governor: Demetrios Tasoulas
 Secretary: Greg Simones Treasurer: John Melonopoulos
 All of those nominated were elected. It was determined that the Governor would appoint brothers to any other open positions. Past Supreme President John Grossomanides swore in the newly elected Lodge officers.

The 2015 Annual Publication Awards

The Publication Committee met at the Supreme Convention and has awarded the following districts in its annual competition:

- 1st Place: Yankee News - District 7
- 2nd Place: AHEPA Voice - District 5
- 3rd Place: Triogram - District 3
- Honorable Mention: Weekly Newsletter by AHEPA 25, Greece

The committee met with all of the newspaper applicants for the first time using an evaluation sheet / interview process which rated each application. It is our hope that this format will be used in future competitions.



Dr. John Grossomanides & Alex Boutsoulis

George Anagnostos



Nick Nikas & Andy Zachariades

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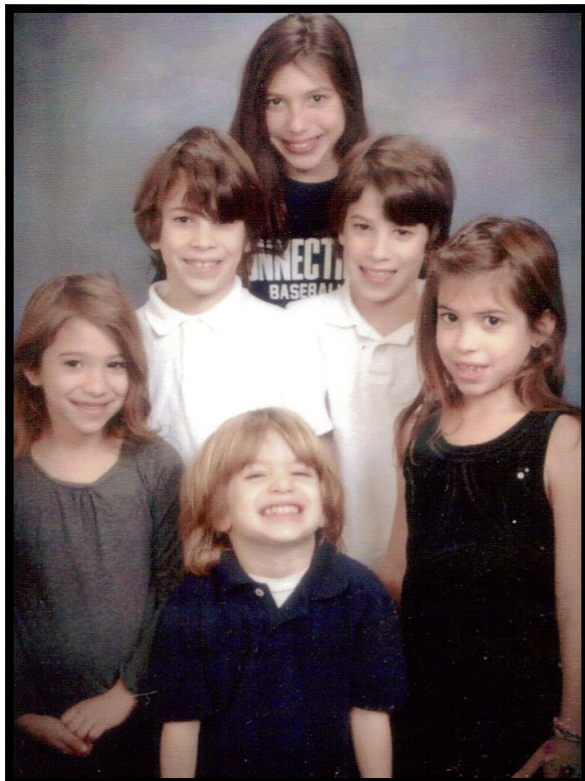
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Hartford...

⇒ Get Well wishes to Brothers Nick Alexis, Tony Calibey and Gus Christy!

New Britain...

⇒ Wishing you a speedy recovery, Donna Rados!

⇒ Congrats to Andy & Mary Aros upon the marriage of their son Andreas to Heather in May!

Newport...

⇒ Congrats went to Theodore Panoutsopoulos, Niko Spentzos & Panagiotis Panoutsopoulos on winning the 2014 Hellenic History Tournament! WHO will win and which chapter will take the cup in 2015?!

AHEPAN Chuckles



THE SAINT NICHOLAS SHRINE CAMPAIGN

WOW! Nearly \$115,000 in donations to the campaign to help rebuild Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center were announced by AHEPA family entities at the 93rd Grand Banquet held July 4 in San Francisco. From \$37,000 from our Junior Orders, the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena, to \$30,000 from the Daughters of Penelope, to nearly \$48,000 from AHEPA chapters all across the AHEPA domain, the AHEPA family pulled together for an impressive demonstration of grassroots fundraising for such a worthy initiative. Thank you!

TAKE ACTION!

Has your district or chapter organized a fundraiser for the campaign to #RebuildStNicholas? Take action and support AHEPA's campaign today! Please tweet about your fundraising activity by using #RebuildStNicholas to share your work with the broader community!



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**Long standing Regional Manager,
Sister Adele Antoniou
Celebrates Retirement**

Sister Adele Antoniou, Region 1 Manager, celebrated her retirement from the AHEPA Management Company on July 15, 2015. Adele was employed with AMC for 28 years starting as a Property Manager at AHEPA 58 Apartments in Wethersfield, CT.

Adele's retirement party was organized by Area Manager Melody Belanger, and consisted of Region 1 staff: AHEPA 35 Inc. (Nashua, NH), AHEPA 39 Inc. (Haverhill, MA), AHEPA 58 Inc. (Wethersfield CT), AHEPA 110 Inc.(3 phases, Norwich, CT); AHEPA 245, Inc.(2 phases, Newport, RI), AHEPA 250 Inc. (3 phases, Niantic, Waterford and Groton), Penelope 120, Inc. (Peabody, MA), AMC Vice-President, Stephani Calderon, local contacts and Adele's family and friends.

The party was cruise-themed to wish Adele a bon voyage into the next chapter of her life. The back drop was made by Debbie Mathis, Charlie Desrochers, Michelle Patterson, and AHEPA 250-I resident, Susan Bindloss. Our Property Manager for AHEPA 250-IV, Michelle Patterson, took pictures for the party. The AHEPA Boards, AMC staff and Region 1 staff all chipped in to get Adele a travel voucher for over \$1,000 to anywhere she wants to go.

***We will miss you Adele and thank you
for your dedication over the years!***



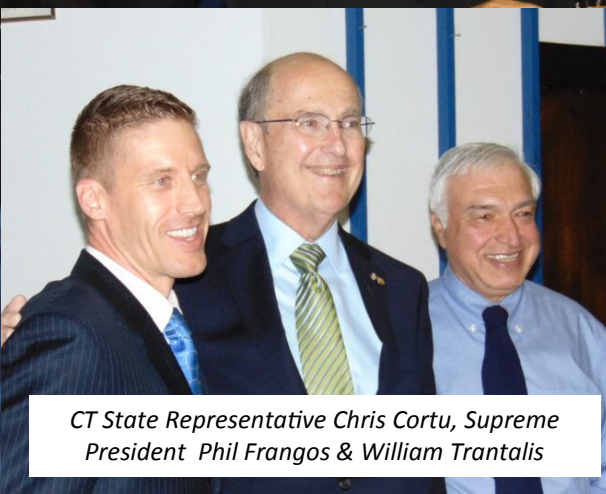
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Mike Lewis and Supreme President Phil Frangos



Peter Argiros and Fr. Charles Simones



CT State Representative Chris Cortu, Supreme President Phil Frangos & William Trantalis



Norwich AHEPA #110 News

Submitted by Peter Argiros

Our June 23rd Annual AHEPA Awards Banquet was a tremendous success. We want to thank all of you who turned out to share this world class event, with us and the 120 members and guests who attended. Mike Lewis received the Ahepan of the Year Award from Supreme President Frangos and Heidi Petros received the Community Service Award from Grand Pres. Grossomanides. \$7,000 in cash awards was given to area non-profit organizations by the Norwich AHEPA Charitable foundation.

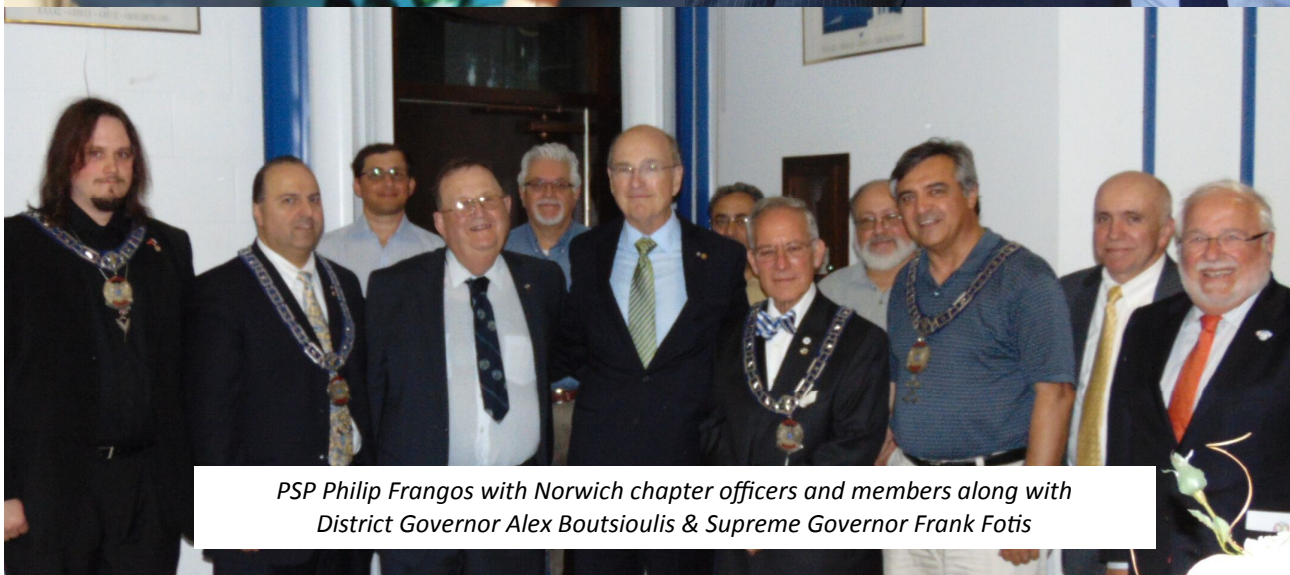
Now that the Awards Banquet is over, we are asking everyone to help us on the fundraising truck raffle, for the benefit of St. Nicholas's Greek Orthodox Church at the World Trade Center. Our raffle got a big boost by a front page article in the Norwich Bulletin on this event. Our raffle has really taken off! Since our story broke in the newspaper, people have been coming forward to offer their help.

In other news...

- The chapter Community Room building suffered damage to its roof during the winter and the building was closed for repairs.
- Norwich AHEPA Housing just signed a contract to replace the damaged roof - at a cost of \$76,081.00.
- Our chapter's project to print a book on Greek-American Veterans from our community is on-going. We have identified 92 veterans of WWII and 5 veterans of WWI. In addition, we are gathering pictures and information on the Greek Community of Norwich, that go all the way back to 1886! Pictures and information are still being sent to us from all over the country.



Supreme President Phillip Frangos, Grande President Anna-Helene Grossomanides purchasing the first \$10 tickets for the raffle from Brother Tony Petros.



PSP Philip Frangos with Norwich chapter officers and members along with District Governor Alex Boutsoulis & Supreme Governor Frank Fotis



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Stamford Chapter #99 Sesquiennial Fundraiser

On May 2, we held our sesquiennial fundraiser for the benefit of our Greek Schools, our scholarship fund, and the rebuilding of St. Nicholas. 100 people attended the dinner dance at the Norwalk Inn with music provided by the Islanders, a group based in Storrs, CT.

Master of Ceremonies, Nikiforos Mathews, delivered a brief but moving explanation on why we undertook this fundraising effort and reminded us that the word "Education" is in our name. We then honored our Greek and Sunday school teachers of both our churches by giving them

an enlarged modified AHEPA lapel pin surrounded by a ribbon with the words "Honoring our Teachers".

With the dinner dance and our commemorative album, we were able to raise \$13,500. We gave \$4,000 to the Archangels Greek School, \$4,000 to the Annunciation Greek School and \$4,000 to the national AHEPA Fund to rebuild St. Nicholas.

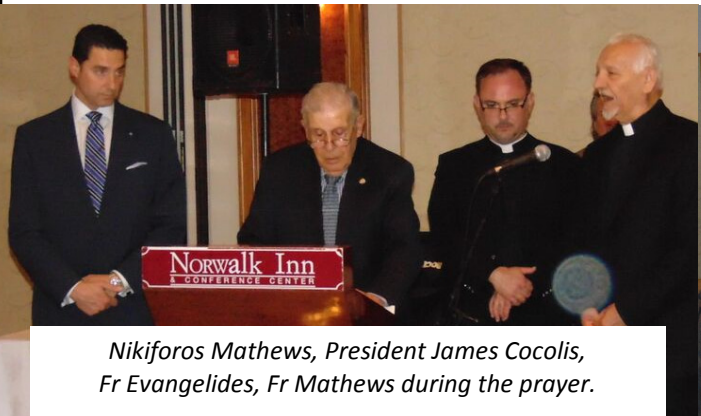
We kept \$1,500 in our chapter's educational and philanthropic fund for future contributions to the Hellenic History Tournament, AHEPAcademy, and other causes.

The First-Ever Event of the AHEPA Pawtucket Chapter A121!

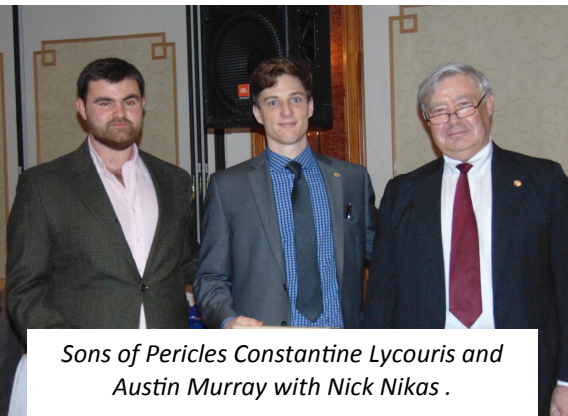
On Sunday May 17th, 2015, we held our first event. It was a cheese pie, spinach pie, koulouria and bougatsa sale to raise funds for our chapter sponsoring a HHT team for this year. Our first event was a great success. We introduced our chapter to the community, we raised \$307 (our target was \$300 to sponsor our team to participate in HHT). We also generated interest and made a good start.

In the process we discovered numerous AHEPA artifacts from our chapter's past. We had displays with AHEPA materials, Brother George Demopulos' family artifacts from his father's AHEPA involvement and quite a few AHEPA flyers. Many AHEPA members were present to talk to our community about AHEPA and to also help for the event. We also recruited a new member.

There was genuine interest from the people, especially the young children looking into AHEPA artifacts from the past (dated from 1924, 1935 etc.) Below: The artifacts are used for our chapter's events. They were the center of attention for many of our parishioners and especially the young members of our community. In the center we placed a photo of the AHEPA boys band, presented by President George Demopulos, which included his father.



Nikiforos Mathews, President James Cocolis, Fr Evangelides, Fr Mathews during the prayer.



Sons of Pericles Constantine Lycouris and Austin Murray with Nick Nikas.



Archangels teachers honored by AHEPA: Diane Sierpina, Margaritta Haralabidis, Evelyn Billias Lolis, Anastasia Valassis, Eugenia Zavras, Georgia Athanasiadis, Kiki Bellos



John Louizos assists Eleni & Maria Aposporis in selling raffle tickets.



Annunciation teachers honored: Christina Ramoglou, Georgia Poulos, Vicky Seremetis, Helen Vlahakis, Vaso Bakes, Vicky Sakellson, Agapi Theodoridou, Ioanna Kreatsoulas, Penelope Venetsanos (Kyria Popi); background: VP John Louizos, Nikiforos Mathews, Dino Kallenekos, Secretary Nick Nikas.



Brothers Ioannis, Mike Karavolis, George Dafulas, George Demopulos, and Dennis Topracc.

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Salute to Veteran Jerry Copsinis, LTC

Brother Jerry was born in New London, CT and was active in his early years at St. Sophia Church. While attending the University of CT, Jerry was enrolled in the US Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was on active duty and reserve time for 29 years:

1962-1963: 7th Infantry Div., 79th Artillery-Korea, S-2 (Security/Intelligence), FO, Safety Officer

1963: 5th Infantry Division Mechanical Division Artillery-Recon & Survey Officer

1964-1972: 418th Operations Officer

1972-1982: 411 Civil Affairs Company, Operations Officer Commander

1982-1989: Military Attachment (Mobilization Designation) Greece

Brother Jerry attended Field Artillery Basic and Advance Training courses, the Foreign Area Officers course, and Command and General Staff College. He received the National Defense Ribbon, several Reserve Officer medals, and the Meritorious Service Ribbon twice. He achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel before retirement.

While in the ROTC he received his

Bachelor's degree from UCONN, and then earned his Master's degree at the University of Hartford. He then completed a 6 year professional certificate.

He served his civilian career in West Hartford as a teacher and then as interim Principal of Sedgwick Middle School. He spent a short time as Principal of Wethersfield High School and retired as

Principal of Hall High School in West Hartford.

Jerry has two sons: Steve is a practicing attorney with GE in Rowaton, CT and is married to wife Margaret; Jerry, Jr. is a graduate of Boston University who is employed with TD Bank in the Greater Boston area.

Brother Jerry resides in Wethersfield and attends Saint George Cathedral in Hartford, CT. He has served as President and is currently Vice President of Nathan Hale, Chapter 58 of the AHEPA.



The History Presentation

by George A. Rados

In the beginning there was Chaos! First born from Chaos was Erevos (Erebus). The original Greek meaning wasn't the darkness in our family's abode when we turn out the lights! Back then it meant and encompassed all the dark and unknown beneath the earth and its equidistant—and also unknown—firmament which took a female personality and was called Nyx/Nyhta—the Night. Erevos and Nyx begot in their turn Ouranos (Uranus) the sky and Gaia, the earth. Then Eros, meaning care and obligation toward a relation. After Eros came Tartaros. Ouranos and Gaia produced the 12 Titanes (or Titans), 6 male and 6 female. They did not stop there! Next came the birth of Kyklopes (Cyclopes). They

were the ones with the sole eye on top of their forehead. For good measure, Ouranos and Gaia gave life to the Ekatonheires, the hundred-handed ones who had two heads each!

Ouranos began to have second thoughts about his 'productivity', thinking "what if any of this offspring decides to turn against me and take my place? Let me place all of them in a secured place like Tartaros!" And he did!

Gaia on the other hand and as a 'good mother' (aside of being tired and pregnant every ten months) did not like that idea at all! She decided she would take care of matters on her own. She forged the first ever metal sickle and took a stroll descending to Tartaros to



visit and talk to her children. After some debate they all agreed on the terms, place and type of action. Kronos hid under the bed. Ouranos came, escorted by Nyhta (Night). Gaia joined them and eventually Ouranos fell asleep. Kronos came out of hiding, cut off Ouranos' you-know-what and threw it into the sea!

From the blood came Erinyes, heavy guilt-conscious creatures, and the Gigantes (Giants) were born. The splash of the genitals created the foam of the sea and Afroditi (Aphrodite/Venus) was born.

Ouranos did not die! Like a disgraced Governor he was put in charge of a distant firmament—the sky—where you can still see him today.



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March 5, 2016 Dist. 7 Fundraiser for St. Nicholas Shrine: Waterbury, CT
July 24-30, 2016 2016 Supreme Convention: Las Vegas, Nevada

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