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### ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH AND POPE MEET TO DISCUSS CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East has been home to Christians from the beginnings of Christianity. Since the U.S. led coalition toppled Saddam Hussein's dictatorship, a succession of Islamic extremist groups has subjected Iraq's Christian minority to a terror campaign whose tactics have ranged from church-bombing to summary execution. By 2013 two-thirds of Iraq's 1.5 million Christians (the vast majority of whom are Orthodox) had left the country to save their lives. In the Syrian civil war Christians have also reported threats and atrocities. The same activity is also reported in other parts of the Middle East. In November in an attempt to stop the flow of Christian blood, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I met for the

second time in six months in Istanbul. On the Feast Day of St. Andrew, after celebrating the Divine Liturgy with Pope Francis as his guest, Patriarch Bartholomew spoke of the current situation in the Middle East, "Persecutors of Christians do not ask which Church their victims belong to." Pope Francis expressed "our common concern for the situation in Iraq, Syria and the whole Middle East." The two leaders of the world's largest churches explained they, "cannot resign themselves to a Middle East without Christians." During the Doxology when the Ecumenical Patriarch welcomed the Pope, the Holy Father asked His All Holiness to bless him and the faithful present.

### SUPREME PRESIDENT LEADS AHEPA DELEGATION TO PHANAR

At the invitation of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Supreme President Phillip T. Frangos led the AHEPA delegation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pope Francis' visit and to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Andrew the Apostle.

On Sunday, November 30, the Feast Day of St. Andrew, the Order of AHEPA was invited to attend the Divine Liturgy held in the Chapel of St. George where Pope Francis was the official guest. The Supreme President was given a front row seat, and several members of the delegation received Holy Communion. Supreme President Frangos said, "it was an honor and truly remarkable experience to be here to witness and support this extraordinary event."

On Monday December 1, in Greece, the Supreme President welcomed Brothers from all the European AHEPA Chapters. More than 75 members of AHEPA from Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Germany and Greece attended the workshop.

*See more on the AHEPA delegation to Phanar on Page 3.*

*The Ecumenical Patriarch blesses those gathered and then the Pope insisted the Patriarch bless him personally, as he bowed his head His All Holiness gently kissed the Holy Father on his head as a blessing of brotherly love.*



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**A Message from the Order of AHEPA  
District No. 7 Governor, Alex Boutsoulis:**



Dear Brothers,

As District 7 Governor since May 2014, I have been fortunate to receive invitations from several AHEPA chapters (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Newport, Norwich, Stamford, Waterbury), to attend their meetings and special events. Based on my count, in 2014, I attended over 20 AHEPA events that ranged from monthly chapter meetings, awards dinners, picnics, initiations, social affairs, Christmas parties and other special events. The Brothers and Sisters I met at these affairs were very cordial and interested in hearing details involving the AHEPA

District 7 Lodge. Along with my fellow energetic District lodge, we have communicated what AHEPA Yankee District 7 would like to accomplish in the upcoming year.

In addition, I would like thank our AHEPA Brothers and our Sisters from the Daughters of Penelope who were involved in planning and organizing the following District 7 events in 2014:

- District 7 AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Dinner – August 17<sup>th</sup> - Waterbury, CT.
- Luncheon honoring past Sons of Pericles Supreme President National Supreme President John Ververis – August 30<sup>th</sup> - Waterbury, CT.
- Yankee District 7 Fall Conference – October 11<sup>th</sup> -Norwich, CT.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hellenic History Tournament – November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Orange, CT.

All the above events were very well attended and huge successes. I appreciate all the Chapters involved who provided support in these district wide events. I would like to thank both Brothers Nick Nikas and John Grossomanides in taking the lead in revitalizing the Pawtucket, RI AHEPA Chapter. On December 7, 2014, an additional Chapter re-joined Yankee District 7 with 15 AHEPANS being initiated in Pawtucket, RI.

In 2015, the following dates should be noted:

- March 14 – AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope Spring Conference @ St. George Greek Orthodox Church hall in New Britain, CT.
- March 29 – Greek Independence Day parade in New York City. A bus will be leaving New Britain for the parade; if you are interested in attending let Demetrios Loukopoulos (860) 747-9772 or Jack Isaac (860) 224-2183 know by March 8.
- April 26 – *Nite at the Races* Fundraiser – Waterbury, CT.
- May 29-31 – New England Regional AHEPA & DOP District 7/8/9 Spring Convention – Newport, RI

As District Governor I plan to visit every chapter, to listen to your suggestions and concerns. With your support, I believe we can have a successful year.

Hope to see you soon!  
Fraternally,  
Alex Boutsoulis  
AHEPA District 7 Governor



Above: District Ahepans in the Norwich AHEPA Chapter Room; Nick Nikas speaking. The October 11th Yankee District No. 7 Fall Conference was a huge success. Below: Approximately 80 Ahepans & Daughters from around the District enjoyed a day of fellowship. The conference was hosted by the Norwich AHEPA Chapter and the Daughters of Penelope, newly re-instated Chapter. Both worked very hard to make the conference the success that it was. The big news that day was the formation of a new Maids of Athena Chapter in Norwich. Group photo of the 40 District DOP and the new Maids who attended conference. Photos by Greg Simmones.



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



Dear Sisters,

As the New Year begins, on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope District 7 I want to thank you for your ongoing interest and

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support of our organization's programs, projects, members and events. Last year was a very successful year for the Daughters of Penelope but none of that could have been possible without your ongoing support. This year I am excited to introduce new programs, events and opportunities to get to know other Sisters and members of the AHEPA Family. I invite you to get involved and participate.

**2015 Upcoming Events:  
February is Membership Drive Month**

Each chapter should consider holding a membership drive to bring in new members. Initiation fees are waived during this month for any Sister who reinstates her membership. I encourage each of our existing members to bring in one new member. Growth and expansion will revitalize chapters with fresh ideas and bring in potential members who aspire to be future leaders of our organization.

**March 14, 2015 Spring Conference** takes place at St George Greek Orthodox Church New Britain CT. We have an exciting agenda planned and we look forward to seeing participation from all chapters.

**March 29, 2015 Greek Independence Day Parade** in NYC. The New Britain AHEPA & DOP are sponsoring a bus from the St. George Greek Orthodox Church to attend and march in the Greek Independence Day Parade in NYC. For more information please contact Demetrios Loukopoulos (860) 747-9772 or Jack Isaac (860) 224-2183 by March 8.

**April 26, 2015 Nite at the Races** Once gain Waterbury will be hosting the *Nite at the Races*. This Districtwide fundraiser needs everyone's help as there are many opportunities for all chapters to get involved.

**May 29-31, 2015 New England Regional Convention** (after Memorial Day weekend). This year's convention will once again be held in Newport RI and will be attended by the AHEPA Families of Districts 7, 8 and 9. We have some exciting and fun-filled events planned for you.

**July 1- July 5 AHEPA Supreme Convention** This year's annual convention takes place in San Francisco where our first chapter was started in 1929 by Alexandra Apostolides. The host chapter is planning some fun events such as visiting museums and fireworks over the bay just to name a few.

More details for all these events will be forthcoming soon.

Any Sister who does not receive the **Yankee District 7 Newsletter** and would like to receive it may do so by paying **\$12 for 4- issues subscription**. For an application form and more information please contact Brother John Melonopoulos.

**Upcoming visitations:**

-Waterbury, March 18 -Hartford, March 31 tentative.  
Please let me know when your chapter would like to have us visit.

The Grand President's National Project is **St Nicholas Shrine at the World Trade Center**. Please consider doing a fundraiser so that all our chapters can be part of the rebuilding of this historic church.

Daughters of Penelope Directory. Headquarters is planning on doing a directory of all its members and you will be contacted by Harris Connect to provide your information. It is a great opportunity to get your information into this directory.

Yours in Theta Pi,  
Myrsini Papoutsis  
Governor D7  
Daughters of Penelope

**AHEPA Delegation Visits Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pope's Visit to the Phanar**

An AHEPA delegation led by Supreme President Phillip T. Frangos visited the Ecumenical Patriarchate on the occasion of the visit of Pope Francis to the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the invitation of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to celebrate the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, the older brother of St. Peter. The delegation attended Divine Liturgy on November 30, where Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis delivered official remarks. Also that day, the delegation attended a concert of the Archdiocesan Byzantine Choir and a dinner with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. On November 29, the AHEPA delegation attended a dinner in honor of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. The delegation departed for Athens, Greece on December 1 for a series of meetings and events with government officials.



*Right: Supreme President Frangos with Prime Minister Samaras & Supreme Counselor Stamos.*

*Below: Delegation participants included: Supreme President Frangos, Chairman of the Board Nicholas Karacostas, PSP; Supreme Counselor Greg Stamos, Supreme Governor Nick Kavadas, Supreme Governor Nick Papadopoulos, Board of Trustee Member George E. Loucas, Past Canadian President Anthony Mavromaras, Past Canadian President Nick Aroutzidis, Past Supreme Governors Peter Baltis and Elias Tskerides, and Executive Director Basil Mossaidis.*



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**STAMFORD AHEPA**

The members of the Stamford chapter (#99) congratulate the Pawtucket, RI community for reactivating their chapter (#121).

Thank you Fr. Philip Zymaris and Ioannis Apostolakis for your support and dedication which made this dream a reality. Our District now has 15 chapters!

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~ Brother Lakis Andriotis ~

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## The 6th Annual Hellenic History Trophy Tournament

Fourteen teams competed in the 6th Annual Hellenic History Tournament held Saturday, November 22nd in Orange, CT. The teams were from six different states throughout New England, NY and NJ. The matches tested the participants' knowledge of Hellenic history. Many of the matches were closely contested with only a couple of points separating the winner from the rest. This year's champion was Newport, RI who defeated Paramus, NJ in a close match in the finals. Newport defeated last year's Champion, New Rochelle, NY in the semi-final round to make it to the finals. The top two teams won scholarship money for their college fund. Congratulations to all teams. They were all winners! Thank you all for supporting and/or participating in the HHT this year.  
- Fraternally, Nick Nikas

*Right: This year's champions from Newport, and runners up from Paramus, pictured with Nick Nikas, Anna-Helene Grossomanides and Alex Boutsoulis.*

*Below: This year's contestants along with (right) Supreme Secretary Andrew Zachariades, Daughters of Penelope Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides, (left) Supreme Counselor Atty. Greg Stamos, Supreme Governor Frank Fotis, (front middle) Nick Nikas Pictures by Greg Simones and Bill Trantalis.*



### Connecticut and New Britain Honor a Greek

by G. A. Rados  
AHEPA District 7 P.D.G. &  
Hellenic Affairs Chair

The Immigrant Heritage Hall of Fame is a Polish-American Organization which celebrates the diverse Ethnic Heritage of Connecticut's Citizens, by inducting in the Hall of Fame outstanding individuals who exemplify the best of their immigrant heritage and who have distinguished themselves through their contribution to the Cultural, Economic and/or Civic development of the Community! Among the 2014 inductees, (two Polish-Americans, one Brazilian-American) was a Greek-American! This Greek-American inductee is a Makedonian of Pontian roots, born in the village of Ayia Kyriaki in the prefecture of Kastoria and close to the Greek-Albanian border, well within the ancient region of Lynkos! His name is Harilaos (Harry) A. Sitalides and he was raised alongside his three elder siblings, cultivating tobacco in the small family farm at the time when Greece was still trying to recover from a World War II occupation and the devastation of a Civil War.

Proper parental guidance along with true life necessities taught Harry love, respect, care, cooperation and Civic responsibility, as well as a deep appreciation of everything in life, regardless how meager that 'everything' was! Sent to High school in Kastoria (Ayia Kyriaki being too small to have one), Harry lived in a basement with one of his brothers, both depending on Social Services to make ends meet and with no adult supervision! That built Harry's character further and he became eager to succeed and leave that kind of life for good. Kastoria, the then 'capital' of the fur industry and trade in Europe influenced him and made him dream of becoming the owner of a fur business establishment someday soon... Dropping out of school at the age of 17, he joined his brother Leonidas in New York City

living under the roof of their uncle. Arriving in New York on a Saturday afternoon, Harry started working the next Monday morning! That wasn't enough for him though. Discovering the Fashion Institute of New York (FIT) he studied at night and became a Fashion Designer while receiving his GED at the same time. It took him four hard years to achieve his goal and started working at the Fashion District as an intern in George Kokkinides' Furs. Harry soon became the Designer of George Bros Furs on 7th Avenue and, then, designed for David Leinhoff too! In 1985 at 26 years of age, Harry was offered a job in New Britain, Connecticut. He initially turned that down not thinking it was to his advantage to leave the 'Big Apple'. A friend's advice to the contrary brought him to visit the establishment on a Sunday and he was amazed at the size of the building, its clientele and the open possibilities, as opposed to the New York's 'saturated' market. With faith in his abilities, he purchased the business in partnership with his brother Leonidas, fulfilling his dream of business ownership! For over 30 years in New Britain, Harry has been an active member of the Community. He has held the positions of Secretary, President and Treasurer of the local Chapter of the Greek-American Organization of A.H.E.P.A. He is a staunch member of the Pan-Macedonian Association and became a board member of his Church. He is a member of the Hartford's Urban League. He is a V.P. and Board member in CCARC, Inc. which supports adults with disabilities. He's a member of New Britain's Lions Club and supports with fashion shows the Ladies of Philoptochos (Church affiliated charity group) and the local YMCA (Friends of the Poor Fashion Show). Aside from these activities, Harry has given lectures on business to students of Central CT State University, encouraging them to pursue their dreams. His closing words to them: 'This is the land of opportunity! If I made it, anyone can!' Through his business Harry employs a number of people in a way that makes them feel they are also partners in business rather

than simple employees! At his induction, along with many New Britain citizens, there were many present and former Civil and Political personalities, such as Senator Blumenthal, former Connecticut State Secretary Ms. Bysiewicz, former City Mayor Mr. Stewart and his wife representing the current Mayor (their daughter!), former State Representative and President of all Greek Politicians outside Greece itself and economist Dr. D. Giannaros, Bro. J. Isaac (an Assyrian philhellene and an Ahepan past District Governor who introduced Harry to the audience), the Brazilian Consul General in Connecticut, the Immigrant Hall of Fame co-chairs of the affair Ms. Wasik and Ms. Targonska-Brown, past C.C.S.U. President Dr. Judd, the Secretary (and Ahepan) of the New Britain's Sister Cities Committee Bro. G. Robinson, P.D.S. Bro. A. Aros and Sisters M. Aros and P.D.G. of the Daughters of Penelope D. Rados, the inductee's brother Leonidas (also Ahepan and member of the Pan-Macedonian Association) and his wife Eleni, the inductee's two sons Philippos (with his wife) and Alexandros, the Treasurer of AHEPA District 7 Bro. J. Melonopoulos and yours truly. The affair took place at the Alumni Hall of C.C.S.U. and was catered by its staff. Ethnic dances, song and music were part of the entertainment, starting with the local Greek group under the leadership of Miss S. Galanis and followed by a Polish singing quartet. It closed by a Brazilian song and dance troupe. Local Press covered the whole affair.



Left: Harry Sitalides with the Greek Dance Troupe.

Right: Leo Sitalides, Dr. Demetrios Giannaros, Jack Isaac, Harry Sitalides, & George Rados.

*Pictures by Yolanda.*



**A Salute to Veteran  
Peter Joe Hominski**

I entered the U.S. Marine Corps on September 11, 1944 and began active service on October 23, 1944. I reported to Paris Island, South Carolina for my basic training. We then were sent to Camp Lejune, North Carolina for more basic training and finally to complete our training we were sent to Camp Pendleton, California.

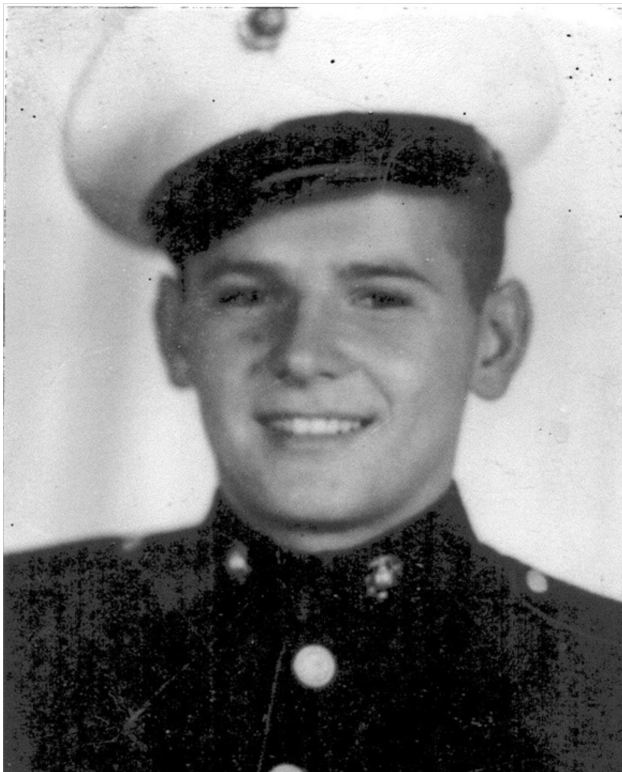
Upon completion of our basic training, we were shipped to Honolulu, Hawaii, where we were transported by Troop Trucks to a Marine Camp in Kamuela. When we arrived in Kamuela, we joined the 5th Marine Division, just back from Iwo Jima. We were now beginning to train in warfare tactics for several more months. After several months of training in Hawaii, we left by troop ships and were on our way for the possible invasion of Japan. However, after several days of traveling at sea, word was received that Japan had surrendered and the war ceased. However, we continued on to Japan to become occupational forces.

We landed in Sasebo, Kyusito, then on to Saga and finally ended up in Miyasaki, as our home base. We now established ourselves as a Military Police Force for the next nine months. I finally was on my way home in May/June via the Panama Canal to return to Camp Lejune for discharge as a PFC in 1946.

I am a member of the Rose of New England AHEPA Chapter 110, in Norwich, since June 1981 where I served as Treasurer for 12 years. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of the AHEPA 110 Housing Corporation – Senior Housing program.

I also served as treasurer of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Norwich, CT. I was employed at United Aircraft Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division, for 40 years in the Material Control Department, as a Foreman. I am married to my wife Helen Phillips, who had served a several terms as President of the Norwich Daughters Chapter. She is also a member of the Philoptohos Society in Norwich.

In 1998, I was awarded the Ahepan of the Year Award and in 2009, I received the AHEPA Community Service Award.



5th Marine Division, Kamuela, Japan

In addition, I received a service award from the Rivers Janowicz American Legion Post 138, in Bozrah, CT – my home town. Both my wife Helen and I received the Diocese Laity Award in June 2003.

My wife Helen and I raised three children – Dick & Jon who are both AHEPA members in Norwich and our daughter Kimberly. We currently reside at 93 Sachem Street in Norwich, Connecticut.

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**News from Danbury – Chapter 90**

This year the Danbury Chapter of AHEPA hosted its Wine Tasting event in May to raise funds for its Macricostas Scholarship Fund and Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The Guests were treated to wines paired with appetizers, dinner samplers and desserts. In June, 9 recipients received a total amount of \$9,500.00 from the **Macricostas Scholarship Fund**. The scholarship winners were:

- Nicholas Agouras
- Anastasia Giannakakos
- Alec Shearer
- Daimeon Baity
- Ryker Kallas
- Christina Storino
- Liah Baity
- Yanni Koutmos
- Myrcini Vendetti

The Chapter also presented a plaque to PDG Brother Kyprianos Kyprianou for his dedications and service to the Chapter.

*Pictured: Brother President Bill Giannakakos and PDG Brother Kip Kyprianou.*



**“Krystyna, District 7 wishes you the best of luck in your new career and thanks you for the countless hours spent for the Order of Ahepa.” - The Yankee News Staff**

**A Tribute to Krystyna**

AHEPA has been fortunate to have, for the past few years, a young, energetic, and capable volunteer as the Editor of the Yankee District News. Krystyna Kazakos volunteered for this important position and has performed admirably. We have watched her progress through her college years and now we are proud to see her begin her new career as a nurse.

Krystyna was named District 7’s Miss Ahepa two years ago and participated in the Greek Independence Day Parade in New York City!

It is a bittersweet moment for us as we announce the retirement of Krystyna from her Yankee District News duties, but we know the nursing profession will be enriched by her service. She will remain as a consultant and will provide valuable input when needed.



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## The AHEPA Family knows how to Share the True Spirit of Christmas by Giving Back

### NEW BRITAIN AHEPA SPONSORS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Elpis Chapter #117 assisted by the New Britain Daughters of Penelope hosted a Community Christmas Party on Sunday December 14, 2014. Daughters President Irene Sklavouris, and her Committee: Mary Aros, Lt. Governor Karen Isaac, Sue Leppones and Donna Rados, decorated the Hellenic Center. Brother Nick Koukouves chaired the committee that cooked and provided a free pancake and sausage breakfast for everyone in attendance. After everyone had eaten, Santa Claus appeared (Some might say Santa looked like Chapter No. 117's Vice President Ahillefs Papadimitriou). It seems Santa had directed Brother Andy Aros to have the AHEPA purchase toys for all the Sunday and Greek School Students and he assigned Brother Pericles Moustakakis to go to Toys "R" Us to complete this task. He also instructed the Daughters of Penelope of New Britain to wrap the gifts. The children all received a gift and each took a picture with Santa. The AHEPA always purchases extra toys. These in turn are donated to the New Britain Mayor and Police Department's *Toys For The Needy* program.



Santa takes time out of his busy schedule to attend the AHEPA/Daughters Breakfast.

### NEW BRITAIN AHEPA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD PARTY

Saturday December 13, 2014, New Britain AHEPA hosted its annual Christmas Party. Approximately 125 people were in attendance. Chairman Brother Demetrios Loukopoulos assisted by Brother Costas Georgacopoulos provided an outstanding night of food and entertainment and we congratulate them for all they did. Teresa's Catering, LLC provided the food and the Bouzouki Fantasy Band featuring *Markos* was the entertainment. The music and singing were so enticing that everyone was soon dancing. At the end of the evening party goers were already anticipating next year's Christmas Party. Prior to the entertainment portion of the evening Past District Governor Jack Isaac and Treasurer Harry Sitalides announced and distributed the 2014 AHEPA Chapter Scholarships. The Demetrius Kounaris Scholarship for outstanding service to the community of St. George was awarded to Adamantios Koukouves. Eight Nick Kounaris Charitable Educational Philanthropic Trust Scholarships were awarded.

The students who received the scholarships and the colleges they attend are:

- \* **Crystina Christodlous** - University of Connecticut,
- \* **Demis Christodlous** -Siena College,
- \* **Michael Moustakakis**- University of Connecticut,
- \* **Nikki Moustakakis** - University of Connecticut,
- \* **Marianna Nasiakos** - Central CT State University,
- \* **Angela Panagopoulos** - Marist College,
- \* **Edward Sarisley III** - University of Maryland,
- \* **Jamie Vassiliou** - University of Pittsburgh.

President Jack Isaac and District Governor Alex Boutsioules presented Pericles Moustakakis with the Hellene of the Year Award and Andrew Aros with the AHEPAN of the Year award. District Governor Boutsioules then presented and pinned the Lifetime AHEPA Pins on Demetrios Loukopoulos and Andrew Aros.

### Bus Trip to the N.Y.C. Parade!



Elpis Chapter, No. 117 is preparing a bus trip for **March 29th** to go to New York City for the Greek Independence Day parade on 5th Avenue. The bus will depart from the St. George lot at 301 W. Main Street at 9:30 a.m. sharp! Contact Bro. James Loukopoulos at (860)747-9772 or PDG Jack Isaac at (860)224-2183 for arrangements, especially if you are located *en route*. The cost is \$20 per person.

**We hope to see a full bus!**

Fraternally,  
G. A. Rados, PDG,  
Hellenic Affairs

### A CHRISTMAS PARTY IN GREECE

PIKPA (Tandem) in Voula, Athens is home to about 100 handicapped children. In one of its buildings there are 16 children who have heavy physical and/or mental disabilities. At birth, most of the children here were abandoned by their parents. They were left in hospitals or churches and they have no contact with any family members. This year a 16 year old boy who has a physical handicap joined the group. His parents had badly physically abused him so many times that the state eventually removed him from their care and placed him in PIKPA, where he says he is actually happy for the first time in his life. Past Chapter 117 AHEPA President Costas Georgacopoulos' daughter Stergia married and moved to Greece. She and her husband volunteer their time at PIKPA working with these 16 children. She informed AHEPA of New Britain that the children needed such necessities as pajamas, clothes and socks. Our chapter responded. Brother Ted Panagopoulos chaired a fund raiser that produced \$ 300.00, the chapter donated another \$ 200.00 to the cause. Stergia purchased a Christmas Bag for each child, filling each with pajamas, socks, clothing, a triangle for singing "Ta Kalanta", art sets, and various chocolate treats. The children loved the chocolate treats because that is not something PIKPA can offer them. Just prior to bedtime the gift bags were distributed by Stergia and her husband. The children were so excited, they began hugging and kissing them. They took out their triangles stood by their Christmas Tree and started to singing "Ta Kalanta". The New Britain AHEPA Chapter regularly donates to PIKPA, and we can not thank the workers and volunteers enough for what they do for these abandoned children.



Stergia Georgacopoulos with children and staff celebrate Christmas.

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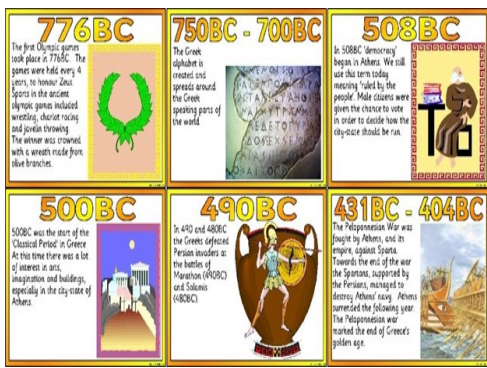


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From Nick Bouras & Family

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## Re-Activation of Sons of Pericles Chapter in Stamford

The Stamford AHEPA is proud to announce the re-activation of our Sons of Pericles Yankee Chapter S032. As of this writing, there are 9 members ranging in age from 18 to 26. They are all college or graduate students or recent college graduates. Our thanks to SoP Supreme Governor Steve Gagas who came to Stamford on November 1 to initiate some of the members and to SoP Supreme Vice President, Andreas Christou, who initiated some additional members on December 17. The chapter's first priority is to recruit additional members to form a critical mass that can launch its own activities. They plan to visit the Waterbury Sons o Pericles in the hope of learning how to run a successful chapter. The accompanying photograph is from the visit of Brother Christou:  
*Austin Murray, Evan Skoparantzios, SVP Andreas Christou, Peter Romas and Peter Konandreas.*



**From the Brothers of Norwich**  
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## NORWICH NEWS

### District 7 Fall Conference

The October 11th Yankee District No. 7 Fall Conference was a huge success. Approximately 80 Ahepans & Daughters from around the District enjoyed a day of fellowship. The conference was hosted by the Norwich AHEPA Chapter and the Daughters of Penelope, newly re-instated Chapter. Both worked very hard to make the conference the success that it was. The big news that day was the formation of a new Maids of Athena Chapter in Norwich.

### The Rose of New England NORWICH 110 Apartments

The residents of the Norwich AHEPA 110 Apartments are still raving about the recent picnic hosted for them, by AHEPA Inc., and especially the **Mister Softee Ice Cream Truck** that treated all to Sundaes and Ice Cream Cones. Our Norwich AHEPA 110 Housing Corporation did a terrific job for all our Seniors living in the Norwich Housing Complex. The contract was signed Wednesday for the new addition to our Pappas Center Community Room. Pioneer Builders was the low bidder at \$185,000, for the 900 sq. ft. addition. The addition will include a computer lab and an Arts and Crafts room. This will increase the total square footage to 3600 sq. ft. construction will begin in two weeks.

In November, the City of Norwich did again use our Pappas Community Center as a voting precinct - No. 6 - for the general elections. Our BOD member, Democles Angelopoulos was present all day to ensure the security of the building.

### NORWICH CHAPTER NEWS

If you were not present at our Oct. 28th meeting - you missed it. Brother Ernie Pool did a super job providing us with his world famous 3 foot Italian grinders, potato chips and beverages...all free - no charge.

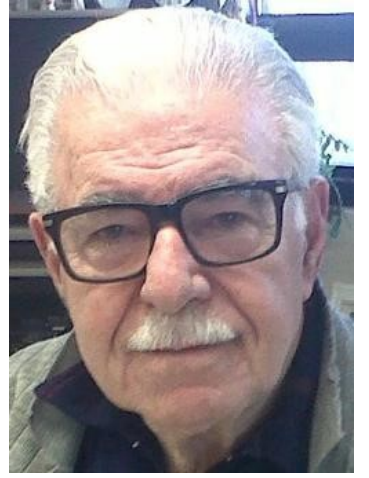
Our new chapter president **Peter Argiros** is doing a great job as our new leader. He has changed the meeting time which now starts at 7 p.m. and we are finished around 8. Big improvement. Brother Argiros is being invited by other chapters to attend and participate in other AHEPA chapter meetings. On Oct. 7th he was invited to a dinner meeting at the New Britain AHEPA Chapter. He was accompanied by Brother Ernie Pool and Tony Petros. In addition, he was invited to the Hartford AHEPA Thanksgiving dinner. On Saturday, Nov. 22nd the now Annual Hellenic History Tourney was held in New Haven, at St. Barbara's Church, starting at 9 a.m. This event is by far one of the finest programs established in recent AHEPA History. Brother Nick Nikas of Stamford has poured his heart and soul into making this a Premiere Event. This type of program is now being duplicated around the country by other AHEPA Chapters. Norwich usually sponsors 2 or 3 teams from the Norwich Free Academy Greek Studies Program. This year we had 2 teams, 3 students each, which we sponsored at \$300 per team. BOY, we are so close to having 100% of members dues paid for 2014. There are just a few of you who owe \$60. Please send in your dues to our treasurer: John Grossomanides, 153 High Street, Westerly, RI, 02891.

Thanks for your help.

## *In Memory of Elias Papoutsis - 1930-2014*

Elias Papoutsis was so much to so many. Chantor, Greek School Teacher, Greek Festival volunteer, honored by the Greek community as "Greek Mayor of the Day," "Father of the Year" at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Waterbury, and honored by the Sons of Pericles as Hall of Fame honoree. One of the founding members of PAIDEIA. Beloved father of Daughters of Penelope District 7 District Governor, Myrsini Papoutsis.

Rest in Peace, Elias. Your memory is eternal.



*Peter Argiros & George Grossomanides at the Chapter 110, Norwich, 2015 Vasilopita Celebration.*



*Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides speaks at the 2014 Fall Conference.*



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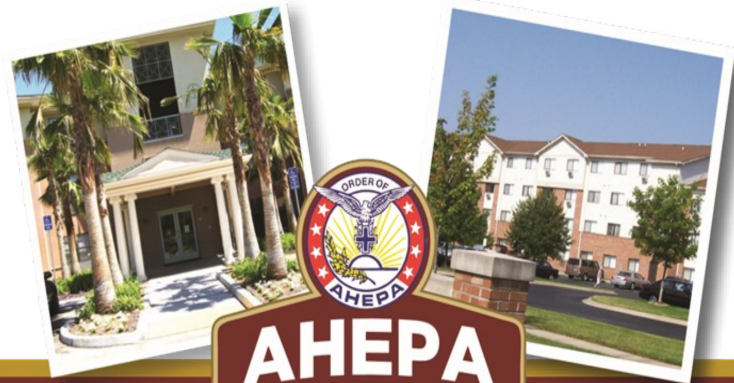
Chapter 41 started the year with two events before our first meeting! We hosted a business breakfast for the Bridgeport Council of Churches with our Ahepans. With others from our church community, our chapter participated at a **"Healthy Eating"** event at Trumbull Gardens, a local housing project. We hope to be involved on an ongoing basis with the work being done at Trumbull Gardens as part of the Trumbull Gardens Community Alliance.

Our first meeting had our District Governor, Myrsini Papoutsis in attendance. It was great having her with us as kicked off our year. In October we held our Pink/Purple meeting for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness. Our **District Governor came again and helped us initiate our new Maids of Athena Chapter** as well! We are very excited by having this wonderful group with us. The evening ended with a raffle for a local cancer charity, Swim Across the Sound. Our sisters were in attendance at the fall conference where one of sisters, **Theodora Fatibene, was awarded the Estia Award** for district. Other activities included our Turkey Raffle where we raffle off five turkeys. This raffle supports our scholarship program. Founders Day was celebrated at the Ahepa annual luncheon where we provided the coffee/desserts and materials about our chapter to the community. **With our GOYANS, we came together to decorate**

**over 100 wreaths** for our Christmas Wreath and Planter Sale. This is a fun event as well as one of our largest fundraisers. Together we also put together boxes of food for families needing help in our community. Lastly, we initiated three new sisters to our chapter! We ended the year with a Christmas dinner with our Ahepans. Our focus now is on our Let's Keep Them Warm Drive. We collect hats, gloves, scarves, socks and blankets for shelters, street ministries, inner city schools and local hospitals. With our first meeting in 2015, we are looking forward to having more new members join us. The New Year will bring our period where we perform Acts of Kindness where we support various causes. In addition, we will continue to be involved with the Trumbull Gardens Community Alliance with our church community. Follow us on Facebook, Daughters of Penelope - Bridgeport



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- Frank P. Fotis, Supreme Governor



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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**March 14, 2015**

District 7 Spring Conference: St George Church, New Britain

**March 29, 2015**

Greek Independence Day Parade, 64th-79th St., NYC

**April 24, 2015**

The 2nd Yale Lecture: *More info to follow.*

**April 26, 2015**

*Nite at the Races:* Holy Trinity Church, Waterbury

**May 15, 2015**

AHEPA Yankee District 7 Scholarship Application Deadline  
*For College and Graduate School Students only.*

**May 29-31, 2015**

2015 New England Regional Convention: Newport, RI  
**July 1-5, 2015**

2015 National Convention: San Francisco, California

**August 2, 2015**

2015 AHEPA & DOP District 7

Scholarship Awards Dinner: New London, CT

**October 24, 2015**

Past District Governor's Dinner Dance: Waterbury, CT

**November 14, 2015**

Hellenic History Tournament: St Barbara Church, Orange

AHEPA Chapters, Daughters of Penelope Chapters,  
Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena:

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### AHEPA – DOP DISTRICT 7 SPRING CONFERENCE

**Meeting Agenda for March 14, 2015**

St. George Church, 301 West Main Street, New Britain CT 06052

9:00 – 9:30 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Joint Lodge Meeting
	DOP New Britain Chapter President
	AHEPA New Britain Chapter President
	Alex Boutsoulis - AHEPA District 7 Governor
	Myrsini Papoutsis - DOP District 7 Governor
	Supreme Lodge Member Introduction & Welcoming
10:15 AM – 12:30 PM	Individual AHEPA and DOP meetings
12:30 PM -	Lunch
1:30- PM – 2:00 PM	Adjournment

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