

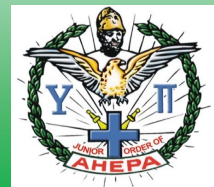
# Yankee News

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“Philanthropy and volunteerism have been the pillars of strength for AHEPA.”

Group Photo: First Row (L to R): Dr. John Grossomanides PSP, Greg Simones D7 DG, Tony Petros PDG, Constantine Calliontzis with 11 of the Greek Firefighters.

South Kingston, RI, Yankee District 7, October 22-29, 2017: AHEPA Expedition 3: Fourteen volunteer firefighters from across Greece participated in a week long training program under the supervision of the South Kingston, RI fire department and other area fire officials. Representatives of the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope were present to greet our guests at arrival, during several days of the program, and at the awards ceremony and barbecue.

Firefighters from the Union of Hellenic Fire Service Volunteers: Serafim Tsiougris, Dimitris Zervas, Maria Bitra, Giorgos Alatsakis, Kostas Louskas, Gregory Balodimos, Babis Peros, Nikos Poulakis, Spyros Politopoulos, Thanasis Psaropoulos, Lefteris Stafilarakis, Christoforos Kosmidis, Antonis Koukouzas, and Lambros Kaponikolos. Several of the firefighters are members of AHEPA and the DOP. *More inside.*



“Making significant contributions to our local neighborhoods...”

Supreme President Carl Hollister visited Houston to survey the flood damage caused by Hurricane Harvey and presented AHEPA's initial \$15,000 donation, with more to come. The Supreme President visited with four families whose homes suffered severe flood damage and lent assistance and moral support. After surveying the damage, Hollister set a goal of raising \$100,000 by month's end. He also thanked members of the community for helping with the massive amount of clean-up and recovery efforts in Harvey's wake. **Request:** Supreme President Hollister and Daughters of Penelope Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont are requesting each chapter to donate \$250.00 to the cause.



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<https://ahepa.org/Philanthropy.htm>

During this Christmas season and into the New Year, let us remember why we are proud to be Ahepans and why we became Ahepans in the first place.

Let us strive to support those who need us, setting a proud example for the whole world, and for our own communities to see and know The good that is AHEPA.

God Bless!



Merry Christmas  
to Everyone in our  
District 7 Family  
from the staff of the  
Yankee News!



John

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Terry

Andy

Greg

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE AHEPA DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR

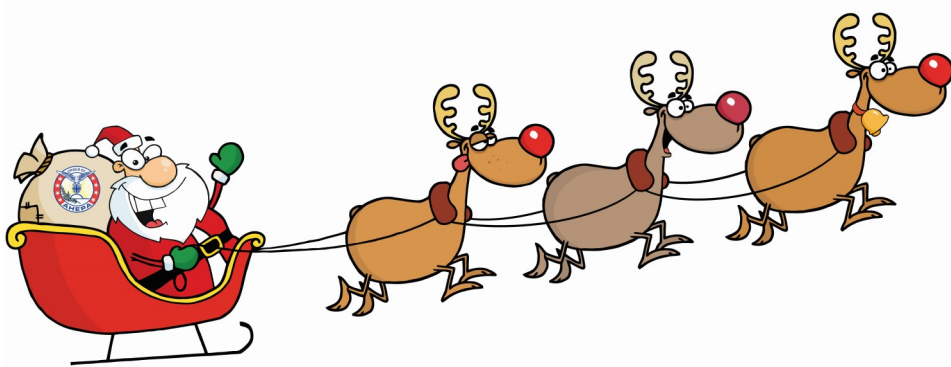
Dear AHEPA Brothers, DOP Sisters, and friends,

What does AHEPA mean to you? What is your commitment to AHEPA? During my visitations and conversations with chapter presidents, I find many are not well supported by their other officers and chapter membership. Money is a constant topic of discussion within chapters and the district. So my question is: Why do you want to be an AHEPAN? What can you do to make your AHEPA experience and those around you a better one?

I joined AHEPA 35 years ago in December and for me it has become a place where I can do charitable acts I would never be able to do on my own. The power of many like-minded individuals working in common cause has the power for positive change. I like being a part of that. It has given me opportunities to meet and work with great people. I have been to places and events I would have never dreamed possible a few years ago. So when a brother asks you to participate in a more meaningful way like I was asked several years ago, consider the opportunities for personal growth and the possible contributions to Hellenism and the public.

As always, my door is always open via email and phone. Let's talk!

Fraternally,  
Gregory C. Simones, PG  
Governor, Yankee District 7



### A MESSAGE FROM DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR

Dear Sisters,

May your hearts be filled with all the blessings of the season.



This Fall, in addition to our National and Local obligations, the chapters of Daughters Nationally have been called upon to contribute to hurricane disaster relief. The call went out to all

Daughters and AHEPA chapters by Supreme President Carl Hollister and Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont. It was responded to generously by the AHEPA family nationwide. I want to thank all of you who responded so generously by doing fundraisers, taking up collections, and dipping into your treasuries for our brothers and sisters in need.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Grand President Fomalont at a District 8 Meet & Greet at the Penelope Apartments in Peabody, Mass. She assured me that the funds will first go to identified stricken Daughters of Penelope and Ahepans.

The need has been great. Many of you have answered the call to donate to the victims in Puerto Rico from the devastating hurricane. Thank you for your work and heartfelt donations.

Our Fall Conference was hosted by the Ahepans of Orange Ct. who did an outstanding job. The Daughters who attended were pleased to meet our Grand Governor Georgette Boulegeris and Grand Vice-President Demi Thomas. They were a dynamic duo of information and enthusiasm. They walked us through the new membership payment method with a PowerPoint presentation. Grand Governor Georgette explained our National Projects for the year. This made for an informative workshop for all.

Please invite me to your meetings and events. I am very interested in what is happening in your chapters. I hope that the New Year brings you Health and Joy so that we can all work together for a greater Daughters of Penelope.

Yours in Theta Pi,  
Karen Isaac  
Governor, District 7



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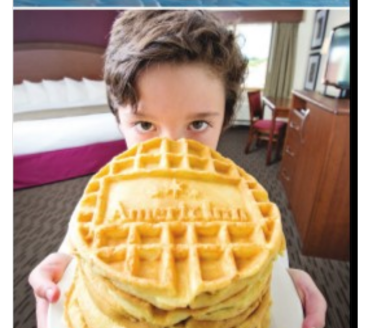
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### YANKEE NEWS HISTORY

Submitted by John Melonopoulos

We are looking for old copies of the YANKEE NEWS. Please look in your files to assist us and forward to: YANKEE NEWS - 14 Hartung Pl., Old Lyme, CT 06371.

We have researched and found a few old copies. Here you see the cover page of Volume 1, June 1949, Number 5. In early days it was called the YANKEE DISTRICT NEWS. The first editor and person who initiated the newsletter was Phaethon J. Matthews of Nathan Hale Chapter 58, Hartford, CT. Other persons involved were: Assistant Editor Peter Nichols and Associate editors Gordon Bilides (#98), James Constras (#62), Michael Exharhou (#48), Andrew Lazouras (#121), and Charles Peterson (#58).

With the start of the YDN, the chapters listed were: New Britain (#117), Springfield (MA), Newport (#245), Stamford (#99), Meriden (#126), Norwich (#110), Providence (#106), New London (#250), and Hartford (#58).

After reading the articles in this issue from June 1949, some of the same programs that appear then are very similar to what's in recent issues of the YANKEE NEWS.

PLEASE HELP US! Look for old issues. It will be fun looking back at some of these old issues.

### Pawtucket Chapter 121 Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

Submitted by Yiannis Apostolakis

On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Pawtucket AHEPA Chapter 121 celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> year anniversary\* with a community breakfast after Liturgy. We are thankful to all attendees, who supported our chapter with an amazing event attendance. We are very thankful for District 7 Governor Brother Greg Simones and Hellenic Affairs Committee Chairperson Brother George Rados for visiting us and speaking to our community about AHEPA. We hope that, with our effort, this event and the AHEPA Lodge visit will translate into new AHEPA members joining our Chapter. We are also thankful for the outstanding support we are receiving from our parish priest Fr. Phillip Zymaris and our Parish Council President John Zervas.

For our community breakfast we setup an AHEPA information table, with our donated chapter's AHEPA banner, AHEPA information materials, membership application, Yankee News magazines and old artifacts from the original Chapter. During the breakfast, Brother Simones gave an inspiring speech about AHEPA and AHEPA President Brother Yiannis Apostolakis touched on AHEPA mission, original chapter, and read the names of the original AHEPA Brothers of 121, which resulted in many memories to their relatives attending our event. In parallel with our breakfast we did a mini bake sale where the proceeds would cover part of the cost of participating in this year's Hellenic History Tournament with two teams. Part of the proceeds will be distributed to the AHEPA National Program Service Dogs for Veterans as well as to the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen. Below are some photos from our event at Pawtucket.

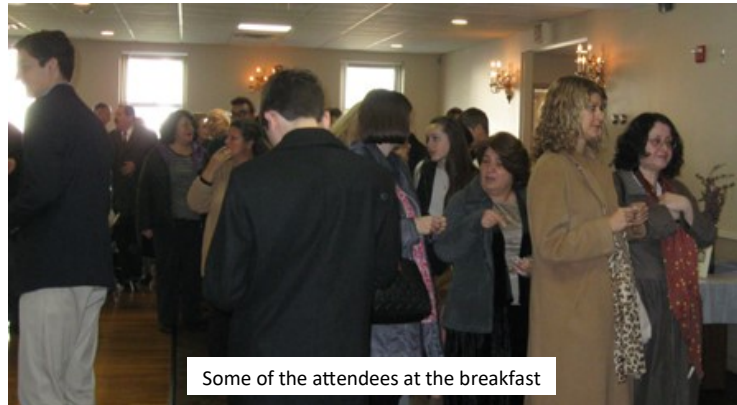
\*Our Chapter was re-activated on the Sunday of December 7th, 2014, with the help of the AHEPA D7 Lodge members as well as the Region 4 Lodge members.



Brian Froment, Charlie Lehourites, Ken Carlson, Mike Karavolis



Sharon Turk and Diane Zervas



Some of the attendees at the breakfast

# YANKEE DISTRICT NEWS

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Volume I

HARTFORD, CONN., JUNE, 1949

Number 5

## WELCOME TO BRIDGEPORT!

### Park City Membership Completes Big Schedule

Banquet To Be Held At Lenny's; Convention Headquarters At Hotel Stratfield

On Sunday afternoon a sight-seeing tour of Bridgeport and its famous parks has been arranged for the visiting ladies not participating in the convention.

All delegates are urged to phone or mail hotel reservations as early as possible direct to Hotel Stratfield, Bridgeport, Conn.

The banquet hall at Lenny's Wagon Wheel, 711 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport, is one of the most modern built and equipped in New England. It can handle a crowd of 1500 comfortably. Tables will be arranged cabaret style in such a manner that they will not be moved to make room for dancing. Ventilation and air-conditioning are well taken care of, and there are ample automobile parking facilities.

For delegates and guests who do not have their cars with them, ample transportation facilities have been arranged from the hotel to the banquet hall.

The Hermes Chapter, No. 31, Daughters of Penelope, in Bridgeport, has been meeting and planning on how best to entertain and accommodate the ladies. For the convenience of those desiring it, dressing rooms for the ladies will be available in the hotel.

### Committees — Bridgeport Convention

- Banquet—Anthony Achilles
- Convention Book—James Zabettas
- Publicity—James Constas
- Reception (Ahepans) — Steven Kremastiotis
- Reception (Daughters)—Mrs. Electra Halioris
- Church—Nicholas Pappas
- Farewell Dinner—Nicholas Kahramanides
- Guests—James Sentementes
- Badges—Alexander Viantes
- Transportation — Peter Koteas

### Bridgeport Convention Committee



Sitting, left to right: James Sentementes; Nicholas D. Farmassony, Chairman-Secretary; James Zabettas, Vice-Chairman; Steven Kremastiotis. Standing, left to right: Peter Koteas, Anthony Don Bullion, Michael Thomas, James Constas, Michael Halioris.

### ORDER OF AHEPA — DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 17th ANNUAL CONVENTION — YANKEE DISTRICT NO. 7 Official Program

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1949

- 9:00 A. M.—Arrival of delegates and visitors at the Stratfield Hotel, Convention Headquarters. Delegates present credentials to Credentials Committee and register with Reception Committee, in lobby of hotel.
- 10:30 A. M.—Special Doxology at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 742 Myrtle Avenue.
- 2:00 P. M.—Convention business sessions. Organization and election of convention officers. Ahepans will meet in the Sun Parlor, Daughters of Penelope in the South Parlor. Visiting ladies will be entertained in afternoon tea by the Daughters of Penelope.
- 7:00 P. M.—Grand Convention Banquet and Ball, Lenny's Wagon Wheel, 711 Barnum Avenue. Greek and American music by Perry Voultzos and his eight-piece orchestra.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1949

- 9:30 A. M.—Convention business sessions of the Order of Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope in their respective rooms.
- 7:00 P. M.—Farewell Dinner to delegates, Lenny's Wagon Wheel. Installation of newly elected District Lodges. Music and entertainment.

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### Salute to a Veteran - Konstantinos George Antonellis

Submitted by George Antonellis

Kosta enlisted in the Greek Army in 1944 at the age of 21. He served towards the end of World War II and during the Greek Civil War until 1952. He was in charge of training soldiers for combat and he also was a photographer in the army.

Upon his completion of his military duties he worked on building the train bridge for the Corinth Canal.

He saved up money and had a custom built 3-wheel motorcycle attached to a pickup truck bed. He used a motorcycle to go to Argos and bring produce back to Corinth.

On Columbus Day October 8, 1956, Kosta left his home land with less than \$10 and came to America by boat. Kosta labored with wood and brick for his uncle John Scarveles and cousins.

He attended a night adult education program in the New Haven public school system from 1956 -1961, where he learned to speak and write English. Kosta started working at the College SPA restaurant in New Haven, CT as a dishwasher then became a cook. He was sending money back to Greece to help support his mother & family. In 1963 at the age of 40 he returned to Greece to marry Asimina Gaitanou, age 28 ,on September 8, 1963. They went to Rhodes for their honeymoon.

They returned to the USA and rented an apartment on the 2nd floor of 96 Lafayette Street in New Haven. In 1965 their son George Antonellis was born. Kosta became a US citizen and shortly after that he



purchased the College SPA restaurant. In 1967 their second son, Theodore Antonellis was born and Kosta purchased his 1st (3) family home on Fountain Street in New Haven.

Kosta joined the AHEPA, Chapter 98 , New Haven, on March 12, 1967. (See picture: Kosta cooking at the St. Barbara summer picnic with sons, Theodore and George). In 1972 he purchased his first and only car; a Chevy Nova. It only had 32,000 miles when he passed away in 1993.

Kosta closed the College SPA in late 1992. Kosta passed away on January 17th 1993, at the age of 69 after short illness. Shortly after Kosta's passing the Antonellis family established the Konstantinos Antonellis Family Scholarship at Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT. On July 29, 2013, his wife, Asimina Antonellis fell asleep to be with our Lord.



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### Anniversary of Giannitsa - Sister City to New Britain, CT

Submitted by George A. Rados

Giannitsa was liberated by the Greek army on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, 1912, during the first Balkan War. Hellenic Affairs District 7 Bother George Rados purchased three wreaths to be placed in honor of the fallen at the memorial statue: One for AHEPA Elpis Chapter #117, one for the Pan-Macedonian Association of the USA, and one for the sister-city of New Britain. Presenters were Mr. K. Papadopoulos and Mr. V. Traoudas. The marching group pictured is the Pella Society.



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# AHEPA FAMILY AWARDS NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

## AHEPA 58 and DOP Thoas 198 Family Awards Night

Submitted by Jordan and Tina Smith,  
pictures by Anna-Helene Grossomanides and Elisa Marotta

AHEPA Chapter 58 and Daughters of Penelope Thoas 198 held their Awards night on September 23, 2017. Following a social hour, Dr. John Grossomanides provided the Invocation after which we enjoyed a delicious three-course chicken dinner. The meal was provided by Costas Bouzakis, and we were treated to wonderful *xerotigana* by Katina Bouzakis.

Toastmaster Peter Smith welcomed us to this evening dedicated to recognizing members and friends for outstanding performance and their efforts to promote Hellenism and good citizenship within our community.

We were honored by the presence of AHEPA officials who also served as award presenters: Dr. John Grossomanides, Past Supreme President; Jack Isaac, AHEPA Region 4 Supreme Governor; Greg Simones, Governor, District 7; Demetrios Tasoulas, District 7 Lt. Governor; and Alex Boutsoulis, Past District Governor, District 7.

We were also honored by the presence of these DOP officials: Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Past Grand President and Chapter 181 President; Karen Isaac, DOP District 7 Governor; and Marianne Boutsoulis, District 7 Secretary.

### HELLENE OF THE YEAR:

Dr. James Rouman was recognized as "Hellene of the Year" for his many contributions in support of Hellenism through the years, including sponsoring the St. George Cathedral Oratorical Festival, serving as mentor, facilitator, and financial backer. Further, in recognition of his service to the Church, the Medal of the Order of St. Paul was recently bestowed upon him by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios.

### AHEPA BUSINESS MAN of the YEAR:

Mike Bonatsakis was awarded Businessman of the Year for his successful career as an insurance executive and his years of support to our organization, including providing our Thanksgiving dinners and Faki dinners. Further, Mike is a prominent Greek musician.

### AHEPAN of the YEAR:

Brother Larry Papanic was awarded AHEPAN of the Year for his dedicated and continuous support for all of our AHEPA functions, and his positive and cheerful influence.

Years of Service awards were awarded to: Leo Papas (65 years), Emmanuel Moshovos (55), Lee Parandes (55), Ted Demos (50), John Melonopoulos (45), Art Poly (45), Jerry Pangakis (45), Nick Pindiris (40), and the following had 25 years of service: Drew Andrews, George Burnus, Anthony Calibey, Harry Spaniotis, and Michael Zerbini.

### DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE AWARDEES:

Tina (Christina) Smith was awarded DOP District 7 Daughter of the Year and Thoas 198 Daughter of the Year.

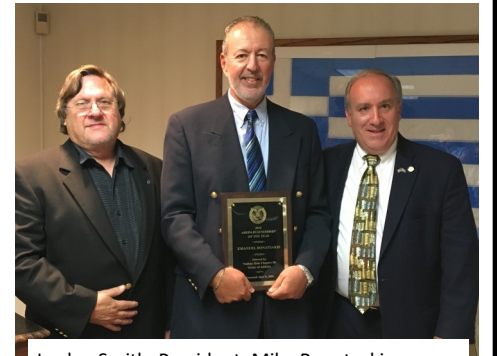
New members who have gone 'above and beyond' are: Elena Argintaru and Eleni Bouzakis.

The following past presidents were recognized: Adele Antoniou and Tina Smith.

Years of Service awards were awarded to: Demetra Avdoulas (70 years), Bessie Kacoyannakis (66), Catherine Deros (37), Marie Klementon (31), Helene Moran (31), Ann Ward (31), Lucia Kazakos (22), Marilena Kapetanopoulos (20), and Cathy Christy (20). Congratulations to all of our Awardees.



Dr. JAMES Rouman, Hellene of the Year and Toastmaster Peter Smith



Jordan Smith, President; Mike Bonatsakis, Businessman of the Year Award; Greg Simones, D7 Governor



Jordan Smith, President, with Larry Papanic, AHEPAN of the Year

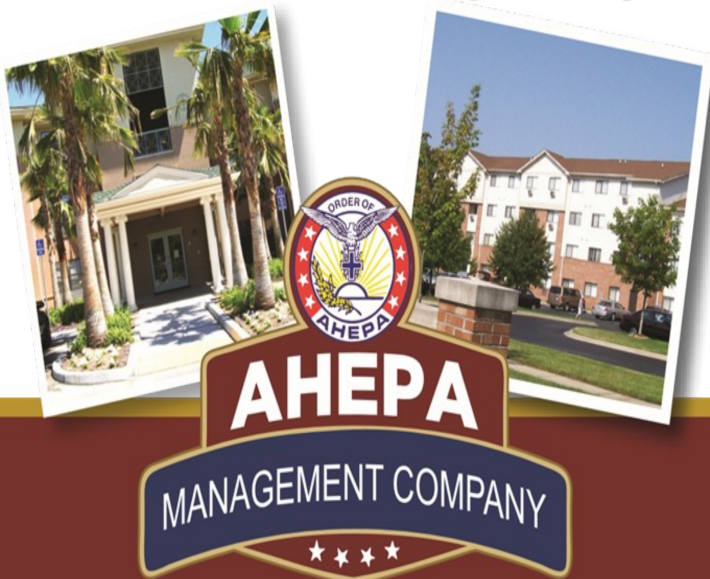


Greg Simones (District 7 Governor), Tony Calibey (25 yr), Mike Bonatsakis (Businessman of the Year), Jordan Smith (AHEPA President), Mo Moshovos (55 yr), Tina Smith (Chapter & District Penelope of the Year, also Past President), Bessie Kacoyannakis (65 yr), Dr. James Rouman (Hellene of the Year), Marie Klementon (30 yr), Adele Antoniou (Past President), Cathie Deros (35 yr), Jack Isaac (Supreme Governor & PDG) and Karen Isaac (District 7 Governor)



Tina Smith receiving District DOP of the Year Award from DOP D7 Gov., Karen Isaac & Lt. Gov./ Secretary D7 Marianne Boutsoulis

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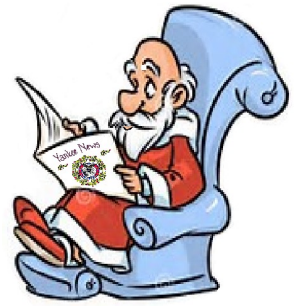


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**Hellenic History Tournaments,**  
**salutes the Yankee News**  
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**for their dedication, hard work**

## THE 9TH ANNUAL HELLENIC HISTORY TOURNAMENT

Dear Brothers,

Yesterday, October 28, the AHEPA Yankee District 7 held its 9th Annual Hellenic History Tournament at St Barbara's Church in Orange. Eleven teams from across the Northeast participated. There were 14 matches in five rounds. For the second year in a row, the Stamford team, The Hellenes, made up of Alexander Koutsoukos, Phoebe Hartch, and Lukas Koutsoukos, won the championship. Each was awarded a Hellenic History Trophy and a check of \$1,000. The Boston team, The Olympians, consisting of Alkinoos Armoundas, Phevos Paschalidis, and John Zavras, won second place and each received \$500. Congratulations to both teams, as well as to the other nine teams and to all the chapters that sponsored them. The 6 winners and all the individual match results are shown below.



Nicholas Nikas  
Secretary, AHEPA Stamford Chapter #99

On October 28, the AHEPA Yankee District 7 held its 9th Annual Hellenic History Tournament hosted by the New Haven chapter A098 at the beautiful facilities of St Barbara's Church in Orange. Eleven teams sponsored by ten chapters from across the Northeast participated. It's important to point out that 5 of the 10 sponsoring chapters were from outside the Yankee district. Only 5 of our 15 chapters sponsored at least one team, while 5 chapters from districts 5, 6 & 8 took advantage of the tournament that our 10 chapters did not think deserved their attention and participation. The lack of participation from 10 of our chapters had been hard to understand before. But it's even harder now that two other regions have HHTs, one more is planning one in 2018, and national AHEPA has fully embraced the concept and has instituted a national tournament for the top 2 teams of each region during the Supreme Convention.

Back to our 2017 tournament. There were 14 matches in 5 rounds. At the end of the first 3 rounds, each team had played exactly 2 matches. The top 4 point getters were promoted to the semifinals, and the tournament turned to a single elimination or sudden death bracket. For the second year in a row, the Stamford team, The Hellenes, made up of Alexander Koutsoukos, Phoebe Hartch, and Lukas Koutsoukos, won the championship. Each was awarded a Hellenic History Trophy and a check of \$1,000. The Boston team, The Olympians, consisting of Alkinoos Armoundas, Phevos Paschalidis, and John Zavras, won second place and each received \$500. Both teams will be invited by the Chairman of the AHEPA Educational Foundation to compete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Hellenic History Tournament at the 2018 National Convention in Atlantic City next July, where they can each win an additional \$2,000 if they become the national champions.

Congratulations to both teams, as well as to the other nine teams and to all the chapters that sponsored them. We are grateful to the New Haven chapter and the St Barbara community for hosting the event free of charge and to the many volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make it a success. And above all, thank you to all the chapters whose contributions make the HHT possible.



Stamford: Alexander Koutsoukos, Lukas Koutsoukos, Phoebe Hartch; Boston: John Zavras, Alkinoos Armoundas, and Phevos Paschalidis



Lunchtime - Eating before the tournament; Front table: the New Haven team with their coach.

No.	Chapter	St	Team Name	Captain	Member	Member
24	Boston	MA	The Olympians	Alkinoos Armoundas	Phevos Paschalidis	John Zavras
54	Paramus	NJ	Akrites	Eleni Vardakis	Elizabeth Baltzis	Andreas Frangiskou
98	New Haven	CT	The Aristotelians	Andreas Lolis	George Antonellis	Luke Berner
99	Stamford	CT	The Hellenes	Alexander Koutsoukos	Phoebe Hartch	Lukas Koutsoukos
110	Norwich	CT	Dikaiopolis' Squad	Tessa Carty	Zeb Carty	Evan Novosad
117	New Britain	CT	Hip Hoplites	Elias Manos	Sophia Manos	Irene Soteriou
121	Pawtucket	RI	Μολών Λαβέ	Eleni Dafulas	Sophia Belliveau	Nicholas Zervas
121	Pawtucket	RI	Achilles	Ana Belliveau	Nikolaos Platsidakis	Talia Zervas
405	New Rochelle	NY	Athena's Owls	Joanna Georgiou	George Kalyvas	Alexandros Kerwick
406	Watertown	MA	Socrates	Irene Pantekidis	Nicolas Bury	Eleftheria Pantekidis
453	Wyckoff	NJ	St Nick's Nikites	Alex Bedoya	Alex Angelis	Stella Bayiokos



Demetrius Tasoulas (Lt Governor), Jack Isaac (SG), 33 contestants, Nicholas Nikas, Greg Stamos (Past Supreme Counselor)

### Eptahorian Saint George Society *Founded in Nashua, NH in 1903*

Since its inception, June 3, 1924, Greek-Americans from Eptahori, Greece have taken an active role in AHEPA Chapter 48 of Waterbury, Connecticut.

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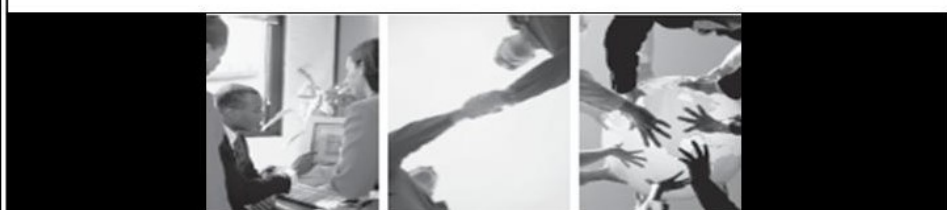


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**CHAPTER 98, NEW HAVEN NEWS**

Submitted by Evangelos Hadjimichael  
 Chapter 98 had the opportunity to host three events in the month of October. The Chapter feels truly blessed to be of service to the District.

**Saturday, Oct. 14: YANKEE D7 FALL CONFERENCE.**

With a full agenda for the conference, District Governor Greg Simones opened the meeting at 9:00 am, and welcomed the participants, both Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope, to the Conference held in the Lightle Center, on the campus of the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church. In attendance were also brother Jack Isaac, Supreme Governor, Region 4, and brother Cosmos E. Marandos, Secretary, Board of Trustees of Ahepa. There were forty-six brothers and sisters in attendance, representing every Chapter in District 7. Following a general business session, including reports from the National Convention of July 2017, brother Marandos offered brief comments on the Ahepa budget at the National level. A highlight in the after-lunch segment of the meeting was a demonstration of a new membership/billing system that would facilitate the logistics of running individual Chapters. The Conference ended at 3:30 pm, following a joint planning meeting of the Ahepa and DOP Lodges.



**Thursday, October 19: A SCREENING OF THE FILM "Swing Away" at the Bow Tie Criterion in New Haven.**

This event was co-sponsored by AHEPA Chapter 98 and the PTO of the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, and was open to the community. Starring in this film are Shannon Elizabeth, Manos Gavras, and John O'Hurley. The story line is about a professional golfer Zoe Papadopoulos who, following an unfortunate turn of events on the professional tour, travels to her grandparents' village in Greece to escape the harsh spotlight of the international sports world. About 150 persons attended the screening of this movie which, by general consensus, was most enjoyable. Proceeds are to benefit the Chapter 98 scholarship fund and the St. Barbara PTO.

**Saturday, October 28: THE 9TH HELLENIC HISTORY TOURNAMENT.**

For the 9th year in a row, Chapter 98 has hosted the Hellenic History Tournament at the St. Barbara facilities. Several brothers volunteered their services in preparing and running the event. This year, eleven teams from across the Northeast, each sponsored by an AHEPA Chapter, participated. At the end of five rounds, over three hours, the Stamford team, The Hellenes, was declared the first-place winners, and the Boston team, the Olympians, won second place. In addition to receiving a Hellenic History trophy, each one of the Hellenes, Alexander Koutsoukos, Phoebe Hartch, and Lukas Koutsoukos, received a check for \$1,000, while the Olympians, Alkinoos Armoundas, Phevos Paschalidis, and John Zavras, received a trophy and \$500 each. Congratulations to all the students who devoted time and energy in preparing for the Tournament. Their preparation included knowledge of the entire sweep of Hellenic history, from the pre-Greek years of about 3000 BC, and over the Greek historical, classical, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman periods, all the way to modern times from the revolution of 1821, to 2017.

**Emmanuel Pappas Receives Special Recognition Award**

Submitted by Dalton W. Respass, D8 PSG, PDG, LtG SG Region 4 Jack Isaac, President George Economou (Chapter 80), Emmanuel Pappas, Chapter 376 Scholarship contributor, DG8 Charles Kiritsy and Webster priest, Fr. Luke Veronis. Brother Pappas has given his district \$180,000 to fund 3 \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded annually.



He was awarded a Plaque at a dinner meeting on his behalf in Worcester. He is 93 years of age and still going strong.

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**Len Tsantiris Retires After 37 Years as Head Women's Soccer Coach**  
<https://today.uconn.edu/2017/11/len-tsantiris-retires-37-years-head-womens-soccer-coach/>

Submitted by Gregory Simones

Legendary UConn women's soccer head coach Len Tsantiris '77 (ED) has announced his retirement after 37 tremendous years at the helm. Tsantiris took UConn from its infant stages as a program and turned it into a national power.

"It has truly been an honor to work at UConn," Tsantiris says. "I want to thank all the administrators and athletic directors who were supportive of my players and helped create and build the tradition of our program. Thank you to my family for their understanding and patience while I've been away from home trying to make our program better. Thank you to all my assistant coaches, players, and support staff for all that they did for the program. I appreciate all of their efforts."

Tsantiris finishes his career with 570 wins, ranking second all-time in Division I collegiate women's soccer, while becoming just the second coach (after Anson Dorrance of UNC) to eclipse the 500-win mark. During his tenure, the Huskies advanced to 31 NCAA Tournaments, including 26 straight from 1982-2007. Under Tsantiris' direction, UConn had elite success in the NAAs, with four NCAA Championship game appearances, seven trips to the NCAA semifinals, and 18 trips to the NCAA Quarterfinals. The Huskies established themselves as one of the premier programs in women's soccer, with eight-straight Elite Eight appearances spanning from 1993 to 2000.

Tsantiris, who was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in 2003, collected numerous awards during his coaching tenure. After winning a program-record 23 matches and earning an appearance in the NCAA championship game, he was tabbed the 1997 NSCAA Division I National Coach of the Year.

"I would like to thank Coach Tsantiris for his 37 years of service to the University of Connecticut," director of athletics David Benedict said. "He built UConn women's soccer into a national power and a source of pride for our state. Coach came to Storrs in 1973, and has been a valued member of the University community ever since. He will be greatly missed. A four-time Division I Northeast Coach of the Year (1983, 1987, 1995, 1996), Tsantiris won four conference Coach of the Year awards in the Big East (1995, 1998) and American Athletic Conference (2015, 2016). Under his guidance, 45 Huskies earned NSCAA All-American accolades, along with Sara Whalen winning 1997 NSCAA National Player of the Year. The Huskies have claimed 10 conference regular season titles, four conference tournament crowns, and 22 Conference Players of the Year with Tsantiris manning the sidelines. In April 2018, Tsantiris will receive the Gold Key Award from the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance for his contributions and excellence on the field. Len is a member of AHEPA, Norwich Chapter #110.



**Waterbury AHEPA Chapter 48**

Submitted by Marianne Boutsoulis

On Sunday, Sept. 10, Waterbury Chapter 48 had its 21<sup>st</sup> annual golf tournament at the Hawks Landing Club in Southington, CT. The annual tournament, which had over 65 golfers participate this year, has raised approximately \$110,000 for the AHEPA Chapter 48 Scholarship Fund over its twenty-one year history.

In other news, over 25 Chapter 48 AHEPANS went to a NY Mets - Washington Nationals baseball game at Citi Field in Queens, NY on Friday, June 16, 2017.

Our next AHEPA Chapter 48 fundraiser is Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, 7 PM at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church banquet hall in Waterbury, CT. For \$30 you will receive a terrific meal (several appetizers, pasta, salad, two entrees). All AHEPANS, Daughters and friends are invited to come. For details, contact Alex Boutsoulis via cell, 203.209.4247 or email, [alexoutsoulis@gmail.com](mailto:alexoutsoulis@gmail.com). We usually get 140 to 170 people for these events, so let us know if you're coming.

The pictures are from DOP Chapter #199 Festival of Tables, a fundraiser for Chapter Scholarships.



Margo Ricciardi & daughter (no, not Ariel) Sofia Swaby (Chapter President)



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(No, not Cersei Lannister) Marianne Boutsoulis & daughter Emilia



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## New Britain:

- Congratulations to George and Donna Rados' grandson, Christopher Martin, who was named Volunteer Fireman of the Year in Southington, CT
- Congratulations to Christos and Elizabeth Nasiakos on the wedding of their daughter, Politimi to Rudy Pelletier on October 7.

## Waterbury:

- to Emilia Boutsoulis who received her Master's Degree in Clinical Nurse Leadership from Sacred Hear University, Fairfield, CT. Emi is a an RN at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven. Emi is the daughter of Alex & Marianne Boutsoulis and the granddaughter of John and Ethel Boutsoulis.
- Congratulations to Alexandra Gagas upon graduating from the UCONN Graduate school of Speech Language & Hearing Sciences as a Speech Language Pathologist. Alexandra will be completing her one year residency to complete her training to become a licensed Speech Pathologist in Denver, CO.
- Congratulations to Steven Gagas upon graduating from the UCONN School of Business with a degree in Accounting. Steven has accepted a position with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Hartford. Alexandra and Steven are the children of John and Janet Gagas and the grandchildren of Steven and Nicki Gagas.
- Congratulations to Adrianna Mihalek upon graduating from Eastern Connecticut University with a degree in History with a concentration in American Studies and a double minor in Pre-Law and Political Science. Adrianna is the daughter of Cassandra and Anthony Rinaldi and the granddaughter of Socrates and Joanie Mihalakos.
- Congratulations to Katherine Tzepos who received a Master's Degree in Nutrition in Food Science from the University of Rhode Island. Katie, who is pursuing a career as a Registered Dietitian, is the daughter of George and Barbara Tzepos and granddaughter of Toulia Tzepos.



## EDITOR'S NOTES

By Jack Isaac



I recently had an opportunity to attend a dinner honoring the 14 volunteer firefighters from Greece who were brought to America for training. After an intensive one week training program with the South Kingston Fire Dept., these brave volunteers returned to Greece to assist their fellow brothers by teaching them these modern techniques.

This program, initiated by Dr. John Grossomanides, is one of the great things that AHEPA manages to do each year. There is no question that lives are saved as a result of this training. Many thanks to those R.I. firefighters who gave their time to teach their brother firefighters from Greece these vital strategies. AHEPA does so many things to make peoples' lives better around the world, and we should be proud we are part of an organization with such a big heart. Get involved if you haven't, starting with your local chapter to find ways to make your communities a better place to live.

## Volunteer Hellenic Firefighters 3<sup>rd</sup> Expedition

**October 22-29, 2017**

Submitted by John Grossomanides

The collaboration with the Order of AHEPA and the Union Fire District in Wakefield, RI had its inception in **2011** for the **1<sup>st</sup> Expedition** with the training of 16 Volunteer Firefighters and continued with the **2<sup>nd</sup> Expedition in 2013** with the training of 12 Volunteer Firefighters. Once again in 2017 the **3<sup>rd</sup> Expedition** became a reality and Twelve Volunteer Firefighters and 2 Professional Firefighters arrived for training.

AHEPA District #7 took on the responsibility to spearhead the fundraising to support this AHEPA District # 7 Project. We assisted in the finances for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Expedition** and it was a major a success. Thanks to our District's efforts we were able to cover hotel accommodations for six rooms for seven nights, all food expenses for the week, airport transfers, a van for week and training costs. A very special thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause from all over the country who helped to raise funds in the amount of \$13,595.00.

On Sunday, October 22nd, 2017 14 Firefighters arrived at Logan Airport, Boston. As part of the welcoming committee there was John Grossomanides, PSP, Anna-Helene Grossomanides, District #7 & PGP and Connie Calliontzis, PDG District #8 along with Rhode Island & Boston Firefighters welcomed the Firefighters. Everyone enjoyed a welcome at Greggs Restaurant in Warwick, RI.

### **The Training and Event Itinerary:**

**Monday, Oct. 23rd** *Firefighter Orientation, Personal Protective Equipment, SCBA, Maze & Level I Burn*

**Later that Evening** - UFD Station 3 hosted a Steak Dinner for all Greek firefighters and instructors for the week. Jack Isaac, SG Region #4, John Grossomanides, PSP, John Melonopoulos, District #7 Treasurer, & Connie Calliontzis, PDG District #8 all joined in the Festivities that evening.

**Tuesday, Oct. 24th** *Rapid Intervention (RIT Ops)*

**Tuesday Evening** - The Greek Firefighters had dinner at Misquamicut Fire & toured the Westerly area. Locals Brother John Grossomanides, PSP & Sister Anna-Helene Grossomanides, PGP joined the Firefighters at this dinner.

**Wednesday, Oct. 25th** *Ventilation & Saw Use; Operations: Pre-Connect vs Rolled Hose*

Wednesday evening the Greek Firefighters were provided dinner by the Union Fire District. Following dinner (@ Drill Time) UFD/KFD stations setup a variety of small department demonstrations including: MVA/ Extrication, Aerial Operations, Ground Ladders, Rural Water Supply Operations.

**On Thursday, Oct.26th** *Search & Rescue Operations; Live Burn Evolution*

Thursday afternoon the Firefighters traveled to Bristol, RI and ate dinner at the Bristol House of Pizza Restaurant hosted by owners by George & Toulia Gatos.

**On Friday, October 27th** *Forcible Entry Training; Cumulative Training Demonstration by Greek Firefighters (Live Burn)*

Friday evening the Greek Firefighters were provided dinner by the Union Fire District.

**On Saturday, Oct. 28th: 1:00pm - Firefighter & Instructor Celebration Pig Roast w/ Closing Ceremony** - Hosted by Roy & Gail Richmond.

That afternoon during the ceremony there was Awards were presented, Chief Steve Pinch, Deputy Chief Collison and Deputy Kevin Quinn distributed Certificates of Training Completion. Also, Greg Simones, District #7 Governor John Grossomanides, PSP, John Melonopoulos, District #7 Treasurer, Tony Petros, PDG, D# 7& Connie Calliontzis, PDG District #8 all joined in the Festivities. Finally, the day came for the Firefighters to depart. A few went back home and 10 had the opportunity to visit NYC, travel to Ground Zero, visit with FDNY, and some went to a dinner with the AHEPA Delphi Chapter #25 hosted by the President Argyris Argitakos at Kellari Greek Restaurant.

*Amazing Instructors (alphabetically): Travis Armstrong, Tom Bradley, Bob Carpinelli, Tony Cinq, Richard Collinson, Joe Conroy, Jason Ferreira, Chris Koretski, Ben Lonngren, Keith Maine, Jim Mirza, Capt. Noto, Chief Quinn, David Sasso, Ed Shannon, Capt. Summerly, Colby Whaley & members of Station 1.*



**3<sup>rd</sup> Expedition Group:** Mike Tsiougkris, Dimitri Zervas, Maria Bitra, Giorgos Alatsakis, Kostas Louskas, Grigoris Balodimos, Babis Peros, Nikos Poulakis, Thanasis Psaropoulos, Spiros Politopoulos, Lefteris Stafylarakis, Christoforos Kosmidis, Antonis Koukouzas, Lampros Kaponikolos. Mike, Dimitri & Maria are members of AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope (DOP) chapters in Greece.



(Front) Will Daly (accepting for sister Dina Daly), Ourania Koutoumba, Michael Koutoumba, Anna Mederer, Angelica Storino, Rachel Rockwell (accepting for sister Robin Rockwell), Anthony Vournazos. Not pictured: Dimitris Koutoumba. (Rear) Fr. Peter Karloutsos, Chapter Pres. George Stratigakis, Scholarship Benefactor Bro. Constantine Macricostas, Chapter VP/Committee Chair Bro. Constantine Vournazos.

**Chapter 90, Danbury, CT**  
Submitted by  
George Stratigakis, President

On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> AHEPA Chapter #90 awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to deserving Assumption youth for the furtherance of their education. Brother Dino Macricostas has entrusted Chapter 90 with an annual scholarship fund to further the education of youth who embody Hellenic ideals. Participation is open to Danbury AHEPANS, their families, and the Assumption Community. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the fund has awarded over \$130,000 and been invaluable in sustaining AHEPA in the Danbury Area.

**Daughters of Penelope, New Britain, CT**

Submitted by Donna Rados, PDG

The New Britain Daughters of Penelope. Eretria Chapter 138, held a Pasta Luncheon in October for the benefit of the Hurricane Harvey relief fund. As a result we were able to send \$600. Let's add a special thank you to Eva Dimopoulos for the sauce and meatballs. The Daughters of New Britain collected personal items for the Hurricane Maria victims of Puerto Rico. We were successful in our collection being able to send several boxes of needed supplies. In addition, our brother Ahepans of the Elpis Chapter donated \$500.00 for additional relief and our GOYA donated \$100 towards shipping expenses. Thank you to the New Britain Community for their generous support.



New Britain Daughters Members: Athanasia Morikis, Chrysanthe Lampros, Sue Leppones, Mary Aros, Andrea Lemnotis, Mary Lemnotis, Irene Sklavouris, Stamo Dimitratos, Donna Rados, Eve Dimopoulos, Artemis Karamanos



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**Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont visits District 7**

Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont participated in a successful and productive workshop hosted by DOP Districts 7, 8, & 9. Afterwards she attended a reception in her honor at Penelope Apartments 120 with Sisters from Boston, Haverhill, Lawrence, Worcester, Salem/Peabody, Cape Cod, Manchester NH, & Hartford. GP Eva Jean also visited Penelope's Place in Brockton, MA, a DOP National Project.



Greg Ladas, Meriden AHEPA President Michael T. Michael, George Manos, Fr. Constantine Makrinos, Andrew Aros, and SG Region 4 Jack Isaac



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**Daughters of Penelope, Meriden, CT**

Submitted by Mary Petrus:

The Daughters of Penelope of Meriden, Priam Chapter 76 enjoyed an afternoon at Arrigoni Winery in Portland, CT on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by Daughters and Ahepans, Fr. Constantine of St. George Church in New Britain, Supreme Gov. of Region 4 Jack Isaac, and friends.

Submitted by Margaret Curtis:

District Governor Karen Isaac and District Secretary Marianne Boutsioulis visited our chapter in October. We had a very informative meeting.

On November 19 we were joined with Eretria Chapter of New Britain for our Founder's Day. There was an "artoclasia" plus refreshments. We will be hosting the Christmas party for the children of the community in December and, of course, Santa will visit!

Our chapter and the Ahepans of Meriden are looking forward to our annual Christmas party with food, singing, and good cheer.

Not to forget our Christmas charities; we are giving to the Meriden Soup Kitchen and to a needy family.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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12/28 Hartford Blood Drive: 12 noon - 5:30 p.m.  
12/31 National Membership Deadline  
2/10/18 Proposed Spring Conference, New London, CT  
3/25/2018 Greek Independence Day Parade, NYC  
5/4 to 5/6 2018 District 7 Convention  
5/9/2018 Capitol Hill Day  
6/24/2018 District Scholarship Event, New Britain, CT  
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The Convention Committee (the *happiest* guys I've ever seen in a group photo) are reminding us to let you know: The 96th Supreme AHEPA Convention will be held in Atlantic City, NJ! July 22-27, 2018 at Harrah's Hotel. Watch for details!



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