

# AHEPA

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### Message from the Order of AHEPA District Governor

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for re-electing me to a second term as your Governor. I am very grateful for this honor since it gives me the opportunity to continue the work we started last year. However, before we move on to our plans for the coming year, let's congratulate some of our District 7 Brothers for their recent accomplishments: 1. John Grossomanides Jr. of Norwich was elected Supreme Vice President of AHEPA; 2. Manolis Sfinarolakis of Waterbury was elected Supreme Secretary of SOP; 3. Yankee News (under editor John Grossomanides) was awarded 1st place by the AHEPA Publications Committee as the Best District Newsletter; and 4. Arthur Poly of Hartford was elected President of the AHEPA National Housing Corporation at their Board of Directors meeting in April. Congratulations, Brothers! We are all very proud of you!

As we turn to our plans for next year, there should be no surprises. We need to continue to work on promoting Hellenism through education, philanthropy and civic responsibility, and to strive to increase our membership for the benefit of our community. The Hellenic History Trophy tournament is a good example of a project that allows us to fulfill these objectives. It's educating the youth on the history of our people. It has helped us identify potential new members among the students' parents. The participating communities are very excited and grateful about it. And it reminds us that when the district and the chapters work together, we can accomplish more.

Please save the date of November 14 on your calendar. That's when we will (1) hold the Hellenic History Trophy competition, (2) enjoy a dramatic performance of Plato's timeless classic "The Apology of Socrates" by Emmy-award winner Yannis Simonides, and (3) honor the winners of the Yankee District 7 scholarships and the district awards (AHEPAN, Hellene, and Chapter of the year) at our annual awards dinner. All three events will take place on the campus of Norwich Free Academy, 305 Broadway, Norwich, CT.

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### Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

I cannot emphasize enough that this must be a year of growth, as each New Year must be. This yearly growth is how we survive. What do we need to do?

- We need to bring back the pride of being a Daughter of Penelope.
- We need to publicize our order by outreach programs in our individual communities.
- We need to convince our members that they can belong to more than one organization.
- We need to tell our members that all time and talents, no matter how small, are still very important to our order.
- We need to excite our young ladies about our ideals of loyalty, purity and patience. We need to let them know that we are aware of their limited time to give because of school or family commitments, but whatever time they can give is very important to the sisterhood.
- We need to help our older members remain involved by encouraging rideshare, telephone contact and asking for their help, no matter how limited.
- We need, from time to time, to honor our long serving sisters with some formal recognition and publish their achievements

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- We need to bring our beloved sisterhood to the forefront of our communities as the largest Hellenic women's organization with chapters all over the United States, Canada, Greece and Australia.

Let's make this a banner year for our District. We can take example from the Bridgeport chapter which received a National Award for the most reinstatements and helped District 7 be a runner up for the most reinstatements Nationally. Congratulations to them and the following for receiving their awards during the past two years.

- 2008 Tina Morici – Bridgeport: Lifetime Achievement
- 2009 Theodora Zrakas-New London: Lifetime Achievement.
- 2008 Artemis Nemphos-Meriden: Estia Award \*
- 2009 Barbara Tsoupas-Bridgeport-Estia Award \*

I look forward, once again, to visit all the Chapters and attend their special functions. This camaraderie, along with our many philanthropic activities, is what makes the sisterhood so very special. Make this year a special reach out to all, bring them into the fold of friendship, giving and self gratification of belonging to **THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**.

Yours in Theta Pi,

Donna Rados

\*Named for the Goddess Estia-Keeper of the Hearth.



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## **87th Supreme Convention Highlights**

The Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention was held June 30 -July 4, 2009 in San Francisco, CA. New officers for the 2009-2010 year were elected. They are as follows:

Supreme President: Nick Karacostas  
Supreme Vice-Pres.: John Grossomanides  
Supreme Sec.: Anthony Kouzounis  
Supreme Treas.: Col. Nicholas Vamvakias  
Supreme Athletic Director: Spiro Siaggas  
Supreme Counselor: Taso Konstantin

Supreme Governors: Region I: Peter S. Sergis, Rockledge, FL.; Region II: John Mesogitis, Venetia, PA; Region III: Theodore Manolios, Lidenhurst, NY; Region IV: Alex G. Geourntas, Roslindale, MA; Region V: Chris D. Kontos, Grosse Isle., MI.; Region VI: Tom Gober, Highland, IN; Region VII: James J. Peros, Denver, CO; and Region VIII: Peter T. Triantafyllos, West Hills, CA  
Board of Directors: John Galanis, Franklin Manios, Constantine Calliontzis were elected to join existing Board members: E. Peter Mitchell, Lee Millas, and Dean Highland.

District #7 was proudly represented at the Sons of Pericles meetings as well. Brother Manolis Sfinorolakis of Waterbury, CT was elected as the Supreme Secretary of the Sons of Pericles.

District #7 had a large delegation present: led by District Governor Nick Nikas, Costa Agortsas-Bridgeport, Art Poly-Hartford, Kip Kyprianou PDG of Danbury, John G. Grossomanides PDG, George Grossomanides, and Ernie Pool PDG of Norwich, CT, Senator Lou Raptakis of Providence, RI, and George Anagnostos PSS and Canelo Bartis of Newport, RI.

## **AHEPA Chapter #110 Rose of New England Norwich, CT**

The Rose of New England Chapter #110 held their Annual Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers dinner at the Dino Pappas Community Center on June 23, 2009. The awards banquet was a huge success. A full house of ninety members and guests turned out for the event at which the chapter charitable Foundation; AHEPA #110 Foundation distributed \$5500 to the following non-profit organizations: Norwich Free Academy Modern Greek Studies Program, Norwich Free Academy (NFA) Scholarship

## **Upcoming Events**

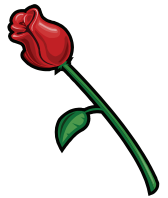
### **AHEPA District #7 Fall Conference October 24, 2009**

AHEPA Sr. Housing #250 Niantic  
10AM  
Niantic, CT

### **AHEPA District #7 Hellenic History Trophy Tournament November 14, 2009**

Norwich Free Academy  
Norwich, CT

on Classical Greek Studies, NFA Scholarship on Modern Greek Studies, Three Rivers Community College-Highest achiever in the History Program, Norwich Otis Library, Norwich Historical Society, The Reliance House, ARC of New London County, Bethsaida Community Inc/The Katie Blair House, East Great Plains Fire House, and each of the three Tenants Associations.



The District Lodge of Yankee District #7 led by District Governor Nick Nikas installed the new chapter officers for the coming year. Joining the Governor were District Lt. Governor Emmanuel Moshovos, District Secretary Jack Isaac, District Treasurer John G. Grossomanides, and District Warden Demetrius Tasoulas.

Brother Nikas conducted the installation of the chapter officers:

**President** George Grossomanides

**Vice President-** Peter Patsouris

**Secretary-** Larry Wyland

**Treasurer-** Peter Joseph Hominski

**Capt. of the Guard-** Tony Petros

**Sentinel—** John Louziotis

**Warden—** Simeon Mavrides

**Chaplain-** John G. Grossomanides

**Athletic Director—** Dennis Daniska

**Board of Governors:** Sot Daniska, Ernie Pool, Tony Petros, John G. Grossomanides.

In addition, AHEPA service pins were awarded to the following: a 45 year pin to PDG Peter Pappas and three 25-year pins to Gary McManus, Zisis Alevras, Dr. John Grossomanides.



## AHEPA Chapter #117 Elpis New Britain, CT

By George Rados

On Sunday, May 31, 2009, Chapter #117 hosted a banquet honoring the visiting mayor of Giannitsa, Macedonia, Greece, Mr. Nicholas Papanikolaou and other city officials. The banquet closed a five-day visit commemorating 25 years of New Britain's involvement in Sister Cities relationships. The AHEPA chapter was instrumental in creating and maintaining the relationship between New Britain and Giannitsa since 2000.

Besides this farewell dinner, the program included sightseeing of New Britain, visits at Mystic Seaport, Gillette castle, Mohegan Casino, and West Farms Mall; visit and dinner at Central Connecticut State University, dinner at 'Donau' Austrian Club, and dinner at 'Stanley Golf Club'; participation in the Memorial Day parade in downtown New Britain; visits at the Central Connecticut Hospital, the Industrial Museum, the Museum of American Art, and St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

At the Memorial Day parade on Saturday, May 30, the local Greek community participated for the first time after more than 47 years, augmented by the visiting Greek officials from Giannitsa, New York's Giannitsa club, local senior Greek-Americans riding a car, our AHEPA Chapter led by District Governor Nick Nikas, the local DOP led by Governor Donna Rados and Chapter President Irene Sklavouris and Margo Sklavouris. The marchers carried the American, Greek and regional Macedonian flags, the AHEPA and DOP insignia and the Giannitsa banner.

Among the colorful participants were two people on horseback. One was dressed as Alexander the Great; the other, dressed as a Macedonian freedom-fighter circa 1821 was Chrysanthe Kaloidis from Waterbury. Leading her horse was her cousin, Manolis Sfinarolakis from Waterbury SOP. George Rados closed the parade dressed as a

cowboy and carrying the American flag. All uniforms were provided by the Rados family collection.

The farewell dinner on the 31st of May was a complete success, with more than 250 people in attendance! Among them were the Mayor of New Britain, Hon. T. Stewart; Giannitsa's Mayor, Hon. N. Papanikolaou; the Lord Mayor of Rastat, Germany; representatives from the Sister Cities of Priolo and Solerino of Sicily, Italy; the Governors of AHEPA and DOP; the Priest of the local Greek community, Fr. J. Bogiatzis; the President of the parish, Bro. A. Moutogiannis; CCSU students who participated in last year's excavations in Pella and Edessa; CCSU Faculty members; the President of the Sister Cities Committee and former Mayor, Mr. Wm. McNamara; the whole of the Sister Cities Committee; former Mayor L. Pawlak; The Lieutenant Governor, PDGs, President and Advisor of AHEPA, DOP, MOA and SOP from Hartford, Danbury, Meriden and Waterbury; New York residents from Giannitsa and many more parishioners and philhellene friends.

As Masters of Ceremony at the dinner, the Chapter's President and the DOP Gov. Jack Isaac & Donna Rados shined!

The Norwalk Pontian Society 'Pontos' performed traditional dances and the local popular singer Stamatia Balabanis graciously volunteered to sing three pop songs, two of which were altered specifically to include patriotic verses on Macedonia!

AHEPA local chapter members in the Sister Cities Committee working on the overall schedule were: Costa Georgakopoulos, Jack Isaac, A. Moutogiannis, L. Sitalides and George Rados. Dinner decor was provided by Irene Sklavouris, Margo Sklavouris, M. Aros and Donna Rados.

The whole event was sponsored by the AHEPA Hellenic Affairs led by George Rados (District Chair-National Committee member), Jack Isaac, Costa Georgakopoulos, L. Sitalides, Harry Sitalides, A. Moutogiannis and B. Christopoulos, overseen by and in cooperation with the Sister Cities Committee of New Britain, Chaired by Mr. William McNamara (Hon. Chair: Mayor T. Stewart)

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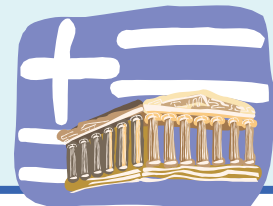
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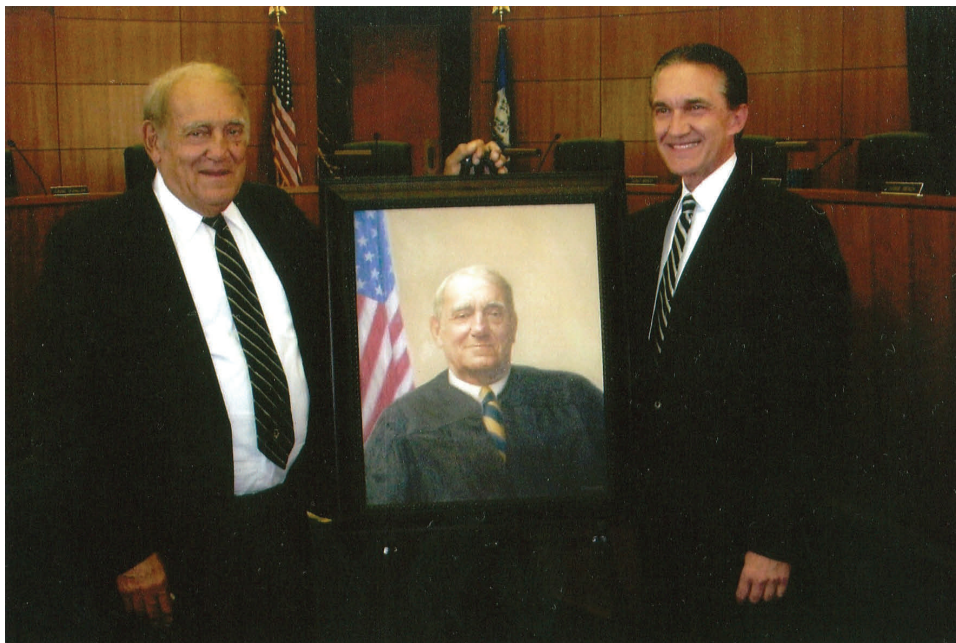
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## Judge Soc Mihalakos Honored by Hellenic Bar Association

The Honorable Judge Socrates H. Mihalakos recently had the honor of having his portrait unveiled and hung at the Connecticut Appellate Court in Hartford, CT. Judge Mihalakos served as a Superior Court Judge for fifteen years, and recently retired as a Judge of the Connecticut Appellate Court after ten years of service to that Court. He is the first Greek American attorney appointed to the Judiciary in the State of Connecticut, and also the first to be elevated to the Appellate Court.

On Friday, May 15, 2009 the portrait unveiling and a ceremony honoring Judge Mihalakos was held at the Appellate Court. The Hellenic Bar Association of Connecticut sponsored and initiated the effort to have the unveiling of Judge Mihalakos' portrait. Remarks about Judge Mihalakos' humble upbringing in his hometown of Waterbury, CT, as a child of Greek immigrants, his stellar basketball career at Brown University and distinguished service to the Judicial branch in Connecticut were made by the Honorable Jo-



seph P. Flynn, the Chief Judge of the Connecticut Appellate Court, and the Honorable William J. Sullivan, Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. Attorney Gregory J. Stamos, President of the Hellenic Bar Association, introduced Judge Mihalakos, noting Judge Mihalakos' great service to both the Judiciary and the Greek-American Community. Attorney Stamos remarked that Judge Mihalakos was a tremendous role model and mentor to all Greek-American attorneys, and highlighted his service to his faith and Church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Waterbury, CT and his love and dedication to his heritage.

The Hellenic Bar Association is an association of Greek American attorneys in Connecticut, having been formed two years ago. In its short existence, it has held a fundraiser for the victims of the tragic Greek fires in 2007, supported the Hellenic Studies program at the University of Connecticut and the ongoing construction of the amphitheater at UCONN sponsored by the Hellenic Studies Padeaia, and recently formed a pro-bono panel to serve indigent Greek-Americans through the various Greek Orthodox Churches in Connecticut. However, as Attorney Stamos noted, the sponsorship of the portrait of

Judge Mihalakos was especially noteworthy, as it demonstrated the heights that all Greek-Americans could attain.

Judge Mihalakos is a long time member of the Order of AHEPA Chapter #48 in Waterbury, CT, and Attorney Stamos of Chapter #98 New Haven, CT.

In the photo left, Judge Mihalakos is presented the portrait by Gregory Stamos.



## New AHEPA Supreme Governor of Region 4

Alex Geourntas, a member of AHEPA Athens Chapter #24-Boston was elected at the Supreme Convention as Supreme Governor of Region 4 representing Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Prior to his election as Supreme Governor, Alex served our fraternity as District 8 Governor.

Alex spearheaded district efforts to support the victims of the devastating fires in Greece raising over \$10,000 for the AHEPA Emergency Greek Fire Fund.

Alex also served two terms as Chapter President and two terms as Chapter Vice President of Athens Chapter #24. His second term as President was an honor as the chapter hosted the successful 2005 AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Boston.



Alex is currently serving as Assistant City Clerk for the City of Boston having been appointed by the Boston City Council and Mayor in 2005. Alex is currently the highest ranking Greek American in city government.

Alex graduated from Suffolk University's Business School with a Master in Public Administration in 1988 and he earned his BA Degree in Political Science from the Univ. of Massachusetts-Boston in 1984.

Alex co-hosted "The Greek Program" on the Boston Neighborhood Network from 1996 - 2006 and he has been an active member of his community for over 30 years. Alex lives in Boston with his wife, Nancy.



## Highlights New England Regional Convention X on June 5-7, 2009



District #7 Convention meeting

### Yankee District #7 Lodge 2009-2010:

District Governor  
Nicholas Nikas  
District Lt. Governor  
Emmanuel Moshovos  
District Secretary  
Jack Issac  
District Treasurer  
John G. Grossomanides  
District Marshall  
James Cocolis  
District Warden  
Demetrius Tasoulas



District Governor Donna Rados presents Past Grand President Joanne Hologgitis and Past District Governor Ellen Anagnostos of the Ares Chapter The Most Improved Chapter Membership Award



District Governors of District #7, #8, and #9 getting installed at the New England Regional Convention X

### AHEPA Chapter #48 Waterbury, CT

On Sunday, June 14, 2009 the Waterbury AHEPA Chapter 48 and The DOP Deucalion Chapter #199 held their annual Scholarship Luncheon to award the annual scholastic Scholarships; a total of \$11,500 was awarded to 16 deserving students. The **Sam Procopion Scholarship** was awarded to William Gallo, Karen Lainas Alexander Palios. The **Christopher N. Rigopoulos Scholarship** was awarded to Helena Coric and Christina Matsis. The **Dan Perrone Scholarship** was awarded to Vasilios Kaloidis and Katerina Mouzas. The **George Pistolas Scholarship** was awarded to James Crowell, Ellen Michael and Eva Ververis. The **Arthur D. Velezis Scholarship** was awarded to Brian Billias and Urania Michael. The **George Sr. & Catherine Frantzis Scholarship** was awarded to Georgia Louca and Matoula Tsetsos. The **Dr. George Soteriou Scholarship** was awarded to William Gakidis and Alexander Tinios. The **Jean M. Kotsaftis, DOP Scholarship** was awarded to Alexander Tinios. The **Daughters of Penelope Deucalion Chapter 199 Scholarship** was awarded to Urania Michael and Matoula Tsetsos



Waterbury Scholarship Recipients



## Highlights Supreme Convention in San Francisco, CA June 30—July 4, 2009



AHEPA Supreme Lodge 2009—2010



AHEPA Supreme Lodge gets installed



Sons of Pericles 2009—2010 Lodge gets installed



Supreme President Sons of Pericles Demetrius Vadalis congratulates Manolis Sfinarolakis



District Governor Nick Nikas and his wife, Ruth at the Supreme Convention in San Francisco.



Ike Gulas presents John Grossomanides a service award for serving as the Supreme Secretary





George Grossomanides and John G. Grossomanides at the Supreme Convention with Charles Mackenzie of Allentown, PA



John Grossomanides initiates five new members in the Newport Chapter #245 with Past District Governors Steve Jennings and Ernie Pool



Brother Ernie Pool PDG with Gus Hologgitas



Standing Brother Basile Panoutsopoulos with PDG Steve Jennings and seated George Koulouvardis with PSS George Anagnostos



George Scarveles of the New Haven Chapter #98 presides over the chapter meeting



The New Haven chapter led by President George Scarveles welcomed District Governor Nick Nikas on June 3, 2009, with Peter Stamos PDG and Harry Pappas looking on.





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The first two events will be open to the public (free of charge, no reservations needed). Those planning to join us for the awards dinner should make reservations (contact me at 203-554-5570 or niketes@yahoo.com) and expect a modest charge for the food.

For the Good of the Order, every chapter should plan to accomplish the following four major objectives in the remaining months of 2009:

1. Do something for the benefit of your community and make sure the community is aware of it. This could be a well publicized financial contribution, a fund raising event, an educational or cultural event, or anything else that the community will appreciate.
2. Schedule an AHEPA orientation event and invite prospective members to learn about our organization at the chapter, district and national level. At the end of this event ASK participants to join AHEPA. If, for some reason, your chapter cannot hold such an event, you should try to find other ways to increase membership. You should consider an annual decrease in your chapter's membership unacceptable (YE 2008 to YE 2009). I challenge all chapters to show an annual increase of at least one member!
3. Collect ALL membership dues in an organized manner and pay your dues to national well before the deadline of December 31. I will be personally following each chapter's progress on this metric and will be calling the presidents of chapters that appear to be falling behind until they catch up.
4. Find the chapter member who is closest to your local US Representative and give him the responsibility to work with other chapters in the same congressional district to convince the Representative to join the Hellenic Caucus. I stand ready to join any chapter delegation that tries to accomplish this objective.

The greatest benefit of being a Governor is the opportunity to visit the chapters and meet the Brothers in person. I am especially eager to visit Danielson and Meriden, the two chapters I missed during my first term.

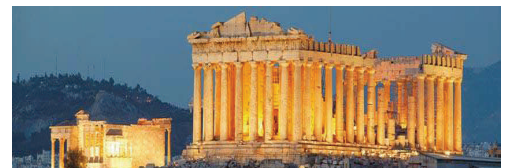
Please help keep the Yankee News in first place by continually sending your chapter news to John.

Fraternally,

Nicholas Nikas

Memorial Day parade in New Britain, CT on May 30, 2009.

Officials from Giannitsa, Greece the sister city of New Britain. CT tour around the sights of the United States.





# 2009 District #7 Scholarships Recipients

## Angelo and Mary Pappas Scholarships

Sadie Barchini	Waterbury DOP	Brown Univ. Medical School	Medicine	\$2500
Christina Feigel	Hartford DOP	Indiana University	Music	\$2000
Angela Yeotsas	Bridgeport AHEPA	Pratt Institute	Art	\$1000

## Dino Macricostas Scholarships

Christina Yeotsas	Bridgeport AHEPA	Fordham University	Undeclared	\$2000
Urania Michael	Waterbury DOP	Univ. of Connecticut	Biomedical Engineering	\$2000

## Peter E. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship

James Crowell	Waterbury AHEPA	Univ. of Connecticut	Undeclared	\$1000
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## District 7 Scholarships

Matoula Tsetsos	Waterbury DOP	Univ. of Connecticut	Undeclared	\$500
Michael Papachristos	Bridgeport AHEPA	Univ. of Connecticut	Civil Engineering	\$250
Katerina Mouzas	Waterbury DOP	So. Connecticut St. Univ.	Psychology	\$250

## Samuel Nakos AHEPA Educational Foundation

Georgia Louca	Waterbury DOP	Univ. of Connecticut	Management	\$1000
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### ***In Memoriam***

Past Lt. Governor of District #7 and former member of the Nathan Hale Chapter #58 Brother Stephan George Grossomanides of Delray Beach, FL, Westerly, RI and Wethersfield, CT passed away on July 18, 2009. Steve was born in Westerly, RI in 1926, the son of the late George and Mercina Grossomanides. He was President and Owner of Continental Travel and Tour Company of Wethersfield, CT for 40 years until his retirement in 1990. He was very active in the Greek Orthodox churches in Hartford, CT, Norwich, CT, and Boca Raton, FL for over 40 years. He was a devoted member of the Order of AHEPA for over 50 years and a lifetime member. He and his family lived in Wethersfield, CT and Westerly, RI before retiring to Florida. He was an All-State catcher for the undefeated Westerly High School State Champion of 1944. He then went on play for the St. Louis Cardi-

nals minor league organization for several years. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Claire H. (Stamaton) Grossomanides of Delray Beach, FL; five children: George S. Grossomanides, daughter Kristina of Westerly, RI, Elaine M. Grossomanides of Hallandale Beach, FL, Costas Grossomanides and wife Elaine, sons Alexander and Nicholas, of Wallingford, CT, Katherine Bolduc and husband Raymond, daughters Amy and Jessica of Port St. Lucie, FL, Stephan J. Grossomanides and wife Deanna, daughter Ella of Boca Raton, FL. He is also survived by a sister Anastasia (Grossomanides) Bates of Coventry, RI and a brother John G. Grossomanides of Westerly, RI.

***May his Memory be Eternal***



### **AHEPA Chapter #90 Danbury, CT**

The Danbury Chapter is preparing to send three teams to the Hellenic History Trophy Competition. The members and the local community have contacted their youth to learn Greek History. Most parents also have expressed an interest to share in the knowledge of Greek History. Congratulations to District Governor Nikas on making this a District event.

Up-coming event. Danbury Ahepa Chapter to hold its third Wine tasting event In October at the Danbury Church Hall. The proceeds to benefit the Ahepa Macricostas scholarship fund. Wines from different regions of the world to be featured. Appetizers will also be served during the event. More details to follow.

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

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**AHEPA Chapter #58****Nathan Hale  
Hartford, CT**

By Emmanuel Moshovos

Nathan Hale Chapter #58 is in the process of finalizing plans for the 2009-2010 year. Included will be a concerted membership drive to include reinstatements as well as new members from the Greater Hartford area. This activity will be followed by initiations along with the regular Chapter meetings, dinner meetings, lectures and socials!

The Chapter's PHASE II of the NATHAN HALE SENIOR APARTMENTS is nearly completed and new residents are currently being qualified for residency in the 41 new units. A Certificate of Occupancy is due to be completed in the next week. This addition will bring the total of senior apartments to 83. The Chapter received the sad news that former Chapter President and long-time active member Steve Grossomanides passed away in July in Florida. His enthusiasm and efforts in support of the Nathan Hale Chapter will long be remembered.

Hartford's #58 again provided major manpower assistance to Hartford's St. George Cathedral on the occasion of its annual Festival by manning the inside and outside bars for the duration of the event.

The Chapter also fielded, and sponsored, two 3-person student teams who will participate in the 1st Annual Hellenic Historical Trophy Competition, sponsored by District 7, which will be held at Norwich Free Academy on November 14th of 2009. In addition, the Chapter sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive in the church's Matthews Fellowship Hall in December as part of its community outreach effort. The Chapter was proud to present 5 scholarships to very deserving students entering, or already in, college programs.

The Chapter looks forward to an exciting year of membership growth, charity and community outreach, and continued exposure of Hellenic ideals to the Greater Hartford community !!

**AHEPA Chapter #106****Sophocles  
Providence, RI**

By Peter Manis

1st Annual Annunciation Golf Tournament to be held Sunday, September 27, in East Providence, RI. The Church of the Annunciation, in Cranston, RI, is pleased to announce it's 1st Annual Annunciation Golf Tournament. This tournament will be held at Metcomet Country Club in East Providence, RI. The golf format will be bramble, with long drive, and closest to the pin contests. The day of the event, registration will begin at 11:30 am, with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. A cocktail hour and awards dinner will be held at 6:00 pm after the golf has concluded. Players can register online at [www.annunciationri.org](http://www.annunciationri.org), or download a printable PDF of the event registration form. The cost per golfer is \$150, and includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and registration gifts. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Registration closes on September 18. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Church of the Annunciation and the homeless through a donation to Crossroads Rhode Island.

**Tà véa**

Congratulations to **Lukia and Tony Kazakos** who will celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary on October 2nd. Χρονια Πολλα!!

Happy Birthday to Brothers **George Grossomanides and Kip Kyprianou** who celebrated their Birthdays, Χρονια Πολλα!!

Get Well Soon to **Tom Nicholau, PDG!**

**News, news, news**

As always if you have any news please email it to us.

Please send any pictures electronically via email. Any chapter news is always welcome, engagements, marriages, new babies, promotions, moved, retirement, or just taking a vacation let us know, forward it via email  
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**YANKEE DISTRICT #7**

2008 / 2009

**DOP RAFFLE RESULTS**

October 2008

\$75- Elizabeth Karlam, New Britain, CT  
\$25- DOP- Ares #49, Newport, RI

November 2008

\$75- Millie Forte, Bristol, CT  
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\$75- Mike Janaros, Newport, RI  
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\$75- Nick Skalkos, Easton, CT  
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Congratulations to all. Anyone interested in tickets for 2009/2010 drawings...See any Lodge Member of District #7 from CT or RI.....

**Editors Note:**

Letter from the  
Supreme Vice-President:  
Brothers of District #7,

It is indeed an honor to be elected as only the third Supreme Vice President from our District. I would like to thank all the Brother AHEPANS of District #7 for your support. I could not have been elected to the Supreme Lodge without your assistance. It is your efforts that have propelled my rise in our organization.

It is my hope that you will all join me next year at the Supreme Convention in my bid to become. It is my hope that we send even more than the 14 delegates which attended the Supreme Convention this year.

Fraternally and God Bless,  
John Grossomanides





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**Deadline is:**

**November 1, 2009**

**Reminder  
AHEPA District #7  
Fall Conference**

**Date:** Saturday, October 24, 2009

**Place:** AHEPA Senior Citizen Housing  
Winthrop #250 Niantic, CT

**Time:** check in/coffee: 9:00-10:00 am  
meeting: 10:00am-1:00 pm  
lunch: 1:00-2:00 pm

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Tony Petros and Sot Daniska are pictured selling AHEPA #110 Raffle tickets in front of the Holy Trinity Church in Norwich, CT. For tickets contact Tony at [tonypetros@yahoo.com](mailto:tonypetros@yahoo.com)