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D7 Gov. Vagos Hadjimichael with D7 Ahepan of the Year Andy Aros



D7 Entrepreneur of the Year James Bitzarakis



Tom Morikis accepting for #117, Chapter of the Year



Presenting your D7 Officers for 2022-2023!



The District 7 Scholarship Recipients. Congratulation, Grads!



YANKEE DISTRICT 7 FALL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 15, 2022
Host Chapter: Rose of New England Chapter 110
380 Hamilton Ave, Norwich. CT 06360



A MESSAGE FROM THE AHEPA D7 GOVERNOR

Dear Brothers of Yankee District 7,

It is with high expectations and optimism for the year ahead that I have assumed the duties of Governor of District 7, since my election at the New England Regional Conference, in May 2022. I am of course grateful to my immediate predecessor PDG Demetrius Tasoulas, as well as all past District Governors who have worked diligently, over many years, to bring

our AHEPA District to the present stage of vitality and preparedness for the future. I am hoping to be able to build on their accomplishments.

My main ambition for the year is to be able to successfully bring the fourteen Chapters of District Seven in closer interaction with each other, and so establish a community, or an alliance, among them in the joint pursuit of common goals and a shared vision for the future. For this purpose, the District Lodge is in the process of organizing two half-day retreats for all Chapter presidents and other members of their Boards, in the month of September, 2022. A communication on this matter has been forwarded to the Chapters.

On June 26, 2022, it was my distinct pleasure to recognize the D7 AHEPA honorees for 2021-22, at the annual AHEPA Awards and Scholarship Banquet held in the facilities of the Holy Trinity Church in Waterbury, CT. Brother Andrew Aros, New Britain 117, was recognized as Ahepan of the Year, brother Yiannis Apostolakis, Pawtucket 121, was named Hellene of the Year, brother Jim Bitzonis, New Haven 98, was honored as Entrepreneur of the Year, and New Britain 117 is Chapter of the Year. Congratulations and warm wishes to all honorees.

Turning to the future, events in the months ahead are the D7 fall conference in Norwich, on Oct. 15, 2022, and the Hellenic History Tournament (HHT) which, once again, will be held in the facilities of the Saint Barbara Church in Orange, CT, on Nov. 19, 2022.

After eleven years of remarkable service, the initiator and driving force behind the HHT, brother Nick Nikas, PSG, Stamford Chapter 99, has resigned his position. Brother Gregory Simones, PDG, New London 250, has assumed the HHT leadership position. Yankee District 7 owes a great debt of gratitude to Brother Nikas. There will be no higher honor bestowed on him by the D7 Chapters than their wholehearted engagement in the preparation for the 2022 HHT; details, including the deadlines for action steps by Chapters and students before November 19, can be found in the D7 web page <https://ahepadistrict7.org/>.

I am looking forward to meeting many among the 700 members of the fourteen Chapters of District Seven. I will close my greetings to all brothers by suggesting that they visit our web site often, as a matter of course, so as to remain current about developments and coming events in the district. I am hoping that this website will become an effective medium for open and positive communications in our district.

Fraternally,
E. Vagos Hadjimichael



A MESSAGE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE D7 GOVERNOR

Dear Sisters,

Thank you for placing your trust in me as your District Governor for the 2022-2023 administrative year. It is with humility and pride that I undertake the responsibilities of this position. I aspire to match my predecessors' dedication and commitment to the role and the Daughters of Penelope.

I want to congratulate the newly elected members of the District Lodge and look forward to working with them, as well as our counterparts in the AHEPA. Additionally, I want to congratulate our outgoing D7 Governor, Marianne Boutsoulis, who was elected Grand Governor Zone 1!

At the 2022 Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope, the delegates elected Georgette Boulegeris as our Grand President. She realizes the potential in women and the power of collaboration and as such, has engaged in "The Power of We" campaign to engage women and strengthen the organization. I am excited and looking forward to working closely with the new Grand Lodge and our D7 chapters. Now that we have regained some normalcy after two years of Covid restrictions, I am hoping that District 7 brings the spark and life back into its chapters. I was inspired by the Growth & Expansion resources on the website daughtersofpenelope.org, which I plan to share with all our chapters at our Fall conference and/or District visitations. I am looking forward to working together to establish a shared vision for our members and chapters to provide continuity across our District. Additionally, I want to encourage the open communication of issues and difficulties because I believe that together they can be resolved. Embrace the strength of our Sisterhood! Experience the Power of We!

We had a successful New England Regional Convention (NERC/Tri-District) in Hyannis, MA, where the new District Lodges (7, 8 & 9) were elected.

Kudos to the District 7 scholarship recipients! The scholarships were awarded at the Scholarship Dinner held in Waterbury in June. Many, many thanks for the invaluable help from those who setup, served and cleaned up.

A memorable & fun 100th AHEPA Family Supreme Convention was held at Walt Disney World Coronado Springs Resort, July 18 - 24. The 2023 101st Convention will be held in Las Vegas; more information will be forthcoming.

The Northeast Hellenic History Tournament (HHT) is Saturday, November 19, 2022. Registration forms are due September 16, 2022. For more information go to website www.ahepadistrict7.org.

Please save the date: Saturday, October 15, 2022, for our Fall Conference which will be held in Norwich, CT. Please make a point to attend; details will follow.

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EDITOR'S NOTES by Jack Isaac

Now that the Supreme Convention is over we should begin the discussion of what we can do to improve the functioning of our beloved Fraternal Organization. I think most of us would agree that the strength of AHEPA resides in its chapters. If they are successful, then the Districts, Regions, and National AHEPA will also thrive. In my experience I've noticed some things in our chapters that, in my opinion, need improvement:

1) **GET THEM TO MEETINGS:** While some are satisfied as long as members pay their dues, I am not. Members never make that emotional attachment to a chapter unless they are present at meetings. I've seen where non-attendees leave chapters since the all important bonding never took place. Let's use my home chapter of New Britain as an example. We decided that in order to improve attendance we needed to make some changes. The first thing we did was link scholarship eligibility to attendance. A member must attend half of the years meetings if he wants scholarship eligibility. This has worked for us, and I suspect it would work for other chapters to get members to meetings. We do other things as well. Dinner meetings are held regularly, and drawings are held of paid members. Winners get a rebate of their yearly dues. Other chapters in our District are doing similar things with much success. Some have speakers or show movies to bring in members who don't attend regularly.

2) **MAKE OFFICER POSITIONS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO MEMBERS:** I've attended many meetings of chapters through our Region where brothers have held officer positions for decades. While we applaud their dedication to The Order of AHEPA, it's not always good for the future of their chapter. Everyone brings their own ideas and chapter goals to officer positions. Without an opportunity to hold office, those new ideas will never see the light of day. Officers would invariably tell me that brothers don't step up to take positions so they just continue in their roles. I would tell them that brothers become satisfied if things are running smoothly and would not challenge an officer of longstanding service. If you want to facilitate change, you must step down so others can serve. Brothers will lose interest if they can't have the opportunity to serve as an officer. I'm not proposing term limits, but at some point it will be time to give some of the younger brothers a chance. Use your experience to mentor those new officers. I think the results will surprise you.

These are just a few ideas designed to start a discussion in your chapter. Continue the great work you're doing and let's move with great hope into our next 100 years.

"We applaud AHEPA's first century of important contributions to our community, our nation and our world."

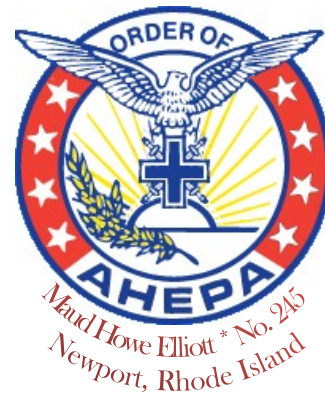
~
Angie and Ted Augustinos



*Salute to a Veteran
~ James C. Rouman ~*

Dr. James Rouman was a hospital corpsman in the US Navy during the Second World War. Eager to serve his country at a time of unbridled patriotism following the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 before finishing high school in his home town of Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Following boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois, he was sent to the Hospital Corp School at Farragut Naval Base in Idaho for training as a medical corpsman. Upon graduating, he was transferred to the Bremerton Naval Hospital in the Puget Sound of Washington State for further

training as a surgical operating room technician, focusing on the care of wounded and injured servicemen requiring palliative and reconstructive surgery. Prior to his discharge from service, he was assigned to the USS New Jersey and its Marine Corp division. It is the conviction of brother Rouman that the experiences he had in the Navy served as introductory events to a lifetime involvement in the surgical arena, and that his commitment to his country during formative years of his youth impacted his decision to become a physician. Brother Jim is a member of Nathan Hale Chapter 58.



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YANKEE DISTRICT 7 FALL CONFERENCE

October 15, 2022

Host Chapter: Rose of New England No. 110, 380 Hamilton Ave, Norwich. CT 06360

- 9am - 9:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30am - 10am Joint AHEPA/ Daughters of Penelope Session \ Invocation
Introductions & Greetings
- AHEPA D7 Gov. E. Vagos Hadjimichael - DOP D7 Gov. Elisa Marotta
AHEPA/DOP Reports
- D7 website - Hellenic History Tournament
- Yankee News - D7 Convention City May 2023
- 10am - 11am **AHEPA General Business**
Approval of Minutes - Fall Conference 2021 - NERC - Lt. G John Fakis
Q&A regarding distributed documents
Supreme Convention Information- Dalton Respass, SG, R4
District Lodge Events - D7 Gov. E. Vagos Hadjimichael, Governor
Leadership Retreats: Sept 17, New London; Sept. 24, Orange
D7 Affairs - Reports
D7 Financial Report - D7 Treasurer Alex Boutsoulis
D7 Foundation - Chairman John Grossomanides
Chapter Announcements - Reports available ahead of Conference
Q & A regarding distributed documents; Discussion
AHEPA D7 Archival Storage - District History and Trends
Outreach: Hellenism, Philanthropy, other Legislation
Resolution to reinstate \$2 rebate to Districts
- 11am - 12 noon **Workshop #1:**
Inter-Chapter Interactions, Communications and Membership
Report and Discussion on D7 Leadership Retreats
Fundraising needs and strategies, and D7 Public Relations
- 12 noon - 1pm **Group Photos / Lunch**
1pm - 2pm **Workshop #2:** - Yankee News - D7 Hellenic Commitments
2pm - 2:10pm **Past D7 Governors Advisory Council - Demetrius Tasoulas, PDG**
2:10pm - 3pm **Celebration: 100th Anniversary of the Order of AHEPA - Speaker**
3:15pm **Conference Ends**

Three Important Events and a Noticeable Absence!

by Yiannis Apostolakis, Hellenic Affairs

This year 2022 is a year full of important dates and anniversaries. One of them brings pride to our hearts, the others bring only sorrow, sadness, and reflection.

AHEPA 100 Years Anniversary: 1922-2022

This year we are celebrating 100 years of AHEPA – a few visionary men understood that strength is in the numbers, the local community, the extended communities and not on the individuals! They started something big during uncertain and challenging times, and introduced the concept of “Brotherhood” as a way of preserving and communicating common values. They believed that strength is in unity, responsibility, engagement, education and similar. They created a grass root campaign that at some point in time numbered tens of thousands of members.



The Burning of Smyrna by Turks: 1922-2022, Η Σμύρνη μάνα καίγεται!

100 years ago, Hellenism was erased from Asia Minor in the final act in Turkey’s genocide of its Christian minorities. Having survived and thrived for 3,000 years, the Greek presence in Asia Minor was wiped out in the Great Fire of Smyrna, in 1922. Mustapha Kemal’s army entered Smyrna on September 9th, 1922. By September 22nd, Smyrna was unrecognizable. The fire - lit by Turkish forces - swept through the city and burned the Greek and Armenian quarters to the ground, erasing anything that would remind future generations of their presence. After arriving in Athens in late 1922, following the destruction of Smyrna, Ernst Otto Jacob, the General Secretary to the Smyrna Y.M.C.A declared the Turkish policy of the elimination of the Christian minorities in Asia Minor has been determinedly carried into effect. The Christian quarters of Smyrna have been practically wiped out.



The Invasion and Occupation of Cyprus by Turkey: 1974-2022

This year marks over 48 years of the illegal invasion and occupation of the Republic of Cyprus by the Republic of Turkey, a NATO-member country. This was, and remains to this day, an intolerable act; one that is a gross violation of the rule of law, human rights, and democratic ideals. We pause to remember the innocent civilians who lost their lives and those who went missing. The illegal invasion and occupation caused the displacement of 170,000 refugees who to this day are unable to return to their homes. Moreover, Turkey's restrictions upon religious freedom and destruction of Cyprus' cultural and religious heritage in Turkish-occupied Cyprus have been well-documented by the U.S. Helsinki Commission, the Law Library of Congress, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and several media publications. Today, over 40,000 Turkish troops and thousands of Turkish residents implanted on the island of Cyprus from mainland Turkey occupy the Northern part of Cyprus with plans to colonize the island.

Today, Greek American organizations are engaged in a huge effort to prevent Turkey from modernizing its fleet of F16s so that it will not be used against Greece, Cyprus and neighboring countries who want to live peacefully. Thankfully, many organizations are supporting this campaign. As Ahepans, we are involved in a fair number of activities such as Christmas parties, golf tournaments, dances, cigar nights, receptions, lectures, scholarships, philanthropic and educational activities, housing etc. If all that we do is geared towards promoting Hellenism and Hellenistic Ideas, then why are we absent from this Hellenic campaign? Hellenism needs to be defended as well!

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Scholarships by Andrew Walsh

Nathan Hall Chapter #58 awarded scholarships to support the higher educations of seven outstanding high school, college and professional school students on June 19 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church's annual scholarship ceremony. All of the winners were children and/or grandchildren of members of the Hartford AHEPA and/or Daughters of Penelope chapters. High school graduates, who were honored for their high academic achievements and contributions to the life of the community, included:

- Jim and Joe Bellas, honors graduates of Wethersfield High School. Jim will study finance at Bentley College; Joe will study finance at UConn
- Sophia Menoutis was an honors graduate of Canton HS and will study marketing at UConn
- Kaleigh Tsakiris, a graduate of Newington HS will study animal science at the University of New Hampshire

Current college students included:

- Maria Menoutis, who studies biomechanical engineering at UCONN
- Stella Perdikis, who will study management at UCONN
- Amanda Tougas, a 2022 graduate of Hamilton College, will attend Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

Awards Night by Mike Bonatsakis

On Friday June 10th, 90 members and invited guests were welcomed by Mike Bonatsakis, AHEPA President and Maria Tougas, DOP Chapter 198 President in the lodge room. It was the first time since 2019, pre-pandemic that the event went live. Toastmaster Niko Yanouzas opened the event with the Invocation by Fr. Brother George Zugravu, then dinner was served. Following dessert, guest peaker Bro. Dr. John Grossomanides, PSP discussed the 100th Anniversary of the AHEPA. The AHEPA Hartford Foundation Inc. President John Melonopoulos awarded grants from the 2021 fiscal year program to support these charities: Daughters of Penelope Chapter 198 Scholarship, The Hole in the Wall Camp, the Wethersfield Food Program, Camp Courant, Penelope Place, Columbus House Veterans, St. Basils Academy, and the Chapter 58 Residents Assoc.

AHEPA and DOP presented their services awards to: Christina Smith (10), Elisa Marotta (20), Loukia Kazakos, PDG (25), Sava Papageorge (25), Marie Klementon (35) Larry Papanic (35) George Bouzakis (45), Nick Paindiris, (45) John Melonopoulos (51), Jerry Pangakis (50), Steve Costas (55), Jim Pitchell (60), and Leo Pappas (70). Past President pins were awarded to Elisa Marotta and Niko Yanouzas. The AHEPA and Daughters awarded the following 2021-'22 awards: Priscilla Kokinis - Daughter of the Year, Elaine Melonopoulos - Hellene of the Year, Atty. Nick Paindiris - Businessman of the Year, and John Melonopoulos, PDG - AHEPAN of the Year. Assisting with the presentations were Dalton Respass, SG R4; Evangelos Hadjmichael, D7 Governor AHEPA; and Elisa Marotta, D7 DOP Governor. We thank the committee of District 7 that met for 4 months with the planning of this event. A big thank you to the brothers and sisters that assisted with setup/decorations/cleanup.



photos by Greg Simones



Leo Apas receiving his pin from Pres. Bonatsakis

Chapter 98 News

by E. Vagos Hadjmichael, PhD

Chapter 98 celebrated AHEPA Day on May 11 with Fr. Peter doing the ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟ service, the dedication and blessing of the AHEPA Room early in the evening. As always, we are grateful to Fr. Peter for his unfailing support.



Peter for his unfailing support.

Pictured here are Tennyson DeLos and Alexander Baklas, the two winners of the AHEPA Essay competition in the High School category, and Paul DeBassio, first place winner in the College category. Other winners in this category (George Antonellis and Andreas Lolis) are in the midst of Finals in their respective schools, and could not attend. They were represented by their parents. The three men who were inducted into the Order of AHEPA are Pete Maniatis, Tom Partalas and Peter Halepas, are shown taking the AHEPA Oath and with the AHEPA initiating party, including the D7 Governor, Demetrius Tasoulas, in the final photo. Please extend a personal welcome to the new Brothers, Peter, Pete and Tom.



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Chapter 110 News, Norwich
by Tony Petros
The Rose of New England Chapter 110 is shown observing AHEPA Sunday at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, May 15th. The names of the Deceased Brothers were read and

there was a service for the current members. The Chapter thanked Heidi Petros for the baking of the Five Loaves for the living members.

Chapter President George Grossomanides and Bob Farwell, Director of the Norwich Otis Library, are seen here in front of the exhibit held at the library throughout the month of June on Immigration. The exhibit was co-sponsored by the AHEPA and Norwich Foundation in honor of Greek Immigrants that came to America in the early 1900's.



George Grossomanides & Bob Farwell

On Sunday, July 3rd, Olivia Toolan is shown receiving the \$1,000.00 check from the Grossomanides Scholarship fund at the Norwich Senior Apartments. Olivia is the daughter of Bro. David Toolan and Sister Lynn Toolan. Olivia is also granddaughter of Sister Heidi Petros and Bro. Tony Petros, all are members of the Norwich AHEPA Family.



John & Anna Helene Grossomanides with Olivia Toolan & Peter Patsouris

Olivia will be attending Syracuse University in the Fall. Presenting the check, on behalf of the Grossomanides Scholarship fund was Prof. Peter Patsouris.

Chapter 117 News, New Britain by Andrew Aros

End of the Year Picnic - Every year New Britain # 117 AHEPA hosts a picnic for the entire St. George community. The picnic was held at Churchill Hill Park in Newington on June 12. Co-Chairmen Costas Georgacopoulos and Nick Koukouves made certain everything needed for the picnic was available. Brothers Mike Bolovis and Nick Bouras did most of the cooking. The food available included spare ribs, chicken, plus hotdogs and hamburgers. Because this was a Greek Picnic menu also included souvlakia, spanakopita, and baklava.

Election of Officers for 2022 - At the June 2022 meeting new officers were elected to lead New Britain's AHEPA chapter. President is Thomas Morikis, Vice President Stephen Polezonis, Treasurer Michael Stamos, Secretary Emilios Theodoratos, and Corresponding Secretary is Andrew Aros. This new group of officers have the challenge of equaling the outgoing administration of Past President Emmanuil Stergakis. Under his leadership the chapter was awarded the 2021-2022 District # 7 Chapter of the Year.

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. At the conclusion of the Greek School Year, Greek School Director, Sister Stamo Dimitratos, assisted by the other teachers, announced the AHEPA Medal winners for 2022. They are Panagiotis Tsarouhas and Medori Wheatley. Other students receiving AHEPA awards were Angela Coci, Kokona Magriplis, Mihalis Magriplis, and Demetri Metzner.



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Daughters of Penelope, Eretria Chapter 138, New Britain

The Chapter, as with many chapters, had remained quiet during the Pandemic but during this past year it has been a little more active. Two of our officers were elected to the Parish Council, Donna Rados and Sue Leppones. They join Chapter President Irene Sklavouris in this role. We have resumed hosting the coffee hours after Sunday Liturgy once a month. As usual, we volunteered our time to the 2022 Festival, the first full three day one since the start of the Pandemic.

PDG and Chapter Treasurer, Donna Rados attended the May 2022 District Convention in Hyannis, MA as the chapter's representative. She brought back information that was distributed. The Chapters need better representation at these conferences and conventions or they serve no purpose.

Finally, in June we held a beer Tasting at the Five Churches Brewing Company in New Britain, owned and operated by a family of our church community. Beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres were served. A fun time was had by those in attendance.

Chapter 121 News, Pawtucket

by Yiannis Apostolakis

On Sunday May 15th, the AHEPA Pawtucket Chapter celebrated the 100-year anniversary of AHEPA with a free community breakfast. All the Brothers in our Pawtucket Chapter,



including newly initiated ones, worked hard to secure donations for our breakfast and to prepare a unique event for our community guests. We were pleasantly surprised by the attendance and the overwhelming support for our Chapter. We took the opportunity to talk about AHEPA and to motivate our community members to join us and to work together to support the work of AHEPA. We also asked our parish priest Fr. Zymaris to read in Church the encyclical from our Archbishop Elpidophoros on the AHEPA National Day celebration.

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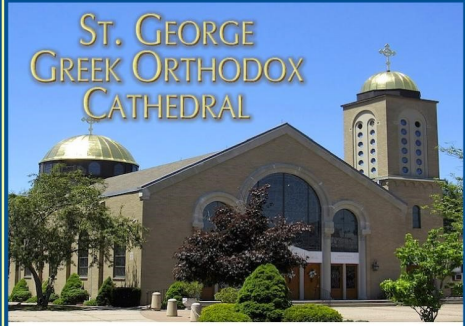
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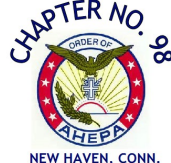
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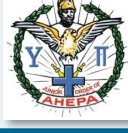

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