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## MARCH 25TH, GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN NEW YORK, NY



**Top Left : Ahepa Float L - R Supreme Governor Nick Nikas, Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Supreme Secretary Phillip Frangos & Dist. 7 Governor Mo Moshovos.**

**Top Right: Ahepa Float in the New York City Greek Independence Parade with Miss Ahepa District 7 Alexandra Walsh.**



**Bottom: Greek Independence Day Reception at the Pierre Hotel, NY prior to the NYC Parade. L - R Cathy Walsh, Alexandra Walsh, Miss Ahepa District 7, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and District 7 Governor Emmanuel Moshovos.**





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## Message from the Order of AHEPA District # 7 Governor

Congratulations to all the Chapters in District 7, from



Waterbury to Hartford, Bridgeport, Danbury, New Haven, Stamford, Providence, Norwich, New London, New Britain, Meriden, New-  
port, Norwalk to Danielson, for the banner Ahepa year 2011

-2012.

District 7, for the third year in a row, was number one in the Nation in membership retention – 99%. Membership is the heart of our Ahepa organization. It is the foundation which Ahepa relies on for the leadership, committees and energy to support our Ahepa missions of promoting Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Scholarships, Civic Responsibility, and Family Values & Individual Excellence. Further, our District was 2<sup>nd</sup> Nationally for percentage growth. Brothers & Chapters in District 7, I am very proud of your leadership, energy and support of our missions, and of offering District 7 as an example of Ahepan excellence.

The District 7 Hellenic History Tournament held its' 3<sup>rd</sup> successful HHT in Orange, CT, hosted by the New Haven Chapter 98, at St. Barbara's GOC, with 16 student teams entered to participate. This HHT has been one of the most successful steps in promoting Hellenism, and most especially because of its participation by the "roots" of our future, our youth. The programs devoted to our youth at this time are the HHT, our Scholarship program, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena. Our District must make a stronger and concerted effort to build and to support our Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena programs. These programs are more than building future memberships for the Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope, they are about a stronger awareness amongst our youth of our Ahepa Family missions, our heritage, our scholarships, other National Ahepa programs of leadership development and mentoring, and of course Ahepa youth sports and 'socials', and more.

Repetition is an aid to memory. The 3 "R" membership factors that gave District 7 success Countrywide the past three years, were "Retention, Recruitment and Re-instatement". Each Chapter should make the "3 Rs" a permanent part of their membership program. Simply establish your yearly membership goal, establish a plan, and then implement the plan, followed by a review of your membership status at least every four months. Membership growth means growing the Brotherhood, getting more potential committee members, and strengthening the Chapter for it to be more affective in its' missions.

I was able to make many Chapter visits throughout District 7 and visits to Districts 6 & 8. The more times I visit, the more enthused I become of our Ahepa Brotherhood and the efforts being made in each of the Chapters and their respective Communities. "On one hand we have oranges, on the other hand we have apples. We may be different, but together we are still 'fresh' fruit." (Although, some of us are 'figs'.)

Ahead for our District 7 is our bi-annual District 7 Convention. This year the District Convention will be held in Newport, RI on May 4, 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Mainstay Inn in Newport. Details for the Friday night entertainment and Package Plan will follow by the Convention Committee.

In closing, I would like to thank the District 7 Brotherhood for the honor and privilege afforded me for the opportunity to serve two terms as District 7 Governor. It was challenging, humbling and pleasurable, as well as an ongoing learning and teaching experience. I am very proud of our District and especially proud of our Ahepa missions.

I look forward to continuing my support of our District and National goals. As I have noted before, my belief is that the future continued success of Ahepa begins in the "Present" with the Chapters and the District working together with our National Headquarters. Remember, "The strength of all structures relies on its 'foundation', and we, the Brotherhood, are "the Foundation".

Fraternally,

Brother Mo  
Emmanuel D. Moshovos



## Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor:



Happy Spring!!!!  
Xristos Anesti!!!!  
I want to thank all the Sisters who attended our Spring Conference held on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Norwich, CT.

There were 21 Sisters present with at least one Sister from each Chapter. Bravo! It was nice to see Sisters from Chapters that we do not see that often. I look forward in seeing many of these Sisters at our District Convention. I would like to "thank" the Norwich Ahepa Chapter for hosting our conference and serving a wonderful lunch.

In December, I attended the Christmas parties held by the Waterbury and Hartford Chapters. I enjoyed seeing the Sisters in these Chapters during the holiday season. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, I visited the Newport Chapter and assisted in the initiation of 5 new members. Sisters keep up the great job of acquiring new members to increase your Chapter membership. I have visited four out of our seven Chapters this year and still have time to visit your Chapter, please contact me with a date.

Now is a great time to work on your membership, reach out to those Sisters who have been missing Remember the Growth and Expansion theme is "JOIN". From March 25<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 your Chapter can be entered in a drawing for one of four \$100 Starbucks Gift Cards. For any Sister in your Chapter who reinstates or the initiation of any new members, your Chapter will be entered in the drawing. Good Luck Sisters!

Have you booked your hotel room for our District Convention? This will be an exciting weekend in Newport, RI, bring your family to

join in the fun!!!!  
Are you attending the National Convention in Las Vegas?? Don't forget to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. You don't want to be left out from this exciting week from July 22-27 with hundreds and hundreds of Greeks in Las Vegas at the Monte Carlo Hotel.

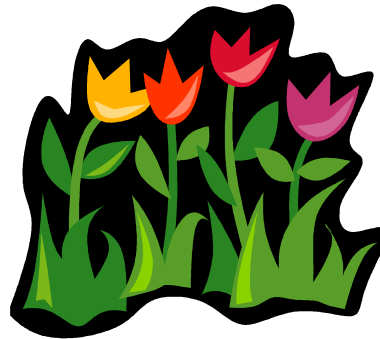
### Dates to Remember:

-May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> District #7 District Convention in Newport, RI  
-June 12<sup>th</sup>- Ahepa Greek Heritage Night at the RockCats in New Britain, CT  
-July 22<sup>nd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>- Ahepa National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada  
August 19<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship Dinner in Waterbury, CT  
Thank you for all you do at the Chapter and District Levels.....  
Keep up the "GREAT" job!!!!

Yours in Theta Pi,

*Loukia*

Lucia (Loukia) Kazakos  
District Governor



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## WHY PEOPLE SHOULD JOIN AHEPA/DOP

**Together we can achieve more.**

**AHEPA/DOP would be stronger if it had 100,000 members.**

**AHEPA/DOP support and protect the interests of the Greek community.**

**AHEPA/DOP have a great Scholarship Program and educates thousands of Young Adults.**

**We all should give back to our communities, Civic Responsibility.**

**Hellenism is an important cause.**

# District #7 - Spring Conference AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope Norwich, CT



District 7 Governor Emmanuel "Mo" Moshovos addresses the joint meeting of Dist.7 Ahepans & Daughters of Penelope at the Dist. Spring Conference held in Norwich, CT on March 17th., hosted by the Norwich Chapter 110. Seated L - R. Daughters of Penelope Dist. Governor Lucia Kazakos & Ahepa Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides.



Members that attended the conference

Linda Koulouris and Anastasia Persico

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Pictured above L to R : Penelope Hiotas, Penny Pecka, Loukia Kazakos, Helen Hallogitas, Anastasia Persico

## Chapter #48 Initiation—Waterbury, CT

AHEPA Chapter 48 recently initiated 11 new members at their meeting in December. The Supreme President, John Grossomanides and District Governor Mo Moshovos were present and performed the initiations. The first is a picture of the new members of Chapter 48: Front row - Theodore Ziogas, Dean G. Kotsaftis, Mo Moshovos (District Gov), John Grossomanides (Supreme President), Paul Velezis (Chapter 48 President), Socrates Vithoulkas, John D'Amelia. Back row: Nick Zindros, Theodore Bilis, Brian Peterson, Steven Velezis, Dan Petrosky, Valerio Capobianco, and John S. Velezis.



## DOP Chapter #49, Newport RI

*Valerie St. Peter, Secretary  
Daughters of Penelope ARES Chapter 49  
Newport, RI*

In February our Chapter 49 was very excited to have a luncheon with five initiations plus two reinstatements. Lucia Kazakos, our District Governor, attended and provided the new and old members with some wonderful stories about being a member of the Daughters of Penelope. Also in attendance were three members of her lodge, Ellen Anagnostos, Penny Hiotas and Joanne Hologgitas. It was a lovely lunch and everyone had a nice time welcoming our new members. We hosted the Lenten dinner on March 14th after church. We had an amazing turnout with lots of wonderful Lenten dishes. In April, we will be hosting the fish luncheon on Palm Sunday following church. On March 17th, members of our Chapter attended the District Conference in Norwich, CT.

In May we look forward to participating in the AHEPA Convention. We are so excited that it will be held in Newport, RI again and we are making plans along with AHEPA Chapter 245. Planning is already underway for our Annual Festival held in Newport, RI July 20, 21 and 22. This will be our 30<sup>th</sup> year so we have even more interest and enthusiasm.

## Chapter #387 Norwalk, CT

The Norwalk chapter under the leadership of President Theologos (Lakis) Demetriades, helped carnival dinner dance for the benefit of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Norwalk on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at the Norwalk Inn and Conference Center. The event was a great success and contributed significantly to the gratitude and esteem the greater Norwalk community has for the AHEPA Chapter. In addition to a regular Greek American music group, the event featured a second Greek group playing Pontian songs and getting everybody enthusiastically to the dance floor. About 80 people took part, including Fr. Nicholas Dassouras, priest of the St George church, and Nicholas Nikas, Supreme Governor, Region 4, New England states. Below is a picture from the event.



## Attention:

**If you would like to contribute anything to the Yankee Newsletter please feel free to email it to Krystyna Kazakos:**

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## Tá véa

Congratulations to Barbara Tsoupas and her family on the birth of her granddaughter on December 14, 2011!

Congratulations to Nicholas Nikas on the birth of his fifth grandchild, Oliver Berecz, on February 13.

Condolences to Helen Yeotsas and her Husband Jim, from Bridgeport on the passing of Jim's father.

## Forty Under 40!

Congratulations to John Louizos, Vice President of the Stamford chapter for being selected as one of the 2012 Class of Greek America's



Forty Under 40! He was also invited to attend The awards reception which is the weekend of the National Innovation Conference on April 28th. At the conference, global leaders will share their "ideas worth sharing" at a special day-long event planned by the Greek America Foundation.

## Chapter #99 Stamford, CT

On Friday, February 24, 2012, the Stamford chapter scored another success with the greater Stamford Greek American community. About 65 people gathered to watch the movie OPA!, a romantic comedy about an American archeologist in Greece, set on the Greek island of Patmos (where St John wrote the book of Revelation). Matthew Modine plays Eric, an American archeologist who travels to Greece to continue the work of his late father - finding the Chalice of St John. Agni Scott plays the beautiful owner of a local tavern named Katerina. Filmed in Greece, May 2005. Popcorn and refreshments were offered free of charge before the movie started at 7:30 pm. in the hall of the Church of the Archangels. Voluntary donations in favor of our Scholarship Fund reached \$400. The crowd left the hall having enjoyed themselves and asking for more of AHEPA's Hellenic cultural events.

## DOP Chapter #199 Waterbury, CT

### Archbishop Demetrios Pastoral Visit Sunday February 26, 2012 Holy Trinity Waterbury CT

*By Myrsini Papoutsis  
President Chapter 199*

The Daughters of Penelope Deucalion Chapter 199 of Waterbury hosts a luncheon annually on Godparent Sunday which took place on February 26. It is a day where the Godparents attend church services with their godchildren and visit their religious education classes. This year's theme was Purity and we had decorated our banquet hall with the children's Christening Gowns. The event was made extra special this year when we had the privilege and honor of hosting Archbishop Demetrios at the Holy Trinity Waterbury CT.

The Archbishop's address reflected on Relief Aid for our brothers and sisters in Greece who are in dire need of food and medical supplies. Our church will be forming a committee to raise funds for this great cause and I encourage all of you to give your generous support. The Sunday School children read their oratorical speeches for the honored guests. The Sons of Pericles helped serve our delicious fish dinners which were prepared by Sister Anastasia and her team of kitchen helpers. Our Sunday School Director Marianne Boutsioulis chaired the Godparent Luncheon and Bake Sale on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.

As President of the chapter I am extremely pleased to have such a great team of women that were inspired into action to create such a successful event. All of us, including our church secretary, worked hard and very diligently to achieve this common goal. It was a day that left quite an impression that everyone will remember for the rest of their lives.



L-R: Dick Pecka, Penny Pecka, Archbishop Demetrios, Rick Pecka



Archbishop Demetrios and Rick Pecka  
John Ververis and the Waterbury Sons  
of Pericles

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## Daughters of Penelope Chapter 41 Bridgeport, CT

**By Helen Yeotsas**

**DOP President Chapter 41**

Our Chapter, "Hermes" 41 has been busy growing again, with TWO initiations at our January meeting, where we also shared Vasilopita with our Brothers in the AHEPA. We wrapped up our "Let's Keep Them Warm" drive with just about 1000 items collected and donated to those less fortunate in our surrounding area as well as to Penelope's Place in Brocton. What a heart warming and worthwhile drive! We had another big fundraiser on February 5, our Chicken Souvlaki Luncheon! This coincided with Godparent's Sunday and is always a nice way for godparents to spend some time with their godchildren. Another initiation is planned for our February meeting. Our Lamb and Ham raffle will start up soon, with the drawing on Palm Sunday, with 5 legs of lamb, and 5 hams to be raffled. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship fund for students in our Bridgeport community. Before you know it we'll be planning for our SPECTACULAR Mother's Day Flower, Gift and Bake Sale, which has grown over the past few years into a huge, and successful 2 day event. We sell so many beautiful plants, tons of goodies, and many of our Sisters make beautiful gifts which we also sell. We hope to continue our 2011-2012 trend of initiating new Sisters at each and every meeting!



Initiation Maria and Janice - from L to R: Barbara Tsoupas, Helen Yeotsas, Kathy Santella, Janice Pavlides-Hayes, Maria Mourizakis, Stella Capiris, Carlie Centrella.



Christmas baskets - from L to R: Vicky Andriotis, Carlie Centrella, Viola Skenderis, Tina Morici, Christina Tsocanos, Maria Pertesis, 2nd row: Janice Bouloubasis, Ann Stevens, Helen Yeotsas, Kathy Yiannoulis, Katina Zachariades

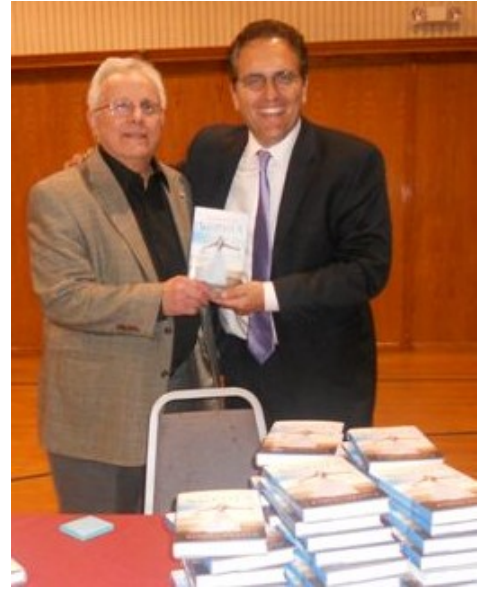


Photo called Wreath Sale 2 - from L to R: Maria Pertesis, Kathy Santella, Christina Tsocanos.

# Traveling with District # 7 Governor Mo



Above: Governor Mo Moshovos rings the bell for the Salvation Army at Stop & Shop East Hartford, CT



Above: Wrote, Directed & Stared in the movie "Do You Want to Dance" and Author of two books, Robert Krantz, presented Gov. Mo with his two books at a Fund Raiser in Stamford, CT.



Above : Santa's Helper Gov. Mo brings gifts to the tenants at the Ahepa 58 Senior Apartments. at the 2011 Tenants Christmas party.



Above: Governor Mo visiting the Newport, RI Chapter. 245. Seated is Chapter. President Michael Sisak, standing L - R Vice Pres. Brett Fox, Sec'y George Anagnostos, Gov. Mo & Treasurer, George Koulouvardis.

Below: Rev.Fr.George Zugravu, Dean of St.George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hartford, CT welcomes Santa's Helper Governor Mo Moshovos to the St.George Childrens 2011 Christmas party.



Left : Governor Mo Moshovos presenting the 1st Place HHT Trophy to the sponsoring Hartford Chapter 58. L - R. V.P. Paul Matsikas, Gov. Mo, Chapter. President John Melonopoulos.



## Potpourri

### 2011 District #7 Membership News

The Largest Chapters in District 7

1. Norwich 113
2. Waterbury 103
3. Bridgeport 96
4. Stamford 94
5. Hartford 76
6. Providence 65
7. New Haven 56
8. Newport 54
8. New Britain 54
10. New London 50
11. Danielson 42
12. Danbury 30
13. Norwalk 21
14. Meriden 15
15. Pawtucket 0
16. Enfield 0

Most Reinstatements

1. Harford 4
2. Waterbury 2
2. Providence 2
2. New London 2

Most New Initiates 2010

1. Waterbury 25
2. Stamford 22
3. Bridgeport 11
3. Hartford 11
5. New London 9
6. Norwich 5
6. Norwalk 5

Congratulations District 7!! The District finished the 2011 year with 869 AHEPA Brothers, up from 822 last year.

We had 93 New Initiates and 14 Reinstated

**Brothers. We had 97% retention of our members the best in the Nation!**

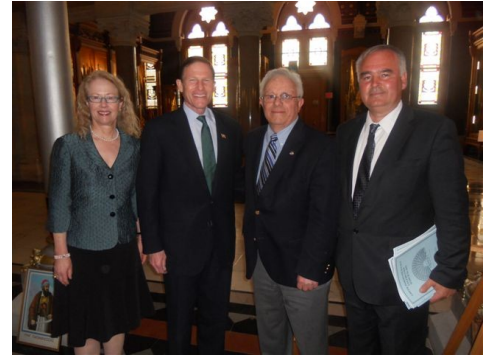
**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**  
For more information visit the website [WWW.AHEPA.ORG](http://WWW.AHEPA.ORG)



**Save the Dates:**

**Baseball Game...June 12th, 2012, New Britain, CT**

**Scholarship Dinner..... Aug 19th**



Picture on Right: Celebrating Greek Independence Day at the CT State Capitol March 24th, L - R Dr. Katherine Schwab, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Ahepa Dist.7 Governor Emmanuel Moshovos & Elias Tomazos, President of Paideia.



Pictures from the Parade on March 25th in New York!



# Continuation of Greek Independence Day New York, New York March 25th, 2012



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

The chapter is excited to have a membership to 113. This spring hosted the District #7 Spring Conference on March 17, 2012. We sent two brothers to march in the New York City Greek Independence Day Parade on 5th Avenue, Brothers Ernie Pool and Anthony Neigal, with our SP John Grossomanides. We continue to host a coffee hour at Holy Trinity once a month to help recruit new members.

The Rose of New England Chapter #110 continues to be active in our Community. We contributed a donation to St. Basil Academy at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Annual Vasilopita cutting and Auction. See our pictures below. Peter Patsouris, John Grossomanides and Steve Patsouris.

Also, we look forward to sending a large delegation to the Supreme Convention in Miami Beach to support our own John Grossomanides who is running for a second term as the Supreme President.

The Chapter will have its Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Dinner on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.



### WHAT IS AN AHEPAN

By ARCHON ANDREW C. ANGELSON, *Governor,  
Alexander Hamilton Chapter No. 54.*

**A** man who believes in America, upholds its principles, supports and fights, when necessary, for the lofty ideals of Democracy and freedom. Americanism is his motto and Hellenism is his keynote.

**H**e stands for Hellenism exemplified—the synonym of Americanism; propagates to his utmost the ideals of the Great Hellas—the mother of Civilization.

**E**nforces self-respect, through good conduct, and strives at all times to elevate to its rightful plane the name of a noble and illustrious race: The Hellenic Race! Education, Brotherly Love and Self-sacrifice he considers as part of his obligation.

**P**romotes good fellowship with all his might and encourages cooperation and unity among his fellow men. Advocates respect for Law and Order and exercises his duties as a citizen. He is progressive!

**A**ttains success through honest effort; love for his neighbor and the practice of the Golden Rule; Aids his fellow man in distress and asks nothing in return.

**N**ever despairs, but places his faith and trust in the hands of his Master, the Great Teacher of fraternalism. He is the good AHEPAN, and the world has been sweetened and made cleaner and nobler by his presence among us.

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