



# AHEPA Yankee News Publication of District #7 Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Western Massachusetts March, 2016



## Greek Islanders to be Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

*Daniel Boffey, Policy Editor, The Guardian*

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jan/24/greek-islanders-to-be-nominated-nobel-peace-prize>

Greek islanders who have been on the frontline of the refugee crisis are to be nominated for the Nobel peace prize with the support of their national government. Of the 900,000 refugees who entered Europe last year most were received –scared, soaked and travelling in rickety boats – by those who live on the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

The islanders, including fishermen who gave up their work to rescue people from the sea, are in line to be honored with one of the world’s most esteemed awards. Eminent academics from the universities of Oxford, Princeton, Harvard, Cornell and Copenhagen are drafting a submission in favor of awarding the prize to the people of Lesbos, Kos, Chíos, Samos, Rhodes and Leros.

A petition on the website of the campaign group, Avaaz, in favor of the nomination has amassed 280,000 signatures. According to the petition: “On remote Greek islands, grandmothers have sung terrified little babies to sleep, while teachers, pensioners and students have spent months offering food, shelter, clothing and comfort to refugees who have risked their lives to flee war and terror.” While the official nomination letter is yet to be finalized, it is understood the academics will implore the Nobel committee members to accept their nomination. They say it must be noted that a people of a country already dealing with its own economic crisis responded to the unfolding tragedy of the refugee crisis with “empathy and self-sacrifice”, opening their homes to the dispossessed, risking their lives to save others, taking care of sick and injured. In December, the image of Antonis Deligiorgis, a 34-year-old Greek army sergeant, rescuing a refugee from the turbulent waters off Rhodes was singled out as a striking illustration of the valor of those in the islands. Only individuals or organizations are eligible to win the prize so it is likely that the “solidarity networks” on the islands – groups of volunteers who organized to help the refugees – or individuals within groups will be the official nominees. A precedent was set in 1976 when Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan won the prize for their efforts in seeking peace in Northern Ireland. It was seen as a reward for all those who sought reconciliation during the most troubled years. The volunteer networks on the Greek islands have provided accommodation, hygiene packs, food, clothes and help with the next steps for refugees. It is claimed that the instincts of the majority of islanders set the tone across Europe towards the refugees’ plight. Spyro Limneos, an activist in Greece for Avaaz who distributed aid on the islands, said: “The people involved in the solidarity networks organized and helped the desperate when the governments weren’t even willing to recognize that there was a crisis. “By opening their hearts the islanders sent a powerful message that humanity is above races, above nations. “I will never forget seeing young girls being rescued from a boat on Leros. They were smiling. They didn’t have suitcases or any possessions except their end-of-year school certificates written in Arabic. They laid those down in the sun to dry out. It was a combination of tragedy and hope.”



Greek islanders pull immigrants from the sea off Rhodes (top: Argiris Mantikos/AP, the Guardian) and Lesbos (bottom: Getty images, Daily Record).



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The mountains of Lesbos Island, Greece, Monday, Jan. 25, 2016. AP Photo/Mstyslav Chernov, US News & World Report



Syrian and Afghan refugees are seen on and around a dinghy that deflated off the shore of Lesbos. Alkis Konstantinidis/Reuters

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

Dear Brothers,

Hope all is well. Since the last Yankee News release, the following AHEPA District 7 events have occurred:

- I attended the Hartford AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Thanksgiving dinner at Wethersfield AHEPA housing in November and the Waterbury AHEPA-Daughters of Penelope Christmas party on December 9th at Vasi's Restaurant in Waterbury; our host fellow AHEPAN brother Vasili Kaloidis as usual provided terrific food and great holiday atmosphere I also attended the New Haven AHEPA Chapter Christmas party on December 18th in Orange. It was very positive to socialize with fellow AHEPANS and Daughters during these various holiday parties.
- New England Supreme Governor Frank Fotis, District 7 Lodge members Greg Simones, George Rados and I attended an initiation on Sunday, December 13th in Pawtucket, RI. The revitalized Pawtucket chapter was very warm and hospitable to us; I see a positive future for them.
- I congratulate Sons of Pericles District Advisor Rick Pecka along with the Waterbury Sons of Pericles chapter for organizing a very successful St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church fund raiser with a Comedy Night on Saturday, December 19th. Approximately 140 people enjoyed the comedy act of Ellen Karis. Great to see the New Britain and Meriden AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope chapters and District Secretary and Yankee News photographer, Greg Simones at the event.
- On January 13th, at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church hall in Orange, CT, District 7 Lodge members Jack Isaac, Greg Simones and I attended a lecture regarding the topic - "How the Refugee Resettlement Program Works in Connecticut? Christopher George the guest speaker provided an interesting discussion on this very important topic. AHEPAN Brothers Vagos Hadjimichael (New Haven President) and Greg Stamos provided the guest introduction. In addition to New Haven AHEPAN's, glad to see other AHEPAN's such as New London's Father Charles Simones and Attorney Ioannis Kaloidis from the Waterbury chapter attending the lecture.
- I attended an AHEPA initiation for five new members on Wednesday, January 20 in Orange, CT. This by far was the most organized initiation I have attended in many years. Great job by all involved.

If you desire the District Lodge to make a visitation to your chapter meeting please contact me. Hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,  
Alex Boutsoulis

### A Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor



Dear Sisters,

Happy February! It's a month of many holidays. We celebrate Presidents Day and Valentine's Day.

President's Day is celebrated to honor the accomplishments and prestige of all former US Presidents.

Chapters might want to take the time to honor the Past Presidents of your chapter and show them how much you love them for all the work they have done. Light is love and we are the light of our own world. We burn brightest through loving acts to our fellow Ahepa Family.

- Chapter Presidents have received their chapter's billing.
- District obligations are due March 31.
- National obligations are due March 31.
- Penelope Scroll deadline is April 15, 2016.
- District Convention takes place in Newport RI on May 27-29.
- National Convention takes place in Las Vegas NV at the Mirage Hotel. Please remember to place your ad in the Convention Ad Book.

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Presidents Day!! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Theta Pi,  
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*Our Dearly Departed Members... May Their Memories Live Eternal*



**Alexios E. Alexopoulos**, 86, of Wallingford, loving husband of Angeliki Alexopoulos, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2015. Alexios was born in Strigou, Greece, July 11, 1929, a son of the late Evangelos and Eleni Alexopoulos. He was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Britain and the Meriden Chapter of the AHEPA. In 1978 he founded East Side Pizza Palace in Wallingford which his family still operates.



**Peter Samuel Demos**, age 95 of Waterford, passed away on December 14, 2015. Peter was married to Photine M. Millaras who passed away in 2011. Peter was a graduate of Purdue University, division of Technical Institute. He joined the US Air Force in 1942 and served three and a half years during World War II participating in seven combat missions in the European Theatre and five combat air missions. He was awarded the Victory Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, Air Medal, Combat Wings, American Campaign Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal. He was also awarded seven Bronze Medals and five Air Medals. His squadron dropped supplies in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the 9th Air Force Combat Troop Carrier Command with the 85th Squadron and the 437th Group. He participated in Normandy-Ardenes, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, Northern France, Southern France and Central Europe. He was discharged November 15, 1945. Upon graduating from Purdue, he worked for Bates Expanded Steel Corporation, Magnesium Corporation of America, General Electric Co and then independently in building and construction. He worked for GE as a registered professional engineer for 40 years. He was also a member of the Board of Realtors and of the VFW. While living in Pittsfield, he was President of St. George Church for two years. He was a member of St. Sophia Church in New London, a member of the AHEPA for 59 years and he had served as Lt. Governor and Governor of District #7.



**Angelos Maintanis** was born in 1923 and passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Angelos was a resident of Cranston, Rhode Island at the time of his passing. He enlisted in the US Marine Corp on Dec 4 1942 serving in the Asiatic Pacific Area and was buried with military honors.



**John Sotiros Harris**, 77, of Wethersfield, CT and Williamsburg, VA, passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. John was born on April 19, 1938 in Boston, MA. He is preceded in death by his parents, Kalliope and Sotiros Harris; and his brother, Michael Harris. John attended Northeastern University in Boston and graduated from Western New England College. John retired from United Technologies Hamilton Sunstrand as a purchasing manager with 43 years of service. He was a member of Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford, CT where he was a member of the senior citizens club. John was a member of the AHEPA Chapter in Hartford and the chairman of the scholarship committee for several years. John was a man of quiet generosity and he was known for his great sense of humor and his dedication to his family.



**Steve Pappas**, 90, husband of the late Anastasia Siavrakas Pappas died unexpectedly on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Yale New Haven Hospital. Born in Eressos, Lesvos, Greece on June 1, 1925, he was the son of the late Eakovon and Kalliroy Papaefstathiou. Mr. Pappas resided in Cheshire for the past 43 years and was the retired owner of S.J. Pappas Cabinet Manufacturing of Meriden for over 60 years. He was a member of St. George



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My personal goal is to visit all Chapters in New England. Please include my e-mail address: [ahepar4@gmail.com](mailto:ahepar4@gmail.com) in your Chapter e-mail rosters and at your websites, so that I will be informed on your meeting schedules and planned events.

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Brother Frank P. Fotis  
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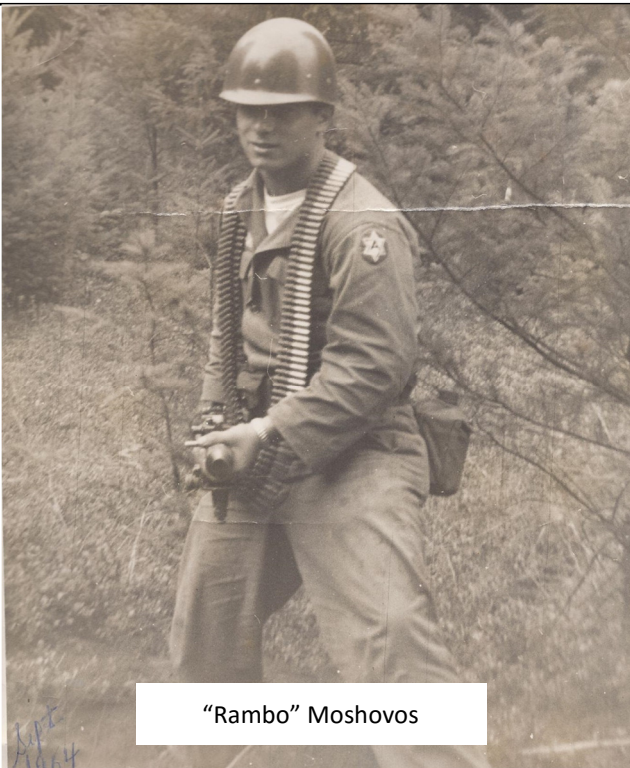


## Salute to Veteran Emmanuel Moshovos

Emmanuel was born in Bloomfield, CT June 29, 1934. He attended Weaver High School and graduated in June 1952. He was the W.H.S. football captain in 1951 (7 wins-1 loss) and made All District in his Junior year and All District & All State in his Senior year. He received a full athletic scholarship to Arnold College in Milford and after his freshman year Arnold College merged with the University of Bridgeport, CT, (1952-1954) where Emmanuel "Mo" continued football and college.

He joined the U.S. Marine Platoon Leaders Corp. (PLC) for two years. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict era and served in an intelligence unit attached to the U.S. Airforce, McCord Airforce base, in Tacoma, Washington until his Honorable discharge in February of 1954. Prior to that Emmanuel was also known as RAMBO as illustrated in the attached picture.

He returned to College, attending the University of Hartford for two years. Following college in 1958 he



"Rambo" Moshovos

joined Sun Life of Canada for six years. Then in 1964 he was offered a District management position with the Hartford Insurance Group in Hartford, CT.

In 1968 he purchased a Mr. Steak restaurant franchise and sold it in 1975 to enter the Real Estate profession. He further became a certified Real Estate Appraiser and continued in this profession for the next 30 yrs. He retired from full time Real Estate Appraisal in 2010.

He has been active in his Church, St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral all his life. He served on the Parish Council for 36 years and served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President during his term.

He joined the AHEPA (American Hellenic Progressive Association) in 1960 and served as President of the Hartford Chapter 58 eight (8) terms. He then was elected AHEPA District 7 Governor for two terms.

He was honored as District Governor of the year and his District was also honored as District of the Year.

Emmanuel joined the East Hartford Rotary Club and has been a member since 1969. He was honored in 2012 with the highest Service Award from Rotary, the service above self-award, called the Paul Harris Award.

### NEWS FROM DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE, Hermes Chapter 41, Bridgeport, CT Submitted by: Kathy Yiannoulis, Chapter President



Chapter 41 started the year with the initiation of new members. Our Turkey Raffle and Spring raffles supporting our scholarship program continue to be a success. We had a successful luncheon on Godparent's Sunday which we named Penelope's Café. It is a wonderful event complete with frappe and raffle. This year we also featured a "balloon man" for the kids.

We completed our Let's Keep Them Warm Drive collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks and blankets for shelters, street ministries, inner city schools and local hospitals. In addition, we started a knitting club where experienced knitters and beginners have come together to make knitted items for charity. Our items have been going to shelters in the community. The group

has knitted baby blankets for the 40-day old babies at our church. To date we have knitted well over 100 items and we continue to bring in new people

to our group. The group is open to everyone. Our Acts of Kindness begin in January and we started a series of mini-drives where we will collect various items such as pet food, toiletries and books. In addition, we have been participating in "Under the Bridge" where we go on a monthly basis to give out various items to the homeless along with other church and philanthropic groups. To date we have given out hundreds of granola bars and peanut butter crackers along with many socks, hats, scarfs and toiletries.

We continue to look for new members and are planning our Mothers Day flower sale to be held in May. We will have many beautiful items to sell including our own hand knitted items from our knitting club.

Follow us on Facebook, Daughters of Penelope Bridgeport "Hermes" Chapter 41, District 7! We are now on Instagram under dopchapter41!



### New Haven Chapter # 98 Installation of New Members Vagos Hadjimichael, President, Chapter 98

The induction of new members into our AHEPA Chapter took place Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in the social hall of our church. Brother Alex Boutsioulis, Governor, District 7, administered the oath. The event followed with a reception and a toast to our new Brothers and their families, and to those recently transferred to Chapter 98:

1. Emanuel Cosmas (Milford)
2. Andreas Drakonakis, MD, (West Haven)
3. George Loussides (Branford)
4. John Morris (Madison)
5. Dimitri Tournas, Esq (New Haven)

Also, Vasiliou Diakogeorgiou recently transferred his AHEPA membership to Chapter 98.



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**The History Presentation**

by George A. Rados

**Dias/Zefs/Zeus/Jupiter**



The Titans declared war against the Olympian Zeus and his family. The war lasted ten whole years. Zeus felt he needed more help to manage holding his 'government' in place and he freed from Tartaros the Cyclops. They were honor-disposed and helped the Olympians with all their might. They gave Zeus the thunderbolt, they gave Poseidon the trident and they built a fine metal curtain so the Titans could not detect the Olympians' military moves. For good measure Zeus called to arms the Hundred-handed ones and, finally, the Olympians won the war!

Peace did not reign on earth. Gaia felt very sorry about her sons the Titans and she summoned the Giants. The Giants started piling up mountain upon mountain in Halkidiki, Macedonia, close to Mount Olympos so they could fight on an...even ground. Even then the Olympians won the war. Now Zeus, to secure his victory and to have some 'peace of mind' for the future, covered the Titans under several islands (such as Limnos and Nisyros), all to keep each other company and 'let off steam' from time to time through their volcanoes.

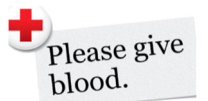
For the time being, then, the Olympians secured their place and Zeus ruled supreme holding his thunderbolt and having his favorite bird (the eagle) by his side to help keep watch.

**IRIS Presentation January 13, 2016**

On Wednesday, January 13, Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services) gave a stirring presentation at Saint Barbara Church in Orange, CT. He spoke about the current status of refugees in the world, primarily from Syria. He explained the work his organization is doing to help refugees settle in CT. IRIS is looking to resettle some 500 refugees which would double the amount settled in 2015. With 9 million refugees in the world today, the need is great. The United States has agreed to resettle 85,000 people this year.

This presentation was organized by the Hellenic Bar Association and Bro. Greg Stamos; the New Haven Chapter of the AHEPA and its President Vago Hadjimichael; and St. Barbara Church under the leadership of Fr. Peter Orfanakos.

**AHEPA Chapter 58, Hartford Holds Blood Drive**



The chapter recently concluded its ninth annual blood drive at the church social hall on December 28th. Members on the committee included brothers, Jerry Copsinis, Paul Matsikas, George Karageorge, Larry Papanic, Tony Caliby and Jerry Pangakis. This is a way for the chapter to give back a vital service to the community. Blood drives are always important but the need for blood is acute around the holidays. Forty per cent of the donors were from the chapter and church community while the rest of the donors came from Hartford and Wethersfield. The activity has become an important part of the Christmas celebration and tradition. We hope to continue with it in the years to come.



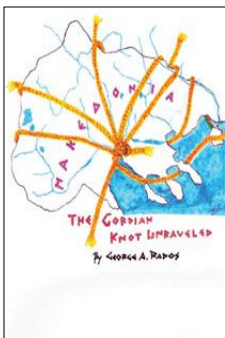
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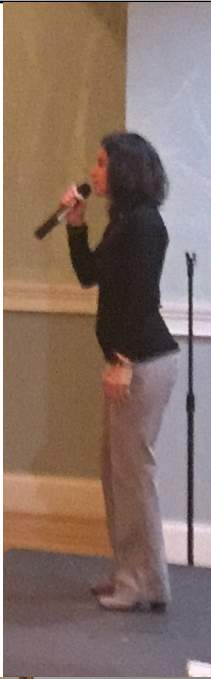
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**SoP Greek Comedy Night with Ellen Karis**

The Waterbury Sons of Pericles hosted a Greek Comedy Night at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday night, December 19th to benefit St. Nicholas Shrine in New York City. The evening was headlined by "The Greek Goddess of Comedy," Ellen Karis. Karis, who is a regular contributor to Fox News and recently had a cameo in the film "Sisters" with Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, charmed the audience with her blend of humor and observation on growing up as a Greek-American and embracing the culture in the 21st century. The event was well-attended by community members and AHEPANS and Daughters from neighboring chapters. The Sons would like to thank Ms. Karis for gracing the community with her presence. For more on her comedy and upcoming appearances, please visit [www.ellenkaris.com](http://www.ellenkaris.com).



L-R: Andrew Minchella, Jamey Velez, Rick Pecka, Niko Kotsaftis, John Ververis, Ellen Karis, Andrew Kotsaftis, Nico Ververis, Daniel Minchella.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the editor:

I am writing a response to a letter to the editor in the last issue of the Yankee News . Brother Costas Georgacopoulos of Elpis Chapter 117, New Britain took issue with how the National Convention in San Francisco was conducted. Bro. Costas is a delegate to the supreme convention for the first time, but appears to have attended numerous professional conventions where business was conducted in a manner very similar in nature to our own Supreme Conventions.

Our convention was opened, convention officers were elected, standing committees were set with chairmen for each assigned. Each committee was instructed to begin their deliberations and report back to the convention when finished. Registered delegates to the convention were given an opportunity to serve on our committees if they chose. Business was conducted as usual and many registered delegates did participate in committee work or spent considerable time on the floor of the convention.

For the first time in recent memory, both the Ahepa First Party and the New Horizon Party were able to jointly and harmoniously nominate officers from both parties to serve this year. A joint caucus representing both Party Leaders and all registered delegates was duly held and nominations were made. Since there was no opposition to nominated officers, our leaders for 2015 and 2016 were legally elected and the convention secretary was instructed to cast one vote for all officers. A vote of acclimation is very common and legal when there is no opposition. While brother Costas did not cast a paper ballot, he surely was given every opportunity to participate in the election process. In reference to Brother Costas requesting a registration refund because he did not have the opportunity to cast a paper ballot. I must remind Brother Costas that the \$250 covered the cost of his banquet, sports luncheon and Gala Riverboat Ride.

I was pleased to see Bro. Costas attend the convention in San Fransisco and hope he chooses to continue doing work of the Order of Ahepa at the national level.

- Ernest G. Pool, PDG

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~ Brother Lakis Andriotis ~

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**NEW BRITAIN AHEPA CELEBRATES ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNOUNCES ITS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND SERVICE AWARDS**

On December 5, 2015, New Britain AHEPA hosted its annual Christmas Party. Because of the careful planning of Chairman Demetrios Loukopoulos the partygoers were ensured of a wonderful evening of entertainment and good food. Again this year the food was prepared, served and donated by Teresa's Catering.

After the sumptuous meal, Chapter President Jack Isaac and Treasurer Pericles Moustakakis presented the 2015 AHEPA Chapter Scholarships. The Demetrius Kounaris Scholarship for outstanding service to the community of St. George was awarded to Demis Christodoulos. Eight Nick Kounaris Charitable Educational Philanthropic Trust Scholarships were awarded. The students who received the scholarships and the colleges or universities they attend are: Kristina Bolovis – Stony Brook University, Alexandra Bouras – Tunxis Community College, Demis Christodoulos- Sienna College, Nicholas Manos – University of Connecticut, Nikki Moutakakis - University of Connecticut. Marianna Nasiakos – Central Connecticut State University, Angela Panagopoulos – Marist College, Kristina Soultatos - Central Connecticut State University. Below: Hellene of the Year John Georgopoulos with President Jack Isaacc, Andrew Aros and AHEPAN of the year Harry Sitalides.



**NEW BRITAIN AHEPA HOSTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Elpis Chapter # 117 hosted its annual Christmas Breakfast and Party, Sunday December 13, 2015. Breakfast Chairman Bro. Nick Koukouves cooked pancakes and sausages for everyone. Santa once again instructed AHEPA to purchase gifts for all the students of Sunday School, Greek School and the Altar Boys. From his perch at the North Pole, he then assigned Bro. Nicholas Diakos to get the gifts. He also said the Daughters of Penelope would wrap the gifts. After everyone ate, Santa appeared (as happened last year, Santa bore a strong resemblance to VP Ahillefs Papadimitriou) each child received their gift and took a picture with Santa.

AHEPA always purchases extra toys. These toys were donated to the New Britain Mayor and the New Britain Police Department's Toys For The Needy.

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- Bro. G.A. Rados tried to establish a sister city connection between Amphipolis in Macedonia, Greece and Norwalk, CT as many brothers residing in the latter are Macedonian Greeks. The contact took place in September.
- Bro. Rados has also his book "Macedonia—The Gordian Knot Unraveled" published by iUniverse. The cost of the book is \$30.00 including shipping, handling and tax. To order, see Chapter No. 117 President Jack Isaac.

**New Britain # 117, Christmas Donation to PIKA (Tandem), Xamogelo tou Paidiou, and Agios Konstantines Church Kitchen**

At Christmas 2015, New Britain, Elpis # 117, donated \$1000.00 it had raised to three charitable organizations in Greece. Stergia Georgacopoulos, daughter of Past President Costa Georgacopoulos, lives in Greece and volunteers her time at several charitable organizations. The money was spent procuring items needed by the groups. In addition to Past President Georgacopoulos and his daughter, his wife Georgia, and two sons Nicholas and John assisted in obtaining and distributing the needed items.

PIKPA is a state institution located in Voula, Athens it hosts about 100 children that have moderate to heavy physical and/or mental disabilities. Their parents abandoned most of the children. We donated to the volunteer house Tandem. The 18 children who live there were provided clothing and personal care items.

Xamogelo tou Paidiou (The Child's Smile) main objective is to defend the rights of children. Their group home protects children from danger, and tries to reintroduce them to society. The volunteers asked for a table and chairs, along with school supplies. The volunteers and children were grateful for the items; *pictures of the children cannot appear in any publication for fear of the children's safety.*

Agios Konstantinos Church kitchen in Ilioupoli, Athens is run by the church's Philoptochos Society. The women take turns cooking everyday to provide food to local families in need. They requested chicken, pork, pasta, tomato sauce, olive oil, butter and milk. While unloading the food supplies at a the church, a passerby asked who made the donation of food. When told who made the donation, she said "Please thank them for all that they do. God will never forget their generosity to those in need."

- Adrianna Mihalek, a Junior at Eastern CT State University was named to the Little East All Conference Volleyball team for the 3rd year. She is daughter of Cassandra & Anthony Rinaldi and the granddaughter of Socrates & Joanie Mihalakos.
- Zoe Olbrys, a Junior at Oxford High School was named to the Naugatuck Valley League Iron Division Volleyball all-star team for the 2nd year in a row. She is daughter of Brett & Grace Olbrys.
- Eleni Tsetsos, a Senior at Kennedy High School in Waterbury was named to the Naugatuck Valley League Brass Division Volleyball all-star team. She is daughter of Despina & Michael Tsetsos.
- Congratulations to John and Efthalia Boutsoulis on their 60th wedding anniversary on December 26th. They celebrated the event on Christmas day at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Joanne & Scott Bauer, along with son & daughter-in-law Alex & Marianne Boutsoulis & their grandchildren Chris & Tyler Bauer, Emi & Cassie Boutsoulis.
- Bro. Peter Stamos from New Haven turns 90 on March 3rd. Happy Birthday, Peter!!

**NEWS FROM DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE, Meriden, Priam Chapter #76**

Submitted by Mary Petrus & Lillian Tella

The Meriden Daughters rocked in 2015, under the leadership of the President, Sister Helen Ladas. Starting with our March "Eggstravaganza" Breakfast, under the watchful eyes of Sisters Lisa Elder and Karen Nemphos, for Godparents day. It was the best breakfast in the State of Connecticut. Proceeds benefited St. George Church and the Daughters. The breakfast was followed by a 5-K walk-a-thon in May with the Sunday school children participating. Sisters Helen Ladas and Mary Petrus attended the National Convention in San Fransisco. In September we had our annual picnic with Brother Ahepans and friends. Founders Day in November was celebrated with the New Britain Chapter and a coffee hour was hosted after church.

We finished the year collecting food and gift items for the food pantry and for Battered Women of Meriden. Winter coats were donated by Sister Olympia Soteriou for the needy. Congratulations to Nicholas Manos, Sister Menia's son, for graduating from high school with high honors and attending the UCONN mechanical engineering program.

The events for 2016 start with our annual breakfast and the 5-K Walk-a-Thon.

We wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Student scholarship recipients, parents and officers of Chapter No. 117.



Members of the Meriden Daughters, AHEPA and St. George Sunday school who participated in the Walk-A-Thon at Walnut Hill Park.



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- ⇒ **March 5, 2016:** Dist. 7 Fundraiser for St. Nicholas: **CANCELLED**
- ⇒ **March 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**—Spring Conference: Waterbury, CT
- ⇒ **April 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**  
Greek Independence Day Parade, Boston, Massachusetts  
Boylston Street to Charles Street; Ends at Boston Common
- ⇒ **April 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**  
Greek Independence Day Parade, Manhattan, New York  
64th Street to 79th Street; 5th Avenue, Manhattan
- ⇒ **April 15, 2016**—Next Yankee News Deadline
- ⇒ **May 27-28-29, 2016**—District Convention: Newport, Rhode Island
- ⇒ **July 24-30, 2016**—2016 Supreme Convention: Las Vegas, Nevada

**Next Yankee News DEADLINE for submissions: April 15, 2016**  
Submit to [YankeeD7news@AOL.com](mailto:YankeeD7news@AOL.com) cc: Alex, Jack, Andy, Greg +/-or John

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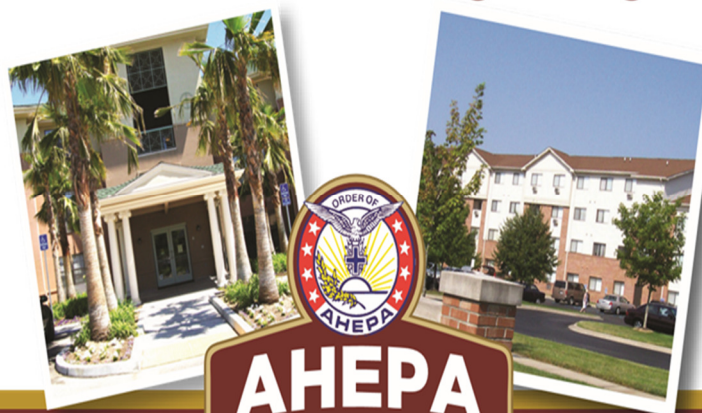
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