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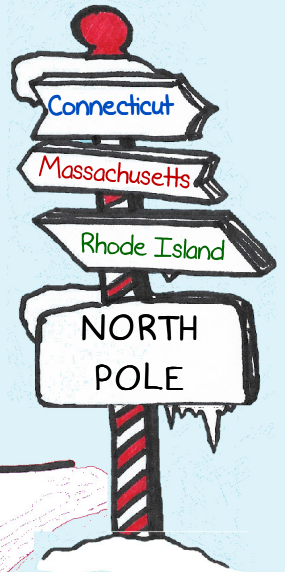
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Merry Christmas

to our
District 7 Family
from your
Yankee News Staff



The AHEPA NE Regional Convention
is being held
Friday - Sunday, May 13 - 15, 2022
at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis
35 Scudder Ave (West End Circle) Hyannis, MA





A MESSAGE FROM THE D7 AHEPA GOVERNOR

Greetings Brother AHEPANS and Sons,

AHEPA has been strong as we deal with and conquer the Covid pandemic. Membership is robust and growing as we continue to enjoy the company of our Brothers as more chapter meetings are being held in person. We, nevertheless, remember our Brothers who have fallen asleep during the pandemic and may their memory be eternal.

It would be great for each of us to set a goal to bring in at least one new member to our chapters. Bring in the past due memberships and support this great publication, Yankee News!

The Hellenic History Tournament held at the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church campus on November 20th is a testament to the professional devotion of its founder and leader, Past Supreme Governor, Nicholas Nikas. Many thanks Brother Nikas!

Over the past decade, contestants, Ahepans and relatives have fond, lasting memories of a great experience in Hellenism created by Brother Nikas. Chapter 98 and the Church of Saint Barbara have been very gracious with hospitality for the many annual tournaments for which we are grateful.

On behalf of the Lodge, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and holiday season and hope that all chapters strive to get together to celebrate the season and all the good that is AHEPA.

Thank you for being part of AHEPA as it approaches 100 years.

Yours in Fraternity,
Demetrius E. Tasoulas



A MESSAGE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE D7 GOVERNOR

Dear Sisters,

I wanted to say a big thank you to the Sisters who attended our Fall Conference at AHEPA Housing in Niantic (sponsored by the AHEPA New London Chapter). I was a wonderful turnout, and even more exciting to see everyone in person. Thank you to our Brothers in New London for hosting a wonderfully done conference.

It was an honor to have our DOP Grand Vice President Georgette Boulegeris attend and speak to our Sisters. We also had Jennifer Allison VP of Community Development and Relations from Health Imperatives (Penelope's Place, Brockton, MA). Ms. Allison addressed both AHEPA and Daughters regarding what Penelope's Place does for the victims of domestic violence.

I know that not all of our Chapters are yet meeting in person. I completely understand. If you are meeting in person or virtually via zoom, I would love to be a part of your meetings! You can email me at boutsie5@cox.net or call me last 203-271-2929 to reach me.

Our raffle ticket sales are underway. Tickets are \$10 with a monthly first prize of \$75 and second prize of \$25. Even if you win your ticket will be put back in for a chance to win again. Anyone who would like to purchase a ticket can email or call me at the number above.

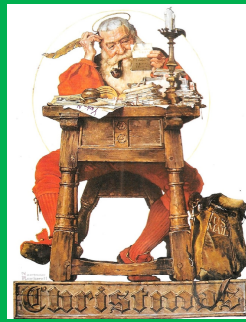
We are working on arrangements for the Tri-District Convention with Districts 7,8 & 9. It will be held at the Hyannis Resort and Conference Center on May 13, 14 and 15th. Once final arrangements have been made I will email the information to each Chapter.

I wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas. Until we meet again, be well!

With warm regards
In Theta Pi,
Marianne Boutsoulis

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EDITOR'S NOTES by Jack Isaac
**"Reflections on the
 Congressional Banquet "**

Oct. 24, 2021 would turn out to be a day of great expectations as well as disappointments and concerns. This was the day of the 45th AHEPA sponsored Congressional Banquet in Washington D.C. My wife Karen and I had been looking forward to having an opportunity to see the special guest of honor, His All-Holiness Ecumenical

Patriarch Bartholomew I. We had read much about this extraordinary religious leader of the Greek Orthodox Church. This was the man Al Gore labeled as the "Green Patriarch" for his decades long work in promoting environmental ethics.

Imagine our dismay as we arrived at the beautiful Mayflower Hotel only to discover the Patriarch had taken ill and was brought to the hospital for observation. You could see the look of anxiety on everyone's face as the news began to spread. Later we learned that he was doing well and would probably be released the next day. The sense of relief among the nearly 500 attendees was palpable.

That evening, with positive news on His All-Holiness' condition, we settled in for an exciting Banquet. The room was full of the top echelon of AHEPA and DOP leadership with many Past Supreme and Grand Presidents, as well as current Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas and DOP Grand President Kathy Bizoukas.

Michael Psaros, eminent philanthropist, gave the keynote address. His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon represented the Patriarch at the Banquet. That evening a panoply of the leadership of the Greek American community and distinguished members of Congress gave moving remarks to the assembled guests. Many clergy were represented, including His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America who gave a moving address.

Two members of Congress who have been in the forefront of raising Greek American issues before Congress, namely Rep. Gus Bilirakis and Rep. Carolyn Maloney, gave memorable speeches and brought the crowd to its feet.

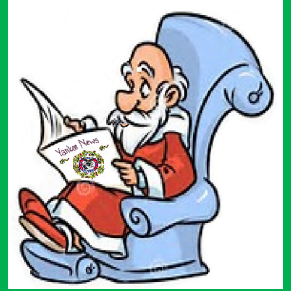
District 7 was well represented including PSP John Grossomanides and PGP Anna-Helene Grossomanides. Others in attendance were PSC Greg Stamos , PSG George Scarveles, DG Demetrius Tasoulas, Dist. Lt. Gov. Vagos Hadjimichael, and his wife Olympia.

Everyone left that evening feeling proud to be an Ahepan. We all were looking forward to next year's Congressional Banquet and to the news of a fully recovered All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew I.



REMINDER!

Chapter Dues are to be turned in to headquarters by **Friday, December 31, 2021.**
 Get your dues in today!



Yankee District 7 Fall Conference by John Fakis

The 2021 District 7 Fall Conference was held at AHEPA 250 I Apartments in Niantic, CT. The event was hosted by Winthrop Chapter 250 of New London, CT on October 16, 2021. There were 17 members of AHEPA and 13 members of the Daughters of Penelope in attendance.



Joint AHEPA/DOP activities involved a morning session and lunch after breakout meetings. The AHEPA meeting showcased workshops and discussions on increasing membership, AHEPA public relations outside the AHEPA domain, fundraising strategies, and new recommended chapter programs. Honored guests at the conference included our new Region 4 Supreme Governor Dalton Respass, Grand Vice President Georgette Boulegeris, and Vice President of Health Imperatives Jennifer Allison. Health Imperatives is involved with Penelope Place.

Chapter 250 provided a delicious continental breakfast and cold cut sandwiches, salad, and desserts for lunch. There was wonderful camaraderie, great work done, and a good time had by all.



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Salute to a Veteran
~ *Evangelos Psillas* ~

Evangelos Psillas entered into eternal life on September 3, 2020 at the age of 90. He was born in Chios Greece on July 23, 1930. He was the loving and devoted husband to Markella Psillas for 62 years who was the light of his life. He served in the Greek Royal Navy as a First Engineer and then went onto working as a

Steam Engineer in The Merchant Marine. After completing his service, Evangelos came to the United States where he owned and operated two successful restaurants while retiring in 1986. Evangelos and his wife Markella spent their winters in Tarpon Springs, FL for over 30 years. He was a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Tarpon Springs, FL, as well as St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Britain, CT where he proudly served in the AHEPA as Vice President and President. He was awarded AHEPAN of the year in recognition of his outstanding leadership and services. His greatest accomplishment in life was being a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. In addition to his wife Markella, he is survived by his three sons, Athanasios and his wife Chris Psillas of Clinton, CT, George Psillas of Berlin, CT and Michael and his wife Sofia Psillas of Berlin, CT. His grandchildren, Thomas, Evan, Kella, Jaxon and his great granddaughter Leila.

**AHEPA 45th Biennial
Congressional Banquet
in honor of Bartholomew I,
Archbishop of
Constantinople, New Rome,
& Ecumenical Patriarch**



The AHEPA hosted its 45th Biennial Congressional banquet in honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, and to mark the commencement of his historic third Apostolic Visit to the United States, at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., Oct. 24, 2021.

His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon represented His All-Holiness, who felt unwell Sunday morning and was hospitalized overnight for observation. His All-Holiness was released from the hospital Monday morning.

“AHEPA promotes all the values and principles that are the rich legacy of Hellenism – Ancient, Byzantine, and Modern,” His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel said during his toast. “And the Holy Archdiocese, as the daughter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, embodies these values and principles as they have been baptized into Christ through the preaching of the Gospel. For the Omogeneia, the Archdiocese and AHEPA are two hands of one body, and we are grateful for their cooperative spirit.”

In his remarks in honor of His All-Holiness, Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas spoke about the effectiveness and meaning of the Ecumenical Patriarch’s message of unity, love, and compassion, and he

pledged AHEPA can do more to amplify the Ecumenical Patriarch’s message. “Tonight, we celebrate the 30-year anniversary of His All-Holiness’s election to Ecumenical Patriarch,” he said. “Thirty years of service preaching love, unity and compassion to the world.”

Kokotas added, “We also must make sure His All-Holiness’s ministry, his message and his spiritual home—the Ecumenical Patriarchate - are safeguarded from the plight they face daily. They must be sustained...it must flourish.”

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America received AHEPA’s presentation of \$100,000 to become a Founding Member of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation: For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew. Supreme President Jimmy Kokotas and Chairman of the Board Nicholas A. Karacostas, PSP, made the presentation, along with a gift to His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel. Ahepan, Archon and Prominent Businessman Michael Psaros delivered the Keynote Address.

Several members of Congress addressed the audience: U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL), co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues and co-chair of the International Religious Freedom Caucus; U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues; U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), and U.S. Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY).

Daughters of Penelope Grand President Kathy Bizoukas presented a gift to His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel. Mike Emanuel, Fox News Chief Washington correspondent, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Chairman of the Board Nicholas A. Karacostas, PSP, delivered welcome remarks.



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At the District 7 Convention held on May 22, 2021, two grants were announced. **AHEPA Norwich Foundation, Inc.**, and **AHEPA Hartford Foundation Inc.**, presented their grants of \$500 each to Yankee News Editor Jack Isaac. These grants were most welcomed from these 501(c)(3) corporations that receive assistance grants from the AHEPA National Housing Corporation of Carmel, Indiana. We are fortunate to have a total of four AHEPA housing foundations in our District. These funds were granted as part of the Fiducial Year -2020 funding.

Thank you!



To the outside world, we all grow old. But not to our brothers and sisters. To them we will live eternal.



Athan Thanas, age 86, of Brooklyn, passed away at Hartford Hospital on August 11, 2021. He was born in Kalivia, Lamia, Greece on January 19, 1935 to the late Konstantine and Yiannoula (Diamondopoulos) Thanasouras. Athan married Irene C. Dillon (Deligiannis) on August 24, 1957. She predeceased him on August 27, 2007.

He is survived by a son Constantine of Brooklyn, a daughter Yannoula Ballassi and her husband George of Waterford, a grandson Gregory and his fiancé Lauren of Norwich, and a granddaughter Amanda and her husband Kevin Harris of East Lyme. He was expecting his first great-grandchild in February of 2022. He is also survived by sister-in-law of Lamia and several cousins, nephews, nieces and godchildren. He is predeceased by seven brothers.

Athan proudly served on the crew of the Hellenic Navy Submarine, Poseidon (S-78). While training at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, CT he met his wife who worked in the Commanding Officers Administration. When he left the Navy, they settled in Norwich where he opened his first pizza shop, Pizzarama in the Greenville section. He later moved his business to Brooklyn, CT where he operated, Pizzarama, Dairy Kreme, Chickarama, Zorba's Lounge and Constantine's Restaurant. He retired after 40 years of entrepreneurship. He was a member of the Danielson AHEPA, Chapter 417 and a former president of the Parish Council of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Danielson. He chaired many fundraisers, on the church's behalf, earning him Man of the Year in 1977.



Dr. James (Demetrios) Spiros Rozes of Newport, Rhode Island passed away on August 25th, 2021 at age 77. James will be remembered as a generous soul who left behind smiles for generations. He was born in the mountain village of Alestena, Greece and moved to Newport with his family at age 6. James graduated from Rogers High School, where he was editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, The Red and Black. He attended Tufts University as an English major, followed

by Tufts School of Dental Medicine, receiving his DMD degree. He graduated from Loyola University of Chicago's School of Dentistry with a specialty in orthodontics. While at Loyola, he taught and earned his MS degree in anatomy.

James served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Naval Base Subic Bay in the Philippines. During his service, he performed complex facial reconstructions involving the mouth and

jaw for wounded servicemembers. He completed his service with a final rank of Lieutenant Commander.

In 1971, James opened his private orthodontics practice in Middletown, Rhode Island, where he transformed the smiles of thousands until his retirement in 2015.

Active in the local Greek community in Newport, James served on committees at St. Spyridon's Greek Orthodox Church, volunteered at the church's soup kitchen and was a member of the AHEPA organization. He was an avid baseball fan and enthusiast of all sports, especially the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Celtics and the New England Patriots. One of James' favorite sports moments was attending Super Bowl LI in Houston, Texas, the site of the Patriots' epic comeback victory against the Atlanta Falcons. James enjoyed bird watching, literature, ancient Greek history, playing golf and poker. He also loved to cook and took great joy in preparing his famous antipasto platter for dinner parties. James was an avid fan of Elvis Presley and the Rolling Stones. He was passionate about cars, movies and watches.

He is survived by his four children, Jason Rozes, Christina Williams, Emily Zatakia and Philip Rozes, and his six grandchildren, Isabel Rozes, Alexis and Eric Hartzler, Alyssa and Steven Williams, and Zoe Zatakia. He is also survived by his brother, Arthur Rozes, nephews Charles and Jonathan Rozes and niece Jennifer Rozes. He was preceded in death by his parents, Spiros Rozes and Mary Macris Rozes.

AHEPA Chapter 245, Newport by Dino Spentzos

Thank you to all our members, their wives and families who attended the AHEPA sponsored memorial and luncheon for our departed brother Dr. James Rozes.

We would like to especially thank Anna Kiriakides for preparing the beautiful koliva, Chris Young for his luncheon donation, Peter Kiriakides for his wine donation, Mike Sisak for his pastry donation, and to all the member wives for their dessert donations and assistance with the event! Also, thank you to our president Basile Panoutsopoulos for chanting the memorial service. Dr. Rozes' family was extremely moved by the show of support and caring of our community.



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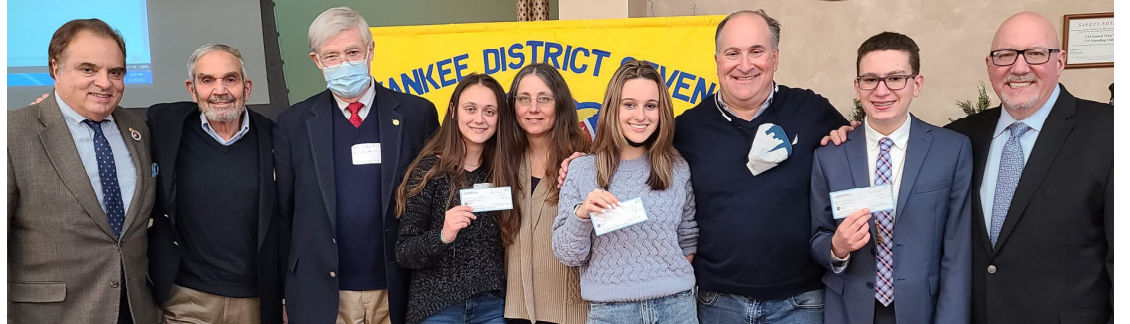




The 2021 Hellenic History Tournament

by Greg Simones

The 12th Annual Hellenic History Tournament took place at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT on November 20, 2021. It was hosted by AHEPA New Haven Chapter 98. Under the direction of founder, Nick Nikas, PSG, twelve teams competed for prize money and the coveted trophy.



Twenty-one volunteers were responsible for moderating, scoring, and supervising the matches along with feeding the assembled teams, coaches, and parents: about 85 people in all.



The first-place team was the Aristotelians from New Haven, CT consisting of Captain Konstantinos Spanolios and teammates Nikolaos Konstantinidis and Nicholas Lolis. The second-place team was the Gate City Greeks from Nashua, NH consisting of Captain Christina Juris and teammates Denise Gioffre and Athanasios Miris. Rounding out the top four where the Rye, NY Spartans and the New Britain, CT Philomathia.

Chapter	No	State	Team Name	Captain	Member	Member
Nashua	35	NH	Gate City Greeks	Christina Juris	Denise Gioffre	Athanasios Miris
New Haven	98	CT	Aristotelians	Konstantinos Spanolios	Nikolaos Konstantinidis	Nicholas Lolis
Stamford	99	CT	Mirmidons	Peter Giannakopoulos	Nathan Apelgren	Ryosei Tanakamaru
Stamford	99	CT	Sacred Heart Greenwich	Daphne Hartch	Caroline Hartch	Samantha Sawhney
Marlborough	105	MA	Denisas	Vaia Christakos	Anastasia Constantinou	Stefania Zaloumis
Marlborough	105	MA	St Anargyroi Stars	Benjamin Raleigh	Andrew D'Angelo	Anthony D'Angelo
Providence	106	RI	Greek Geeks	Christian Santos	Calista Leroux	Lucas Leroux
New Britain	117	CT	Philomathia	Alexander Manos	Medori Wheatley	Constantinos Soteriou
Newport	245	RI	Team Kertezi	Sofia Stefanopoulos	Eleni Haralambidis	Athanasia Stefanopoulos
Newport	245	RI	Team Manesi	Christos Stefanopoulos	Michael Haralambidis	Gianni Spentzos
Rye	651	NY	Spartans	Anastasia Mose	Anthony Bouboulis	Maria Kourounis
Rye	651	NY	Athena	Kyriaki Gavriil	Michaella Tsentides	Manos Tertiroopoulos

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Hellenic Affairs Reflections for 2021 by Yiannis Apostolakis, Hellenic Affairs Chair

Hellenic Affairs committee activities started a renewed effort to re-organize Hellenic Affairs in District 7 and make it a grass root organization functioning in an organized manner and actively engaging in matters that related to the Defense of Hellenism, Greece, Cyprus, Easter Mediterranean and renewed Turkish aggression in Eastern Mediterranean, Aegean Sea and Cyprus. We asked for help and very few specific requests and tasks. We asked that each AHEPA Chapter in District 7 allocates a Hellenic Affairs liaison to be the point of contact for Hellenic Affairs. We wanted to establish communications through the Hellenic Affairs Liaisons to our communities! Hardly any responses! We promoted our 25th March and 200 years of Greek Independence banner to be purchased by each chapter in promotion of the common values of America and Greece, which led to the American War of Independence and the Greek revolution.

Unfortunately, very few chapters responded. Why? Why missing the opportunity to make our AHEPA chapters visible in such a significant opportunity? Last year we watched Turkey’s aggregation by weaponizing illegal immigrants at the Greek Turkish border, attempting a violent crossing at the Greek, European and Western Civilization borders. Greek border units, supported by Europeans and especially by Austria fought at the border for our values! Later in 2020, the Turkish fleet attempted to overrun the Aegean and to sink a Greek warship. Instead, the best Turkish frigate was severely damaged mainly due to the guts of a young Greek Captain, commanding a 40-year-old Greek frigate! At the same time, the Greek air force engaged the Turkish air force and intercepted them. Fierce dog fights of armed warplanes occurred over the Aegean sky! This year we saw the conversion of Hagia Sophia into a mosque and the gathering of fanatic militant Muslims in our holiest site! Turkey invaded Libya, Northern Iraq, and Syria killing the Kurds who fought the jihadists bravely, who supported terrorists, and who turned young kids into mercenaries. The USA has put Turkey on a watch for this reason. In addition, recently Turkey is re-opening the occupied area of Cyprus and establishing a naval base along with a major armed drone airbase to get a stronghold in the Eastern Mediterranean against all United Nations regulations regarding Cyprus! Great senators in the USA, including a passionate Sen. Menendez, are fighting Turkish fanaticism and their dreams of resurrecting the Ottoman Empire and enslaving the Mediterranean Sea! In the meantime, Greece has signed strategic agreements with France, USA and England, United Arab Emirates while maintain strong ties to Israel, Egypt, Saudis and Jordan! The question that I have in my heart is where are the AHEPans of District 7 in all of this?! Are we too busy or we do not care for Defending Hellenism, our core values? Are we only a philanthropic and educational organization only? Why the Turks, Armenians, Skopians, Albanians, Chinese, Israelis and others do so much to stand and defend their heritage but us, the Greeks, Greek Americans and Philhellenes are so “silent”?

Brothers and Sisters, history has taught us something very valuable! People or cultures who do not defend their heritage and do not stand for their core values, end up losing both the respect of their allies as well as the respect of their enemies! I sincerely hope that you reflect upon these remarks and that you engage with Hellenic Affairs in District 7 to make a difference, not so much for us but more importantly for our ancestors, our children, our heritage and our history and our future!

At the end of day, we can only make a difference by our presence – not by our absence!

We gain no respect by waiting upon others to fight our causes and defend our values!

Lastly, but equally important, we cannot have Hellenic Affairs in District 7 without Greeks, Greek Americans and Philhellenes actively engaging and participating!



~ 1422 ~ The Double Anniversary of the City of Naoussa ~ 1822 ~ by G. A. Rados, Historian

The Byzantine Emperor at that time (1422 was Manuel II Paleologus and the only Byzantine held areas were a part of Eastern Thraki with Constantinople included and the southern tip of the Greek mainland, the Peloponnesus! The rest of the country was already taken by the Turks and Bayezid I was the Ottoman sultan.

During that year and very close to the ancient Makedonian town of Mieza, the famous “Gardens of Midas” and the School of Aristotle, a new town was born! The town soon became a vibrant center of industry, thanks to its location and climate. Vineyards became the producers of excellent wine and the industrious locals also took advantage of the production of silk and other textiles. Due to these facts, the Turk occupiers allowed a special advantage: no male children were to be taken and raised as Yenitsars (Islamized soldiers and its Greek citizens could have their own town council, named “Naoussa”! (An unverified tradition says that the original name for Naoussa was Nea Augusta, then Niagusta, Niaousta, then finally Naoussa.)

In later years the town resisted successfully against the expansionistic plans of the Albanian Ali Pasca who tried to created his own “state within a state” and was called the Buonaparte of the Balkans. With that, Naoussa received from the sultan the right to retain its own armed “police”, named the Armatoloi. The beginning of the Greek revolution for independence - first in Moldavia by Prince A. Ypsilantis - in Peloponnesos and Roumeli (central Greece), excited the Greeks of Makedonia, including Naoussa! The attempt to liberate that part failed though, as promised help from the southern Greeks did not materialize and the Turkish armies stationed in Makedonia were much more numerous and better equipped.

April 1822 saw the total destruction of the city by the armies of Lambout Pasha who made sure to slaughter noncombatant old men, women, and children. Few managed to escape, and those that did went to southern Greece to continue to fight for liberty. Many women took their children and committed suicide, jumping into the rushing waters of e Arapitsa River rather than be sold as slaves or ending up in a harem. The city was allowed to be rebuilt because of its economic importance in the region and was finally liberated during the first Balkan War in 1912. As American Hellenes, we salute and commemorate these two important dates and wish its citizens all the best.



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2021 Scholarship Winners by John Melonopoulos

On Sunday, June 13, 2021, Nathan Hale Chapter 58 presented its annual scholarships to the following gifted students:

Gus Christy Memorial Award: Julia Walsh will enroll at Colby College in Maine

Alex Kournaris Memorial Prize: Zachary Falvey is a junior at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He majors in finance.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- ◊ Theodore Karabetos, James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA
- ◊ Annie Klementon, University of Connecticut (UCONN) to study educational counseling and psychology.
- ◊ Emma Klementon, UCONN to study nutritional sciences.

UNDERGRADUATES

- ◊ Niko Bouzakis is a sophomore at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire majoring in business administration.
- ◊ Claudia Dijimarescu is a senior at UCONN majoring in economics.
- ◊ Maria Menoutis is a junior at UCONN majoring in biomedical engineering.

GRADUATE STUDENT: Effie Makris, UCONN School of Nursing master's program in nursing, preparing to be an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

A thank you goes to our committee: Andrew Walsh, Chairman, members Ted Augustinos, George Karageorge and Geoff Perry.



Ahepans and Daughters Unite by Paul Vardoulakis

On Tuesday, November 9 AHEPA 58 was joined by several Daughters at our latest gathering at Mykonos Restaurant in Newington, Connecticut.

The event was held outside in the mild November weather under a heated tent. After most of the 26 attendees arrived, Mike Bonatsakis gave a great welcoming speech. The topics for the night were varied and the laughter was plentiful as we enjoyed each other's company. We tasted several of the restaurants dishes and agreed they were all good. Being able to gather together was a welcomed chance to reconnect.

Great news! Two of the new Daughters in attendance will be bringing their spouses to the next event to become AHEPA members. We look forward to welcoming them. As this year winds down, we are hoping to see everyone at our upcoming holiday event and future events in 2022.



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Chapter 98, New Haven by E. Vagos Hadjimichael, PhD

While the COVID pandemic has upended our lives nationwide and world-wide, brother Ahepans seem to have been able to continue their work and make the news, albeit at a reduced pace. New Haven Chapter 98 has remained active since the beginning of the pandemic. Some recent Chapter experiences are narrated below.

As time goes by, brother Ahepans reach the year in their life when they complete their **50th year of membership and service** to the Brotherhood. Chapter 98 witnessed the arrival of such a moment for two of its members this year, George Scarveles and John Pappas.



We had the good fortune to benefit from George's long-term leadership positions in Chapter 98, in District 7 and Region 4. The Chapter honored the new Life members, pictured receiving their 50-year pin, at a special event. Brother Scarveles is on the left and Brother Pappas on the right.

In the beginning of the fall season, the most fun event for the Chapter 98 membership, is the Golf Outing which serves also as a major fund raiser. This is the fourth year the event is held at the Orange Hills Country Club in Orange, CT, with Brother Jim Bitzonis as the lead organizer. The outing, held on September 10, on a beautiful day, was an unqualified success with 112 players participating. A portion of the Chapter's substantial income is dedicated to the Chapter's core mission of education and philanthropy. On October 6, the Chapter members set aside all usual business issues and enjoyed an evening of pizza, beer, and camaraderie at the **Hops Beer Garden** in Derby. In recent years, this experience has become a tradition of the Chapter, eagerly anticipated by the membership. Also in October, on Sunday, the 31st of the month, the community of Saint Barbara was treated to the Chapter's famous Pancake Buffet breakfast, following church services. Brothers who volunteered for the breakfast were praised by all for the delicious buffet they had prepared and served to our parishioners.

Chapter 98 continues its unstinting and long-term assistance for homeless veterans housed in **Harkness House** in New Haven. In September, Brothers responsible for running this project, delivered a quantity of household goods to the veterans, a bimonthly event. The next delivery is scheduled for the end of November.

Looking ahead, the Chapter will host once again, for the 12th year, the annual **Hellenic History Tournament** on Saturday, November 20, in the educational facilities of the Saint Barbara campus in Orange, CT. Brother Nick Nikas, from Stanford, the founder of the HHT, will supervise and guide the tournament proceedings, with the help of more than twenty volunteers. This year 13 teams of High School students from New England Chapters will vie for the honors bestowed on first and second place winners. Chapter 98 wishes all Brothers in our District, happy holidays in the weeks ahead.

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Daughters of Penelope Chapter 76, Meriden

by Margaret Curtis

Priam Chapter No. 76 began our new year with elections but meetings have not been widely attended due to the ongoing pandemic. We did manage to come together to donate to a local food bank for Thanksgiving and to plan our annual December meeting / potluck Christmas Party in December!

Even more recently we had our annual celebration honoring Founder's Day of the Daughters of Penelope. In a coordinated effort with the New Britain chapter, we celebrated with the traditional five loaves in Saint George Church on November 14.

Our chapter sends you all our wishes for a truly blessed Christmas season. Keep your faith and good cheer alive!



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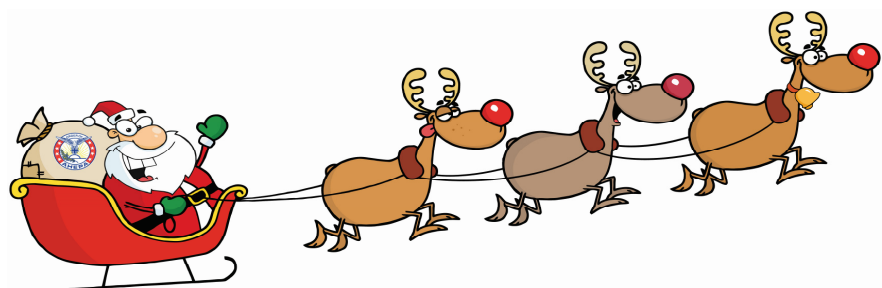
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Chapter 117, New Britain

Brother Fr. Constantine Makrinos has been the parish priest at St. George Church in New Britain for four years and has just retired. His plan to move closer to family in West Virginia was made easier when a crew of brothers came together to help him pack up his belongings for the journey. Bro. Perry Moustakakis went beyond the call to drive the truck with Father's car in tow all the way to his new home.

Fr. Makrinos has made some lifelong friends at the Saint George parish and within the New Britain AHEPA chapter, coming to meetings and dinner meetings each and every month, and attending the annual Christmas Party every year. We will miss him but know he is always just a phone call away.



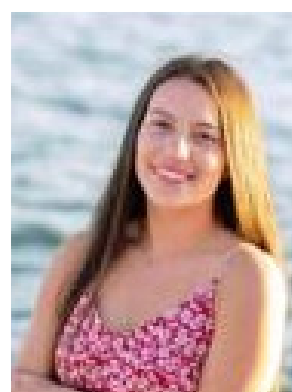
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AHEPA, 121 Pawtucket by Yiannis Apostolakis

It has been a challenging year due to the pandemic, not only for Olympia Chapter, but also all the community organizations in our area. Yet, we are all making a big effort to get started and engage with our community making our AHEPA Pawtucket Chapter visible and active.

We are doing our community drive to support the nearby missions and homeless shelters during the wintertime for the 3rd year in the row. Last year our used clothing drive collected more than 42 large boxes of clothing along with several boxes of personal hygiene items which we donated to several missions and homeless shelters in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. This year we are committing **CASA III**, Clothes And Sustainability from Assumption Church, where we primarily focus on winter clothing and dry food items. So far, the community response has been very encouraging, and we do hope to make a big difference one more time this year!

The Assumption Parish Council and our Pawtucket AHEPA Chapter brought back the taste of our **Summer Festival** for all to enjoy! During the weekend of October 31st, we held our event jointly with our Assumption Parish Council and we were happy to see good participation and a fun community engaging time! Our AHEPA Brothers volunteered in large numbers and we setup our community hall with our AHEPA and 121 Chapter banners. We also setup an AHEPA informational booth which was well received by our community. Little steps can make a big difference and we all hope that our community engagement, in as many ways as we do, will translate in future membership increase and more AHEPA Brothers!



Chapter 250, Winthrop Scholarships by Yiannis Apostolakis

Winthrop Chapter 250 has awarded a total of \$2,250 in scholarships to deserving seniors that are graduating from high school and are continuing their college education. Two \$1,000 scholarship awards were given to Matthew and Thomas Quinn, the grandsons of Brother George Perinis and his wife Heather. Matthew and Thomas will be attending Virginia Tech where they will be majoring in international studies. A \$250 scholarship that was created in memory for our dearly departed brother Walter J Barry was awarded to Angela Colonis, the daughter of Harry and Kathy Colonis.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients. Winthrop Chapter 250 has been providing scholarships to deserving high school graduates for over 32 years and has given out over \$120,000 during that time.

Winthrop 250 has provided over \$250,000 in AHEPA housing foundation grants to local charitable organizations and high schools since 1998. In 2021 AHEPA New London Housing Foundation was honored to award \$15,000 in grants to 30 deserving charitable organizations. The grants included \$500 scholarships to young deserving seniors of 13 local high schools. Grants were also provided to Yankee News and AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors.

Winthrop Chapter 250 Annual Thanksgiving Dinners

by Demetrius E. Tasoulas

A group of Winthrop Chapter 250 brothers gathered to cook Thanksgiving dinners. Once all of the food was prepared and packaged, they then delivered the meals to all the five AHEPA 250, Inc. elderly homes. This time-honored tradition has been done annually by the brothers of the chapter for nearly two decades.



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