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A MESSAGE FROM THE AHEPA DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR

Dear AHEPA Brothers, DOP Sisters, and friends,

This is my final message as governor as I end the second year serving my Brother AHEPANS and the Yankee District. What did I learn during this journey of service and hard work? I have been an AHEPAN for decades but never fully appreciated what it means to be an AHEPAN until I served at the District level. I had no plan or desire to be involved with

AHEPA leadership when I was asked four years ago. Looking back now, I am so glad that people like Jack Isaac, Mo Moshovos, George Scarveles, and Alex Boutsioulis asked me to consider serving. I am now going to return the favor and ask you to think about serving. This is a "call to arms" to the brotherhood to step forward and get involved. The future is in your hands now.

The most discouraging thing I heard traveling around the District was "What does the District do for us?" It turns out that many AHEPANS ask that question because they really don't know much about what AHEPA does outside of their chapters. It is my hope that those AHEPANS take a more active interest in the work of AHEPA *at all levels* and learn to appreciate what AHEPA does.

I can't thank you enough for all of the support, kind words, and generosity over my tenure as governor. I also have to thank my district lodge; no governor can do everything on his own, it is the team that gets the job done. Much of the work of the district is done by a handful of dedicated men. Passion is the key to a successful AHEPAN.

Find your mission within our Order and follow through with it. We are the protectors of Hellenistic values and, through our actions of philanthropy and *philotimo*, we protect the legacy of 96 years. Don't break that chain!

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



A MESSAGE FROM DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR

My Swan Song: Remembrance of Things Past

There is a gold-toned bracelet in my drawer with a single charm that says "ΘΠ, 1945". It was from before my time in the early days of the Eretria Chapter when my mother first became a Daughter. She went on to marry my father, and raise four children while at the same time giving my father a hand at the restaurant. I'm sure she thought that Daughters meetings were just another way to be connected to the Greek Community and to her Greek

Heritage of which she was so proud. Daughters was a support system that was there to open doors of opportunity for women. My mother never attended anything beyond a local chapter meeting until I joined. When I first joined Daughters she remembered she had the bracelet and gave it to me. Just as the role of women from that time has continued to evolve, so has the breadth and scope of the challenges that Daughters meet. Local and International Chapters align themselves with meaningful philanthropic projects in our own communities and beyond. Collectively, we embrace the broader challenges of natural disasters, domestic violence and medical research through our local endeavors and our National Obligations.

Thank you to each person who has given her energy and commitment to the causes of Daughters during my tenure as District Governor. Special thanks to the women of the District Lodge who kept the momentum going in a positive direction. I came to rely on their support and the words of encouragement that came from unexpected corners of both Daughters and AHEPA.

I encourage you to attend a National Convention and to catch the spirit and passion of the Sisters in this organization. We welcome new members and officers. I encourage you to make a personal commitment. Daughters of Penelope is a dynamic organization that collectively is poised to take on the challenges of women in future generations. This is a good place to invest your time and your talents.

Warmest Regards.



Yours in Theta Pi,
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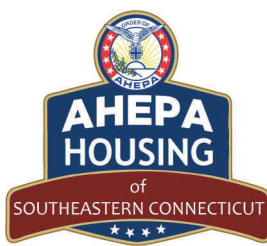


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Archbishop Demetrios with the Vice President of the Pan Macedonian Association, Mr. Dimitris Filippides, during the conference.

February 24, 2018 - The Archbishop met with the Vice President of the PanMacedonian Association during a conference, organizing the presence of American Greeks at the United Nations on March 18, 2018 on the Macedonian issue of name and history falsification by the former Yugoslav "Republic of Macedonia" (F.Y.R.O.M.). AHEPA District 7's Brother Nick Nikas and Chairman of Hellenic Affairs Brother George A. Rados were present.



NEW YORK – His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, invited by the leaders of the Pan-Macedonian Association of U.S.A. visited the Pan-Macedonian Studies Center in Whitestone N.Y., Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018. His Eminence took part in a meeting with PanMacedonian Association's officers, past-presidents and other officials, where the upcoming Rally at the United Nations against the unacceptable use of the name of Macedonia by FYROM was discussed. The Rally for this important issue was held on Sunday, March 18, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the park right next to the UN Plaza in New York City.



Nick Paindiris, from Hartford, Chapter 58 and daughter in law Lhia Paindiris attended Greek Independence Day at the White House



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Past Supreme President Andrew Zachariades Testimonial Dinner

Andrew Zachariades is a 25-year member of Hudson Chapter 108, Jersey City, NJ. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including most recently as Supreme President. Among his responsibilities as supreme president, Zachariades was also the chief executive officer and principal spokesperson of the entire AHEPA domain, which includes the United States, Canada, and chapters in Europe.

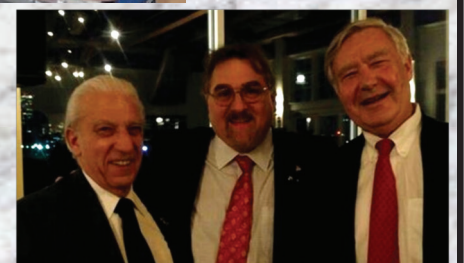
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DOP Grand President Visits Capitol Hill

Daughters of Penelope (DOP) Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont met with members of Congress to discuss the public policy priorities that impact the community service programs provided by DOP chapters, February 27, 2018. The Grand President met



with: U.S. Reps Judge Ted Poe (TX), who is the founder and co-chair of the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus; John Sarbanes (MD), Dina Titus (NV), and Niki Tsongas (MA). "We thank the legislators for the generous amount of time they afforded us to discuss



the work of Daughters chapters in their communities," Fomalont said. "We look forward to working with them on our policy priorities, including support for domestic violence shelters and affordable elderly housing, among others." Fomalont presented Certificates of Appreciation to U.S. Reps Poe and Tsongas, who are retiring at the end of the 115th Congress in December. "They have been outstanding public servants, and their public service truly will be missed in the next Congress," Fomalont said. DOP Executive Director Elena Saviolakis and DOP Legislative Consultant Andrew Kaffes accompanied Fomalont to Capitol Hill.



Daughters of Penelope Donates \$10,000 to Meals on Wheels America

The Daughters of Penelope proudly presented a \$10,000 donation to Meals on Wheels America, February 26, 2018, announced DOP Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont. Fomalont presented the donation to Meals on Wheels America President and CEO Ellie Hollander at Meals on Wheels America's headquarters, Arlington, Va. "We are proud to support the worthy mission of Meals on Wheels America and its vision of an America in which all seniors live nourished lives with independence and dignity," Fomalont said. "Our support of Meals on Wheels America dovetails with our community service programs that assist our nation's elderly who are vulnerable and are in need. For example, Meals on Wheels serves many residents of AHEPA's and Daughters' 95 affordable elderly housing properties, including the three located in Albuquerque." "We commend the Daughters of Penelope for realizing the need to address senior isolation and hunger, especially at a time when one in four local Meals on Wheels programs already has a waiting list of seniors in need of meals. We appreciate the generosity of the Daughters of Penelope and its support of our mission," Meals on Wheels America President and CEO Hollander said.



The donation made by the Daughters of Penelope was made possible by the late Mr. Nicholas Economy. "The Daughters of Penelope is proud to honor his memory and his wishes to help the elderly in need," Grand President Fomalont said.

← Pictures, Left article: Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont with Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, Congressman & Congressional Co-Chair of the Victims' Rights Caucus Ted Poe, Congresswoman Dina Titus, and with DOP Executive Director Elena Saviolakis, Congressman John Sarbanes, and DOP Legislative Consultant Andrew Kaffes.

↑ Picture, above: Grand President Fomalont with Mals on Wheels CEO Ellie Hollander.



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Greek Independence Day is Celebrated in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, DC --

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the leading membership-based service association for the nation's millions of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, and its affiliated organizations, celebrated the 197th Anniversary of Greek Independence with the American Hellenic community at a White House ceremony held March 22, 2018. President Donald J. Trump and His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, provided remarks.

"We sincerely thank President Trump for hosting the event and for issuing a Proclamation that calls on the people of the United States to observe Greek Independence Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities," Supreme President Carl R. Hollister said.



The AHEPA family with U.S. Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis.

"We also commend the president for: expressing his appreciation for the 'countless positive contributions' of Greek Americans to the United States and the vital role Greek American have played in maintaining the United States' strong relationship with Greece; for recognizing Greece's value as a NATO ally, especially as hosts at NSA Souda Bay; for citing 70 years of Fulbright Greece and the United States as Honored Country at the 2018 Thessaloniki International Fair; and for acknowledging the inspiration the Founding Fathers took from Hellenic principles and the ancient Greeks."

Several AHEPA family national officers attended the ceremony with Supreme President Hollister, wife, Cynthia, and daughter, Alexandra, including: Daughters of Penelope Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, Sons of Pericles Supreme President Bill Poulos III, Maids of Athena Grand President Sophia Shakolas, Daughters of Penelope Grand Vice President Demi Thomas, Supreme Secretary George Horiates, Esq., Supreme Treasurer Jimmy Kokotas, Past Supreme President Andrew C. Zachariades, AHEPA National Housing Corporation President Angelo Kostarides, and Daughters of Penelope Executive Director Elena Saviolakis.

Hollister added, "AHEPA values the fact that representatives of the American Hellenic community have been welcome to the White House since AHEPA's meeting with President Calvin Coolidge in 1924. This recognition demonstrates that the Office of the Presidency has valued the American Hellenic community, its concerns, and its many contributions to the tapestry that is America since the time American Hellenes became organized and mobilized in the United States."

Welcoming 13th CCSU President Toro

Central Connecticut State University welcomed President Zulma Toro at a reception held in Alumni Hall on Jan. 19th. CCSU faculty and students filled the tables set up in Alumni Hall to enjoy the opportunity to mingle with each other and meet the new president for themselves. The ceremony was open to the public, which resulted in many in the CCSU community taking the opportunity to meet Toro. Many in attendance spoke of their hopes and expectations for the incoming president.

Student Chris Morales hopes that the new president will "improve student retention and support Greek life."

The New CCSU President, Dr. Toro, has consented to fly the Greek flag at CCSU! She also supports CCSU students traveling to the sister city in Greece for Greek literature, history, and archaeology.



Pictured with Gary Robinson, Dr. Toro, former New Britain Mayors William J. McNamara and Lucian Pawlack and George Rados.

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Pawtucket Chapter 121 News

The Brothers at the AHEPA 121 Pawtucket Chapter have been working very hard to expand our Chapter's reach within the community. We are actively contributing AHEPA news within our community newsletter, talking to people about AHEPA, and encouraging them to join our Chapter as well as taking initiatives within the community to make our Chapter more visible.

Last November we celebrated our 90 year anniversary with a community breakfast with the D7 Governor Greg Simones and Hellenic Affairs chairperson, George Rados visiting. Our event was well received; we set up an AHEPA booth with our Chapter's banner and distributed AHEPA materials. Of the proceeds from our event, we have donated \$200 to the **Service Dogs for Veterans** AHEPA project, \$200 to the Pawtucket soup kitchen and \$100 to our Church for use of our Community Center for our Chapter's activities.

After many months of logistics preparations and community engagement we are excited to announce that we will continue this spring with our **Greek Classes for Adults** program. We currently have a class of about 7 attendees who have some prior knowledge of Greek. This has been a high-visibility project

for our Chapter. In the future we hope to expand and enrich our program with tailored community offerings.

We have supported and participated at the Hellenic History Tournament three times and will have a team participating this year. Our participation has generated excitement in our community and we have already started preparations.

Last year we initiated significant community email blasts to educate our community on important dates for our Hellenic heritage such as: Greeks of Pontos genocide, The Fall of Constantinople, Greek Independence Day, EOKA (National Organization of Cypriot Fighters), and many others. We have found that many community members have limited knowledge of key historical facts of Hellenic interest and any effort to spread the word goes a long way in our community.

We recently held our yearly elections for our chapter. Newly elected: President & Secretary Ioannis Apostolakis, Vice president George Demopoulos, and Treasurer Mike Karavolis.



Editor's Notes by Jack Isaac

"Greek Independence Day Thoughts"

There are moments in history when the stars seem to be perfectly aligned. Such was the case during the 45-year span from 1776 to 1821 when the American colonists, French revolutionaries, and Greeks fought against 3 powerful empires and won their freedom. It strains credulity to not see a divine hand in these David versus Goliath struggles.

My understanding of the Greek revolution had always been a purely academic one, but that changed during the visit to my wife's ancestral home of Chios in Greece. It was there that I had an epiphany regarding the revolution. I stood on the beach looking across the waters some 4 miles away to the nation of Turkey. My thoughts went back to 1821 when Chios was deciding whether to enter the revolution. They knew that the 4 miles of sea separating them from the Ottoman Empire would only ensure swift retribution. To think they could successfully revolt against one of the mightiest forces ever on the planet was unthinkable yet these farmers, sailors, merchants, and fishermen did just that. The result was a horrific devastation of the island as the Ottomans took brutal revenge.

During all the Independence Day celebrations I attended as Supreme Governor representing the order of AHEPA, my thoughts were always of the "Boys of Chios" and all the Greeks who fought to overthrow 400 years of oppression. Freedom always finds a way. Greece stands as a shining example of men and women yearning to be free.

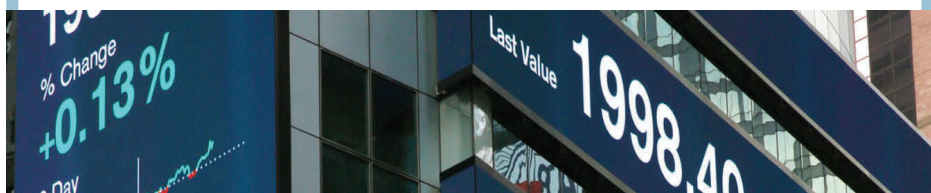


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"To lose a Brother is hard; we made a lot of good memories over the years. You know, I was hoping for a lot more."



New Haven Chapter 98 Mourns Louis (Iliias) Basel
From the Patch.com, with words from E. Hadjimichael

Louis W. Basel, 97, of Derby, formerly of Foster St., New Haven passed away March 22, 2018 in Yale New Haven Hospital.

He was the beloved husband of the late Marie Constantinedes Basel. Born in New Haven on Nov. 12, 1920, he was the son of the late William E. and Antiopi Peperidou Basel. During World War II, he served as a technical sergeant in the US Army. Louis was a faithful member of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church and New Haven Chapter 98, Order of AHEPA. He is survived by two daughters, Martha (and Jonathan) Wyatt and Claudia Basel; one brother, Edward (and Lillian) Basel; one sister, Florence Barakis; two grandchildren, Rebecca Miller (and John) and Joshua Wyatt (and Brie Lowenstein);

and a great grandchild, Elizabeth Catherine Miller. He was predeceased by a sister, Helen Faraclas.

AHEPA Brothers in the New Haven Chapter 98 bade goodbye to Louis (Iliias) Basel who passed away on March 22, 2018, at age 97. Louis was initiated into the Order of AHEPA on May 21, 1947. He was a LIFE member of the Chapter. Life members are the Chapter's royalty, and as such they are accorded special honor and respect. Louis was a lifelong member of the St. Barbara Church, and much loved by all. In the New Haven community the name "Basel" was very well known because of the restaurant, Basel's Restaurant, that he operated with his brother Eddie on State St. in New Haven, for more than 40 years, until his retirement in 1987. Basel's was synonymous with the best ethnic Greek food in the New Haven area. It was definitely the place to take friends and visitors from out of town for an evening of good Greek food and lively music. Following his retirement, members of Chapter 98 often visited with Louis and spent long hours enjoying his reminiscing about Ahepa's glory times in years past. May his memory be eternal.

Peter Vouras

Dr. Peter

Vouras Jr., 95, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Mid-State Hospital. Born in 1923 in Vamvakou, Greece, Peter emigrated to the United States in 1936. He graduated from Meriden High School in 1943,



enlisted in the army upon graduation and served in Europe during WWII. After the war, Peter enrolled at the University of Connecticut and later Tufts Dental School. He practiced dentistry in Meriden for over 40 years. Peter was president of the Meriden-Wallingford-Cheshire Dental Society, served as president of the Connecticut Society of Dentistry for Children and was a corporate member of the Meriden Boys and Girls Club. He was a Kiwanian, a Mason, a member of AHEPA, and a cribbage winning champion at the Y's Men's Club. Peter is survived by his wife, Constance "Dena" (Panagos) Vouras of Middletown: son, Peter (and Salem) Vouras of Woodbridge; daughter, Dr. Lisa Vouras of Brookline, MA and grandchildren, Tai and Arovet Vouras. He leaves behind two sisters, Lillian (and Valentine) Tella of Meriden, Harriet (and Peter) Medes of Hawaii, and sister in law Elaine Peters of Farmington as well as several nieces and nephews. May his memory live eternal.

John A. Stargu

John A. Stargu, 94, husband of the late Mary (Covras) Stargu, died on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Masonicare after a brief illness. Born in Clayton, NJ on February 29, 1924, he was the son of the late George and Despina (Moshovos) Stargu and graduated from Bloomfield High School. Mr. Stargu was employed by Danaher Ford and M&E Ford. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Air Force as Top Gun. His plane was a B-24 Bomber and was named "The Stork".

John was a long-time, active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Britain, CT. He was also a devoted member of the choir there, and was a past President and active member of the Meriden Chapter of AHEPA.

He is survived by his daughter, Despina (and

Robert) Simon; two sons, Taki (and Diane) Stargu and Nick Stargu; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three nieces and four nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Mary Apossos; a sister-in-law, Irene Katechis and a brother-in-law, George Katechis. May his memory live eternal.



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The struggle for Liberty Transcends Time and Place...

by E. Hadjimichael

This year is the 197th anniversary of the Greek war for independence from a centuries-old Ottoman subjugation. The year 1821 may be long past, but, for the Greeks, it is never forgotten. For all of us steeped in American History, but wishing to comprehend the magnitude and significance of the Greek war for independence of 1821, a good place to start is the American Revolution in the year 1776. In the first paragraph of The Declaration of Independence the cause for the uprising of the American colonies is explained concisely and powerfully, and in words that are enshrined in our mind and our consciousness:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

This Declaration, on July 4, 1776, legitimized the war between the first thirteen American colonies and Great Britain, which had already started on April 19, 1775. The scenario of the uprising of the American Colonies to gain Liberty and establish self-governance, was replayed in Greece, five thousand miles away and 45 year later, in 1821 and 1822. The struggle for Liberty transcends time and place. Reflecting the American Declaration of Independence is the Declaration of Independence of the Greek Nation, adopted on January 1, 1822, at the first National Congress of the Hellenes. The opening passage reads as follows:

In the name of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, the Hellenic Nation, having lived – for 400 years - under the horrific Ottoman dynasty, and in opposition to the heavy and unparallel burden of tyranny, frees itself from it with great sacrifices, declares today legally at this National Congress, and in the presence of God and man, its political identity and independence.

The Declaration in Epidavros gave official standing and legitimized the war of the Greeks against the Turks that had actually started almost a year earlier, on March 25, 1821. On that day which is also the holy day of the Annunciation, Metropolitan Germanos, raised the banner with the cross, in the Monastery of Agia Lavra in Peloponnissos, and blessed the cause of the revolution, blessed the assembled Greek fighters, and sent them off to battle the Turks, the equivalent of the Massachusetts militia in Concord, and took effective control of the countryside.

The two declarations of independence, separated in time by 45 years, share a common theme and embrace a common belief, that a revolution against an occupying force that tramples on the rights of nations, is both just and inevitable. While the American Declaration was not a trigger for the Greek revolution, it nevertheless served as an inspiration for the enslaved Greeks. Adamantios Koraes, a Greek intellectual and evangelist of the Greek revolution, met Thomas Jefferson in 1785 in Paris. Their friendship continued through the years. Through Koraes and others, the high principles of the American war for Independence became known to the Greeks fighting for their freedom.

As the 4th of July is to the U.S., so is the 25th of March to modern Greece. These dates are, respectively, the birthdays of the two nations. I close by recalling a brief verse from a poem by Rigas Feraios, an evangelist for Greek independence; he sacrificed his life in the war of the Hellenes of 1821: “Better an hour of free life, than forty years of slavery and prison” Καλύτερα μιας ωρας ελεφθερη ζωη παρα σαραντα χρονια σκλαβια και φυλακη.

May Greece remain free and strong, for all time.



**Salute to a Veteran—
John G. Grossomanides**

John G. Grossomanides, Lt. Colonel Retired U.S. Army was born in Westerly, RI and graduated Westerly High School in June 1945. With World War II going on, he was drafted in December 1945 and entered the U.S. Army as a private. After one year of service in the Army, he was discharged from the military due to downsizing.

Entering the University of Rhode Island as an accounting major in the fall of 1947, he decided to join ROTC (Reserve Officer’s Training Corps). Upon graduating in 1951, he received his ROTC commission as a 2nd

Lieutenant. At that time, with the Korean War in full conflict, John once again entered the United States Army to serve his country. In July of 1951, he began his training at Quarter Master School in Fort Lee, Virginia and, upon completion, was stationed in Livorno, Italy.

USAG Livorno is located on Camp Darby, a 10-minute drive south of Pisa. Camp Darby's primary mission during the war was to logistically support combat deployments. This included war reserve storage and maintenance, including the maintenance of weapons, vehicles, and their movement for rapid reaction and crises response operations spanning the globe. He was stationed at the Quartermaster Depot for a 1½ years and was responsible for handling supplies and transport for all of Southern Europe. In 1953 with the war coming to an end, he completed his tour of duty and stayed in the US Army Reserves. While still in the Reserves, he was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1957, then to Major in 1964, and lastly to Lt. Colonel in 1970.

During his reservist active duty service, John was stationed at Fort Lee, VA, Fort Devens, MA, and Fort Leavenworth, KS. As part of his Reserve work, he was honored to be appointed the US Army Liaison Officer for the State of Rhode Island to the United States Military Academy at West Point until his retirement 1981. As the West Point Liaison, he was responsible for going to the High Schools in Rhode Island to assist in recruiting cadets and educating high school seniors who might be interested in going to the US Military Academy.



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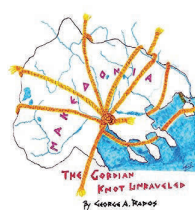


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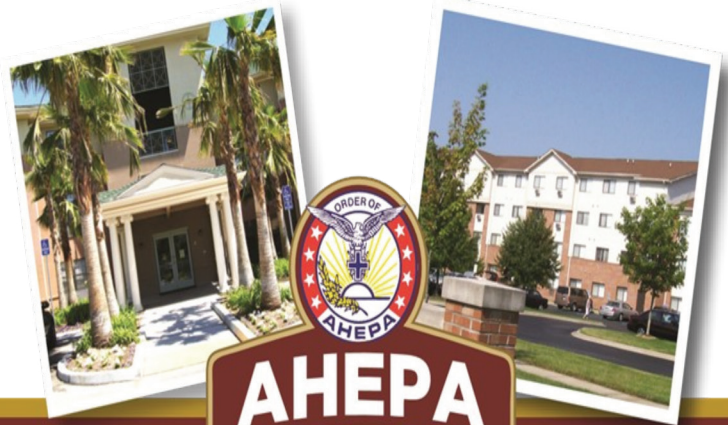
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Daughters of Penelope, Priam Chapter 76, Meriden, CT Submitted by Margaret Curtis

- 2018 is in full swing with great attendance at our monthly meetings.
- On Sunday, April 29, our chapter is sponsoring a luncheon "A Taste of Greece" at 12 noon at the St. George Hellenic Center at 301 West Main Street in New Britain, CT. Our sisters are working diligently making Greek foods and desserts. The event is open to all, \$12/plate.
- On May 5 the District Conference is taking place in New Britain. Our chapter is looking forward to attending and working with Eretria Chapter of New Britain.
- St. George Church in New Britain is having their Dionysos Festival in May. The sisters and their families will be working at the festival. Come have a good time on May 18, 19 and 20!
- Welcome back to brother Gregory Ladas and sisters Helen Ladas, Mary Petrus, and Maria Theodoratos from Florida. We're wishing sister Maria Misenti and brother Michael T. Michael a great trip to Cyprus and we're glad to see Androula Varvatsis recovering nicely.

Norwich AHEPA Chapter - Well Deserved Pride

Atty. Dean Trantalis was elected Mayor of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida last month. Dean, a Norwich native and a member of Norwich Chapter 110 for the past 30 years, still maintains a home in Norwich. We wish him all the best!



Dr. John Grossomanides, on right, shown accepting the **2018 A. Richard Bliss Grand Council Citation of Appreciation Award** in Nashville, Tenn. on March 17th. Brother John Grossomanides currently serves as Director of Pharmacy for Pequot Health Care. He is a long-time member of Norwich Chapter 110. Congratulations, John!

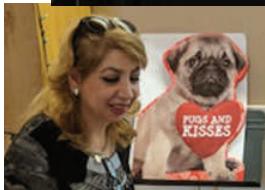
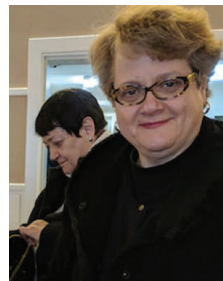


Daughters of Penelope, Thoas Chapter 198 – Hartford, CT Submitted by Adele Antoniou

We are a smaller chapter – but we have Spirit – especially with our current "spirited" president Elisa Marotta who had the idea to sponsor a Valentine Theme Sale table to benefit **Limbitless Solutions** providing prosthetics to youngsters – and AHEPA **Service Dogs for Warriors**. We thank our St. George Cathedral community for supporting this effort.

Valentine's Day was also busy and special for some of our members who sponsored a visit by a barbershop quartet to sister Cathy Christy, a resident of Hughes Health and Rehab. in West Hartford. She was beautifully serenaded, gifted chocolates, a rose and a beautiful card. It was a lovely afternoon – filled with lively conversation and friendship.

Our Fall and Spring fundraising project is a clothing and household items drive - proceeds which will benefit our chapter. A Wine and Beer Fest is also being planned for the future.



New Britain AHEPA Assists Disabled Youth

Submitted by Andy Aros



Athanasios Kardamimes was born in Cyprus 11 years ago. Unfortunately, his lower legs were misshapen, resulting in the amputation of both of his legs. As a small child he was brought to Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, Massachusetts to be fitted for prosthetic legs. These legs allow the youngster to be mobile. However, because he is a growing child, he must refitted for new prosthetic legs yearly. He and his family travel from Cyprus to the Shriners Hospital for the procedure. The Shriners and the government of Cyprus pay the medical costs as well as tickets to and from America. However, the remaining financial costs must be borne by the family. This creates a financial hardship. To assist the family, New Britain Chapter #117 annually donates \$500 to defray the expenses incurred by the family.



Tina Smith, Bessie Kacoyannakis, Marie Kiementon Adele Antoniou, Elaine Melonopoulos, Elisa Marotta, & Counte Lake visit Cathy Christy; Gus Christy with 2 of the Barbershop Quartet; Elisa Morotta; Ann Zerbini Ward with a teddy bear.

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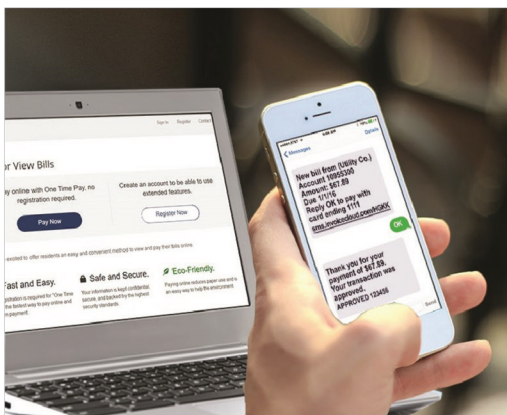
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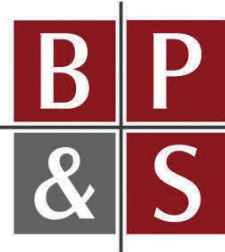
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- 05/05/2018 **D7 Convention**, New Britain, CT
Strategic Planning Panel Discussion
- 05/11/2018 District Athletic Event: **UCONN Baseball Game**
Dunkin Donuts Park, Hartford, CT; 7 PM
- 05/14/2018 **AHEPA Magazine Deadline**
- 05/16/2018 **Capitol Hill Day**
- 05/20/2018 **AHEPA Sunday**
- 05/23/2018 New London **Winthrop 250 Housing Foundation Awards**,
Niantic, CT
- 06/10/2018 **Elpis 117 Annual Picnic**, New Britain, CT
- 06/24/2018 **District Scholarship Event**, New Britain, CT
Niko Koutouvides, Retired NFL player is Keynote Speaker
- 06/30/2018 **Hellenic History Tournament Deadline**
- 07/22-28/2018 **National Convention**, Atlantic City, NJ
- 08/01/2018 **Yankee News Deadline** - September issue
- 10/27/2018 Chapter 98, New Haven - **Ellis Island Excursion**
- October **Fall Workshop Conference** (Date TBD)
- 11/03/2018 **Hellenic History Tournament**
St. Barbara's Church, Orange, CT
- 11/09/2018 **Yankee News Deadline** - Christmas issue

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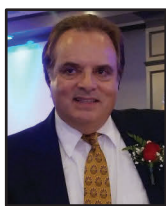
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