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### Message from the Order of AHEPA District Governor

Dear Brothers,

As I approach the end of my term as your Governor, I am filled with pride at the things we accomplished together over the past year. We had two well-attended and action-packed conferences. We were the only US District to show an increase in membership in 2008. We launched Hellenic History Trophy, an important new scholarship competition aiming to promote knowledge of Hellenic history among our youth. After years of inactivity, the Norwalk chapter started holding monthly meetings again, initiated one new brother, and sent two representatives to the Spring Conference. We participated in the NYC Greek Independence Day parade, where we marched behind the District 7 banner after an absence of many years. And we continued to improve the quality and popularity of our district website and our quarterly publication, the Yankee News. Congratulations and thanks to all of you for a job well done!

Please allow me to single out some individuals for special mention. I would like to thank George Rados for arranging to send a group of CCSU students on an archaeological dig in Pella, Greece, in the process creating a group of enthusiastic philhellenes; George Scarveles and John Frangenes for hosting our two conferences despite significant local difficulties; Paul Velez and George Scarveles for their special efforts to ensure that every paying member of their chapter was reported properly to National by year-end, thus enabling the District to show an annual increase; Manolis Sfinarolakis for leading our participation in the NYC parade; all chapters that contributed \$50 towards the cost of

the NYC parade float; all chapter presidents for their support of the Hellenic History Trophy project; George Papadopoulos for being a catalyst for the rebirth of the Norwalk chapter; Kip Kyprianou for his invaluable advice both in matters gubernatorial and cybernetic; John Grossomanides for his vigilant oversight over all district operations and for his constant striving to improve the Yankee News; and Ernie Pool for financing a good portion of the increased costs associated with Yankee News improvements through an aggressive campaign for ad placements.

On a personal note, I was very gratified to have had the opportunity to meet many of you during my chapter visitations. All chapters showed an impressive dedication to their local communities as well as to the Good of the Order of AHEPA. So far, I have visited Norwich, Stamford, Hartford, Danbury, Waterbury, Bridgeport, New London, New Britain, Norwalk, Newport and Providence. That leaves New Haven, Meriden, and Danielson. I would really like to visit every chapter before the Tri-District Convention in June, so please invite me ASAP!

Before closing, I'd like to remind you of some important items:

(i) Our website ([www.ahepad7.org](http://www.ahepad7.org)) is constantly being updated and currently contains useful reminders of upcoming events and deadlines, as well as presentations and minutes of our two most recent conferences. Please use it frequently!

(ii) Two of our D7 brothers, John Grossomanides and Kip Kyprianou, are running for National office and need our votes at the Supreme Convention. The chapters are urged to provide extra assistance to their delegates to reduce the financial burden in the hope that more of them will decide to go. The District Lodge will match such assistance up to \$100.

(iii) **Save the date of November 14** on your calendars. That's when we will (1) hold the Hellenic History Trophy com-

petition, (2) present the regular annual scholarship awards, and (3) recognize the recipients of the three annual district awards: AHEPAN, Hellenene, and Chapter of the year [please send me your nominations as soon as possible].

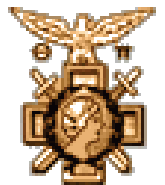
Thank you all for making me proud to be your Governor. See you at the convention in Mansfield! Fraternally,

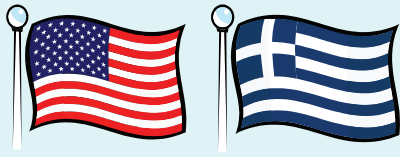
Nicholas Nikas

### Message from the District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope

On November 16, 1929, the dream of Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfield began.

Her desire was to create a woman's organization and because of her perseverance and the encouragement of her husband, Dr. Emanuel Apostolides, a devoted Ahepan, she formed Eos Chapter #1 with 25 charter members in San Francisco, California. Mrs. Apostolides envisioned a new beginning for the Greek American women. She drafted the basic principles of the organization; patience, loyalty and purity, which are an inspiration to all women. Based on these principles the objectives of the Daughters of Penelope have grown to not only to promote Hellenism, but Education, Philanthropy,





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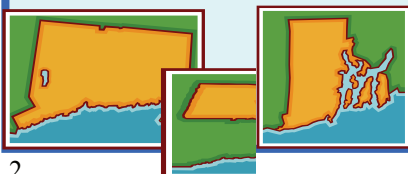
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Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence. Furthermore, the Daughters of Penelope encourage and promote loyalty to the country in which they live and promote the spirit of cooperation and work closely, in harmony, with the whole AHEPA Family. The Daughters of Penelope remain non-partisan and non-denominational.

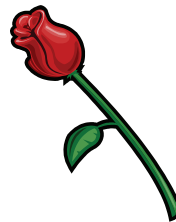
This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the order and there will be many events to celebrate, especially during the month of November. We will celebrate the fact that from Eos Chapter #1 with 25 members, we have grown to over 350 chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece and Cyprus. We will also celebrate the fact that not only do we help others through monetary contributions, we lend a helping hand to those in need by devoting countless hours of volunteer work to hospitals, old people's homes, women's and daycare centers. We organize educational seminars and scholarships; establish old age homes and women's shelters. We support our local churches and make a huge difference in their community.

I take this opportunity to thank our leaders for their time and talents and a huge thank you to the many sisters who indeed make a difference in their community by being a Daughter of Penelope.  
Yours in Theta Pi  
Donna E. Rados, PDG

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

By George Grossomanides

The Rose of New England Chapter #110 has been busy recruiting and initiating new brothers for the past several months. We have now reached 90 members on the rolls once again. We recently initiated 2 energetic young men in their 20's. Costas Zarboutis a University of Connecticut student from Columbia, CT and Costas Konstandinis an Emergency Medical Technician from Norwich, CT. Prior to this we initiated two brothers both in their early 20's Jason



**Upcoming Events**

**AHEPA New England  
Regional Conference X  
June 5,6,7, 2009**  
Holiday Inn Hotel  
Mansfield, MA

**AHEPA  
Supreme Convention 2009  
July 1-5, 2009**  
Hyatt Regency Embarcadero  
San Francisco, CA



and Joshua Bakoulis from Norwich. We are planning a fundraising dinner to benefit Cooley's Anemia early this summer. Our chapter is once again holding its biennial Truck Raffle this summer, drawing in September, which in the past has been highly successful for our chapter. Our 3 Senior Housing Buildings are always fully occupied and we are in the process of raising money for an enclosure for the patio behind building Two. Best Wishes to Dr. John Grossomanides, our favorite son from Norwich and Westerly in his bid to become Supreme Vice President.

**AHEPA  
Stamford Chapter #99**

In honor of the 188th anniversary of the start of the Greek War of Independence against the Ottoman Turks in 1821, the Stamford chapter of AHEPA and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Archangels sponsored "The Women of the Greek Revolution", a performance by Yannis Simonides in both Greek and English, on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

Mr. Simonides was designated 2009 Ambassador of Hellenism by the Prefecture of Athens for his lifelong service to Greek Arts & Letters worldwide. He is best known to the Greek American community for his extraordinary performances in Plato's "Apology of Socrates". Born

in Constantinople and raised in Athens, he is a Yale Drama School trained actor/writer and Emmy-winning documentary producer.

The doors of the Church Hall opened at 6:30PM for Greek appetizers and wine. Just before the performance began, our 2008 AHEPAcademy alumnus, John Petsagourakis, described his experience to the audience. Since this was a fundraiser for the benefit of the Stamford AHEPA Scholarship Fund, we urged the audience to be as generous as they could, to enable us to send more students to AHEPAcademy. The 45 people who attended gave us an enthusiastic response. Our per capita raffle sale was the highest ever.

Mr. Simonides did an outstanding job of evoking the bravery and horrors suffered by the women of the Greek revolution. His list of celebrated women started with Laskarina Bouboulina. She took arms in defense of her country and sacrificed her money, her ships and even her own sons to the altar of freedom. She was saluted as the first woman admiral in world history since Artemisia of Halicarnassus (480 BC). Additional heroines presented include Manto Mavrogenous, Haido of Souli and Alefanto of Mesolongi.

At the end of the performance, several members of the audience had tears in their eyes. Some came over to me and asked me not to be discouraged by the relatively low turnout but to continue to provide cultural events of such quality to the community.  
Sincerely, Nicholas Nikas

### ***In Memoriam***

Past District Governor Charles T. Zrakas, 83, passed away March 21st in Niantic. He was born in 1925, in Wilson, N.C. He was the son of Thomas and Sophia Papageorge Zrakas. Charlie was instrumental to Yankee District #7 starting the AHEPA District #7 Loan Fund for Scholarships. In addition, he was on the District #7 Golf Tournament Committee for many years which were held at Foster Country Club in Foster, RI. He served as President of the District #7 Scholarship Fund for many years and was instrumental on the funds growth and development. He had a wide ranging professional career, the restaurant business, Country Club manager, a partner in Bond Chemical Co. and later opened his own water treatment businesses; Nortech Co. and Z-Tech Co.

He married Theodora Benois Zrakas in New London 1952. He was a member of the Saint Sophia Hellenic Orthodox Church, an avid golfer, and loved tending to his rose bushes. In addition to his wife, Teddie (Past District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope); he leaves two daughters, Stephanie Z. Wilde and her husband, Tom of Potomoc, Md. and Alexandra F. Zrakas of West Hartford; two brothers, Harry Zrakas of Niantic and Jim Zrakas of Charlotte, N.C.; two granddaughters, Alexandra Wilde and Emily Wilde

Brother Dr. Zannis S. Kalams, 82, husband of Mary (Giangregorio) Kalams of 74 Case St., Norwich, died on Feb. 26, 2009. Born in Apikia, Andros, Greece on Oct. 28, 1926, he was the son of the late Spyros and Anna (Stelianos) Kalams. Dr. Kalams completed his medical training in 1953 at the University of Athens, during which time he was called to active duty in the military service. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1953 to pursue his post-doctoral training in surgery and pathology at Norwegian Hospital of Brooklyn, N.Y. In 1957, in New York, he married his wife, Mary, and moved to Norwich to take the position of director of pathology at Norwich State Hospital. He founded Cyto Medical Laboratories, Inc., in 1962, in Norwich, and expanded his operation into Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Dr. Kalams was very active in the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, holding positions as Church President and President of the building fund. In recognition of his services to the community he received the Greek Orthodox Diocesan Award in 1998. Dr. Kalams was a 45-year member of the Order of AHEPA. He was an avid sailor and gardener. He is survived by his wife Mary, two sons and their spouses, Spyros A. and Lisa Kalams of Brentwood, Tenn., and Anthony Z. and Suzanne Kalams of Perkasiel, Pa.; four grandchildren, Alyssa, Alex, Nicholas, and Jessica Kalams; and several nieces and nephews.

***May their Memory be Eternal***



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# Stamford Chapter Event March 28, 2009



Stamford Secretary Jim W Cocolis is ready at the drinks station



L-R: Stamford President Arthur Kiratsous and Evans Stergianis are ready with the camera (Arthur smile next time)



Far right: Stamford Treasurer Jim C. Cocolis selling tickets at the door



Mr. Yannis Simonides in mid-performance of his work "The Women of the Greek Revolution"



Volunteer Marge Cocolis (Mrs. Jim W) selling raffle tickets to the audience



AHEPAcademy graduate John Petsagourakis describing his experience to the audience

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**Next Yankee News  
Deadline is: August 1, 2009**

## District Governor Travels around the District



New Britain Chapter #117 visitation: L-R: Manolis Sfinarolakis (Waterbury), PDG George Rados, Harry Sitolidis, District Governor Nikas



New Britain visitation: L-R: Leon Sitolidis, Governor Nikas, Chapter #117 President Jack Isaac



Newport Chapter #245 visitation: L-R: Past Supreme Secretary George Anagnostos, District Governor Nick Nikas, Chapter #245 President Basile Panoutsopoulos



Newport visitation: L-R: District Governor Nikas and President Basile Panoutsopoulos, far right Gus Hologgitas (seated)



Chapter #387 Norwalk visitation: L-R: Chris Bakes, Lakis Demetriadis, Nick Nikas, Nico Papadopoulos, Sec. Nick Papadopoulos, host Chris Handrinos, and George Papadopoulos



Norwalk #387 visitation: L-R: Brother Nicholas Kydes being initiated by AHEPA District #7 Governor Nikas (Welcome back Norwalk!!)

## AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope District #7 Spring Conference Bridgeport, CT



District Lt. Governor Emmanuel Moshovos addressing the Spring Conference



District Governor Nicholas Nikas address AHEPANS and Daughters of Penelope at the Spring Conference hosted by AHEPA Chapter #62 Bridgeport and DOP Chapter #123



L-R: Arthur Kiratsous and Jim W Cocolis of Stamford sharing a light moment with Alex Viantes of Bridgeport



John Bochanis (Bridgeport) welcoming the Conference attendees



Daughters of Penelope (L-R): PDG Lukia Kuzakos, Grand Governor Anna-Helene Panagakos, District #7 Governor Donna Rados, and Past Penelope of the Year/PDG Ellen Anagnostos



The Daughters of Penelope were well represented at the Spring Conference held in Bridgeport, CT

# Greek Independence Day Parade 5th Avenue New York City



District Governor Nicholas Nikas, Supreme Secretary John Grosso-manides, PDG Ernie Pool lead the AHEPA District #7 Delegation at the parade.



L-R: Dimitris Vasquez (Stamford), George Rados (New Britain), Nicholas Nikas (Stamford), Manolis Sfinarolakis (Waterbury), Ernie Pool (Norwich), Bill Mihaltse (Stamford)



AHEPA Float honors Past District Governor Charles Chekas



AHEPA/DOP Leadership (L-R): Anna Panagakos, John Grosso-manides, Lou Arvanitis, Steve Mavronis, Supreme Vice President Nick Karacostas, and DOP Grand President Barbara Stavis-Wolfe



Supreme Secretary John Grosso-manides, RI-State Senator Lou Raptakis and John Catsimatidis



District #7 delegation at the Pierre Hotel, NYC prior to the parade



Past District Governors Helene Moran and Lukia Kuzakos at the Spring Conference in Bridgeport



Brother Peter Patsouris presents Greek History to Chapter #110. Looking on Brothers (L-R): Larry Wyland, Bill Trantalis, Joe Hominski, Ernie Pool, and Tony Petros



Supreme Secretary and Supreme Vice President 2008-2009



From the Greek Independence Day Parade Brothers from the New Rochelle Chapter(L-R): Joe Keane, Supreme Secretary John Grossomanides, Jim Zafiros (Candidate Supreme Governor Zone III NY/NJ/DE), Bill Litras, Major John Daskos, and Supreme Vice-President Nick Karacostas





## 2009 Hellenic History Trophy Student Registration Form

### 1. Personal Data

Student Name / Grade (9-12) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Approving Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone / E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Educational Data

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone / E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Sponsorship Data

Sponsoring AHEPA Chapter City \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Contact / Agreement Received (yes / no) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Other Local Sponsor Name (if chapter not funding) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Local Sponsor Address \_\_\_\_\_

Other Local Sponsor Phone / E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Team Data (if local team has been formed)

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Other Two Team Members \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Signatures

I certify that the above information is correct. \$20 registration fee enclosed (yes / no) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature / Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Approving Parent Signature / Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form with \$20 registration fee check payable to AHEPA District 7 Hellenic Education Fund by June 15, 2009, at the latest, to Nicholas Nikas, Chairman HHT Committee, 58 Benjamin St, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.

Attention Students: Please make sure you contact the AHEPA chapter closest to your home (see below) before sending in your registration form.

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## HELLENIC HISTORY TROPHY COMPETITION

Rules for 2009

### 1. Definitions

**Hellenic:** of or relating to Greece, its people, or its language.

**History:** a chronological record of significant events (as affecting a nation or institution) often including an explanation of their causes.

**Trophy:** something gained or given in victory or conquest especially when preserved or mounted as a memorial.

### 2. Introduction

The Hellenic History Trophy (HHT) is a special scholarship program sponsored by the Yankee District #7 of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). Its objective is to help achieve the first two of the five missions of AHEPA, namely, to promote Hellenism through education. It achieves this objective by identifying and rewarding those high school students who know the most about the 3500 year old history of the Hellenes.

The selection process takes the form of a simplified quiz show. Students compete in three-member teams, two teams at a time, in a sequence known as a single-elimination, knockout, cup or sudden death tournament. For a given match, the team that accumulates the most points (by answering the most questions correctly) is declared the winner and moves on to compete with another winning team, while the losing team is eliminated. The teams are eventually whittled down to two, and the tournament culminates in a final match that determines the overall winning team.

The tournament will take place if at least six students (i.e. two teams) participate. Failure to attract at least six participants will result in the cancellation of the tournament.

The first prize is a monetary scholarship award to be divided equally among the three members of the winning team and used to further their educational aspirations. A minimum prize of \$3,000 (\$1,000/individual team member) is guaranteed to the winners of the final match if they score a minimum of 5 points (\$1,500/\$500 if fewer than 5). Depending on the number of participating teams, the first prize may be larger, and additional prizes may be awarded to other teams, as well as to the secondary school chosen by the winning team.

The 2009 competition is a pilot sponsored by AHEPA's District #7, which encompasses Connecticut and Rhode Island.

### 3. Chapter Participation

All chapters of AHEPA District #7 are requested to participate in three specific ways:

1. By contributing a \$50 participation fee to the HHT committee towards general expenses (such as possible fees to professors for lists of questions and answers, fees to moderators, venue expenses, etc).
2. By aggressively promoting this program within their community and recruiting at least one three-member team of students.
3. By sponsoring or helping to sponsor all eligible students in their territory who wish to participate (see Sponsorship below).

Participation fee checks for \$50 should be made payable to AHEPA District #7 Hellenic Education Fund, and mailed to Nicholas Nikas, HHT Committee Chair, 58 Benjamin St, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.

### 4. Student Eligibility

Any resident of District #7 attending secondary school grades 9-12 at the time of registration (see Student Registration below) is eligible to participate. AHEPA family membership, Hellenic heritage or Eastern Orthodox religious affiliation are NOT required. However, the written approval of a parent or guardian on the registration form (see page 9) is required for eligibility.

### 5. Student Registration

Prospective participants who meet the eligibility requirements must register with the HHT Committee by mailing

a completed registration form (see page 9) along with a check for \$20 payable to AHEPA District 7 Hellenic Education Fund, to Nicholas Nikas, HHT Committee Chair, 58 Benjamin St, Old Greenwich, CT 06870. This registration fee will contribute towards the cost of a copy of "Hellenika", a book by Peter Limber about the history of the Hellenes, which will be mailed to each participant to help provide a basic knowledge of the subject and a bibliography for further reading.

Before sending in the registration form, a student should inform the nearest AHEPA chapter of his/her intention to participate and seek its sponsorship as soon as possible (see Sponsorship below). The registration form contains the contact information of all the chapters. If chapter sponsorship is secured, the sponsoring chapter and chapter contact should be indicated on the form. Since some chapter contacts may be difficult to reach, failure to obtain a chapter or other local sponsorship is a possibility and should not discourage students from registering. The HHT Committee will try on a best efforts basis to obtain sponsorships at the district level for registrants who are not sponsored by a specific chapter or another local sponsor.

Registrants are also urged to form their own local three-member teams and designate them on the registration form. Those who have not found a team to join by the time they register will be formed into teams by the HHT committee on a best efforts basis.

Prospective participants whose registration form envelope is postmarked later than the registration deadline will not be accepted (see Dates below).

### 6. Sponsorship

Each student entering the competition needs to be accompanied by a contribution of \$100. This is called "sponsorship" and is the primary mechanism for funding HHT scholarship prizes. In order of decreasing desirability, here are the three ways a participating student can be sponsored:

1. The AHEPA chapter closest to a student's home address is expected to sponsor the participating student outright.
2. If that is not feasible, the chapter should find another local sponsor, such as an individual chapter member or an interested individual or organization in the local community.
3. For registrants who are unable to obtain a chapter or other local sponsorship, the HHT Committee will pursue sponsorships at the district level on a best efforts basis from individuals or businesses who agree to underwrite the HHT project.

Soon after the registration deadline (see Dates below), sponsoring chapters or local sponsors should send \$100 for each sponsored student to the HHT Committee. Checks should be made payable to AHEPA District #7 Hellenic Education Fund, and mailed to Nicholas Nikas, HHT Committee Chair, 58 Benjamin St, Old Greenwich, CT 06870. Sponsorship contributions from individuals or businesses are tax-deductible and will be used exclusively to fund HHT scholarship prizes.

### 7. Competition Format

Students will compete in three-member teams. The competition structure will be a single-elimination tournament. This structure requires that the initial number of competing teams is equal to a power of 2. If the initial number of teams is not a power of 2, some teams will be given a "bye" and will not have to compete in the first round. The teams receiving byes in the first round will be determined by lot.

A match will consist of 30 questions. The teams will alternate going through a question cycle. The determination of which team will go first (Team A) will be made by lot. Each question cycle will consist of the following stages (assume it is the turn of Team A): Team A chooses a question category of those remaining (see Questions & Answers below). The moderator asks a question from that category. Team A attempts to answer the question. If Team A answers the question correctly, it gets a point, and the question cycle ends, with the initiative now going to Team B. If Team A does not answer the question or answers it incorrectly, it does not get a point, and Team B gets an opportunity to answer it and get a point. Whether Team B answers Team A's question or not, the question cycle ends, with the initiative now going to Team B.

This question cycle is repeated until a total of 30 questions have been asked. For a given match, the team that accumulates the most points (by answering the most

questions correctly) is declared the winner. If, at the end of the 30 questions, the two teams are tied with the same number of points, additional questions will be asked until a winner is determined. The winning team moves on to compete with another winning team in the next round, while the losing team is eliminated. The teams are eventually whittled down to two, and the tournament culminates in a final match that determines the overall winning team.

### 8. Competition Questions & Answers

The questions and answers will be provided or certified by qualified specialists and will cover the full span of the history of the Hellenes, i.e. Greek speakers, beginning with the Mycenaeans and ending with the contemporary Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, and the Greek Diaspora. Greek mythology will NOT be covered, except as it might pertain to historical facts. All questions will be in the form of multiple-choice (4 choices).

A person providing questions and answers for this competition will be asked to certify that he/she does not have any family ties and has not divulged any questions and answers to any of the competitors.

Since the questions and answers will be provided by many different people, it is very difficult to limit them to the contents of a single book, such as the "Hellenika" volume sent to each participating student. That book is meant to serve as a brief starting point for a life-long study of Hellenic history; students are urged to use its extensive bibliography for further reading.

To ensure that each match covers the complete 3500 year span of the history of the Hellenes, the questions will be separated into three groups of 10 questions according to their historical period: Mycenaean through Hellenistic (1500 BC to 31 BC) Roman and Byzantine (30 BC to 1453 AD) Ottoman and Modern (1454 AD to the present)

For questions and answers in groups 1 and 2 (through 1453 AD), the names of persons and places should be those that are standard in an English-speaking history course. Non-standard transliterations from the Greek should not be used. Examples: Athens is OK, Athina is not; Constantine is OK, Konstantinos is not; etc. For questions in group 3 (1454 AD to the present), Modern Greek transliterations into English are preferred.

To increase the educational value of the questions and to help the contestants navigate through time, each question will be associated with a specific year (either exact or approximate) which will be displayed as part of the question text. This implies that the answers cannot be specific years.

### 9. Prize (s)

The top prize is a monetary scholarship award to be divided equally among the three members of the winning team and used to further their educational aspirations. If the tournament takes place (i.e. at least six students / two teams participate), a minimum prize of \$3,000 (\$1,000 per individual team member) is guaranteed to the winners of the final match if they score a minimum of 5 points (\$1,500/\$500 if fewer than 5 points).

Depending on the number of participating teams, the first prize may be larger, and additional prizes may be awarded to other teams, as well as to the secondary school chosen by the winning team.

### 10. Competition Date and Venue

The complete tournament will take place on Saturday, November 14, 2009, on the campus of Norwich Free Academy, 305 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. We are very grateful to the NFA for making their superb facilities available to us free of charge, particularly since their location is near the geographic center of the district and minimizes travel time for those coming from the outer reaches.

### 11. Dates

Chapter Participation Fee (\$50) to HHT Chair -

Deadline June 15, 2009

Student Registration Form and Fee (\$20) to HHT Chair -

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HHT Competition at Norwich Free Academy

Saturday, November 14, 2009

### 12. Financial Accountability

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# **HELLENIC HISTORY TROPHY**

**Scholarship Competition Sponsored by AHEPA District #7  
(The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association)**

## **WHAT**

A \$3,000 scholarship for the winning team = \$1,000/team member (Larger 1<sup>st</sup> and other smaller prizes if enough students participate)

## **WHO**

Any student who is in grades 9-12 during the 2008-2009 academic year, and is a resident of Connecticut or Rhode Island, and Who either knows or wants to learn something about the 3,500 year history of the Hellenes (Greek speakers)

## **HOW**

Form, join or be assigned to a three-student team, Register by June 15, 2009 (mail registration form + \$20)  
Receive a book on Hellenic history that also provides bibliography for further reading  
Prepare by reading it and other books during the summer  
Take part in a one-day quiz-show-type single-elimination tournament in the fall  
Win matches by answering more multiple choice questions than the competing team  
Be a member of the team that wins the final match

## **WHEN**

Saturday, November 14, 2009

## **WHERE**

Norwich Free Academy, 305 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360

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