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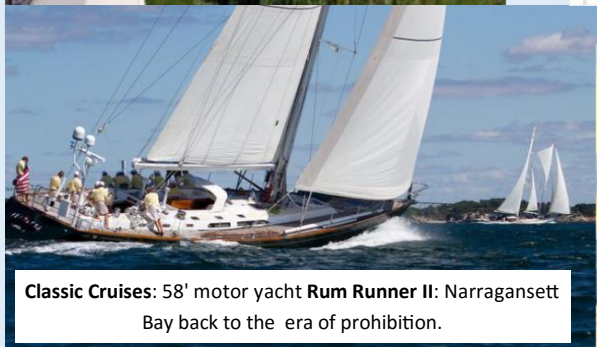
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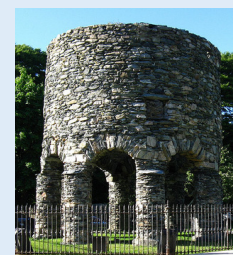
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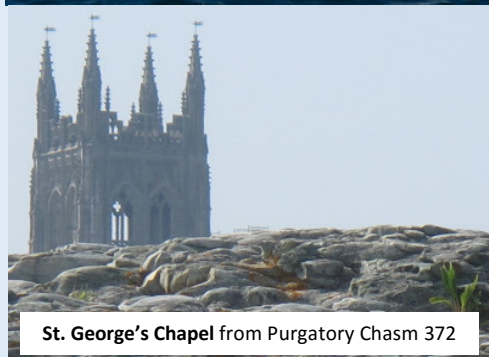
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A Message from the Order of AHEPA District 7 Governor

Dear Brothers,

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

- There was a District 7 Lodge meeting February 16 in Old Lyme, CT. Items such as the Spring Conference in Waterbury, the Annual Convention in Newport and 2016 AHEPA initiations and visitations were planned.
- I attended the Stamford AHEPA sponsored event at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Friday, March 4, "The Evolution of a Greek National Musical Style" presented by George Syrimis of Yale University. Brother George of the New Haven AHEPA gave a terrific lecture on Greek music.
- I attended an organizational meeting in Astoria, NY regarding the AHEPAN Districts 5-6-7 participation at the April 10 Greek Independence Day in New York City.
- The 2016 Spring AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Spring Conference occurred in Waterbury, CT Saturday, March 19. Supreme Vice-President Andrew Zahariades and Supreme Governor Frank Fotis participated in the conference, which was attended by approximately 60 AHEPANs and Daughters.
- The District Lodge participated in both Greek Independence Day celebrations in Hartford, CT and Providence, RI.
- I participated in the AHEPA initiation for three new members on Monday, April 3 in Waterbury, CT.
- Brother's Nick Nikas and George Rados and I made a visitation to the Norwalk, CT AHEPA Chapter on Tuesday, April 4.
- District Lodge members, Jack Isaac, George Rados and I participated in the Greek Independence Day parade in NYC, Sunday, April 10.

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,

Wow! Where has the time gone? It seemed like yesterday that I became your District Governor. I can't believe the time has passed so quickly.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me during my term as I couldn't of done it all by myself.

To my District Lodge a big thank you for your loving support and teamwork. You have been a great bunch of women to work with.

To Brother Alex and the entire family of AHEPANs I enjoyed working with all of you to make District 7 even more successful.

I am looking forward to seeing the entire AHEPA family at our District Convention in Newport on May 27-29.

To the next District Lodge Officers I wish all of you much continued success leading our wonderful district. See you at the upcoming conventions. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Yours in Theta Pi,
Myrsini Papoutsis



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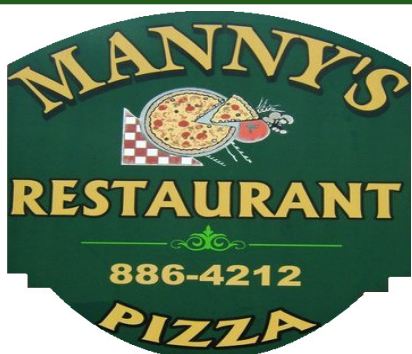
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Our primary goals are to increase membership, support AHEPA projects, especially St. Nicholas Shrine at ground-zero, and serve our communities.

My personal goal is to visit all Chapters in New England. Please include my e-mail address: 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.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Brother Frank P. Fotis
Supreme Governor, Region 4



Editor's Notes

Submitted by co-editor Jack Isaac

Four years ago when Greg Stamos, George Syrimis and I put together our first lecture at Yale University on the subject of Christians in the Middle East, the purpose was to shed some light on a situation that was developing. Never did we imagine how extensive the situation would become or the ramifications that would ensue.

Now the country of Greece has been thrust into the forefront of nations trying to handle the human flood of refugees primarily from Syria. For a country trying to deal with its economic difficulties, the burden of trying to assist these countless refugees making their way to their shores is overwhelming. Greece cannot handle the enormity of this catastrophe alone.

The nations of the world must step forward and assist in the costs and logistics of dealing with what may be the most challenging problem of this young century.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to remind all Greeks and friends of Hellenism to please support the petitions of the Pan-Macedonian Association to our government and to vote to have F.Y.R.O.M. drop the name Macedonia! Take action, even if it's for one time only! Contact your congressperson. History is too sacred to be altered because of a whim.

George Rados, PDG
AHEPA Hellenic Affairs Chairman

**Ahepa Chapter 98, New Haven
Activities in March, 2016**

Submitted by E. Vagos Hadjimichael, PhD

- 1. A Fund-raiser: Sunday Pancake Breakfast.**
The Chapter hosted a successful pancake breakfast for the St. Barbara community, following church services, on Sunday, March 6., 2016, Eighteen brothers volunteered their services for this event, including shopping, preparing the sumptuous breakfast, serving, and clean-up. The event took place in the church social center, and as usual, took advantage of the superb community kitchen facilities.
- 2. The Making of the Greek National Music.**
Dr. George Syrimis, Associate Program Chair in Hellenic Studies and Lecturer in Comparative Literature at Yale University, presented a history of the evolution of national Greek music, on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Dr. Syrimis focused especially on the rebetiko genre of popular music which started in 1922 and, by 1950, became the music enjoyed by all Greeks. Among the several rebetiko song and dance rhythms, the ZeibeKiKo expresses best the Greek ideals of individualism, fatalism, resistance and bravado, explained Dr. Syrimis. To the delight of the audience, he used several musical excerpts to illustrate the evolution of contemporary Greek national music.

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◇ **New Britain**

The months of January, February, March, April and May were and are full of birthdays of the children and Grandchildren of **the Rados family**; Evie, Jeff, Lisa, Raina, Kate and Johnny had and will celebrate theirs. George and Donna wish them all the very best!

◇ **New Haven**

David Patrick is the grandson of PDG George and Linda Scarveles, and is the son of Teresa and David Patrick. He was team captain and played fullback and defensive back last fall, making All-SCC in the process. He was team MVP and Defensive Player of the year, and Captain of the Lacrosse team, David was president of the Class Senate, a member of the National Honor Society and volunteered over 200 hours in community service and Relay for Life. He has applied to King's College, Western New England, Arcadia and Misericordia in the field of medicine.

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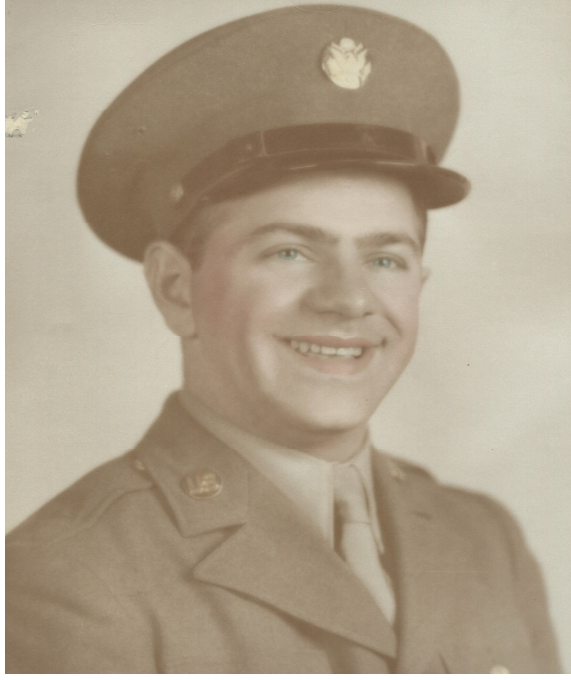
Peter Samuel Demos was born in Pittsfield, MA on January 8, 1920 to Olga and Samuel Demos. He graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1937 and enlisted in the United States Air Force on May 15, 1942. He served 3 ½ years during World War II participating in seven combat missions in the European Theatre. He was awarded the Victory Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, Air Medal, Combat Wings, American Campaign Medal, and the World War II 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. Peter was discharged November 15, 1945.

On the GI Bill, Peter graduated from Purdue University, division of Technical Institutes in 1949, as a production engineer and purchase value analyst. His career path started with Bates Expanded Steel Corporation and several years at General Electric Company in Pittsfield, MA, and then independently in building and construction in the New London-Waterford area. While living in Pittsfield, he served as President of St. George Greek Orthodox Church. He married

Photine Millaras in 1960 and moved to Waterford, CT. in 1964, and became a member of St. Sophia Hellenic Orthodox Church in New London, CT. As a member of the Order of Ahepa for 61 years, Peter served as Lieutenant Governor and Governor of Yankee District #7. He was an active member of the Norwich Ahepa Chapter, No. 110.

Peter passed away on December 14, 2015. He was predeceased by his wife, Photine, and his daughter, Effie Economou of West Hartford, CT. He is survived by his daughter, Athena, and her husband Richard Economou of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He was a doting and loving pappou to four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Peter was a strong, principled man and imparted his love and his Orthodox faith and values to his family.



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**Greek Independence Day
Observed at the White House**

Submitted by John Melonopoulos

Bother Nick Paindiris, a long time member of AHEPA Chapter #58, Hartford, CT had the pleasure of attending, with his son-in-law, Anderson Libert, the celebration of Greek independence Day at the White House with his Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios attending and speaking. This was hosted by President Barack Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden on April 4, 2016. Several hundred Greek Americans were in attendance as well as many fellow AHEPANS.

Nick was also pleased to have President Obama sign his certificate evidencing his membership in the Electoral College for the State of Connecticut when he cast one of the 270 requisite votes to elect the president in 2008.



Brother Nick Paindiris, Atty. and Anderson Libert (Brother Nick's son-in-law)



Archbishop Demetrios of America with President Barack Obama, Vice-President Joseph Biden and guests at the White House.

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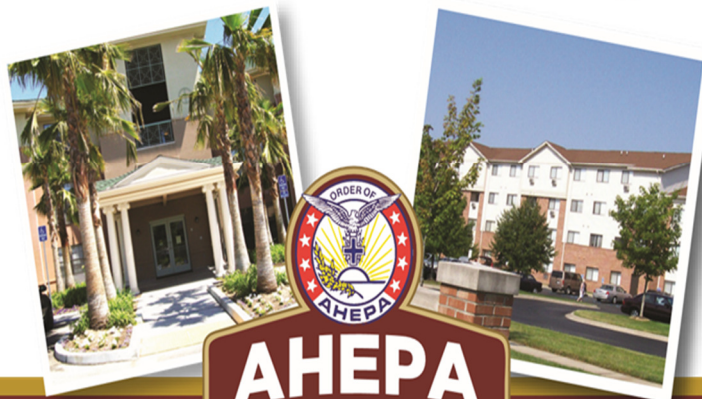
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Greek Independence Celebration Athens, Greece

TOPSHOT - A boy holds a Greek flag on March 25, 2016 in central Athens during the anniversary of the Greek Independence Day. AFP / ARIS

Peter Skabardonis honored as Greek Mayor of the Day in Waterbury

Submitted by Alex Boutsoulis

Peter Skabardonis, of AHEPA Chapter 48, was honored as the Greek Mayor of the Day in Waterbury, CT on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Peter's family: wife Anastasia, sons Chris and George, daughters-in-law Cassie and Maris, and grandchildren Anastasia, Peter, Steven, Alexa and William along with many friends joined him with a celebration at City Hall.

Peter, a long-time philanthropic member of Holy Trinity Church in Waterbury, has been the owner of the Pizza Castle Restaurant in Waterbury for the last 40 years.



NY Parade

Submitted by George Rados

The entire AHEPA Family was present and excited to be able to participate at the Greek Independence Day parade, clearly the largest parade of its kind with 20,000 people attending. Supreme President John W. Galanis led the brothers from District 5, 6, & 7 who came to march in unison down 5th Ave. Once again the AHEPA had a float supporting the efforts to rebuild St. Nicholas, a fine representation of our pride in the independence Greece gained from the Ottomans.

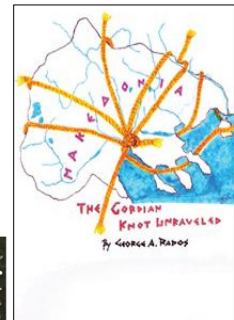


Presvytera Joan Simones, Alex Boutsoulis (AHEPA District Governor), Nicholas Paindiris (President Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hartford), Rev. Constantine Simones (Three Hierarchs Chapel, UConn), Ilias Tomazos (Paideia Director), with others appearing on behalf of AHEPA and Paideia.

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Greek Independence in Connecticut Submitted by Greg Simones

The Connecticut Greek Independence Day Celebration was held on April 1st, 2016 in the Hall of Flags at the State Capitol Building in Hartford. There were 125 people in attendance representing the AHEPA, Hellenic Society Paideia, Hellenic Bar Association, area clergy, state government representatives, students from area churches and UConn, Pan Macedonian and Pontian Greek societies. Speeches, poetry readings, and traditional folk dances were presented. AHEPANs in attendance were DG Alex Boutsoulis, Greg Simones (District Secretary), George Rados (Hellenic Affairs), Greg Stamos (Past Supreme Legal Counsel), Rev. Constantine Simones (New London), Nicholas Paindiris (Hartford), Vasilios Diakogeorgiou (New Haven), Michael Michaels (Meriden), Chris Bakes (Norwalk) and George Manos (New Britain).

The Master of Ceremonies was state minority leader representative Themis Klarides. The keynote address was given by UConn student Demetra Hajimihalas about her travel experiences in Greece. Lawyer, Nicholas Paindiris, was honored with the "PAIDEIA" award and Rev. Fr. Constantine Simones received the Greek Independence Day proclamation from the governor through Representative Klarides.

On this day, the Greek flag is flown above the Connecticut Capitol building and the UConn Greek students decorated The Spirit Rock on campus to commemorate the occasion.



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Greek Independence Day Celebration at the Rhode Island State House

Taken from the *R.I. General Assembly News*, office of Senator Leonidas Raptakis, Submitted by John Grossomanides

Senator Raptakis and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Hellenic community host celebration of 195th Anniversary of Greek Independence Day at Rhode Island State House. Greek Consul General Kanara joins local Greek leaders, elected officials in celebration of Greek Independence Day STATE HOUSE - Sen. Leonidas P. Raptakis and the Cranston Hellenic community hosted a celebration of Greek Independence Day at the Rhode Island State House, bringing together state leaders and members of the Hellenic community to recognize the 195th anniversary of Greece's independence. This is the twenty-fourth consecutive celebration of the event, which included the Greek Consul General Ifigenia Kanara meeting with President of the Senate M. Teresa Paiva Weed. Throughout the day, Greece's national flag was flown in four different areas of the Rhode Island State House: the governor's State Room, the Senate chamber, the House of Representatives chamber and atop the Rhode Island State House building. Following the ceremonies in the Senate chamber, a program was held in the Governor's State Room, with remarks offered by Greek Consul General Kanara, Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea; Lt. Gov. Daniel McKee; General Treasurer Seth Magaziner, and Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D-Dist. 27, Cranston, West Warwick). Letters of congratulations from all the members of Rhode Island's congressional delegation and the mayor of the city of Pawtucket, Donald Grebien, were read by Sen. Raptakis. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Andrew George of the Annunciation Church who also brought greetings from His Eminence Methodios, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Boston. This year's co-emcee was Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council President Kevin Phelan. "This event is always a wonderful expression of our strong Greek community in Rhode Island and the strong connection between this state, known for its commitment to independence, and the nation which was the birthplace of democracy," said Senator Raptakis (D-Dist. 33, Coventry, East Greenwich, West Greenwich). "I want to thank Senate President Teresa Paiva Weed and all of the general officers who attended for once again coming together in the State House to take part in this special celebration." Also on



IN ABOVE PHOTO: In the Senate President's office, from left, the Rev. Andrew George of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, the Rev. Philip Zymaris of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Pawtucket, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council President Kevin Phelan, Federation of Hellenic Societies of New England President Miltos Athanasopoulos, Greek Consul General Ifigenia Kanara, President of the Senate M. Teresa Paiva Weed, retired Rev. Dr. George Economou of St. Spyridon Orthodox Church in Newport, appointed Rev. John Afendoulis of St. Spyridon, and Sen. Leonidas Raptakis.

hand was former American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides and his wife, Mrs. Anna Grossomanides, Past Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope. As part of the main program in the governor's State Room, Father George delivered both the invocation and the benediction and the audience joined together to sing the American and Greek national anthems. The Rev. Philip Zymaris, of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Pawtucket, both the newly appointed Rev. John Afendoulis and retired Rev. Dr. George Economou of St. Spyridon Orthodox Church in Newport also took part in the festivities and children from all three parishes made presentations. Both the House and Senate passed resolutions commemorating the Feast of the Annunciation and the 195th Anniversary of

Greece's independence and highlighting the continuing bonds between both the United States and Greece. Most important the resolution expressed the continuing support by the United States to the people of Greece especially during the economic crises that has plagued the country the last several years and the outpouring of support for the over-850,000 migrants and refugees that have landed on the shores of Greece seeking a better life in Europe. The newly elected president of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of New England, Miltos Athanasopoulos, also gave greetings in the State Room and at a reception that followed at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston. U. S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse and Cranston Mayor Allan Fung gave greetings and addressed the Rhode Island Greek-American community there.



IN ABOVE PHOTO: Greek Consul General Ifigenia Kanara (back row, third from right) meets with Lt. Gov. Daniel McKee (far right), Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea (left of McKee), Sen. Leonidas P. Raptakis (right of Kanara), Federation of Hellenic Societies of New England President Miltos Athanasopoulos (back row, fourth from left) and community leaders and children from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket and St. Spyridon Orthodox Church in Newport.

Joint Chapter 90th Anniversary Celebration



New Haven (#98) and Stamford (#99) are brother chapters established on the same day in 1926. Please join us as we celebrate our 90th anniversary with a fun-filled dinner-dance at the Norwalk Inn on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

After a sumptuous appetizer buffet we will be treated to a sit down dinner of prime rib in the magnificent ballroom. We will then enjoy the live comedy of Ellen Karis (www.ellenkaris.com) before we dance to the music of Peter Halepas and Grecian Nights.



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**District 7 Spring Conference
Waterbury, CT – March 19, 2016**

Submitted by Alex Boutsoulis

The membership of the District 7 AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope gathered at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church banquet hall in Waterbury, CT on March 19, 2016. Approximately 60 AHEPANS and Daughters were attendance. The gathering was honored by the Supreme Vice President, Andrew Zachariades, and Region 4 Supreme Governor Frank Fotis. A majority of the District 7 Lodge from both branches of the AHEPA family were present. A fantastic lunch and great conversation was had by all. A summary of the Spring Conference business meeting was as follows:



Chrysanthe Lampros, Helen Ladas, Artemims Nemphos, Mary Petrus, Christine Smith, Myrsini Papoutsis, Kathy Yannoulis, Marianne Boutsoulis, Karen Isaac, Ginny Argiros, Helene Moran, Eva Kokis, Penny Pecka and Laura-Jean Petrakopoulos.

- Regarding the Yankee News, District 7's quarterly magazine, John Melonopoulos gave a brief business update and Jack Isaac discussed the need for providing future news articles and commentaries. The Yankee News was awarded the best AHEPA district publication at the 2015 national convention.
- A report concerning the 2015 Hellenic History Tournament was given by Nicholas Nikas.
- Rick Pecka discussed the 2016 District 7 Scholarship, passed out copies of the applications and answered questions from members in attendance.
- George Rados discussed his book "Makedonia – The Gordian Knot Unraveled" and the various charities that would be receiving donations from sale of the book.
- Gregory Simones provided information regarding establishment of a District 7 scholarship in honor of his nephew Constantine Simones.
- Paul Velezis recommended a District wide chocolate bar sale be initiated by the Waterbury AHEPA chapter. Motion was made and supported to initiate this district wide fund raiser this spring.
- Alex Boutsoulis a provided a brief District Governor's report regarding

recent chapter events and initiations.

- Greg Simones provided the 2015 Fall Meeting minutes.
- Rick Pecka provided a report regarding a successful Sons of Pericles Comedy night with Ellen Karis, 12/19/15 in Waterbury. Proceeds from the event went to the St. Nicholas Shrine project.
- Nicholas Nikas stated a joint New Haven – Stamford AHEPA Chapter Dinner-Dance to celebrate their 90th anniversaries will be held at the Norwalk Inn, Saturday, October 29, 2016.
- George Scarvelas and Evangelos Hadjimichael gave a brief synopsis regarding the IRIS refugee presentation sponsored by the AHEPA chapter in Orange, CT, January 13, 2016.
- Alex Boutsoulis stated District 7 AHEPA and DOP Past District Governors will be honored May 28, 2016 at the District Convention in Newport, RI.
- Supreme Vice-President Andrew Zachariades and District 4 Governor Frank Fotis discussed national convention issues and answered several questions from the audience.



Greg Simones, George Bouzakis, Frank Fotis, Donald Feliciano, Alex Boutsoulis, Paul Velezis, Vagos Hadjimichael, George Rados, Jerry Copsinis, Mo Moshovos, George Scarvelas, Nick Nikas, Michael T. Michael, Peter Argiros, Dick Pecka, Demetrius Tasoulas, Jack Isaac, James W. Cocolis, John Melonopoulos, Andy Zachariades, Ernie Pool, Jordan Smith.



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The AHEPA District 7 Foundation is in the process of raising funds to support a new college scholarship in the memory of District Secretary Greg Simones' nephew, **Constantine Thomas Simones**, who died in February at the age of 21. We need to raise \$20,000 in order to make this a perpetual scholarship. Checks should be made out to the AHEPA District 7 Foundation and reference the Constantine Thomas Simones Memorial Scholarship. Donations should be sent to:

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**AHEPA 58
APARTMENTS**

Pawtucket Chapter 121 AHEPA News

Submitted by Yiannis Apostolakis

More than one year passes since our Pawtucket chapter 121 was re-activated. The Brothers of Pawtucket 121 have been busy making every effort to make our Chapter a functional and visible community organization. We celebrated our one-year anniversary on February 20th. We had our outing with our AHEPA brothers and our friends of AHEPA. We toured Samuel Adams brewery in Boston and had a lunch downtown Boston. It was a great day and all the participants enjoyed a wonderful time and good beer! We thank all the participants and we hope to have more events in the future to engage more people as well as our AHEPA members.



From Left to right (AHEPA Members and friends): Nick Vellopoulos, Mike Platsidakis, Kostas Karabetos, Nick Bitsakis, Mike Karavolis, John Zervas, Brian Froment, George Dafulas, George Demopoulos, Yiannis Apostolakis

Upcoming Event:

AHEPA Pawtucket A121 Chapter will celebrate AHEPA Day with a community breakfast and a fundraiser to support the St Nicholas rebuild effort.



WHEN: Sunday, May 22nd, 2016

WHERE: Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church-Community Center
97 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

EVENT: Breakfast with AHEPA (right after liturgy in our community center)

GOAL: Raise funds to contribute to the building of St. Nicholas at Ground Zero, NY, which was destroyed on September 11th.

Hartford AHEPA Family Faki Dinner

Submitted by John Melonopoulos

On Tuesday April 5, 2016, before regular meetings in the AHEPA Lodge room, the Thoas Chapter 198 and AHEPA Nathan Hale 58 offered its members a complementary "Faki" Dinner with salads; beverages and desserts in observance of Lent. This has been a tradition by the chapters for the last decade. A Lenten prayer was offered by Brother Peter Smith to start off the meal.

Brother Chef Dino Karabetos prepared the "Faki" and the chapter members prepared and served buffet style the dinner and desserts.

After the meal was completed, the respective chapters held their monthly meetings.



Sisters Parthena Yaakob, Adele Antoniou, & Mary Kelementon eating "Faki" after having played "Tavli".

The Meriden Daughters of Penelope Organizes Events for the Community

Submitted by members of Meriden Priam DOP

The Meriden Daughters of Penelope celebrated and hosted the annual Godparents/ Grandparents Day Breakfast "Eggstravaganza" in the Hellenic Center of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Britain, CT. The event was well attended and happily received as a time for bringing families and friends, young and not-as-young together for breakfast.

This group is doing more of the same as they are now working with the Sunday School of Saint George to host their third annual **Walk-A-Thon** in Walnut Hill Park, walking distance from St. George Church. Walkers are sponsored by members, families and friends of the organization and school. Everyone is welcome to walk with participants or grab a chair and cheer them on! Whether participants walk a lap, the full 5k or more; whether sponsors give a flat donation or sponsor per lap, *all* participation is acknowledged and appreciated as it brings everyone together: "If we are facing in the right direction, all we have to do is keep walking."



Mary Petrus, Lisa Elder, Karen Nemphos & President Helen Ladas.

Chapter 48 – Waterbury, CT News

Submitted by PDG Penny Pecka

Another busy year for the Waterbury AHEPANS is coming to an end. This year the 3/19/16 **Spring Conference** was hosted in Waterbury, CT by AHEPA chapter #48 and the Daughters of Penelope, Deucalion chapter #199. We had about 40 AHEPANS and Daughters in attendance. At the AHEPA meeting, Brother Paul Velezis proposed that the AHEPA chapters **sell chocolates** to benefit the Saint Nicholas Shrine building fund. The idea was approved and Brother Paul was able to make arrangements with Fascia's chocolates, a local confectioner, to make chocolates with the AHEPA logo on them. The boxes will be available for distribution within the next couple of weeks and arrangements will be made to deliver them to each chapter.

On Monday, April 4, 2016 we initiated **3 new AHEPANS** with the help of AHEPA District Governor, Alex Boutsoulis. The new Brothers are Ted Tsetsos, Guy Setaro and Spyros Lecouras. Twenty brothers attended the initiation and dinner which followed.

We are busy planning our fall agenda beginning with our **annual Scholarship Golf Tournament** on September 11, 2016 at the Chippanee Golf Club in Bristol, CT, which is a new venue for us. Lunch and dinner will be provided to all participants at the Chippanee Golf Club located at 6 Marsh Road in Bristol. The scholarship golf outing, which is celebrating its **20th year**, has benefited hundreds of grateful scholars throughout the years. Anyone interested in participating should call Carrie at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church office at 203-754-5189 for further information. We hope to see some brother AHEPANS at the tournament!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PETER!

Submitted by Greg Stamos

New Haven Chapter #98 wished Life Member and Past District 7 Governor Peter Stamos, a Happy (90th) Birthday during its March monthly meeting.

Peter was joined by his son, Past Supreme Counselor, Gregory J. Stamos, Chapter #98 President Evangelos Hadjimichael, and twenty-five (25) Brothers. Peter thanked his fellow Brothers, and remarked what an important part of his long life AHEPA, and its devotion to Hellenic causes and the church, had played.



Chapters Celebrate 90th Anniversary

Submitted by Nick Nikas

You probably know that a chapter's number is issued sequentially as chapters are created, starting with the first chapter, the mother Lodge in Atlanta, GA, founded on July 26, 1922. Within four years, there were 100 chapters, an amazing speed for those days. The most recent chapter to be created was #543 Henderson, NV, established a few months ago, on December 5, 2015. The first chapter in our district, #48 Waterbury, CT, was established on April 23, 1924, about a year and three quarters after Atlanta. If you have ever seen a district membership report, affectionately known in AHEPA HQ as a "Detail Stat Report", you will notice that it shows the date each chapter was established. This is what it shows for our district:

Number	Chapter	Date Established
A048	Waterbury, CT	04/23/1924
A058	Hartford, CT	02/08/1925
A062	Bridgeport, CT	04/05/1925
A090	Danbury, CT	01/22/1926
A098	New Haven, CT	03/05/1926
A099	Stamford, CT	03/05/1926
A106	Providence, RI	05/30/1926
A110	Norwich, CT	08/01/1926
A117	New Britain, CT	09/29/1926
A121	Pawtucket, RI	11/07/1927
A126	Meriden, CT	11/27/1926
A245	Newport, RI	11/24/1929
A250	New London, CT	02/16/1930
A387	Norwalk, CT	06/25/1953
A418	Danielson, CT	05/14/1962

If you look carefully at these dates, you will notice an inconsistency: 121 Pawtucket shows a date of 11/07/1927, which is later than 126 Meriden 11/27/1926. We believe this is an error and have asked HQ to confirm or correct these dates. For this article, let's assume that Pawtucket was established in 1926 as well.

This means that 8 of our 15 chapters (53%) were established in 1926, and therefore, should be celebrating their 90th anniversary this year: Danbury, New Haven, Stamford, Providence, Norwich, New Britain, Pawtucket and Meriden. Congratulations and Happy Birthday!

Notice one more thing: New Haven and Stamford were established on the same day, March 5, 1926. As brother chapters, they plan to jointly celebrate their 90th anniversary with a fun-filled dinner-dance at Norwalk Inn on Saturday, October 29, 2016, with a sit down dinner of prime rib, the standup comedy of Ellen Karis, a rising star in Greek American humor (www.ellenkaris.com) and the live music of Grecian Nights. Net proceeds will benefit the rebuilding of St Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero. Please see the related ad on this issue. All are welcome to join in the celebration. Members from other 90th anniversary chapters who attend will be acknowledged. Certainly Danbury, New Britain and Meriden are within driving distance.

If your chapter plans a special event to celebrate its 90th anniversary, please let Yankee News know as soon as possible!



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 27-29, 2016

AHEPA District 7 Convention at The Mainstay Inn, Newport, Rhode Island

June 30, 2016- Hellenic History Tournament Registration Deadline

July 24-30, 2016

Supreme Convention at The Mirage Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

Date TBD: AHEPA & DOP District 7 Scholarship Awards Dinner

November 12, 2016-

8th Annual Hellenic History Tournament: Orange, CT

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