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THE YANKEE NEWS
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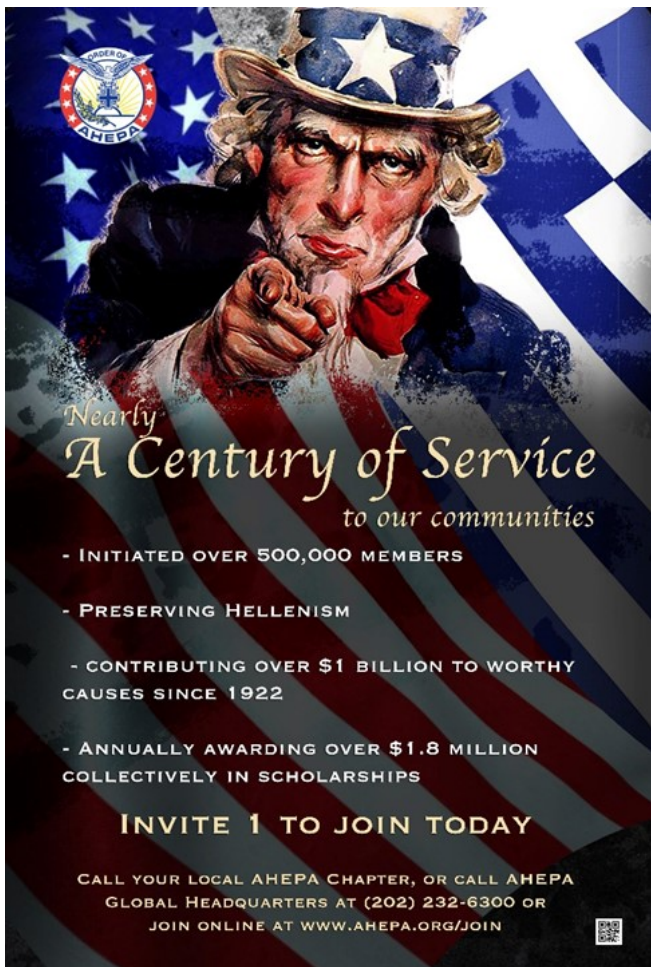
TO THE
MAIDS OF ATHENA &
SONS OF PERICLES, TOO!

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Membership! By Basil Mossaidis

Brothers, we need to focus our energies on our 2018 Membership initiative – INVITE 1!

All of us have individuals in our family, or neighborhood who can become a member of our great fraternity. Here you can see the 2018 Membership Poster available and ready for you to go and print out at a Kinkos, Walmart, Office Depot, or any large print shop. Please use this tool to send it out in your emails or hang it up in the church hall, AHEPA meeting room, or any other public place to drum up interest. Supreme President Loucas, in conjunction with our Supreme Vice President Jimmy Kokotas, have asked every Supreme Lodge officer to contact the local chapters and District to organize initiations which can be for a chapter, or several chapters in a region. Make it an event for all to join. Announce in any possible gathering that your region, District, or chapter is hosting a mass initiation. On the calendar is the Cherry Hill Mass initiation for the entire Delaware Valley area (Southeastern PA, and Southern NJ) November 14, make arrangements to host one in the month of November and let us know!

The months of November and December have been designated as initiation months, in preparation for the yearly membership deadline of December 31. The Supreme President has announced a membership contest for the largest single increase in number and percentage. The contest will be in two parts, the first part will look at December 31 year-end total. Any District with the largest increase in final membership

total for the year in sheer number or percentage will win. To put it plainly, a District total increase in membership, you win! If any District with the largest percentage increase wins! We will also do the same for our chapters. Any chapter overall increase wins and any chapter with the highest percentage increase wins.

The Prizes:

District First Place winner, total membership increase (overall increase): 1 full page showcase in the AHEPA magazine.

District First Place winner, total percentage increase: 1 full page showcase in the AHEPA Magazine

Chapter First Place winner, total membership increase (overall increase): ½ page showcase in the AHEPA Magazine

Chapter First place winner, total percentage increase: ½ page showcase in AHEPA Magazine

The poster above can be modified if you want to add something for your District, just make a request and we can make it for you.

Remember DECEMBER 31 is our membership deadline, GET THE DUES IN! All of us are available to assist you from HQ.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
AHEPA DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR**



Dear Brothers,

We started the AHEPA D7 year by making extreme efforts to collect dues for FY-2018. I want to thank the team of Jack Isaac, SG4, and Greg Simones PDG for helping me with this effort. The Order of AHEPA must have the necessary funding that comes from the chapters early on in the year to have necessary operating funds. I thank all the chapters that have made those efforts and bringing the program to fruition.

A special thank you goes to Waterbury 48 for hosting the Fall Conference with the

excellent space and food provided under the guidance of the Great Chef Brother Paul Velezis. Another thank you goes to our presenters Alex Boutsoulis for a power point about the Duties/Responsibilities of Chapter Officers. Lastly the second part of the work shop was presented by Greg Simones, PDG, on the operation of the new electronic membership program. If you didn't attend, you lost a great opportunity to learn for the future paperless program that will begin soon. I also want to thank Sister Marianne Boutsoulis for the great cooperation with me and our Lodges for the conference.

AHEPA SERVICE DOGS – the AHEPA & DOP Lodges have initiated a goal of \$15000 to fund a service dog for a returning military veteran. Chairpersons Greg Simones and Donna Rados are developing a program to raise this money. More information will be forthcoming: we will ask chapters to become involved. This is our first program to be announced. To date we have raised a little over \$2000.00. We ask all chapters to be involved and make donations to the District Lodge towards this effort. As the holidays are upon us, on behalf of the AHEPA D7 Lodge I wish all our members and their families a joyous and healthy holidays.

Fraternally,
John P. Melonopoulos
Governor, District 7

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DISTRICT 7 GOVERNOR**



Dear Sisters,

It has certainly been a busy fall! As I've said before my favorite part of being District Governor is meeting with all the wonderful sisters in our District, and throughout the Daughters of Penelope community.

My travels have taken me many places, to Washington, DC for the District Governor's Conference where I met with other District Governors and Members of the National Lodge for a motivational workshop. The following week I was off to Worcester, Massachusetts with our District Treasurer

Elisa Marotta to attend a NERC Meeting where the decision to have our next convention was made. It will be held at the Hyannis Convention Center on May 3, 4, and 5 of 2019. (Save the date!)

Cindy Waldron, President of the Bridgeport Chapter and all the sisters made Elisa Marotta and I feel at home when we attended their first meeting of the year. The support that the Bridgeport Chapter gives to the homeless community with their UNDER THE BRIDGE project is an inspiration. Please contact me to arrange a visit with your chapter.

Our Fall Conference was held on October, 13th in Waterbury. Although not many Sisters could attend, those who did had a great time getting to know each other and sharing information about their chapters. I'm looking forward to attending the Leadership Conference presented by the Grand Lodge, and being hosted by the Norwich Chapter.

With the holidays approaching, I wish each of you and your entire family a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.



With warm regards
In Theta Pi,
Marianne Boutsoulis
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Editor's Notes by Jack Isaac

It was at the last National Convention in Atlantic City when the Supreme President George E. Loucas first presented his new membership program called "INVITE +1". His proposal was elegant in its simplicity while powerful in its possibilities.

"INVITE +1" asks every Ahepan to invite a friend, colleague, relative...to become part of our fraternal order. We should all be proud to be Ahepans and we should want to give others the experience. AHEPA should be an easy sell, for no organization accomplishes what we do. From scholarships to senior housing, from athletic programs to assisting in areas all over the world, AHEPA is there.

Recently when the Supreme President was in Greece to ascertain damages left by the fires and to determine how AHEPA could best help, he was stopped by an elderly woman who said, "We like to see AHEPA. They never ask for anything; they just help." What a great legacy for any organization.

Members of the AHEPA family never lose sight of our mission. "Keep the Faith."



Letters to The Editor - Points to Ponder by G. A. Rados

As a historian, as an AHEPA member since 1980 (honored thrice as Ahepan of the Year and five times as Hellene of the Year), as PCS, PCP, PDS, treasurer and governor, as D7 Hellenic Affairs chair, I feel I have the duty to present my fellow Ahepans the following points to ponder. Let us examine the acronym of the organization as what it stands for and view, in my opinion and experience, its accomplishments or failures:

American: There has been complete assimilation!

Education: Almost absolute success, with the help of millions of dollars invested on the children of AHEPA members as individuals, coming second only to the Jewish (who come in first, both individually and ethnically).

Progressive: Sorry to say, in my observation all these years, there has been no progress since the mentality of the 30s, 40s and 50s has not allowed for the integration of the youth. Persistence on keeping key positions by the seniors, with outdated ways of functioning alienated and isolated the youth within the limits of overextended years in the Sons of Pericles.

Hellenic: As appearances and facts prove by the photos taken next to senators and an occasional U.S. President, the "wining and dining" with personalities abroad (even if they don't really serve the common interest) are only proving one thing – showing off! Leadership that doesn't truly promote the interests of both Hellenism and true Americanism is useless. All right, I know that the AHEPA is not a political entity. If that's so, why the dinners? Why the need for a Hellenic caucus? Why the push for Cyprus? Why are other issues like the Epirotan, Macedonian, Aegean never brought up unless under extreme pressure? Shouldn't every Greek-American issue receive the same treatment? For example, when the two big demonstrations took place in Thessaloniki and Athens with over 2.5 million participants on the Macedonian issue, U.S. Ahepans visiting Greece at that time were silent, as opposed to the Greek chapters that were present. Also, at last September's opening of the International Fair in Thessaloniki, Ahepans from the U.S. were "wining and dining" with Tsipras inside the U.S. pavilion while the government was dousing with chemicals men, women and children who were protesting the sale of their country's history and identity. There was also complete silence on the assassination of an Epirote hero by Albanians. Some would insist that Ahepans shouldn't say anything negative about other Ahepans. I do not

believe we should keep silent when actions are below the Ahepan ideals of Law and Integrity!

Association: To whom? For what? Unfortunately, stagnation, servility, indifference, or lack of vision along with glorification of individuals do not serve or associate with the true interests of our American and Greek (Hellenic) issues and relations. I believe this is the time to ponder, brothers and sisters. This is the time for an awakening, if we truly love this Association. If we truly love America and Greece.

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE THOSE OF THE WRITER AND NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE YANKEE NEWS STAFF. WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS.

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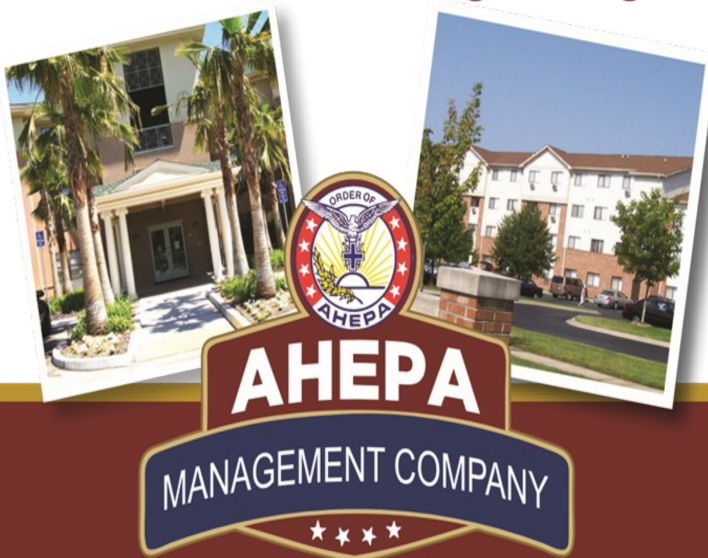
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Who have been called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28*

Sad News - PSG Alexander Booras Passes Away

AHEPA mourns the passing of Past Supreme Governor Alexander Charles Booras, Shreveport, La., on October 21, 2018. He was 95. Brother Booras, a 73-year Life Member of Chapter 8, Shreveport, was Supreme Governor in 1973. Interwoven with his church life was his philanthropic work through the AHEPA. He was a charter member of Sons of Pericles William Helis Chapter #151 of Shreveport in 1937. Initiated in AHEPA Chapter #8 in 1946, Alex served 4 terms as Chapter President (1948, 1960, 1961, and 1974), was co-chairman of three District #16 Conventions in Shreveport, and honored as District #16 AHEPAN of the Year 1961. His major leadership contributions through his local Chapter #8 were numerous, including convention book ad solicitor, membership recruiter for thirty-five years, life-long AHEPA dues collector, and perpetual raffle ticket salesman. In 1963, he was elected District #16 Governor, and served as Treasurer of the Past District #16 Governor's Club for 35 years. Alex was elected to the National Supreme Lodge in 1973 as a Supreme Governor, and he was on the Executive Committee for the AHEPA Supreme Convention in 1987. During the last several years of his life while living in Dallas, TX with his daughters, Alex continued his love and support of AHEPA by attending the Dallas Chapter #20 meetings and activities. It was a joyful and emotional occasion at the New Orleans National Convention in July 2014 when the organization honored Alex with the AHEPA Lifetime Achievement Award. The brotherhood declared him AXIOS! (Worthy!)



Michael Andrew Haveles

73, of Cranston, passed away September 20, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen (Cichowski) Haveles for the past 38 years. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Andrew and Georgia (Dounatos) Haveles. Mr. Haveles was an Insurance Agent for many years with SBLI until his retirement. He also was a US Navy veteran.

Besides his wife he is survived by his children Elizabeth Markopoulos and her husband Nicholas of MA and Andrew Haveles of MA, his cherished grandson Konstantinos, He was the brother of John Haveles of CA, Paul Haveles of VA. and the late Elizabeth Marses and Teddy Haveles. Michael was a proud member of the Sophocles Chapter 106 of the AHEPA in Providence, RI.



Mary Lemnotis

98 of New Britain, CT died peacefully on October 5, 2018 with her family by her side. Born in Unionville, CT, she married the love of her life, Andrew Lemnotis II. Together they built a loving family of three children, Andrea Lemnotis, Irene Sklavouris of New Britain and Peter A. Lemnotis of Plantsville. Affectionally

known as "Yiayia", Mary was a kind, caring, classy, loving woman who put her family and church above everything else. Mary was a very active member of St George Church in New Britain where she sang with the choir since the age of 13. She was a 70 year member of the Daughters of Penelope and her daughters followed her footsteps into the organization. Additionally she was a long time member of the Kitchen Club and the Golden Rascals Senior Club. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the entire St George community.

Helen K. Millaras


Born on December 18, 1918 the daughter of Frances Mroczek and Ignatius Krawiec, she grew up in a close-knit community in Hartford, CT. Helen was a graduate of Ss. Cyril and Methodius School and a graduate of St. Frances School of Nursing. Being the strong and courageous woman that she was she responded to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's declaration of war in 1942. After receiving commission of Ensign Navy Nurse Corps Helen reported to duty at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Brooklyn, NY where she was soon assigned to be Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.'s personal nurse. Helen's next tours of duty led her to New York, California, and to the South Pacific where she was stationed on Banika in the Russell Islands, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, and Noumea New Caledonia. The time she spent here imprinted many special memories on Helen's heart. She returned to the states and was assigned to St. Alban's Naval Hospital in NY where she met her future husband Lieutenant Peter T. Millaras. She exited the Navy as a medaled Lt. Commander. Upon returning to civilian life Helen married Peter and they were married for 58 years. She worked as a nurse while they raised their family in Quaker Hill, CT. Upon retirement, she volunteered at Uncas on Thames Hospital. Helen was President of the Private Duty Nurse Association and of local and state chapters of the Polish Junior League. She was a member of the WWII Women's Memorial, Enosis Society, Daughters of Penelope Dione Chapter, and St. Sophia Seniors. She was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. She also served on The Board of Directors of AHEPA Housing. Helen was an exuberant, life loving woman who was happiest when spending time with family and friends. She loved to laugh and was always called upon by her friends to tell a good joke, which she did without fail. Helen is survived by her son T. Peter Millaras, daughter Andrea Millaras Deedy and granddaughter Taylor Deedy. Helen was pre-deceased by her beloved husband Peter T. Millaras.



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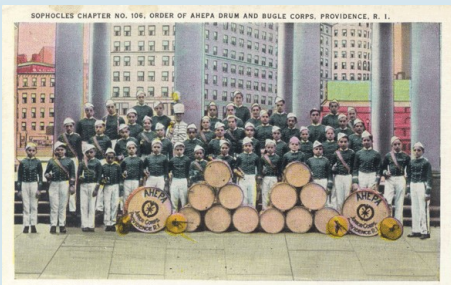
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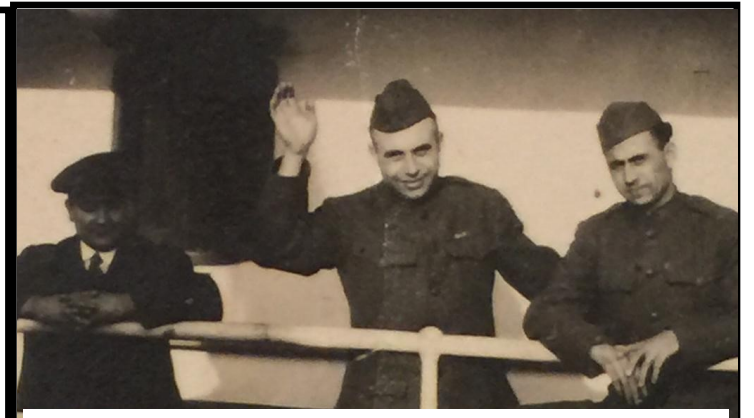
Salute to Veteran – Angelos Maintanis

Brother Angelos Maintanis was born April 2nd, 1923 in Grafton Massachusetts. He grew up and was educated in Greater Worcester Massachusetts. Graduating as a certified machinist from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he then lived with his sister in Hartford CT and was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft.

Angelos enlisted in the US Marine Corps and was inducted at Springfield MA on December 4, 1942. He did basic training at Camp Lejeune. After completion of basic he was trained as a Mechanized Artillery Specialist. During WWII his service was in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre having fought in the Cape Gloucester area including Okinawa from December 26, 1943 thru March 1, 1944. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal on November 23rd, 1945.

In 1948, Brother Angelos met his future wife Despina “Pat” Dounetos in Providence at her family restaurant – The Paris. They married on September 25, 1949. Brother Angelos along with his wife Pat founded May Engineering as a service company for commercial dishwashers, disposers and parts operating out of their home location. In 1970 May Engineering was incorporated. During the early to mid 70’s they were then joined by their children John, Jim, Joe and Marie. The Company continued to grow and expand into a full service restaurant equipment, service and supplies business known today as May Foodservice Equipment & Design. Brother Angelos was involved in all aspects of the Company until retirement in the early 80’s.

Brother Angelos was a life long member of the Order of AHEPA, Sophocles Chapter 106 of Providence RI. Brother Angelos passed away on November 18th, 2015 and his burial took place on November 23rd, 70 years to the day from his discharge from the Marines. Semper Fi.



Private Apostolos "Paul" Alexander returning from France in 1919.

Sunday November 18th the **Norwich AHEPA** and Holy Trinity Church participated in the City-Wide program commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the End of WWI. that event. The program was sponsored by the Mayor, the Norwich Historical Society and all the Veterans Groups in Norwich. The Norwich AHEPA purchased a full page ad in remembrance of the 27 Greek-Americans from the Norwich Community who were in WW I, in 1918. This was in the Norwich Bulletin Nov. 11th. *Credit: Tony Petros*



October 20th, 2018:

The celebration at Giannitsa for the liberation of our sister city by the Greek army in 1912. Wreaths were placed by arrangement of Bro. G. A. Rados on behalf of the New Britain AHEPA, the Sister Cities Committee, and Pan-Macedonian chapter “Ptolemeos”. *Credit: G. Rados*

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Season's Greetings

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT LODGE

At time of publication, the District Lodge has made over 20 visitations and held 4 District Lodge meetings. Supreme Governor Nick Zannetos has been making visitations along with the Lodge. Jeff Louis, District Marshal has notified the lodge that the Trio Bel Canto and George Stralis have been hired for the District Ball. Bro. Ernie Kapulos and Mike Stamos met with Dr. Martha Kofas, Supreme Athletic Director in Sturbridge to make final plans for the Golf Tournament to be held in Hartford. Bro. Art Poly is chairman. Bro. Maniatis named Manny Savakis of New Haven Business Manager of the Yankee News. Steve Gianacopolos is determined to have a Sons District Lodge by the end of the year. George Faraclos is coordinating the District initiation. John Vlandis has been given the job of membership and liaison officer between the Lodge and Scholarship Fund. District Lodge is planning a 50th Anniversary Banquet honoring the Chapter members on September 25, 1972 at the Hilton in Hartford.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1971
DECEMBER
15 – Norwich Ahepa Family Xmas Dinner Party – Maple Shade Restaurant
19 – Hartford Ahepa Family Xmas Dinner Party – Triple A Restaurant
19 – New Haven Ahepa Family Xmas Dinner Dance – Rapp's Grassy Hill Lodge

1972
FEBRUARY
13 – District Leadership Seminar – New Britain
27 – District Wide Initiation – New Haven

MARCH
1 – Yankee News Assessments Due
5 – New England Bowling Tournament – Marlboro, Mass.
11 – Norwich Ahepa Dance – St. Bernard Boys' High School – Trio Bel Canto
13 – Congressional Banquet – Washington, D. C.
26 – District Bowling Tournament – Meriden, Connecticut

APRIL
1 – Deadline for Ahepa of the Year Award
15 – Past District Governors Ball – Middletown, Connecticut

MAY
20 – District Golf Tournament
20 – Zone 1 Golf Tournament

JUNE
2, 3, and 4 – District Convention – Norwich, Connecticut

SEPTEMBER
1 – District Banquet Honoring All Charter Members – Hartford

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Did You Know?

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Stamford's Atty. John Louizos Honored as an Archon

by Greg Simones

New York City, NY, October 28, 2018: Attorney John Louizos, member of Stamford Ch. 99, was honored as an Archon of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle along with our Supreme President, George Loucas. Each year, the Archon Offikion is conferred upon a select group by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, as represented by his Exarch, Archbishop Demetrios of America. John was one of 27 new Archons invested at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. Axios Brother John!



John J. Louizos, second from right; George Loucas, third from right

AHEPA Receives Major Gift from

E. John & Cleo Rumpakis

WASHINGTON, DC – AHEPA is elated to be the recipient of a \$100,000 gift from E. John and Cleo Rumpakis of Portland, Oregon. The donation, made in October 2018, officially launches AHEPA's "Century Capital Campaign" - a development campaign to raise \$6 million by the organization's 100th anniversary in 2022. For their generous donation, the lobby of AHEPA's Global Headquarters will be dedicated and named in honor of E. John and Cleo Rumpakis.



E. John & Cleo Rumpakis

E. John is a Past Supreme Governor and a Past President of Mount Hood Chapter 154, Portland. He also has served on AHEPA's Cyprus & Hellenic Affairs Committee. In March 2010, he received the Supreme President's "Award for Excellence in the Preservation and Promotion of Hellenism". He has been a benefactor of Hellenic Classics for: Portland State University, University of Washington, University of Portland, Reed College, and most recently, Willamette University. He served for a decade Oregon's Heritage Commission, and is a Realtor Emeritus, a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, a member of the American Hellenic Institute and a member of Leadership 100. Cleo, a member of Daughters of Penelope Troy Chapter 32, is a DOP Past District 22 Governor and DOP Past Grand Governor. She recently authored *Hellenic Tour USA*, a guide book of the Greek American experience covering all 50 states beginning in the year of 1528.

"We are deeply grateful to E. John and Cleo Rumpakis for their unselfish gift to our capital campaign," Supreme President Loucas said. "The Rumpakis have been extraordinary leaders of the American Hellenic community and continue to set an outstanding example for all to emulate. Thanks to their kindness, we are confident our ambitious capital campaign will be a success."

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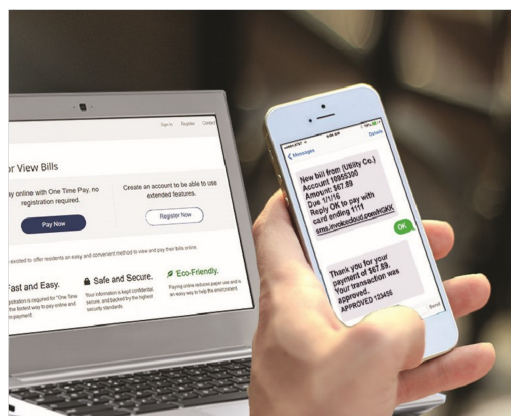
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AHEPA FAMILY DISTRICT #7 FALL CONFERENCE

by Andrew Aros

PDG Alex Boutsoulis, Secretary of Waterbury Chapter # 48 and Daughters of Penelope President Sofia Swabgy welcomed the Brothers and Sisters to the **2018 Fall Conference** held at Holy Trinity Community Center in Waterbury. Excluding the members of both District Lodges, there were 6 brothers and 5 sisters present.



AHEPA and DOP, Seated (L to R): Greg Simones, PDG, D7 Advisor; Demetrius Tasoulas, D7 Lt. Gov.; Jack Isaac, R4 Supreme Governor; John Melonopoulos, D7 Governor; Marianne Boutsoulis, D7 Governor; Donna Rados, PDG, D7 Lt. Gov.; Stamo Dimitratos, D7 Marshall; Karen Isaac, PDG, D7 Advisor; **Standing (L to R):** Andy Aros, D7 Secretary; Alex Boutsoulis, PDG; Vagos Hadjimichael, President Ch. 98; George Bouzakis, Treasurer Ch. 58; Nick Yanouzas, President Ch. 58; Emanuel Bonatsakis, VP Ch. 58; Tony Vallombroso, President Ch. 250; Helene Moran, PDG, President Hartford; Cindy Waldron, President Bridgeport; Tina Smith, Hartford; Cassandra Rinaldi, Waterbury; Elena Argintaru, Hartford; Adelle Antoniou, Vice President Hartford; Not Pictured: Greg Stamos, PSC, New Haven; Paul Velezis, President Ch. 48. *Photo by Greg Simones*

Joint AHEPA – DOP Meeting

- ◆ Supreme Governor Region # 4 and Editor of the *Yankee News* Jack Isaac reported that for the fourth consecutive year, *Yankee News* was named the outstanding AHEPA publication. It was also announced Adele Antoniou has been added to the staff as Daughters of Penelope liaison. Editor Isaac explained many chapters fail to inform the *Yankee News* of their activities, therefore the chapters good works go unrecognized by the rest of the district.
- ◆ Waterbury President Paul Velezis recommended the district have an innovative fund raiser. The money will be needed to support the payment for training of a Service Dog. The dogs are trained to assist veterans adjust to life away from the military. Some veterans have physical issues, others have mental problems, while some have both. The cost to raise and train the dog is \$ 15,000.
- ◆ New England Regional Convention for Districts 7,8, and 9 will be held at the Resort & Conference Center in Hyannis, Massachusetts on May 3,4, and 5 2018. More detailed information will be forthcoming. Each chapter is to purchase a \$ 100.00 ad for the convention album.

AHEPA Business Session

- ◆ District Governor John Melonopoulos stated 18 students earned District Scholarships
- ◆ last year. The District Scholarships are awarded under guideposts of 501(c) 3. The scholarships earned are sent directly to the university or college. District Legal Counsel Greg Stamos will review the issue to determine if the awarded scholarship money can be given to the student.
- ◆ District Governor Melonopoulos explained that the District had no place to store its records, pictures, or other information. The District Lodge is searching for a permanent place for these items.
- ◆ Supreme Governor Isaac reported over \$ 100,000 raised to help the people of Greece recover from the recent fires. **AHEPA Supreme President George Lucas** went on a fact-finding mission to Greece. The Supreme Lodge will decide which of the following will be funded:
 - 1/burn unit for local hospital, none currently exists in the area,
 - 2/ early warning system for natural diasters,
 - 3/rebuild an athletic center for the region.

Chapter Officer’s Power Point Presentation

PDG Alex Boutsoulis presented a very informative and complete explanation of the qualifications and duties of the elected chapter officers. These include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Governors. An explanation of these responsibilities and duties can be found in the distributed Fall Conference minutes.

New Membership/Billing System

PDG Greg Simones introduced the members to the new Membership and Billing System that was developed by National Headquarters. Each chapter received a flash drive, it included all the necessary information. If a chapter does not have a flash drive, please contact PDG Simones. His email is: pdgahepa7@gmail.com.

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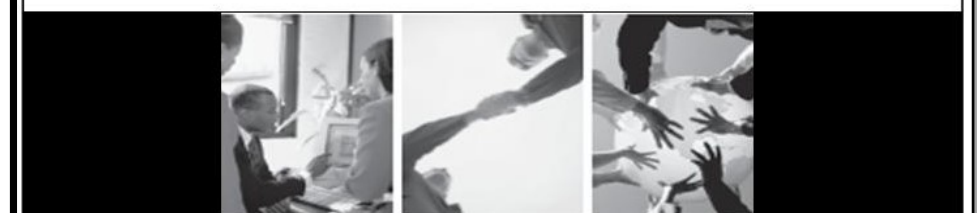
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The Hellenic History Tournament

by E. Vagos Hadjimichael, President, Chapter 98

Ahepa Chapter 98 of New Haven once again hosted the annual Hellenic History Tournament (HHT), on November 3, 2018, in the facilities of iSt. Barbara Church, in Orange, CT. This year's tournament is the 10th since its inception by brother Nick Nikas who remains the driving force behind this remarkable event.

Some people view History as a collection of disparate events, each with a limited time horizon. Others see History for what it really is, a seamless flow of happenings that carries us to the present.

Eleven teams participated in this year's tournament, from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey. The event was attended by the Supreme Governor of Region 4, Jack Isaac, past District 7 Governors Greg Simones, Alex Boutsoulis and George Scarveles, as well as the tournaments' mastermind Nick Nikas. Close to eighty persons, family members and friends of the contestants attended the proceedings. Father Peter Orfanakos, the priest at St. Barbara, offered the invocation to start the tournament.

The fifth and final round of the contest between the Aristotelians and the Olympians was particularly intense, with the attention of the audience riveted on the back-and-forth responses from the two teams. At the end of the final round, the Olympians took first Honors and a check of \$1,000 each, and the Aristotelians, in second place, received a check of \$500 each. Both teams are invited to compete at the *AHEPA Hellenic History National Tournament at the Supreme Convention in Chicago*, in July 2019.

HHT is slowly but surely attracting the attention of Ahepans at the national level. The tournament has already been staged in the Philadelphia and Chicago areas, and is enthusiastically adopted by the AHEPA as a most valuable educational experience for young Hellenes. This development is a testament to the vision of the HHT originator Brother Nick Nikas. We owe Brother Nikas a debt of gratitude.

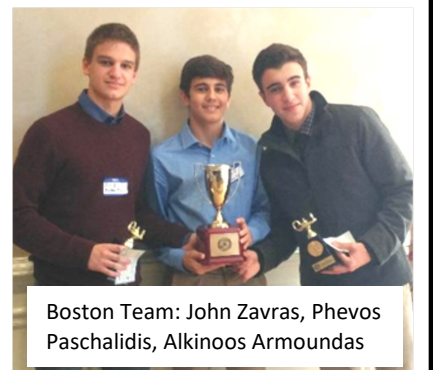
In closing, the work of more than twenty volunteers, many from Chapter 98, should be acknowledged with gratitude. They dealt successfully with all the logistics for the tournament, setting up the facilities and electronics, providing lunch, and serving as moderators and score keepers during the contest.

In 2019, the D7 HHT will be held on Saturday, November 16, at St. Barbara Church. It is not too early for all Chapters to prepare for their participation in the 2019 HHT; begin by identifying students who might become members of the HHT team sponsored by each Chapter, and provide them with a plan and the means for their preparation. Students will need a copy of the book *Hellenika, Heritage and History*, by T. Peter Limber. D7 Chapters can procure copies by contacting brother Nikas at niketes@yahoo.com. Participating in the HHT is a unique opportunity for Hellenic youth that should not to be missed. *Photography Credit: Greg Simones*



Group photo of all of our amazing Hellenic History Tournament Competitors.

Chapter 24, Boston, MA	Olympians: Captain John Zavras, Alkinoos Armoundas, Phevos Pachalidis
Chapter 54, Paramus, NJ	Feta: Captain Yanni Leakas, Stelios Sofos Disilvio, Fanourios Tsatalios
Chapter 54, Paramus, NJ	Kasseri: Captain Evangelos Zanakis, Christina Salemme, Vasilius Zanakis
Chapter 54, Paramus, NJ	Manouri: Captain Markianna Lekkas, Thodoris Costa, George Tsatalios
Chapter 58, Hartford, CT	Dikaiopolis: Captain Hailey Espinosa, Michael Karabetos, Julia Walsh
Chapter 90, Danbury, CT	Nighthawks: Captain Stephen Vournazos, Justin DeThomas, Constantine Kyprianou
Chapter 98, New Haven, CT	Aristotelians: Captain Andreas Lolis, Luke Berner, Giovanni Panagiotakis
Chapter 110, Norwich, CT	Ερέβινθος Τροχός: Captain Evan Novosad, Elizabeth Bartoshevich, Ryan Smith
Chapter 117, New Britain, CT	Hip Hoplites: Captain Alexandra Ritsatos, Sophia Manos, Vaia Poursaitidou
Chapter 121, Pawtucket, RI	Μολών Λαβέ: Captain Lily Carlson, Nikolaos Platsidakis, Sofia Stefanopoulos
Chapter 405, New Rochelle, NY	Oracles of Delphi: Captain Alexander Mulder, Eliana Poulos, Despina Xynidakis



Boston Team: John Zavras, Phevos Paschalidis, Alkinoos Armoundas



New Haven Team: Luke Berner, Giovanni Panagiotakis, and Andreas Lolis

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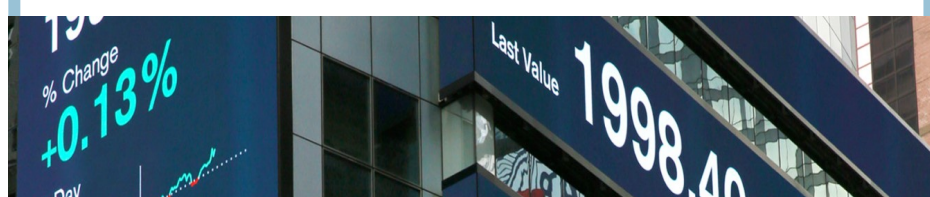


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Chapter 121, Pawtucket by Yiannis Apostolakis. We held two consecutive breakfast events to rally community support for our Chapter and to help the victims of the wildfires in Athens. On Sunday, September 16th, we held our first breakfast and Chapter fundraiser to showcase our activities and current engagements. For our community breakfast we setup an AHEPA information table, with our donated chapter's AHEPA banner, AHEPA information materials, membership applications, and Yankee News magazine. We also distributed printed materials with all the activities and projects that we have accomplished since we were re-activated back in December 2014.

We are grateful to DG John Melonopoulos, R4 Governor Jack Isaac and PDG Greg Simones for visiting our community and supporting our chapter. We hope that the emotional appeal to our community presented by both Brother John and Brother Jack will carry us forward with enhanced community support and new members. We heard with pride the words of our brothers speaking about the AHEPA lodge and encouraging our community to embrace our chapter even more.

On Sunday, September 23rd, we held our second AHEPA breakfast to benefit the victims of the wildfires in Athens, Greece. We are pleased that we collected a total of \$630 which will be presented to AHEPA National as our contribution to support the victims of wildfires in Greece.



George Dafulas, Nick Bitsakis, Ken Karlson, Mike Karavolis, D7 Governor John Melonopoulos, Fr Phillip Zymaris, R4 Governor Jack Isaac, PDG Greg Simones, Dr. Konstantin Pagonis, Yiannis Apostolakis and volunteer George Foussekis



Newport's **Chapter 245** hosted a September road trip to the Boston Museum of Science. AHEPA brothers, family, and friends had good times during this educational event. *Credit: President Michael Sisak*

Daughters, Priam 76, Meriden
by Margaret Curtis

In September, Priam had its annual wine tasting party at Arrigoni Winery in Portland, CT. The wine and food was plentiful and a good time was had by all. Attending were Meriden Ahepans, Eretria Chapter, guests, and R4 Supreme Governor Jack Isaac. Priam Chapter, Meriden & Eretria Chapter, New Britain will be hosting "Founder's Day" together. There will be an artoclasia and refreshments at St. George Church in New Britain. As the holidays are approaching, we have started working on our Christmas charities. We will have our Christmas party in December. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



2018 Hostesses: Emi & Marianne Boutsoulis, Maria & Christina Forte, Linda & Julie Koulouris, Anna Michael, Joani Mihalakos, Mary Peterson, Margo Ricciardi, Despina & Cassandra Rinaldi, & Koulla Santiago, Sofia Swaby, Eleni Tinos & Lule Tracey, and Barbara Tzapos.



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Stamford Chapter 99 by Greg Simones

We held a fundraiser in Norwalk, October 13, 2018. It commemorated the 92nd anniversary of the chapter, established on March 26, 1926. The dinner-dance was held at the Norwalk Inn and Conference Center, which included an appetizer buffet and sit-down dinner. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all attending Greek School parents, prior to the dance with music provided by The Islanders. Besides the anniversary, the event was for the benefit of the Stamford AHEPA Scholarship Fund which supports the two Stamford Greek schools, sends high school juniors to AHEPAcademy, and sponsors high school teams competing in the Hellenic History Tournament.



Nicholas Nikas, PSG and Chapter Secretary, with Nicholas Moisiades, Chapter President

The Chapter 199 15th Annual Festival of Tables by Elena Argintaru
With tables entitled everything from "Dirty Gertie" and "Winging It" to "Japanese Magnolia Blossoms" and "Did you Get Your Flu Shot", imagination and creativity could definitely be found at the Waterbury Daughters **Chapter #199 15th Annual Festival of Tables**.

Cassandra Rinaldi, who helped coordinate this wonderful event said, "It is our 15th annual festival tables event. The funds that we raise support our community's students with scholarships to attend college and pursue their degrees. Since we began 15 years ago, we have given scholarships out to 53 students"!



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**Daughters of Penelope
Thoas #198**

The Daughters of Thoas installed their officers in September (see right).



Tina Smith



Parthena Yaakob-Rec. Secretary, Adele Antoniou-VP, Helene Moran-President, Lisa Marrotta-District Treasurer, Tina Smith-Treasurer, Elena Argintaru- Corr. Secretary. Seated: Stephanie Poly Zapatka, Donna Nakos

Thoas #198 has been collecting donations for Interval House, a women's shelter dedicated to providing services to prevent and break the cycle of family and intimate partner abuse. They collected towels, sheets, blankets, toiletries, slippers, cleaning products, and more, as well as several generous gift cards.

**DOP #198 Founders
Day Celebration:**

Sunday November 11, 2018, the Daughters served coffee and pastries to the community after church .



Donna Nakos, Helene Moran. Adele Antoniou, Marie Klementon, Elaine Melonopoulos, Countie Lake, Parthena Yaakob, Tina Smith, & Elena Argintaru.

Ta Néa

- ◆ Sophia Yuechi Smith was born on October 24. The proud parents are Peter Smith (AHEPA 58) and Mandy Leung of Farmington, CT. Paternal grandparents are Christina (Tina) Smith, past president of Daughters of Penelope Thoas #198, and Jordan Smith, past president of AHEPA #58 of Hartford. Maternal grandparents are Kin Man Leung and Shui Chun Yuen. *Na sas zisi!!*



- ◆ October 26, 2018: Sam Whittaker, son of Deacon James Whittaker (New London # 250), Whittaker won the Class MM state cross country championship at Wickham Park in a personal-best 16 minutes, 25 seconds, leading the East Lyme Vikings to a repeat of the division title. His team won the ECC championship on October 18th and Sam placed 16th in the CIAC State Open XC Championship on November 1st.

- ◆ The Norwich Daughters of Penelope initiated a new member - Marissa Minor, grand -daughter of Heidi Petros. Welcome, Heidi!
- ◆ New London, CT, November 11, 2018: Fr. Charles Simones, retired, (Winthrop 250), was honored by Fr. Jim Katinas and the community of St. Sophia Church on the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on November 11, 1958. Fr. Charles and Presbytera Joan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 28th.



- ◆ UPDATE: George Simones, son of AHEPAN Atty. Thomas Simones, Norwich Ch. 110, nephew of PDG Greg Simones, and grandson of Rev. Charles Simones, New London Ch. 250, began his 16-week internship with NASA in Houston, TX. George is a graphic artist and a recent graduate of Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, CT. He is working as a media specialist for the International Space Station program and is having an amazing experience.



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AHEPA Chapter 98 , New Haven, CT



Mr. Larigakis AHI President (center), with E. Vagos Hadjimichael, AHEPA Chapter 98 President (left), and Greg Stamos, Chair, Public Relations (right)

We welcomed Nick Larigakis, President of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI) in Washington, DC, on October 22-23, 2018. Mr. Larigakis gave a talk on *U.S. Relations with Greece and Cyprus and the Future of Hellenism in America*, on Tuesday. He expounded on the collaborative relation between AHI and AHEPA and praised the superb work of AHEPA in Greece, as well as in the USA.



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- 12/03/2018 Niantic, CT: Yankee D7 Lodge Meeting, Main St. Grille
- 12/05/2018 Waterbury, CT: Christmas Party
- 12/07/2018 Danbury, CT: Greek Music Event "Live Boite" featuring Grigoris Maninakis and Diamantis Tziovas
- 12/08/2018 New Britain, CT: Christmas Party
- 12/09/2018 New London, CT: Christmas Party
- 12/27/2018 Hartford, CT: Annual Blood Drive
- 01/31/2019 Yankee News Deadline for March Issue
- 02/01/2019 AHEPA Magazine Deadline for Spring Issue
- 02/23/2019 Norwich, CT: Yankee D7 Mid-Winter Conference (Tentative)
- 03/31/2019 New York City, NY: Greek Independence Day Parade
- 04/01/2019 Yankee News Deadline for May Issue
- 05/1/2019 AHEPA Magazine Deadline for Summer Issue
- 05/3-5/2019 Hyannis, MA Resort and Conference Center : New England Regional Convention (NERC) D7, 8, 9
- 05/19/2019 AHEPA Sunday
- 06/23/2019 Norwich, CT: District 7 Scholarship Awards Dinner
- 06/30/2019 Chicago, IL, AHEPA Supreme Convention

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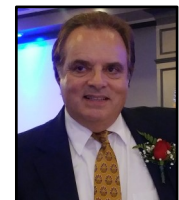
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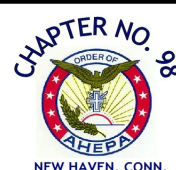
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