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DISTRICT 7 AHEPA CONVENTION

Sponsored by the Newport Chapter **245** and Daughters of Penelope Chapter **49**

June 11, 12 and 13,2004

Roger Williams University

Conference Center, Portsmouth, RI

Friday Night 'Glendi' Dance

'Glendi' Profits to be donated to the Rl Paidiea Organization

Saturday Night Banquet! Dance Tickets for Glendi and Dance Only will Be sold at the door.

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District 7 Governor's Message

George A. Rados

Dear Brothers.

As you will be receiving this issue of the Yankee News, the District Convention is already upon us!

I take this opportunity, to address to all of you my heartfelt thanks for the experience! Although I leave the Governorship with somewhat mixed feelings regarding the lack of interest from most of the membership on our affairs, I have to admit that -at least from the part of the working individuals of our District managed to show few positive things!

We have had more growth than anticipated! We have had the re-establishment of a Chapter for the Sons of Pericles! We have managed (for the most part) to collect and pay our dues to the National and to the District! We even managed to resurrect the Yankee News and have the promised three issues of it, within the year 2003-04!

For these things and more, I thank you from the heart!

I leave you with one warning, one wish: Stop putting personal like or dislike before AHEPA and Hellenic-American interests! Stop politicking for the sake of personal promotion, disregarding all common progress! Pay due respect to the Office (not the person who holds it) and act as a unit, especially when it will show better before the eyes of our opponents! Support the cause, not to elevate the leader, but the cause itself¹. Participate, for -only through that- desired results can come forth! Keep your promise which you have freely given and forget your ego! See things not as you wish, but as they truly are and stay the course!

With this, I pledge my support for the new administration, your selection during this Convention, in hope that we elect the right Officials for OUR A.H.E.P.A., OUR CAUSE, collectively! You know -as well as I- that we have the raw material, the men willing AND ABLE to lead us further into a brighter future! Use it, come and vote, participate!

Fraternally yours, G.A. Rados, District 7 Governor.

Daughters of Penelope

District 7 Governor's Message

Donna F. Rados

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

FROM THE GOVERNORS DESK

As I come to the end of my second term as your Governor. I leave with a sense of accomplishment on many fronts but a larger sense of missed opportunities. Among those are the many missed initiations of new members, the reinstatement of those we lost track of over the last few years, inspiring youthful members to join the Maids of Athena, eventually moving up to the Daughters Chapters and more community involvement within our local Chapters.

Under my sense of accomplishment is the announcement of the completion of the first Penelope Room library in The Prudence Crandall Shelter in New Britain, Connecticut for abused women and their children. The second one is destined to begin within the next year at the Chrysalis Home in Meriden, Connecticut. As District Advisor next year, I will continue to work with the shelters in our District to bring these libraries to less fortunate women than ourselves.

I wish much success to the incoming District Lodge officers as well as all the officers of the local Chapters. Let us all work together for continued growth and success of our beloved order.

Yours in Theta Pi:

Donna Rados
District Governor
Yankee District #7

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Youth from the New Britain Hellenic Community perform the "Lighting of the Torch" Ceremony during the "Olympic Spirit" event on May 2, 2004.



During the Nat'l Poster competition chaired by brother J. Koronakos of District 6 (N.Y.), our District was represented by these two posters from the Norwich Free Academy students, J. Day. Jr. (12th grade) and Elizabeth Charter (10th grade). These two posters were also exhibited at the New Britain "Olympic Spirit" event on May 2. 20004.



District 7 Governor at the entrance of the reception hall with sister Chrys Lampros, President of Daughters of Penelope Chapter Eretria of New Britain and Brother J. Koromakos of District 6 (N.Y).

STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY





Seen here on the left is the recipient of the AHEPA Special Award, Rick Pecka along with the district Lt. Governor, Steve Jennings.



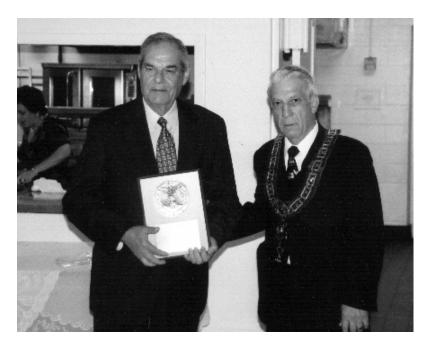
The recipient of the Aristotle Special Award, is Constantine Makrikostas as pictured with starting on the left, District Governor, George Rados, Supreme Governor, George Scarveles and on the far left is District Lt. Governor Steven Jennings.



The Chapter(s) of the year award went to Stamford (Nick Nikas) and New Britain (Jack Isaac) as seen here with the Supreme Governor and the District Governor.



Helene of the year award went to Jim Loukopoulos



Ahepan of the year award went to Nick Metaxas.



Picture is state representative, John Geragosian.

A message from the Yankee News Staff:

This issue is the beginning of the revitalization of our Yankee News. The Yankee News is a publication dedicated to all members of the Yankee District 7 AHEPA family. We need your articles, your comments, and even your opinions. Our goals and objectives are to print all news worthy events. The summer is in front of us. The next publication will be ready for October 1st, 2004. The deadline for information is September 1st. You send it, we will print it. Send, fax, or email articles to:

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