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His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Sen. Raptakis and RI's Hellenic community celebrate the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence Day and the Feast of the Annunciation at the State House. Greek Consul General Stratos Efthymiou and Rhode Island General Officers join local Greek leaders in the celebration of Hellenic heritage

State Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis and Rhode Island's Hellenic communities hosted a celebration of Greek Independence Day at the Rhode Island State House, bringing together state leaders and members of all three Hellenic communities from Cranston, Newport and Pawtucket to recognize the 201st anniversary of Greece's independence. The event included the Consul General of the Hellenic Republic Stratos Efthymiou and His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, who also met privately with Governor Dan McKee, Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos, Rhode Island House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi and Representative Joseph McNamara prior to the commencement of the program. This is Archbishop Elpidophoros' first trip to Rhode Island, and it has been more than 30 years since an Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has officially visited the State of Rhode Island.

Throughout the day, Greece's national flag was flown in four different areas of the Rhode Island State House: the Governor's State Room, the Senate chamber, the House of Representatives chamber, and atop the State House building. Following the ceremonies in the House chamber, a program was held in the Governor's State Room, with remarks offered by Consul General Efthymiou, Gov. Dan McKee, Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos, Atty. General Peter Neronha and General Treasurer Seth Magaziner. RI State Police Captain Ernest McKenney and Providence Chief of Police Colonel Hugh T. Clements Jr., both of Hellenic descent, also gave remarks. Also speaking was President of Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of New England, Vasilis Kafkas. In attendance was George Gialtourdis, President of the Pontian Society Panagia Soumela of Boston, and representing the Hellenic Navy was the wife of Captain Michail D. Giakoumakis, Mrs. Maria Vasilaki. Present were Parish Council Presidents George Foussekis of Assumption Church, Theofanos Markos of Annunciation Church and Panayiotis Petrou of the St. Spyridon Church. Also attending were AHEPA Chapter Presidents of Rhode Island (Brother Panoutsopoulos from Newport, Brother Apostolakis from Pawtucket). It was an emotional event where the children of the Greek School of all three Rhode Island communities filled our celebration with joy, pride and for some of us with tears! Their poems, their singing and above all their enthusiasm show us how important they are to the future of Hellenism and how much effort we need to put into their education and growth! *Submitted by Yiannis Apostolakis*



NEW BRITAIN, CT - Despite the cold, rainy, windy weather, members of AHEPA Chapter 117 of New Britain made their annual trip to the surrounding cities and towns to raise Greek flags in honor of Greek Independence. This year they were joined by the new parish priest and Ahepan, the V. Rev. Archimandrite Spyridon Chatzis of St George Church.

Submitted by Pericles Moustakakis



NORWICH, CT - George Grossomanides, Chapter President of Norwich AHEPA 110 is shown raising the Greek Flag on March 25th in front of the Norwich City Hall. A ceremony, sponsored by the Norwich City Council, was held honoring Greek Independence Day. Brief speeches were given by Father Demetrios Pantelekas pastor of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Norwich, George Grossomanides, Norwich AHEPA President and Dr. John Grossomanides President of the Holy Trinity Church and the President of the AHEPA Senior Housing in Norwich.

Submitted by Tony Petros

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A MESSAGE FROM THE D7 AHEPA GOVERNOR

Greetings Brother Ahepans,

Your love of humanity is the bond of AHEPA as its centennial proceeds and why you are a member of the fraternity that promote its virtues. We can do more by conveying to new members, young and seasoned alike, the many areas that AHEPA has aided and helped to develop. Of topical importance is the aid to the freedom loving people of Ukraine so that they may survive the horrors of their aggressor. AHEPA World headquarters has been receiving help from its Chapters and members for the humanitarian aid effort.

We help develop and maintain some of the best rated homes for the elderly in America through AHEPA Housing. Locally, we have five AHEPA homes in our area, of which I serve as a director since 1989. I encourage all chapters to explore the possibilities of expanding into areas that have long term community benefits, for this is what AHEPA is all about, helping your fellow citizen and others.

Our pertinent concern is the two year old and ongoing battle with the viral pandemic and its impact on our lives. I am particularly grateful for our health, yet mourn those of us who are of eternal memory. Live meetings of Chapters have been challenging as we are pulling away from Zoom at this time and we hope to increase our live monthly meetings.

Now is the time to develop teams and to prepare for the Hellenic History Tournament, the time honored and successful program created and initiated by Brother and Past Supreme Governor, Nicholas Nikas. We thank him and all who contribute for this magnificent academic event.

The New England Regional Convention in Hyannis this May 13-15 will bring us together for good resolve and advancement of the ideals of AHEPA. Thank you all who are planning to join us.

I hope to see you at the National Convention this July in Orlando at Disney World! Please have a fine Summer!

Yours in Fraternity,
Demetrius E. Tasoulas



A MESSAGE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE D7 GOVERNOR

Dear Sisters,

I hope that you and your family are well, and had a wonderful Easter! It is such a wonderful feeling to see the trees and flowers coming back to life!

Chapters elections should be held in April or May. Please remember to send your election results in as instructed. This is particularly important to Headquarters for correspondence! District Elections will be held at the Convention. If you are interested in a position at the District Lodge, please feel free to contact me, or any Lodge member.

I would like to remind you that we will be having our New England Regional Convention May 13,14 and 15th at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis. There is still time to register!

On June 26 there will be a District Scholarship Dinner at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Waterbury. The money this raises is used to provide a scholarship in the name of the Daughters of Penelope District. Please save the date and try to attend.

As my term should be coming to the end, I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the past 4 years. I would particularly like to thank the Sisters of our Lodge, Lt Governor Elisa (Lisa) Marotta, Treasurer Penny Pecka, PDG, Marshall Stamo Dimitratos and District Advisor Anna-Helene Grossomaindes, PGP an It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

With Warm Regards In Theta Pi,
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Are some people Indispensable? I've come to believe that the saying, "No one is indispensable" may not be true. There are some who leave such a void in people's lives that it can't be easily replaced. Let me speak about one such person.

Peter Stamos PDG of District 7 recently passed after a long and productive life. (See enclosed obituary) Peter and I would meet occasionally, usually at visitations, conventions, or at his son Greg's annual picnic for his chapter. We bonded quickly having had many of the same life experiences. He and I were both long time educators during our working lives and both served as District Governors. But those were not the only things that drew me to this Brother. He had an ever present smile and was always so supportive of anything I did as an Ahepan, and was a consummate gentleman. When he died you could literally feel the grief that poured from his fellow New Haven chapter brothers.

One after another wrote of his smile, his compassion and the loss they felt without him.

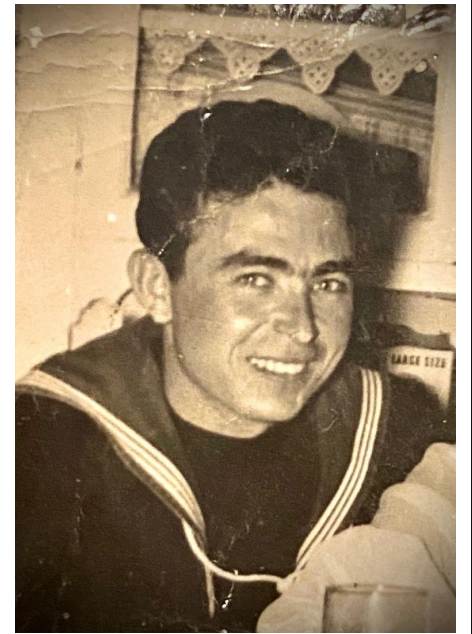
Peter found much joy in his life with his loving family, friends and church. He understood that his work touched so many students, and enjoyed seeing their later successes. Peter not only found joy in this life, but he also brought joy to so many. His memory will truly be eternal.

Peter Stamos was my friend and I mourn his loss.

Jack Isaac
Editor, Yankee News

*Salute to a Veteran
~ Jim Georgiou ~*

Jim Georgiou (Demetris Georgiou) was born in the region of Floca, Ancient Olympia in 1931. He was the second of thirteen brothers and sisters in his family. Greece had just come out of the Asia minor catastrophe and led right into World War II, when Jim was 10 years old.



Surviving the cruelty of the war since he graduated from high school he was working to support his family, and studying to become an engineer in the school of Prometheus (a famous school in Greece for those who work in the sea). He joined the Greek Navy in 1949.



After basic training, he was sent for 3 months to the Engineering School of the Navy. Then he was appointed to destroyer NIKI (means Victory in Greek). Two weeks later NIKI departed for the USA for repairs in the Philadelphia Navy Yards.

Once in Philadelphia, Jim Georgiou was sent to Newport, RI, to the naval base for Damage and Fire Control School. This is where he met his future wife at the St Spyridon's Greek church. They were wed in court while NIKI spent 9 months in Philadelphia, 2 in Newport and 1 month in the Boston shipyard. After Boston NIKI departed for Greece, executing various missions in many countries in the Mediterranean Sea. His wife Tula also went to Greece, where they also had a Greek Orthodox wedding in 1957. In 1958 they left Greece and came back to Newport, RI.

Jim searched to see which work would be more lucrative and he decided to get involved in construction. He thrived in this business for 37 years, together with the restaurant he opened 10 years later. He had one son George, and one daughter, Alexandra, who is running her business and is married to a Greek with whom she has 3 children, Katrine, John and Jimmy, all of who have finished school and are working or are involved in entrepreneurial activities in the USA and Greece.

Jim was a long-time member of the Newport 245 Chapter of AHEPA. He passed away this January and will be deeply missed.



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Yiannis Apostolakis, Hellenic Affairs Chair District 7

So that we remember our history, embrace our heritage and understand what we need to do

In April of 1941, Germany attacks Greece and Yugoslavia. The first fierce battle takes place at the Greek forts, in the border between Greece and Bulgaria. The Greek Army fights off attack after attack holding onto the forts with heroic effort and self-sacrifice, even in the face of chemical gas used by the Germans. No country in Europe ever fought so hard with so little at hand. One example is staff surgent Dimitris Itsios, who aided by a handful of Greek soldiers defended his machine gun post causing great casualties on the attacking German soldiers. After the Greek soldiers used all of their ammunition, thousands of bullets and having caused over 250 casualties on the advancing German armed forces they surrendered. The German officer in charge asked to meet the commander of the fortified position. He never expected to see a sergeant. The German officer congratulated Itsios and then he personally executed him. He did leave free the remaining Greek soldiers.



In the 1950s, EOKA was established with the specific aim of mounting a military campaign to end the status of Cyprus as a British crown colony and achieving the island's unification with Greece. The organisation was headed by general Georgios Grivas. A graduate of the Hellenic Military Academy, Grivas had served as an officer in the Greek Army.

He had fought in both World Wars. Grivas assumed the alias Digenis in direct reference to the legendary Byzantine Digenis Akritas who repelled invaders from the Byzantine Empire. Second in command in EOKA was Grigoris Afxentiou, also a former officer of the Greek army.

Brothers and Sisters of District 7, I though it would be a good opportunity from time to time to recall a few moments of Greek history. It is even more important today, when we look at the events in Ukraine and what it takes to defend freedom. Greece and Cyprus are faced with huge geopolitical shifts due to the situation in Ukraine, while Europe is also facing high inflation, food and supply chain crisis as well as energy resources crisis.

The first week of April, Under Secretary for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland traveled to Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, to discuss regional security, economic issues, and bilateral priorities. She conveniently forgot about Turkey's occupation of the north part of Cyprus, the Cypriots who were executed, tortured, went missing during the Turkish invasion and at the same time she called "President" the Turkish-Cypriot leader of the northern occupied part of Cyprus. She identified Turkey as a key ally and she was applying pressure to Greece, Cyprus, Israel to include Turkey in the exploration of potentially vast energy resources in Easter Mediterranean. In addition, the State Department is paving the ground for Turkey to acquire advanced F16 aircraft. Yet, they all forgot existing USA regulations against arms sales to Turkey and the fact that Turkey has a strong defense and economic relationship with Russia, to the point that Turkey is the only country making money by hosting Russian oligarchs, not participating in sanctions against Russia and the only country where its airlines are the sole provider of travel to Turkey!

This alone, proves to us, Greeks, Greek Americans and philhellenes that unless we are ready to promote and defend the values that we have dear at heart, nobody else will! That said, it is up to us, Brothers and Sisters, to make sure that the sacrifices of heroes that we mentioned are not wasted!



The AHEPA Stamford Chapter 99 salutes the Yankee News editorial team for their dedication, hard work and good taste.



SUPREME CONVENTION 2022 - The 2022 Supreme Convention **pre-registration form** is available from AHEPA Global Headquarters. Please note that in order to register as a Delegate or Alternate, your chapter must report you as one. If you have not been reported as a Delegate or Alternate, you will be charged the guest price, so please coordinate with your chapters early. <https://ahepa.org/supreme-convention/> Our 2020 Disney Convention had to be postponed due to the pandemic, so in 2022, we're going to make up for it and bring you a week full of fun that you won't want to miss out on! We've worked with Walt Disney World Resort to secure a special convention rate for our attendees of \$179/night plus tax and we anticipate that these rooms are going to sell out quickly!

Meetings will start on Monday, July 18th and Installations will conclude the convention on Friday, July 22nd, but we encourage you to take advantage of

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SUNDAY JULY 17
AHEPA Housing Meetings
DOP Grand Lodge Meeting
DOP Foundation Meeting
AHEPA Supreme Lodge Meeting
AHEPA BoT Meeting
Official AHEPA Welcome Ceremony

MONDAY JULY 18
AHEPA National Golf Outing
AHEPA & Guest Registration
AHEPA General Session
DOP Registration
DOP General Session
AHEPA & DOP Committee Meetings
Local Event

TUESDAY JULY 19
AHEPA & Guest Registration
AHEPA General Session
DOP General Session
DOP Registration
AHEPA Family Athletic Luncheon
AHEPA Committee Meetings
AHEPA Greek American Dance @ EPCOT

WEDNESDAY JULY 20
AHEPA Convention City Golf Outing
AHEPA Family Awards Brunch
AHEPA General Session
DOP General Session
AHEPA Committee Meetings
Sons of Pericles General Session
Maids of Athena General Session
Hellenic Cultural Comm. Presentation
AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors
AHEPA 100th Anniversary Event @ EPCOT
World Showcase EPCOT

THURSDAY JULY 21
SOP & MOA Celebrate the Youth Awards
AHEPA PSP Breakfast
AHEPA Hellenic History Tournament
AHEPA General Session
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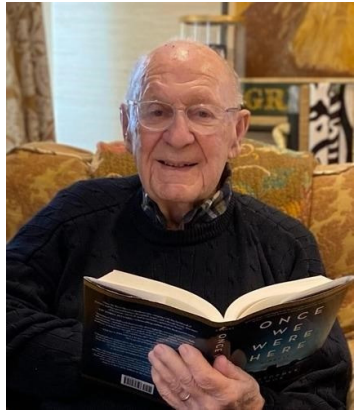
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Peter Stamos

Peter Stamos, of Woodbridge, Connecticut, passed peacefully on March 19, 2022, joining so many beloved ancestors in his place of repose, having just recently celebrated 96 glorious years.

Peter was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on March 3, 1926 to immigrants from Greece, Samuel and Catherine Stamos. He was a graduate of Bridgeport Central High School, New Haven State Teachers College, University of Connecticut School of Education, and Columbia University Teachers College, having obtained his Teaching and Master's Degrees.

He revered his childhood in the South End of Bridgeport with his lifelong Greek buddies, where he first learned his faith at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Bridgeport. Immediately upon graduating from Bridgeport Central, he and his friends enlisted in the United States Army, proudly serving for two years, from September 1944 to June 1946, in the European Theatre. As an 18 year old, he disembarked on the beaches of LeHavre, France, in December 1944, and served in battle action in the Eighth Army Division (Thundering Herd) in the Black Forest of Germany. At the war's end, he was assigned to the 5th Division and served in the United States Occupation Forces throughout Germany and Czechoslovakia. He was discharged in 1946 as a Corporal in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, after attaining the Euro-AFR-ME Medal, with two battle stars.

Peter met his soulmate, Mary Vartelas, at a Greek dance in Bridgeport and they were married on June 29, 1952 in New Haven. He then became part of the large and extended Vartelas clan, living with them at 84 Franklin Street in Ansonia for many years until moving to Woodbridge. Together with Mary, he raised their four children, Gregory, Lisa, Paul and Paris. He became very active in the Ansonia community, serving as a Community Chest Director, President of the Ansonia Lion's Club and Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce. He also served as President of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Ansonia for 15 years.

Peter and Mary traveled the world, especially cherishing trips to visit their beloved relatives in Greece. He held his Hellenic heritage and its values dear, becoming a dedicated member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the premier Greek-American fraternal and philanthropic organization, where he served as President of New Haven Chapter #98 and District Governor of Yankee District #7. At his place of worship, Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church of Orange, Connecticut, he was a dedicated volunteer, member of the Parish Council, and a quiet, spiritual leader, befitting his values of leadership, fairness and kindness. One of his fellow worshippers admirably indicated, upon congratulating Peter on his 95th birthday, "As an elder statesman of our Chapter and of our St. Barbara's Parish, you have made our community stronger and more vibrant by your example, your wise counsel, and by your leadership. I have admired you for decades and know that I am not alone in this regard."

Peter was a quietly generous soul; upon being told of a family's challenge or a cause befitting concern, he would respond: "What can we do?", "What can I do?", "What do you need?". He embodied the ancient Greek concept of "Philotimo" – defined as pride, character, virtue, the "honor in doing the right thing". While his children might lovingly disagree, virtually everyone would remark that they never saw Peter show anger or without a smile on his face.

For forty years Peter was an educator in the Ansonia Public School System, relishing his years as an eighth grade teacher at Peck School on the West Side. To this day, former pupils of his reach out to him from across the nation, thanking him for his guidance and mentorship and for instilling in them a love of learning. He focused on helping them expand their horizons while exposing them to culture through excursions to Broadway shows, Yale museums, the United Nations, and somehow squeezing in a Mets game versus his treasured Dodgers. Until his retirement, Peter served as Principal at Lincoln-Hayes Middle School in Ansonia, where he was known by his wonderful teaching staff as a "teacher's principal", always supporting them through any challenges they faced. Peter continued his passion of helping others learn by serving as an Adult Education Teacher in the Valley Adult Education Program into his mid-80's, where he helped students earn their high school equivalency degree. Upon his retirement, his service was honored through a Scholarship in his name.

Peter was predeceased by his beloved wife Mary in 2005. He was also predeceased by brothers, John and Harry Stamos. Peter is survived by his loving and dedicated children, son Gregory and wife Susan, son Paul and wife Karen, daughter Lisa Heerdt and husband John, and daughter Paris Heath and husband Terry. He was also known and admired as "Papou" by his grandchildren, Alexis, Angelika and her husband James, Jacob and his partner Kaitlyn, and Lauren and her fiance Alex, and as "Big Papou", by his great-granddaughters, Parelea and Maxine. A few years after Mary's passing, Peter commenced many years of wonderful companionship with his true and faithful friend Helen Vittorio, who survives him. Peter's family deeply appreciates the care, love, and devotion that Helen gave to Peter, and is also thankful to her family who embraced him as one of their own.

Peter also had many faithful and loyal friends through the communities he participated in: Sunday attendance at Church, sharing the hot dog grill at Saint Barbara's Annual Odyssey Festival, community service, his Brother AHEPANS, and Monday happy hours at the Derby Elks Club with fellow Ansonia Public School educators. Due to his warm, kind and inviting nature, his children's friends also became his own friends over the years.



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We welcomed Andreas Tzouvaras, George Zarkadas, John Panagako, Yanni Pandelidis, Ilias Arsenis and George Panichas into our chapter.

Irene Soteriou Named Truman Scholar

University of Connecticut junior Irene Soteriou '23 has been named a Truman Scholar, marking the tenth time since 1986 that a UConn student has won the prestigious honor. Soteriou, the daughter of Mario (AHEPA #117) and Julia (DoP #138) Soteriou, is a native of Middletown and is an honors double major in statistics and cognitive science. Soteriou represents UConn in a highly select group of 58 new Truman Scholars from around the country. She was picked from 705 candidates nominated by 275 different schools.



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Established by Congress in 1975 as a tribute to President Harry S. Truman and public service, the Truman Scholarship carries the legacy of the 33rd President by supporting and inspiring the next generation of public service leaders. Soteriou plans on attending law school following her undergraduate education and is interested in a career in foreign policy. "I was shocked when I got the good news. Besides my parents, two of the first people I wanted to tell told was were my grandfather Kostas and my grandmother Irene, both of whom live in Cyprus. My grandfather had compiled a list of advice and words of encouragement to give me before the interview, and my grandmother had been praying for me throughout the weeks preceding, so I wanted to call them each up as soon as I had heard. I still haven't processed it fully. It's simply a continuous reminder of why I do what I do and who I strive to do it for." <https://today.uconn.edu/2022/04>

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New Britain Chapter #117 News by Andy Aros

Sunday, March 6, 2022, PDG George Rados and Past President Costas Georgacopoulos of New Britain #117, visited ST. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church of New Britain, presented Fr Andrii Pokotylo and the President of the community a check for \$700 to be used to support Ukrainian refugees of the war in Ukraine.

How the money was raised for this donation was uniquely simple. Near the conclusion of the March business meeting, Chapter President Emmanuil Stergakis asked if anyone wished to discuss something "Under the Good of the Order"? Immediately several brothers asked how we could help the people of Ukraine during their hour of need. That was followed by several fundraising activities which were all quickly rejected. A brother ignoring the rules of order, shouted out "just pass the hat." The hat was passed. Every brother present made a donation, and a total of \$643 was collected. Pericles Moustakas was charged with keeping the money until PDG Rados could contact St. Mary's Church, until a mutually convenient time could be arranged when the donation could be delivered. PDG Rados personally added \$57 to round up AHEPA's donation to \$700.

It was decided that, at the end of the Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's, Brothers Rados and Georgacopoulos would go to the church and present the donation. At St. Mary's Fellowship Hour, the donation was given. The members of the congregation present repeatedly thanked the two brothers.

Winthrop Chapter #250 News by John Fakis

On Sunday March 6 the brothers of Chapter 250 along with family and friends traveled to the XL Center in Hartford, CT to attend a hockey game. A private sky box was reserved, and we saw a hard-fought hockey game between the Hartford Wolfpack and Bridgeport Islanders. The Wolfpack won by a score of 4 - 1. There was delicious Italian food consisting of salad, chicken parmesan, and pasta ending with big cannolis for dessert. There was great camaraderie, and a good time was had by all. We definitely will be doing this again in the future. A big thanks to Brother Jimmy Maistros' grandson Matthew Caputo who works for the Wolfpack and did a fantastic job putting this event together.



YANKEE NEWS HISTORY

We are looking for old copies of the YANKEE NEWS, please look in your files and send copies to the YANKEE NEWS. We have researched and found a few old copies. Back in the 1940s it was called the YANKEE DISTRICT NEWS. The first editor and person who initiated the newsletter was Phaethon J. Matthews of Nathan Hale Chapter 58, Hartford, CT. Other persons involved were: Peter Nichols, Gordon Bilides (#98), James Constras (#62), Michael Exharhou (#48), Andrew Lazouras (#121), and Charles Peterson (#58).

With the start of the YDN, these chapters were listed: New Britain (#117), Springfield (MA), Newport (#245), Stamford (#99), Meriden (#126), Norwich (#110), Providence (#106), New London (#250), and Hartford (#58). After reading the articles in the May 1949 issue, some of the programs that appear then are very similar to what's in the September 2016 issue of the YANKEE NEWS.

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Archbishop Elpidophoros Visits UConn

His Eminence, Archbishop of America, Elpidophoros visited the Paidea Center and The Three Hierarchs Chapel at the University of Connecticut, recently, and was greeted, on behalf of AHEPA, by Demetrius E. Tasoulas, District-7 Governor his wife Deborah, daughter Stacey, a UCONN Senior. A reception was held after The Divine Liturgy.



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May 13-15	AHEPA New England Regional Convention, Massachusetts
May 20-22	New Britain Greek Festival
June 2-5	Hartford Greek Festival
June 5	NYC Greek Independence Day Parade
June 26	2022 D7 Scholarship Event - Waterbury, CT
July 18-24	AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, Florida
July 21	Supreme Hellenic History Tournament Championship
August 5	September Yankee News deadline
October 28	OXI Day
November 8	December Yankee News deadline
May 21	AHEPA Sunday

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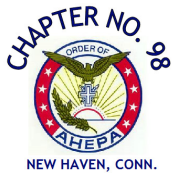
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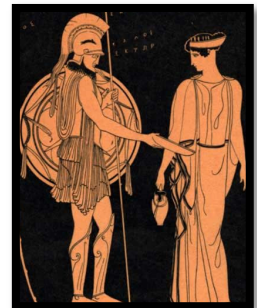


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