



# Yankee News

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## September 2018

**Awarded 1st Place as "Most Outstanding District Publication" at the Supreme Convention for the 4th Year in a Row!**



**Meet Supreme President  
George E. Loucas**  
a member of Chapter 480,  
North Royalton, Ohio.

**Meet Grand President  
Demi Thomas**  
a member of Agape Chapter 336,  
Wyckoff, New Jersey.



**PDG Greg Simones with new  
District 7 Governor  
John Melonopoulos!**

**Maids Grand President  
Tatiana Tsaprailis**  
of Calgary, Alberta, Canada



**Sons Supreme President  
Gregory Vourloumis**  
of Atlanta, Georgia

**PDG Karen Isaac and PGG  
Georgette Boulegeris with new  
District 7 Daughters Governor  
Marianne Boutsoulis!**



**We applaud Jack Isaac serving as, Region 4  
Supreme Governor for his third term!**

### AHEPA Mobilizes, Raises \$100K for Greece Wildfires Aid in 48 Hours

AHEPA has mobilized and opened its Emergency Relief Fund for the purpose of providing humanitarian aid and recovery assistance to the people of Greece affected by the devastating wildfires in the eastern Attica region that has left at least 92 persons dead and several remain missing.

Supreme President George E. Loucas announced AHEPA has raised \$100,000 based upon the initial \$50,000 released by the Board of Trustees at last week's Supreme Convention, the funds collected and pledged by districts, chapters, and diaspora organizations during the Supreme Convention; and online donations via [www.ahepa.org/donate](http://www.ahepa.org/donate) -- and all within 48 hours.

"We sincerely appreciate the generous donations and pledges we have received and the swiftness with which the community has mobilized to help, in however way possible, our brothers and sisters in Greece who are in need," Loucas said. "I am also especially moved by the widespread support received from the community, ranging from Long Island, New York, to our friends at B'nai B'rith International (see their appeal), who will donate \$5,000 directly to AHEPA's relief fund, and at the American Hellenic Institute, who included AHEPA's relief fund in its appeal."

He added, "As U.S. Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey Pyatt stated to our convention body, AHEPA has a 'fantastically proud history' of stepping-up in these moments of need for Greece. This was especially the case in the aftermath of the 2007 Greece wildfires when AHEPA transported 270 care packages totaling \$250,000 worth of goods and raised an additional \$250,000 in financial assistance, and subsequent sponsorship of training programs for Hellenic firefighters in the United States by AHEPA District 7. We pledge to conduct our due diligence and further pledge to work with all relevant parties, and form the right partnerships, to ensure our aid helps as many people as possible to piece their lives back together following this heartbreaking tragedy. Thank you."

AHEPA stands prepared to mobilize its vast network and deliver whatever is needed in crises whenever they occur. With over 30 AHEPA chapters in Greece alone, we are able to rely upon the structure of our organization to provide daily reports, identifying the help needed most. AHEPA's efforts are in full swing and funds are being collected. We are continuing to raise funds in preparation to assist.

The Supreme President has announced that he will visit the affected areas on an official visit this September 3rd-10th.



**Join us at the District 7 Fall Conference on October 13, 2018 in Waterbury!**

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



Dear Brothers,

I want to thank the delegates at the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 District Convention who elected me District Governor and the other District Officers for the years of 2018 - 2019.

We have immediately started planning the new year and held our 1<sup>st</sup> Combined Lodge Meeting with the DOP.

Please note the following:

- a. Note that the 2018-2019 District officers, their positions and contact information are listed on the back of every issue.
- b. The following dates listed are for the conferences:  
10.13.18 Fall Conference - Waterbury  
02.23.19 Mid-Winter Conference - Norwich.  
We thank both chapters for volunteering to host.
- c. AHEPA SERVICE DOGS – The AHEPA & DOP Lodges have initiated a goal of \$15,000 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.
- D. Members Initiations - The District Lodge will be most happy to assist chapters to initiate members. Please contact any lodge officer for assistance.

Fraternally,

John P. Melonopoulos  
Governor,  
AHEPA Yankee District 7

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



Dear Sisters,

Thank you for putting your faith in me and electing me as your District Governor for the 2018- 2019 term. I thank New Britain for all their hard work in putting together the 2018 Convention; it was not an easy task. I congratulate my District Lodge and look forward to working with these wise and wonderful ladies:

- Donna Rados, PDG: Lt. Governor
- Penny Pecka, PDG: Secretary
- Elisa Marrota: Treasurer
- Stamo Dimitratos: Marshall
- Karen Isaac, PDG: MOA and District Advisor

I also look forward to working with AHEPA District Governor John Melonopoulos and his lodge.

I applaud our Penelope of The Year, Stamo Dimitratos and the winner of The Estia Award Elisa Marrota. Both of these women were so worthy of these awards.

I have just returned from the 96<sup>th</sup> AHEPA Family Supreme Convention. Each time I attend I come back in awe of all that The Daughters of Penelope accomplishes. My favorite part of attending the Convention is the opportunity to meet and connect with Sisters from around the world. I would love to connect with each of your Chapters, meet your officers and members as well. Each of you is important and you make The Daughters of Penelope the amazing organization that it is.

I plan on attending the District Governor's Meeting on September 22 in Washington, DC and look forward to seeing some familiar faces and meeting some new Sisters.

Please save the date of October 13<sup>th</sup> for our Fall Conference. It will take place at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Waterbury. More information will be forthcoming.

With warm regards  
In Theta Pi,

Marianne Boutsoulis  
Governor, DOP District 7



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**96<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention, Atlantic City, NJ, July 22 to 27, 2018**

Fifteen Yankee District 7 AHEPA Family members (4 Daughters of Penelope members and 11 Ahepans) attended the Convention. District 7 highlights of the convention are:

1. The reelection of Jack Isaac of Elpis New Britain, CT #117 to a third term as Region 4 Supreme Governor,
2. Yankee News (official publication of District 7) won first place for the fourth year in a row!
3. D7 members helped to execute the First International (second Regional) Hellenic History Tournament under the direction of Brother Nick Nickas, PSG,
4. Elected new Supreme officers, and
5. AHEPA decided for three legislative issues (Region 10 will elect its own SG in 2019, Board of Trustees can invest of to 70% up from 55%, and National Scholarship winners will receive paid Sons or Maids memberships during their college careers).



**Atlantic City Supreme Convention recap**

Source: [The National Herald](#)

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – The AHEPA 96th Annual Supreme Convention convened July 22-27 at Harrah’s Atlantic City, NJ Hotel & Casino. The convention included sessions on philanthropic efforts and on the issues facing Greece and Cyprus, elections, the AHEPA 5K Fun Run with Dean Karnazes, World Ultra Marathoner, the Grand Banquet and the awards ceremony. There were 1,000+ members present from the United States, Canada, and Europe.

The recipients of the **2018 AHEPA Hellenism Award** were Dr. Spiro Spireas, Sigmapharm Laboratories founder, and Demosthenes Vasiliou, CEO/president, Astra Foods. George Rigos, Founder of the Odyssey Charter School (OCS), received the **AHEPA Lifetime Achievement Award**, and Dimitri Dandolos, OCS Founder and Immediate Past Board President, received the **2018 National Ahepan of the Year**.



**The Executive Committee of the 2018-19 Supreme Lodge:**

- Supreme President George E. Loucas;
- Canadian President Christos Argiriou, Winnipeg, Manitoba;
- Supreme Vice President James Kokotas, Brooklyn, NY;
- Supreme Secretary George Horiates, Esq., Moorestown, NJ;
- Supreme Treasurer George Booras, Danville, CA;
- Supreme Counselor Lou G. Atsaves, Esq., Lake Forest, IL;
- Sons of Pericles National Advisor Sandy Papadopoulos, Atlanta, GA
- Supreme Athletic Director Chris Atsaves, Glenview, IL



**The nine Supreme Governors are:**

- Region I: Peter Nassos, Stone Mountain, GA; Region II: George Papaspyrou, Riva, MD;
  - Region III: George Karatzia, Morganville, NJ; **Region IV: Jack Isaac, New Britain, CT;**
  - Region V: Craig Theros, Ann Arbor, MI; Region VI: Peter Lekas, Chicago;
  - Region VII: Nick Dixie, Dallas, TX; Region VIII: Wynn Storton, Palm Desert, CA; Region X: Phanos Pitiris, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees: Chairman Nicholas A. Karacostas, PSP, Bayside, NY and Vice Chairman Carl R. Hollister, PSP, Mason, OH

Newly-elected Supreme President George E. Loucas is a 37-year member of Chapter 480, North Royalton, OH. AHEPA Family Elections were also held. Demi Thomas, Ridgewood, NJ, was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Gregory Vourloumis, Atlanta, GA, was elected Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Tatiana Tsaprailis, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was elected Maids of Athena Grand President.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios congratulated the honorees and referred to the work of AHEPA which supports and helps the Greek community and Hellenism. The outgoing AHEPA Supreme President, Carl Hollister, noted the efforts to provide relief to the regions hit by the devastating fires in Greece.

AHEPA’s new Supreme President, George E. Loucas, thanked the members for the trust they showed him and expressed his conviction for the continuation of the ideals and values of the organization. “I undertake my new duties,” he said, “with a sense of responsibility. I will make every effort to continue and strengthen the great work that AHEPA has been doing for decades. My first concern is the direct sending of humanitarian aid to the affected areas of Greece. The Greek community deserves many congratulations for the charity they’ve shown once again.”

Other speakers included Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, Dr. Spiros Spireas, Demosthenes Vasiliou, Greek-American Republican Congressman from Florida, Gus Bilirakis, AHEPA National Housing Corporation President Angelo Kostarides, Sons of Pericles Supreme President Bill Poulos III and Maids of Athena Grand President Sophia Shakolas. Saint Basil Academy Board President Evellyn Tsiadis received a \$35,000 check from AHEPA Supreme President Carl Hollister for the purchase of a new generator:

“On behalf of the Academy, I express my great thanks to AHEPA for this great donation. At a recent meeting with President Carl Holister, I informed him about the needs of the Academy and he promised me immediate help. Today, with the delivery of this check, AHEPA once again showed how great a charity it is, with members always willing to help whenever they are asked,” Tsiadis said.

Finally, the presenter at the ceremony was the famous comedian Basile Katsikis and Philadelphia’s Akrites dance group entertained the guests.

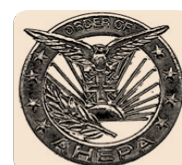
**Editor’s Notes** by Jack Isaac

Last May I was invited by the Worcester chapter of the Order of Ahepa to attend the **49th Annual Friendship Dinner** in West Boylston, MA. It is hosted each year by one of the ethnic organizations in the area. This dinner promotes greater understanding among the various groups. The menu reflects the hosts' ethnicity. Previous hosts have come from the French, Italian, Jewish, Irish, and Greek communities. Next year it will expand to include the Syrian community. This year, the Probus Club of retired and semi-retired businessmen were the hosts providing a Jewish flair to the menu.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by the Berkshire Hills Music Academy. This is a school for young adults who have intellectual disabilities. They provide a music infused program designed to help students move from the music aspect into the academic area. The students were wonderful and you could see the joy in their faces as they performed well known rock songs.

During the evening, each organization had an opportunity to explain what they do and elaborate on their mission. District Governor Charles Kiritsty from District 8 explained what the Order of AHEPA does and described some of our programs. What a great way for AHEPA to become known by all the different groups that were present. We should be proud of our fraternity and shouldn't hesitate to let all know what we accomplish. By doing so we can attract non-Greeks who wish to be part of this vibrant organization.

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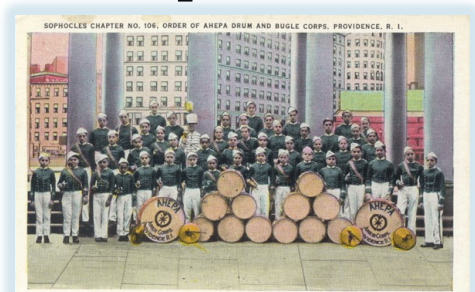


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**Washington, DC, Capitol Hill Day, May 16, 2018**  
by Greg Simones

Greg Simones, PDG represented Yankee District 7 at this annual event which involved meetings with members of the U.S. Congress and Senate to advance issues of importance to the AHEPA Family, arranged and organized by Brother Andrew Kaffes, political liaison for the AHEPA.

The day's events involved welcome presentations from Congressmen Gus Bilirakis and Charlie Crist, both of Florida. The evening reception involved presentations of recognition to Representatives Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida. The Supreme Lodge of AHEPA was represented by Carl Hollister, George Loucas, and George Horiates; the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge by Eva Jean Fomalont; and the Sons of Pericles by PSP Nikolas Apostolou.



Greg Simones, PDG located third from left with the combined AHEPA Family delegation on the Capitol Building steps. Guest Representatives in the photo are Carolyn Maloney, NY and John Sarbanes, MD.



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- ☆ The 2018 AHEPA Greece Wildlife Relief Fund

**YANKEE NEWS RECEIVES GRANTS**  
by John Melonopoulos, YN CFO

The **AHEPA 110 Norwich Foundation, Inc.**, awarded the Yankee News a grant of \$400 dollars to assist its efforts to operate the YN without deficits. Foundation President William Trantalis had asked how they could help since all Norwich AHEPANS and other members of the District receive the newspaper. The Yankee News received the check at the Norwich Annual Awards Night held on June 29, 2018.

The **AHEPA New London Foundation, Inc.**, at its awards night held on June 27th. presented a check for \$300 by Chairman Dr. Ted Malahias to the Yankee News to assist the newspaper continued successful publication.


The **AHEPA Hartford Foundation, Inc.** board of directors voted and presented a grant check for \$500 to the Yankee News in its 4th year of support.

On behalf of District 7 Lodge members and the staff of the Yankee News we applaud the foundations which are supporting the YANKEE NEWS, a worthwhile AHEPA operation.

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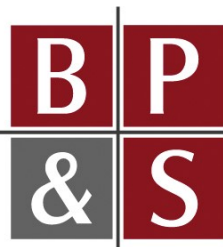

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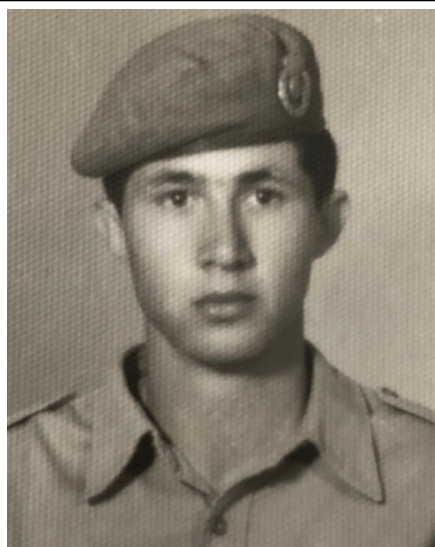
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**Salute to Veteran Steve Patsouris**

Efstratios (Stephen) Patsouris was born on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1939 in Sellasia (Lakonia) Greece to the late Panayiotis and Konstantina Patsouris. After a difficult young life in the aftermath of World War II and the Greek Civil war, he left home at the age of 12 to join his sisters and to work and go to technical school in Athens.

At age 21, he entered into the Greek army, where he served between 1960 and 1962. He served most of his time at the Karasatos Base in Thessaloniki with other stints in Patras and Athens. His main duties were as a technician, mainly focusing on M24 and M47 tanks.

After being discharged from the Army and having difficulty finding work, he left Greece and emigrated to Montreal, Canada, where he worked as a machinist in the

Rapid Steel and Brass machine shop for three years. In 1967, his older brother Dino requested that he emigrate to the United States to join him in opening a family business in southeastern Connecticut. He did so, and soon thereafter Dino's Pizza opened in Colchester before relocating to Norwich in the mid 1970's, where it was an institution until the brothers retired and the business sold in 2000.

In 1969, while returning to Greece to see his family, he met Andromahi Dimakakos from Ligerea, whose sister married one of his friends in Sellasia. After a whirlwind 2-week courtship, the two were married on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1969, and returned to the United States shortly thereafter. A year later, their first child, Constantina (Deena) was born followed two years later by a son, Panayiotis (Peter).

Steve has always been an active and dedicated member in the Greek Orthodox Church wherever he was, most especially in his duties of chanter. His father was a chanter before him in Greece for several decades, and he followed in his path. He has been chanting for 50 years, and this is all the more remarkable due to the fact that in 1986 he contracted a rare eye disease that has left him legally blind. Without being able to read, he has used his memory and years of skill and practice to continue his service at the church. In 2017, his 50 years as being the chanter was recognized by the community with a gift of a new gospel to his beloved Holy Trinity Church. Brother Peter is an active member of Rose of New England Chapter 110, Norwich, CT.

**NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS)**

by George Simones

When I found out that I was selected as one of the students from across the U.S. to go to NASA, I was at a loss for words. To hear that NASA would be paying for my plane ticket, hotel, and all of my meals in order to have me be part of a 4-day program, learning from NASA scientists and engineers had me over the moon with excitement. I felt so many emotions on my way down to Langley Research Center in Virginia; I was nervous, excited, and ready for the experience. We were worked hard during those 4 days; we assembled into teams, designed rovers, and competed against other teams. While at the research center I was in communication with all sorts of people who made the learning experience even greater, like our team mentor, Paul Kessler, who is an Aerospace Engineer, to interns who gave us tips on how they became a part of NASA after completing the NCAS program. The 4-day program filled with brainstorming, facility touring, and amazing speaker presentations.

Before and after attending the NCAS program, I applied for many internships with NASA. I received a call from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas and found out that my application was being considered. I had a 15-minute phone interview and exactly six days later, I received possibly the best news of my entire life. I received an email congratulating me and informing me that I had been selected for the Internship at the center. I will be working on the Social Media Plan for the International Space Station as my internship. This will be the biggest challenge that I have ever faced. I will work harder than I ever have before, I will give my all to this position, and I will try my best to make a place for myself. I see my future, and it's with NASA. George is the son of Atty. Tom and Katina Simones, members of Norwich Chapter 110.



**Norwich Chapter 110 News**

The Awards Banquet on June 26<sup>th</sup> was very successful. Sixty members and guests attended the event. Guests were present from throughout CT & MA. Bill Trantalis, Chairman of the Awards Committee gave out \$7k in grants to area non-profit organizations. Both the Daughters of Penelope and the AHEPA officers were installed by their respective District Lodge Officers. Photos Courtesy of Democles Angelopoulos.



Tony Petros PDG, receiving the **Lifetime Achievement Award** from AHEPA National Housing Corporation Presented by Dr. John Grossomanides, PSP.



The Norwich Daughters of Penelope being installed by District Governor, Marianne Boutsoulis. L to R Maria Valkanos - Treasurer, Virginia Valace, Vice-President, DoP DG Marianne Boutsoulis, Anna-Helene Grossomanides (PGP) President and Nina Barclay, Secretary.



Norwich President Prof. Peter Patsouris is shown presenting the **AHEPA Community Service Award** to Bertha "Pepe" Duff. —>



**Norwich Baseball Event**

Submitted by Jack Isaac, Photo by Greg Simones  
On July 11, 2018 the Norwich chapter of the AHEPA sponsored a CT Tigers baseball game at hometown Dodd Memorial Stadium. Chapter members, Daughters of Penelope members and friends attended the game and all had an enjoyable evening! One of the highlights of the night was seeing two of the senior members of the chapter, John Grossomanides and Joe Homski, each threw out a first pitch. We also got to celebrate John's 91st birthday!



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- Dr. John Grossomanides, PSP – Marshall
- Gregory Simones, PDG – District Advisor
- Greg Stamos, PSC – Athletic Co-Advisor
- Alex Boutsoulis, PDG – Athletic Co-Advisor
- Peter Patsouris – Education Chair
- Jack Isaac – Region 4 Supreme Governor



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**Irene Covras Katechis**, 90, of Milford and formerly of Meriden, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late George D. Katechis for 57 years. Daughter of the late Nicholas and Susanna Michaelides Covras, Irene was born in Lynn, MA on September 30, 1927. She was an active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Britain for 50 years before moving and becoming a member of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange. Irene was also a

lifetime member of the Daughters of Penelope. Throughout her life, she worked as a bookkeeper for several different retail companies.

Irene was the embodiment of patience, kindness, class and grace. To know her was to love her. Her smile could brighten anyone's day and her positive outlook was contagious. Her unshakeable belief in her faith allowed her to win her courageous nine-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Irene's happiest moments came from spending time in Florida, and creating memories with her family, especially her grandchildren, of whom she was most proud.

As the matriarch of her family, Irene was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. She is survived by her daughters; Helen and her husband Peter Pappas, and Sue and her husband David Esposito, grandchildren; Daniel Pappas and his wife Amanda, Andrea Pappas, Katie Esposito, and Anthony Esposito, brother-in-law John Stargu, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Irene was predeceased by her brother George Covras and his wife Mary; and sister Mary Stargu.



**Raymond Snyder Jr.**, 76, passed away April 5, 2018. Ray was born in Waterbury, son of the late Raymond and Helen Snyder Sr. A lifelong resident of Waterbury, Ray was a graduate of Crosby high school, where was an All-State and All-American swimmer. He was a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Ray worked with his father at Snyder Funeral Home, becoming the owner and president until his retirement. In 1969, he started Snyder Pools along with his family grew the business into what it is today.

Swimming was always a passion for Ray. He had a successful coaching career at Croft, Crosby and Sacred Heart high schools. Over the years, Ray won many Naugatuck Valley League (NVL) and State titles as both a swimmer and as a coach. He also coached hundreds of All-NVL and All-State as well as several All-American athletes. Ray was not just a coach; he was a mentor, a role model and a father figure for countless swimmers and divers.

In addition to his wife, Mary, Ray is survived by his two sons, Raymond Snyder III and his wife Arleen, Eric Snyder, his daughter, Romy Snyder and two grandchildren, Raymond Snyder III and Kiersten Snyder.

Ray joined AHEPA Waterbury, CT Chapter 48 in 1986. Along with his father, Ray Sr., a former Waterbury Mayor, the Snyder families as philhellenes have been active Waterbury AHEPA members for over 60 years. May Ray's memory be eternal.

**Demetra N. Avdoulos**, 89, of Glastonbury, passed away on July 20, 2018. Born in Fitchburg, MA, she was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Antonia (Ladas) Nikitas. Demetra worked as a secretary in the school system. She enjoyed volunteering at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Hartford where she was a communicant. She was part of the Daughters of Penelope Thaos Chapter 198 for 71 years and was an active member of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. Demetra is survived by her son Michael S. Avdoulos of Glastonbury and her extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her loving husband Simeon Avdoulos in 1985.

*"A Sister is a gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit, a golden thread to the meaning of life."*

*~Isadora James*



**Estelle (Tsitsibis) Kriticos**, 70, of Wethersfield, beloved wife of the late Anthony Kriticos, passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Friday, August 3, 2018. Born in Hartford on September 14, 1947 she was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Nezames) Tsitsibis. In their golden years, Estelle and her husband enjoyed trips to Florida and Niagara Falls. Estelle also enjoyed various arts and crafts activities, especially weekly ceramics classes led by her aunt. Estelle always enjoyed time at the beach, lounging in her swimming pool, and taking various road trips

throughout New England with her closest friends. A loving wife, mother and grandmother she will be dearly missed by her son, Cary Kriticos and his wife Daria of Cheshire; daughter, Chrissy Pikos and her husband Nick of Wethersfield and her four adored grandchildren, Gabriel, Alexander and Lukas Kriticos and Cristina Pikos. Estelle was a long-time member of the Daughters of Penelope, Hartford Chapter.

**Yankee D7 AHEPA & Daughters Service Dogs for Warriors Fundraiser**

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See the website at: <https://ahepa-servicedogs.org/index.htm> or

Contact Greg Simones at [pdgahepad7@gmail.com](mailto:pdgahepad7@gmail.com) or

Donna Rados, PDG at [donnajean9008@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnajean9008@sbcglobal.net).

Link to the trifold informational pamphlet:

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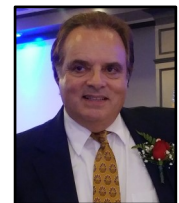


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**National DOP Undergrad Scholarship**  
Submitted by Helene Moran, Photo by Elisa Marotta

Amanda Tougas, the daughter of Attorneys, Jeff Tougas and Sister Maria Kokinis Tougas, and the grand daughter of Brother Peter Kokinis and Sister Priscilla Kokinis, was awarded the **National Daughters of Penelope Undergraduate Scholarship** in addition to the **chapter scholarship**.



Amanda graduated 5th in her class of 305 from Wethersfield High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, the National Social Studies Honor Society and the National English Honor Society and received the Cornell Book Prize for academic excellence. Amanda served as Co-Captain of the Wethersfield Swimming Team and was named an "All Conference" and "All Academic" swimmer for 4 years at Wethersfield High. At her local church Amanda received a Philoptochos Scholarship and was a co-recipient of the Dr. Rouman Scholarship and the Jim and Tina Collias Scholarship. Having attained CT Scholar Athlete in swimming, Amanda is teaching swimming and is a lifeguard in Wethersfield for the summer. Amanda will attend Hamilton College, Clinton, New York this fall.

She is pictured here with the Rev. Dr. George Zugravu of St. George Cathedral in Hartford.

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**Winthrop 250 News**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Submitted by John Fakis, Scholarship Committee Chairman  
The scholarship awards dinner was held on June 27 at the Winthrop 250 Lodge in Niantic, CT. More than 30 AHEPA brothers and their families attended the affair.



Scholarship Recipients  
Eva Oberkircher,  
Stacey Tasoulas and  
Zachary Caputo

Everyone enjoyed good food and great camaraderie. Chapter 250 awarded a total of \$3600 in scholarships to 3 deserving students who were graduating from high school and are continuing their college education. The award recipients included Eva Oberkircher, granddaughter of Gus and the late Tina Andreopoulos; Zachary Caputo, grandson of James and Penny Maistros; and Stacey Tasoulas, daughter of Demetrius and Debra Tasoulas. The George W. Shenan Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Stacey Tasoulas. Winthrop Chapter 250 has been providing scholarships to deserving high school graduates for over 30 years and has awarded over \$100,000 during that time.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Submitted by Tony Vallombroso  
The installation of Officers for Chapter 250 was held at the Chapter Lodge in Niantic, CT. District LG Demetrius Tasoulas administered the oath to the new officers.



Secretary John Fakis, VP Rick SeMon, President Tony Vallombroso, Victor Kudrin, Rit Manthous, Treasurer Walter Barry, Gus Andreopoulos and Corresponding Secretary Joe Josephides

**AHEPA SUNDAY** Several members of Chapter 250 attended liturgy services at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church on May 20th. Following services, Chapter 250 sponsored the coffee hour for parishioners.

**FOUNDATION AWARDS** Submitted by Tony V. AHEPA New London Foundation held its 20<sup>th</sup> annual community Scholarship and grant presentation on May 23 2018 at the Lodge in Niantic Thirty organizations benefited this year.



Dr. Ted Malahias with two of the award recipients

The continued contributions to education and essential non-profits in south east Connecticut has established a good reputation for AHEPA as a positive influence in the community. The yearly gathering provides a venue for representatives from high schools, health facilities, and non-profit organizations to network and make each other aware of their mission and impact in our community. The recipients: Chester Hose Company; Yale Lawrence and Memorial Hospital NICU; American Warrior; BP Learned Mission; Chorus of Westerly; Yankee News; CT Hospice Inc.; E. Lyme Scholarship Association; Ella T. Grasso HS; Fairview; Groton Scholarship Fund; Homeless Hospitality Center; Lagrua Center; Montville HS; New London Science and Technology; New London HS; New London Community Meal Center; OSCA; Lyme/Old Lyme HS; Old Lyme volunteer Fire; Old Saybrook HS; Paideia; Stonington HS; The Williams School; Waterford HS; Safe Futures; The Salvation Army; Ledyard Senior HS; Kids of American Heroes; AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors.

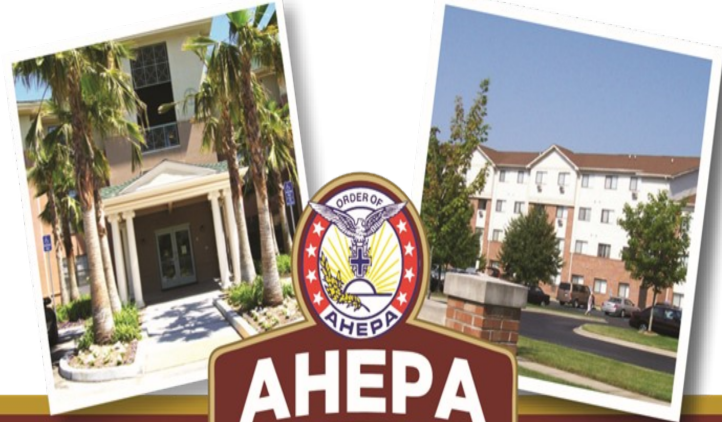
**CELEBRATE EAST LYME**

Submitted by George Mitchell, Past President  
Chapter 250 once again successfully participated in the "Celebrate East Lyme" street fair on July 21 in Niantic. The Chapter has run a food booth at the one-day festival for ten years, raising money for its scholarship program while providing a day of fun for more than a dozen chapter members and their spouses. The sale of gyros, chicken souvlaki, hot dogs and soft drinks has netted the fund more than \$30k over the years. Scholarships are awarded each year to children and grandchildren of Chapter members.



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Front Row: James Maistros, PDG Greg Simones, District 7 LT Governor Demetrius Tasoulas, George Vourtsis, Chapter President Tony Vallombroso, George Vasiliou, PSS Terry Mitchell, Harry Danos and Peter Smith. Back Row: Steve Seferlis, Dale Athanas, Father George Economou, John Kendros and Gus Andreopoulos. Present, but not in photo: Alex Perinis

**Waterbury, CT, AHEPA Chapter 48 and DOP Chapter 199 Sponsor 2018 District Scholarship Awards**

Submitted by E. Hadjimichael

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, eighteen college and University students from the District 7 AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope chapters were awarded scholarships, totaling \$19,500. These young men and women were judged worthy of the District's support based on their academic accomplishments, their contributions to their communities through participation in athletics and volunteer work in socially-minded groups and organizations, and on an essay with their thoughts and reflections on one of three topics provided by the scholarship committee.

The AHEPA District 7 Scholarship program began as the District 7 Scholarship Grant Program. Initially, it provided students with loans which were repaid to the District Scholarship Fund. In the 1990's the program was transformed into a true Scholarship Program granting funding for tuition, books and/or housing to full-time matriculating students. In the early 2000's, by vote of delegates at a District Convention, the Fund became a separate 501(C)3 corporation named the AHEPA District 7 Foundation. Over a period of years, named scholarships were established to memorialize and honor Foundation donors Dino Macricostas, Mary and Angelo Pappas, and Peter E. Mitchell. The District 7 Foundation and the Daughters of Penelope also established their own scholarships.

The formal award of scholarships, hosted by the Waterbury AHEPA and Daughters, was held at the Banquet Hall of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Waterbury. Governors Marianne Boutsoulis (DOP) and John Melonopoulos (AHEPA) and John Grossomanides, PSP/D7 (Foundation President) presented scholarships to the students. The program was chaired by Penny Pecka, PDG and emceed by Vago Hadjimichael, Scholarship Chairman. The scholarship selection process was overseen by Vago Hadjimichael and Nikitoula Menounos.

The student award recipients were accompanied by family members. The guest speaker at this event was Niko Koutouvides, principal and co-founder of SCALA Partners, a real estate investment, development and Management Company. Mr. Koutouvides, a former college and NFL linebacker, reflected on experiences as a star athlete at Purdue University, and a nine-season NFL player with the Seattle Seahawks, Denver Broncos, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and New England Patriots. His presentation was a lesson in leadership for the college students as they plan their own academic and professional careers.

These students, with proven competencies as learners and doers, represent our best hopes for maintaining and honoring our Greek traditions rooted in classical ideals of excellence. We wish them well, and hope that as they advance to maturity and take their place in their communities, they will also take ownership of the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope vision of progress, education, and philanthropy.



**Waterbury AHEPA Family Scholarship Awards Luncheon**



The Waterbury AHEPA chapter # 48 and the Daughters of Penelope chapter #199 hosted its annual Scholarship Awards Lunch on June 3, 2018 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox church in Waterbury, CT. The

two organizations awarded a total of \$21,000 to 14 worthy scholarship recipients. There are a total of 15 endowed scholarships which are awarded annually. The Efthalia Boutsoulis Scholarship was endowed this year.

The scholarship recipients attending were, bottom row, L to R: Claudia DeMatteis, Christina Constantiou, Alexandra Koulouris, Zoe Olbrys, and Marina Setaro. Top row, L to R: Rev. Fr. Pericles Kallis, Peter Rickenbach, Nicholas Jackson, Domenic Setaro and Zach Tzezos. *Absent:* David Gagas, Eleni Tsetsos, Micaela Gagas, Eleni Kaloidis and Demetra Tzezos.

**Front Row L-R:** Julia Andrews (Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences -U. of Rochester) & Amelia Andrews (Humanities, Fine Arts & Social Sciences-CT College), daughters of Gary Andrews, New Haven #98; Chrystina Christodlous (Science-UConn), daughter of Sam Christodlous, New Britain #117; Marina Setaro (Humanities, Fine Arts & Social Sciences-Fordham U.), daughter of Gaetano Setaro, Waterbury #48; Eva Karakolidis (Law, Roger Williams U.), daughter of Angelo Karakolidis, New Haven #98; Sophia Petrou (Humanities, Fine Arts & Social Sciences-Hellenic College Holy Cross), daughter of Demetrios Petrou, Providence #106; Angelica Storino (Science-Fordham U.), daughter of Pascal Storino Jr., Danbury #90; Katherine Bouloubasis (Humanities, Fine Arts & Social Sciences-Lasell College) daughter of Janice Bouloubasis, Bridgeport DOP #41.

**Back Row L-R:** Anthony Vournazos(Engineering-UConn), son of Anthony Vournazos (Engineering-UConn), Danbury #90; Kristian Huber (Science-UConn), son of Richard Huber, Norwich #110; Victoria Loukakes(MS Accounting, UConn), daughter of James Loukakes, New Haven #98; Demitrios Valkanos(Engineering-Redford U.), son of Christos Valkanos, Norwich #110; Yianni Mantziaris (Business-Fordham U.) son of Christos Mantziaris, Hartford #58; Zach Tzezos(Science-Univ. of CT, Ch #48 ), son of George Tzezos, Waterbury #48. **Absent:** Michael Antonopoulos (Architecture, Woodbury U.), son of Peter Antonopoulos, Newport #245; Micaela Gagas (Engineering-UConn), daughter of John Gagas, Waterbury #48; Domenic Setaro (Humanities, Fine Arts & Social Sciences -Fordham U.), son of Gaetano Setaro, Waterbury #48 and Eleni Tsetsos (Engineering-Southern CT State U.), daughter of Despina Tsetsos, Waterbury DOP #199.

**Flanking the students in the second photo are L-R:** Fr. Pericles Kallis, Pastor of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Waterbury, CT; George Scarveles, PSG, New Haven #98; Marianne Boutsoulis, DOP Yankee District Governor; Dr. John Grossomanides, PSP, Scholarship Foundation President; Niko Koutouvides, Skala Partners, Keynote Speaker; John Melonopoulos, AHEPA Yankee District Governor; Jack Isaac, Region 4 Supreme Governor.

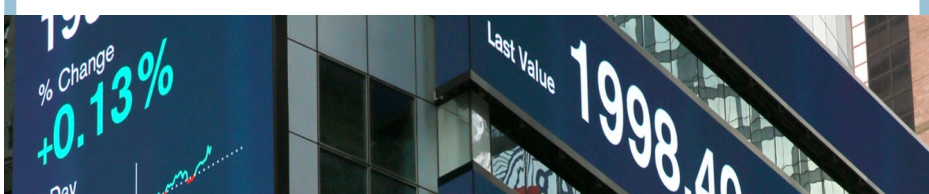


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**NEW HAVEN CHAPTER 98**

by E. Hadjimichael

**Initiation of New Members - 2018**

Chapter 98 of New Haven, CT, held its 2018 initiation ceremony on April 30, 2018. A well-attended reception was held during which those men about to be inducted into the Chapter were formally introduced to Chapter members and family members and friends. SG of Region 4, Jack Isaac, D7 Governor Greg Simones, Lt. Governor Demetrius Tasoulas, and D7 Treasurer John Melonopoulos, were in attendance at the reception, and later participated in the Induction ritual. Their presence added to the solemnity of the ritual. Two former members were reinstated into the Order, Ilias Diamantis and Tony Antonakis, and six new members: Michael Albanis, William Cambras, Tony Delos, Terry Heath, Dino Maniatis, and Mike Suffredini. At the Induction ceremony, DG Greg Simones served as the Oath Giver. Following the Induction, Chapter President Vagos Hadjimichael gratefully acknowledged the dedication and long-term services of a Chapter member, Peter Stamos, who has completed fifty years of membership. He underscored the Chapter's appreciation and love for Peter by presenting him with the 50-Year AHEPA pin. Brother Stamos graciously thanked the Chapter and expressed his hopes and wishes for a bright future ahead. SG Jack Isaac closed the ceremony. The addition of eight new members to Chapter 98 is timely and most welcome because it affords additional manpower to the Chapter to pursue and complete several projects under way, and initiate new ones. This is the third year in a row that Chapter 98 has substantively increased its active membership.

**AHEPA Chapter 98 Support for Homeless Veterans**

There is a nationally recognized critical need for support in services for military veterans. The AHEPA is tuned to this need and has established a Veterans Committee to archive and recognize all veterans of the Order, and to conduct philanthropic outreach that reflects the Order's concerns. The **AHEPA Medal for Military Service** was established and recognized by the United States 106th Congress. The Medal was first presented to AHEPA Veterans at the Biennial Congressional Banquet on March 29, 2000. In recent years, a national initiative among AHEPA districts was established in support of a new program, the **AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors**. This program raises funds to purchase and train service dogs for wounded warriors suffering from PTSD. District 7 is a participant in this on-going project. The cost for training one service dog is approximately \$15,000. Locally, AHEPA Chapter 98 has explored ways in which it could adopt veterans' issues as part of its on-going philanthropy action plan. For this purpose, on April 10, 2018, Vagos Hadjimichael and Vasilios Diakogeorgiou met with Representative David Yaccarino, the former ranking member of the **House Veterans Affairs Committee** of the Connecticut Legislature, to review Veterans' urgent needs in CT. As a result, it was recommended to the Chapter

that providing for the needs of veterans residing in Harkness House in New Haven, would be an appropriate first step in the Chapter's outreach to military veterans. Harkness House, on Davenport Avenue, is run by Columbus House as a component of the organization's Home Front initiative, which helps homeless veterans. Columbus House works closely with the Veterans Medical Center in West Haven. Preston Maynard, director of homeless services for the VA says that Harkness House is filling a great need. "It's not just a place for homeless veterans to sleep, but there are whole programs to

assist in the veterans' recovery," Harkness House is divided into apartments where 14 veterans, all men, live together and get support from on-site case managers. They also have access to services at the VA. They are assisted to transition to a permanent home and find employment over a three-month period. In subsequent meetings and communications with Sheree deMartino, representing Columbus House, and Hass Crudap, the manager of Harkness House, Ahepans Manny Cosmas, George Scarveles and Vagos Hadjimichael identified specific needs of Harkness House residents, and the Chapter agreed to meet those needs on a periodic basis. An ad hoc committee of Manny Cosmas, Vasilios Diakogeorgiou, George Scarveles, Chris Hadjimichael and Jim Benas will attend to the Harkness House project, and secure supplies in accord with the needs of the residents, on a quarterly basis. On June 5, members of the committee made the first delivery of household items to Harkness House. The next delivery is scheduled for September 2018. There are currently hundreds of homeless veterans in Connecticut. Chapter 98 will do its best to provide for the needs of a few of those citizens who find themselves in difficult circumstances following their service as members of the US military forces.



Ahepans visiting Harkness House, June 5, 2018; Hass Crudap, Manager of Harkness House operations, George Scarveles, Sheree deMartino from Columbus House, Vagos Hadjimichael, Chris Hadjimichael, and Bill Augustine, a friend of Ahepa.

**AHEPA Chapter 98 and St. Barbara New Haven Golf Scramble**

Submitted by E. Hadjimichael



We invite you to join our 1st Annual Golf Scramble in the Orange Hills Golf Club, in Orange, CT, on September 14. This event is primarily a fund-raiser to promote education among our youth, a long-term tradition of both AHEPA and the community of Saint Barbara; but, equally important, provide an opportunity for Ahepans who enjoy golf, or just wish to try the game for the first time, to mingle with brothers from other chapters and establish new friendships and relations across District 7. We are hoping to sell this event out - 144 players - and would appreciate your help in reaching our goal! We also need assistance in selling Flag and Tee Sign sponsorships (\$250 and \$100). For businesses, in particular, a Flag or Tee Sign provides useful visibility.

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**District 7 Convention, May 5, 2018**

Submitted by Greg Simones

41 people (16 DOP and 25 AHEPA) attended the Convention, which showcased a joint Strategic Planning Panel discussion and a new one-day meeting format with a banquet luncheon. Honored guests in attendance were AHEPA Supreme Secretary Jimmy Kokotas, Region 4 Supreme Governor Jack Isaac, and Grand Governor Zone I Georgette Boulegeris. AHEPA and DOP elections resulted in the following slate of officers for 2018-19: AHEPA; D7 Governor John Melonopoulos, Lt. Gov. Demetrius Tasoulas, Secretary Andy Aros, Treasurer Sam Christodlous, Marshal Dr. John Grossomanides, PSP, Advisor Greg Simones, PDG, Co-Athletic Directors Alex Boutsioulis, PDG and Greg Stamos, PSC, and Education Chair Peter Patsouris: Daughters of Penelope; Governor Marianne Boutsioulis, Lt. Gov. Donna Rados, Secretary Penny Pecka, Treasurer Elisa Marotta, Advisor/MOA Advisor Karen Isaac, and Marshall Stamo Dimitratos.



AHEPA, Seated (L to R): John Melonopoulos, Jimmy Kokotas, Greg Simones, Jack Isaac, John Grossomanides; Standing (L to R): Ioannis Apostolokis, Vagos Hadjimichael, Rev. Fr. Constantine Makrinos, Alex Boutsioulis, Dick Pecka, Tony Vallombroso, Peter Patsouris, John Fakis, Demetrius Tasoulas, Manny Stergakis, George Scarveles, Jim Dimopoulos, Steve Jennings, Nick Nickas, Michael Sisak, Dr. James Rozes, Greg Stamos, Jordan Smith, Nick Yanouzas; Not Pictured: James Zafiros.

**Joint Lodge #7 Meeting**

Submitted by Penny Pecka

The Joint District Lodge #7 meeting, held at Mykonos Restaurant, Newington, CT on May 23, opened with announcements: The Fall Conference will be held on Oct. 13 in Waterbury, the Winter Conference will be held on Feb. 23, 2019 in Norwich, and District 8 will host the NERC. 7 DOP District 7 Lodge members and 9 AHEPA D7 Lodge members were present.



DOP: Seated (L to R): Donna Rados, Marianne Boutsioulis, Karen Isaac, Georgette Boulegeris, Anna-Helene Grossomanides; Standing (L to R): Penny Pecka, Eve Dimopoulos, Stamo Dimitratos, Elisa Marotta, Irene Sklavouris, Parthena Yaakob, Tina Smith, Helen Ladas, Artemis Nemphos, Eugenia Christy, Ellen Anagnostos.

**Daughters of Penelope Priam Chapter 76, Meriden, CT**

Submitted by Margaret Curtis

On June 13, 2018, Priam Chapter 76 held a dinner meeting at Ziola's Restaurant in Meriden. After a delicious meal, elections were held. The newly elected officers:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| President Lillian Tella   | Vice President Chysanthe Lampros |
| Secretary Margaret Curtis | Treasurer Helen Ladas            |
| Chairman Artemis Nemphos  | Priestess Eva Kokis              |
| Warden Androula Varvatis  | Marshal Angeliki Alexopoulos     |

Congratulations to our graduates!  
 Patrick Ladas, grandson of Greg & Helen Ladas, graduated from Durham High and will be going to Springfield College in the fall.  
 Nicole Ladas, granddaughter of Greg & Helen Ladas, graduated from the Hilton School and will be attending St. Michael College in VT.  
 Austin Lawrence, grandson of Nick and Chrys Lampros, graduated from CCSU cum laude with a bachelor's in engineering and technology.  
 Matthew Lea, grandson of Margaret Curtis, graduated from SCSC with a bachelor's in Liberal Arts.  
 Ryan Lea, grandson of Margaret Curtis, graduated from Bryant U Magna cum laude with a bachelor's in accounting. He is now pursuing an MSA.

Our chapter just donated an air conditioner for the altar in St. George Church in New Britain and just paid for deep cleaning in the second floor kitchen of the Hellenic Center. We are anticipating a busy year! In September we will hold our annual wine tasting at Arrigoni Winery in Portland with our brother Ahepans. On Oct. 12 & 13 we will be baking, cooking (& dancing!) at our St. George Church Fall Festival. We hope you all can join us!

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**NEW BRITAIN HELPS CHILDREN SMILE**

Stergia Georgacopoulos, daughter of Past President Costas Georgacopoulos, recently lived in Greece. While there she donated some time assisting at organizations that helped needy children. Ms. Georgacopoulos inquired at "The Child's Smile" «Χαμόγελο του Παιδιού» what supplies were most critically needed. The brothers of Elpis Chapter # 117 raised \$1,000 and sent it to Ms. Georgacopoulos to purchase the requested goods. The officers and brothers of New Britain thank Ms. Georgacopoulos for her time and effort to help the children. For security reasons no pictures were taken of the children. Below is a letter from President of the Board of The Children Smile, Kostas Yiannopoulos. The translation was done by Brother George A. Rados, Hellenism Affairs Chair.



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Σας ευχαριστούμε από καρδιάς για την συμμετοχή και την εμπιστοσύνη!

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Με εκτίμηση,

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Sincerely,

Kostas Yiannopoulos  
President of the Board

**NEW BRITAIN AHEPA END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES**

It was a clear bright June 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoon and New Britain AHEPA # 117, welcomed the entire community of St. George to its annual picnic at Churchill Hill Park in Newington. Chairman Costa Georgacopoulos and his committee made certain that everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. In addition to the usual fare of hotdogs, hamburgers, and watermelon; traditional Greek food such as souvlakia and baklava were also on the menu. Some of our members enjoyed spirited games of bocce, while others played a pickup game of soccer. Thinking ahead, for future meals, some women collected grape leaves.

**Greek School Graduation**

New Britain AHEPA pays the tuition for students who attend the New Britain St. George Greek School. The only stipulation is their parents must be members of the New Britain community of St. George. In addition, at the conclusion of the academic school year Greek school Director, Sister Stamo Dimitratos, assisted by the teaching staff, announce the AHEPA Student of the Year. This year the financial award went to Alex Manos, son of Brother George Manos. AHEPA President Emmanuil Stergakis presented the award to Alex.



**Outing to Quassy Amusement Park**

After Greek School and Sunday School classes have concluded for the year, AHEPA provides a day of fun for the students. This year the students and their parents were the guests of AHEPA at Quassy Amusement park in Middlefield Connecticut. The children and their parents enjoyed the rides and splash park.



**New Britain, CT, Elpis Chapter Visitation, June 5, 2018**

District Governor John Melonopoulos and Greg Simones, PDG represented the District 7 lodge at a visitation with the Elpis chapter. Dinner with the brothers was followed by a chapter meeting. At the end of the meeting, Simones made presentations of formal award plaques to the Chapter of the Year Elpis New Britain, CT and Hellene of the Year, George Rados.



John Melonopoulos, Governor; George Rados, PDG; Manny Stergakis, President Elpis chapter; Greg Simones, PDG.



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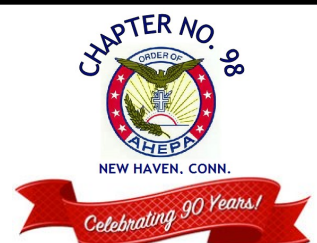
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09/19/2018 Installation of Officers, Hartford, CT  
09/21-23/2018 AHEPA Family Governor's Conference, Washington, DC  
09/24/2018 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner, Waterbury, CT  
10/13/2018 District 7 Fall Workshop Conference, Waterbury  
10/27/2018 Ellis Island Excursion, New Haven  
11/09/2018 Yankee News Deadline - Christmas issue  
11/03/2018 Hellenic History Tournament, Orange, CT  
02/23/2019 Yankee District 7 Mid-Winter Conference, Norwich, CT  
05/03-05/2019 New England Regional Convention (NERC) Location TBD  
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