



# AHEPA

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### Message from the Order of AHEPA District Governor

I hope all of you had a Happy Easter and were able to celebrate with your loved ones. In April we had the District Conference in Norwich. It was well attended and I felt the meeting was productive and with good discussions. Now we need to focus on the District and National conventions. You will find the specifics of the both conventions in this issue of Yankee News.

I encourage all of you to attend. This is where you voice your concerns and ideas, learn the inner workings of our organization, cast your vote and make a difference. The letter "P" in AHEPA is for "Progressive." Every one of us could be an agent of change. As the times change we need to adapt; to do that we need to pass new rules and find new ways to achieve our objectives. These items are all discussed and approved by delegate majority vote.

Being that this is my second year serving as Governor it must also be the last. I thank all of you for your support, your cooperation and your hospitality. I was my honor to serve you. See you all at the convention.

Fraternally,  
Kip Kyprianou

### Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor

Xristos Anesti Sisters,

Now that the Pascha activities have ended, we continue on to District Convention responsibilities as well as Church Festival participation. It is this dedication and commitment that keeps the hopes and dreams of our parents and grandparents alive please don't let it fade. Your support to our organization yielded two pro rata checks for the district in the amounts of - \$296 for 148 paid members by December 2007 and \$46 for 23 life members. Keep up the good work. Hopefully we can do even better next year.

**Danielson, ASTERIA #368**, even though you are a small chapter and we haven't seen you at the District functions you truly are working hard and keeping the Daughters of Penelope in the lime light with articles in the local news about your community work in Danielson and in sending an article to Penelope's Scroll. We commend your work under the guidance of your President Clara Angelos. Clara, perhaps you would consider becoming a Lodge officer bringing your ideas and energy.

**Thank you brother AHEPANS.** At the Spring Conference in Norwich the brothers voted to support the National Convention with an ad in the Commemorative Album including the Daughters with no cost to the Daughters. Way To Go!!!! **Chapter Visitations:** In my absence Sisters Donna and Loukia visited the Meriden and Waterbury chapters. They also made the visitation to Bridgeport in September. Thank you Sisters Donna and Loukia. You truly are dedicated to our District in addition to being helpful and supportive to me.

As a reminder, the **District Tablecloth** is an ongoing fundraiser and History of our District. Please add your name to your chapter for a **\$5.00 donation**. See your president of send your donation to **Donna Rados PDG, Treasurer, District 7 Cheryl Ct. Cromwell, Ct 06416 with your name, chapter number, and contact information.** The District Tablecloth is displayed at our Conferences as well as the District and National Conventions. By the way, sister Mary Petrus, Lt. Governor will be representing our District at the National Convention in Athens. Thank you Sister Mary.

In the event that you are unable to attend the Convention, I am taking this opportunity to thank each and every member of our Daughters organization for your confidence, support and help as I tried to meet my responsibilities of my office this difficult year. Your support, not matter how small whether paying your dues on time, supporting the fund raisers, chairing an event, chairing a committee, attending the monthly meetings, attending a conference, baking, calling members, or being a chapter or district officer. It is this continued dedication and sisterhood that makes our organization successful. I am truly thankful, for your understanding, help and cooperation.

*Helene*

Helene Aliferis Moran  
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**AHEPA Chapter #62  
Bridgeport, CT**

At their December meeting, the Order of AHEPA Chapter #62 Bridgeport, CT initiated three new members into their chapter by District Governor Kip Kyprianou and District Lt. Governor Nick Nikas. The three new members were: Michael Albano, Constantine Vlamis, Argiris Karagiannis. The total number of members in the chapter is now 80 AHEPANS. Also, the chapter is anticipating an additional three candidates for initiation in the near future. Following the initiation, the District Officers intalled the newly elected officers. The new officers are: President-John Frangenes, Vice President- John Bochanis, Secretary-Alex Vlantés, Treasurer- Chris Savides and Fincacial Secretary- Van Hatzis.

John Frangenes also recognized Alex Vlantés who has been a member of Chapter #62 for 70 years and has served as the chapter Secretary for the past 30 years. Father Demetrios Recachinas, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church gave the benediction and welcomed all the AHEPANS and wished them well for the New Year, a buffet dinner was served for all that were present.

**Upcoming Events**

**AHEPA Yankee #7  
District Convention and  
Scholarship Dinner  
May 31-June 1, 2008**  
Best Western  
Mystic, CT

**Greek Night  
New York Mets  
Shea Stadium  
Saturday, June 14, 2008**

**AHEPA  
Supreme Convention 2008  
July 1-7, 2008**  
Inter-Continental Hotel  
Athens, Greece

**In Memoriam**

Brother John Trantalis, 91, of the  
Norwich Chapter #110.  
**May his Memory be Eternal**

Below Bridgeport Chapter Officials (Left to-Right): Chris Savides, John Bochanis, John Frangenes, Alex Vlantés, and Van Hatzis.



District #7 at the Greek Independence Day Parade in New York City on April 6, 2008



Evzones march on 5th Avenue



The AHEPA Float



Lt. Governor Nick Nikas carries the flag



AHEPA Supreme Lodge members lead the AHEPA delegation



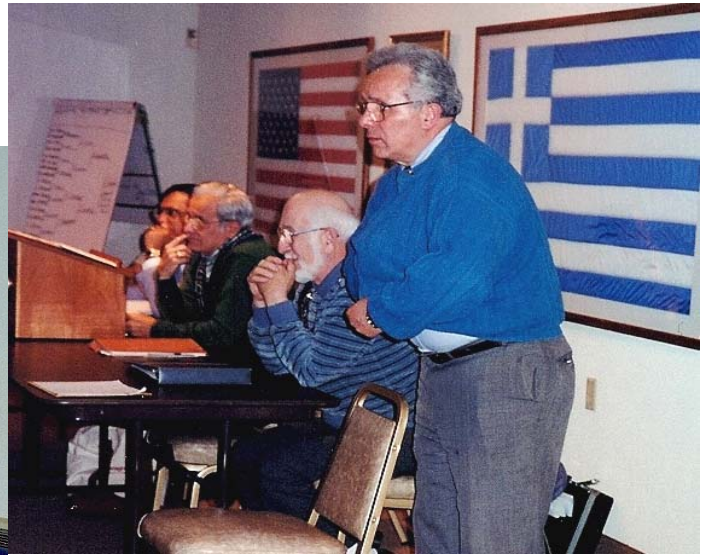
Above: Lt. Governor Nick Nikas with a member of the Cypriot Delegation.

Right: The Stamford Church Dance Group performs



### Scenes from the Past:

Below members of the Hartford DOP, with several Daughters Past District Governors. Standing L-R: PDG Mary Murray, PDG Mary Giamoulis, and PDG Helen Matsikas



Mo Moshovos at a Nathan Hale meeting.



L-R, Norwich #110 Peter Pappas with Professor Peter Pat-souris as he gives a lecture at one of the chapter meetings.



District Conference in Hartford with PSG Angel Pappas.



PDG Ellen Anagnostos speaks at a District Conference with Past Grand President Liza Pappas and PDG Ilias Kalessis in the foreground

## Daughters of Penelope Asteria Chapter #368 Danielson, CT

The Daughters of Penelope, Asteria Chapter 368 of Danielson recently made a new clothing donation to Day Kimball Hospital's Birthing Center. Day Kimball Hospital is a major benefactor of the Daughters of Penelope's charitable work. The Danielson Chapter recently gave several dozen care packages to Day Kimball's Birthing Center to be given to families who are less fortunate. The packages included an assortment of new baby products such as, blankets, one-zies, outfits and more.

"We are very fortunate that the Daughters of Penelope have included us as beneficiaries of their good work," said Robin Lazenby, RN, Director of Maternal Child Health / Birthing Center. "The packages that they donated are absolutely beautiful! A lot of care and compassion went into making them. Best of all, our patients and families are the ones who will benefit."

Three members of the Daughters of Penelope, Danielson Chapter visited Day Kimball's Birthing Center to make the donation. The members included Clara Angelos, of Danielson, current president; Niki Menounos, of Lebanon, past president; and Betty Tsakonas Church of Brooklyn. In addition to Day Kimball Hospital, the Daughters of Penelope also give locally and nationally to domestic violence and cancer causes. "We're aware that there are many underprivileged families living in Northeastern Connecticut, and our chapter wanted to help out in some way," said Clara Angelos. "Betty Tsakonas Church is on Day Kimball Hospital's Development Committee, and she suggested making this donation to the Birthing Center. We're hopeful that the Daughters of Penelope has made a difference to the infants and parents living in our community."

**Photo right:** Daughters of Penelope, Asteria 368 of Danielson, recently made a new clothing donation to Day Kimball Hospital's Birthing Center. From left to right, Niki Menounos; Robin Lazenby, director of the Birthing Center; Danielle Wiesner, RN; Betty Tsakonas Church; Laura Murphy, RN; and Clara Angelos



John Grossomanides Presents "You and Your Medications" at the Nathan Hale and Thoas Chapter meetings in Hartford, L-R, Mo Moshovos, Lukia Kazakos and Jerry Copsinis



Tony Petros, with the newest member of Chapter #110 Norwich, CT Stepheny Bakoulis, (center) and his father (right) Evangelos Bakoulis



## AHEPA Chapter #117 Elpis New Britain, CT

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church and AHEPA Elpis Chapter 117 participated in the Central Connecticut State University International Festival on Sunday, April 13, 2008. Greece and Cyprus were represented at its Student Center. At that event, we presented Macedonian history, costumes and food samples, while a Pontian group of dancers performed. We visited the town and City Halls of Middletown, New Britain, Southington, Bristol and West Hartford ceremonially presenting the Greek flag to each. Hellenic Affairs Committee Chair Rados attended a presentation by Professor Rogers, at the Church of the Archangels in Stamford, on Alexander the Great, the 15th of February. The event was a big success, attended by more than 70 people from all different backgrounds! The Professor delivered the same presentation in New Britain, on April 12, 2008. We attended the pan-Macedonian conference in Astoria, New York, on February 16, 2008. Full cooperation is urgently needed, from ALL Greek Organizations, with the views of and from the pan-Macedonian Organization spearheading the drive! Brother Michael Tsitarides had an operation recently, now recovering. Brother Gus Pelarinos had the misfortune to have his package store broken into and sustained damages. The Chapter grieves the loss of PDG Ron Crabtree and Nick Moran, extending our sympathy to their families. On a lighter note, Brother Leo Sitolides recently returned from vacationing with his wife and friends, in the islands.



## AHEPA Chapter #99 Harry A. Fanos Stamford, CT

The Harry Fanos Chapter 99 would like to report on our March 22 event and our participation in the NYC parade on April 6. Our March 22 event celebrating the 187th anniversary of the Greek war of independence and featuring the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey was an unqualified success. It attracted an enthusiastic audience of 70 people, every one of whom left the church hall feeling elated. Nothing like a troupe of energetic young people, dressed in traditional Greek costumes and dancing to the tunes of traditional Greek folk songs... Thanks to a higher than normal number of people showing up at the door without reservations, we netted about \$1000, a modest sum, but a lot better than the loss we anticipated.

During the break between the two

dancing segments, we showed a DVD on the life of Laskarina Bouboulina, the legendary heroine of the Greek war of independence. Very few Greek Americans know her story, and the audience, particularly the women, were very interested to learn it. This event also marked a first important milestone in our effort to educate the Greater Stamford community about our Hellenic heritage. The local cable TV news channel, News 12 Connecticut, sent a cameraman to record the event. That night, the 10 o'clock news included a 2 minute story about it.

On April 6 despite the rather chilly weather and cloudy skies, the parade was very enthusiastic and well attended as usual. District #7 representatives were Supreme Secretary John Grossomanides who marched with the Supreme Lodge and District #7 Lt. Governor Nicholas Nikas who marched after the float and in front of the local districts. Also two Brothers from Chapter 99 were there but marched with other groups: Brother Vassos Vassiliou with the Cyprus Federation, and Brother Fotis Boliakis with the GOC of our Saviour from Rye, NY. District 7 was listed on the float as one of the three sponsoring Districts. Hope we get better weather next year.

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

The Meriden Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope held a pancake breakfast on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> at the St. George Cultural Center in New Britain, CT. The proceeds were donated to St. George Church and other charities.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> we had our annual potluck supper with our brother Ahepans and members of the Daughter's District Lodge, Lt. Governor Mary Petrus, Secretary Donna Rados, PDG and Advisor Lucia Kazakos, PDG. As usual the supper was excellent and a good time had was by all. We also attended the lecture of "Alexander the Great" sponsored by The New Britain Ahepans. Lt. Governor, Mary Petrus and Sister Denise Halepas are going to Athens in July to attend the Ahepa National Convention.

The daughters once again will be doing the Annual Cherry Tree at the Dionysos Festival and all proceeds will be donated to St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

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

The Danbury Chapter 90 presented a cultural event on Saturday May 10 that combined history and music to recall the tragic expulsion of Greeks from Asia Minor in 1922. This event which was held in support of the Macricostas Scholarship Fund, touched a particular chord for many of us who traced part of our heritage to the "Greek East." The Burning of Smyrna, which was the culmination of the Kemalist campaign to rid Asia Minor of its Greek populations during the formation of modern Turkey, was remembered in music from the era, as well as with music from two important works from the early 70s that dealt with the Asia Minor Catastrophe and its aftermath: Apostolos Kaldaaras' "Mikra Asia" and Dimos Moutsis' "Agios Fevrouarios". The performance, by Grigoris Maninakis and the Mikrokosmos Ensemble, was at the

Church Hall.

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

The Chapter hosted its first Greek Independence Day Party on March 25, 2008 which was open to the entire community. The chapter was proud to host the District Spring Conference which had eight chapters and 23 people in attendance. On June 24, Norwich #110 will hold its Annual Awards and Installation Dinner.

### ***Τά νέα***

Brother **John Grossomanides** has presented "You and Your Medications" to the Waterbury, Meriden, New Britain, and Hartford AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Chapters in the last three months.

Congratulations to Brother Demo Angelopoulos and Jackie on their marriage this past December.

Tony Petros, Terry Mitchell, and George Anagnostos will represent their chapters at the National AHEPA Housing meeting in Indianapolis May 2-4, 2008

Correction—Congratulations to **Ellen and George Anagnostos, Newport 245** on the recent birth of their SIXTH grandchild. *Να σας ζήσει!!!*



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**DOP YANKEE DISTRICT # 7  
2007-2008 RAFFLE RESULTS**

- October 2007: \$75- Canelo Bartis....Middletown, RI  
\$25- DOP- Norfolk, VA
- November 2007: \$75- Magdaline Thomas...Scottsdale, AZ  
\$25- Maria Dongas...Manchester, NH
- December 2007: \$75- George Coclin...RI  
\$25- Freda Tsekerides Sleepy Hollow, NY
- January 2008: \$75- John Stargu...Meriden, CT  
\$25- Millie Arahovites...Shelton, CT
- February 2008: \$75.00- Mary Nickitopoulos Peabody, MA  
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- March 2008: \$75- Alke Nichols Shelton, CT  
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- April 2008: \$75- Kathy Angelos Bridgeport, CT  
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May 2008: \$75 \$25  
**THANK YOU** to all who purchased tickets this year. Tickets  
are available for 2008-2009...see a Sister from Daughters of  
Penelope; Yankee District #7 **GOOD LUCK!!!!!!!!!!!!**