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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!





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District 7 Brothers, we are mid-way through the 2011-2012 Ahepa year and it is the eleventh

hour, just before mid-night. United we are strong, energized and progressive, and divided we are weak and motionless. "In simple physics, a body at rest tends to stay at rest, and a body in motion tends to stay in motion."

The same is true of our Chapters. "A Chapter in motion tends to stay in motion." Being in motion means the Officers of each Chapter should do their best to do their 'duties' respectively, be it President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Committee Chairmen. Being in motion means fulfilling the obligations of collecting the dues from all the current members and paying their per Capita to National in a timely manner, and then to the District after the first of the year. Being in motion means addressing membership as a priority by implementing the 3-R Factor, Retention, Reinstatement & Recruitment. Being in motion is enjoying fellowship with the Brothers by having socials, dinners, speakers, and trips, fund raisers, events, and most especially, the pride of holding initiations.

Chapters must revisit the missions of Ahepa and establish ways to address them, "promoting the ideals of Hellenism, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence and values, and community service and volunteerism". We do well in supporting scholarship programs, our

Churches, as well as National programs.

So far District 7 has had a banner year. It began in Miami, FL. at the Supreme Convention in July. Our District produced, with great pride, the 2011-20012 Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Supreme Governor Nicholas Nikas and Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles Manolis Sfinarolakis. Many awards were given to our District at the convention. Our District had a very successful Fall Workshop Conference, and at which time presented the District Awards for Ahepan of the Year – Brother Nicholas Nikas, Chapter of the Year -Hartford Nathan Hale Chapter 58 and the Hellene of the Year—Dr. Katherine Schwab from Fairfield University, and finally the 3rd Annual Hellenic History Trophy Tournament. Our Providence Chapter 106 honored 16 visiting volunteer Firemen from Athens Greece with a dinner, at which time our Supreme President John Grossomanides and District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos presented gifts from National & the District.

Under the guidance of Brother George Anagnostos PDG/PSS as Chairman of the NERC a meeting was held in November to complete the business of a successful Tri-District Convention this past May and to prepare in advance for the 2013 N.E. Regional Convention.

We are now in the season of celebrating our blessings through Thanksgiving and Christmas. While Thanksgiving reminds us of our harvest home and communion with our families, Christmas reminds us of unconditional love with our Lord Jesus Christ and our love for one another.

My best wishes to all my Brothers, Sisters, Sons & Maids, for a Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New year.

Fraternally,

Mo

Emmanuel D.
Moshovos



Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor:

Happy Holidays to ALL!

Our year started out with a wonderful Fall Conference held in



New Haven, CT. Thank you to the New Haven Ahepa for the fantastic luncheon. We were joined by our District Liaison, Connie Pilalis, Grand Governor Zone II, from Boca Raton, FL and approximately 20 Sisters from 5 of our 7 Chapters. This was an informational meeting with many topics discussed.

Our District continues to grow with many Chapters initiating new members. Keep up the wonderful job! Our Grand Vice President Joanne Saltas, Growth & Expansion Chairman, unveiled this year's program at the District Governors Seminar held in September. Sisters are being asked to JOIN the DOP in not only increasing membership but in expanding the voice of the DOP.

The Growth & Expansion program is on FACEBOOK. Through this social medium, updates will be available and progress noted. It is important to JOIN the Growth & Expansion of the Daughters of Penelope. Recognition awards will be presented at the National Convention in Las Vegas.

Our 2012 National Convention will be held at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas, NV from July 22nd -27th. You may make reservations by calling 800-311-8999. You must mention Ahepa and use

the group code XASC12. You must confirm your reservation with a deposit prior to the cutoff date. Don't miss out on a fun time, book your trip now!!!!!!

In September, I attended the District Governors Seminar in Washington, DC. This was a wonderful weekend, headquarters did an outstanding job. A fantastic reception on Friday, meetings on Saturday and a trip to the ballpark to see the Nationals play the Marlins on Saturday Night.....

In October, I visited the Bridgeport Chapter for the joint installation of officers with their Brother Ahepans. We enjoyed a delicious dinner and great meeting. This year I look forward in visiting EVERY Chapter in our District to see what exciting things are happening....Please contact me with a date to visit your Chapter.....See you soon!!!

Yours In Theta Pi,
Lucia (Loukia) Kazakos
District Governor

Attention:

If you would like to contribute anything to the Yankee Newsletter please feel free to email it to Krystyna Kazakos: kazakos88@gmail.com or you can reach her by telephone 860-462-8099.



Bridgeport DOP Chapter #41 in October 2011 at the Installation of Officers—From left to right: Barbara Tsoupas, Pauline Halkias, Helen Yeotsas, DG Loukia Kazakos, Stella Capiris, Mary Tatalias, Kathy Santella

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District Governor's Conference Washington D.C.



District Lt. Governor Jack Isaac, Supreme Governor. Nicholas Nikas, Supreme President John Grossomanides, DOP District Governor Loukia Kazakos, AHEPA District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos



Daughters of Penelope District #7 Governor Loukia Kazakos with Grand Governor Zone II Connie Pilallis.



District Lt. Governor Jack Isaac, Supreme Governor, Supreme Governor Region 4 Nicholas Nikas, District Governor Loukia Kazakos, and District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos



Greek Night at the Ballpark Washington Nationals vs. Florida Marlins Game!



District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos with Supreme Governor Dr. Mark Zigoris and PDG Phil Vogis at the rooftop reception on Friday night of the weekend.



District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos with District Lt. Governor Jack Isaac attend the National Governor's meeting in Washington, DC

Hellene of the Year—Dr. Katherine Schwab



Story by Nina M. Riccio on October 13, 2011

Art History Professor Katherine Schwab's detailed research drawings of the Parthenon east and north metopes are displayed prominently in the Acropolis museum. Her connections within the Greek art world contributed to the Bellarmine Museum's Gifts from Athens exhibit in 2010, and to the gift of 23 photographs from noted Greek photographer Socratis

Mavrommatis. And most recently, Dr. Schwab's Caryatid Hairstyling Project, in which she analyzed and recreated the elaborate hairstyles on the Caryatids, or maidens, forming the columns of the Erechtheion temple on the Acropolis, has garnered wide praise for its innovation and attention to detail. The culmination of her years of research and scholarship in all things Greek has resulted in the attention of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association), one of the country's foremost Greek-American organizations. In September, AHEPA announced that they have named Dr. Schwab "Hellene of the Year for District 7," which comprises 14



AHEPA chapters in Connecticut and Rhode Island. The award letter sent to Dr. Schwab praised her "dedication to researching the Hellenic Culture, including your publications of several book chapters and journal articles, and

research for the Caryatid Hairstyling Project." The formal award presentation will take place on Saturday, October 15 at the Fall Conference of District 7, which will be attended by



Top: District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos awards Katherine Schwab.

Middle: Nicholas Nikas,, Mo Moshovos, Katherine Schwab, Myrsini Papoutsis President of Waterbury's Daughters of Penelope and Supreme President John Grossomanides

Bottom: Myrsini Papoutsis presents Katherine Schwab with a gift of acknowledgement for everything she has done.

the national AHEPA Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides and Supreme Governor Nicholas Nikas, at St. Barbara Orthodox Church in Orange, Connecticut.

"One of key points about AHEPA is helping young Greeks appreciate their culture, and we honor those who have contributed to the promotion of Greek culture and values," explains Emmanuel D. Moshovos, Governor of District 7. "I've attended a couple of the lectures Dr. Schwab has presented and found them delightful. She is totally profound in her presentation and is clearly very enthusiastic. Her visuals are magnificent not only in research but in details."

While there were many others considered for the honor, he added, "the committee of past district governors were all thrilled to have her."

"It was a complete surprise to receive their letter [announcing the award], and I'm so deeply grateful and honored," says Dr. Schwab, who had no idea she was even being considered for the honor.

On the other hand, Dr. Robbin Crabtree, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Fairfield, was not at all surprised to hear of Dr. Schwab's most recent honor. "Kathy's scholarly contributions have reached an extraordinary height of visibility in the past few years. She has made substantial — and quite unique — contributions to the study of Greek art and culture. Over the years, the University has helped support her work, which has culminated in this permanent display of her research drawings."



AHEPAN Brother Rev. Father George Zugravu of the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford, CT gave the invocation at the Thanksgiving Day message at the East Hartford Rotary Club Meeting. Fr. George was introduced to the East Hartford Rotary Club by District 7 Governor Emmanuel Moshovos, a member of the Rotary Club.

Traveling with the Supreme President

On the left is Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides with President Christofias of Cyprus with Grand Treasurer Anna Helene Panagakos and Mrs. Christofias.



On Friday September 23 Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides traveled to New York to attend the Cyprus Federation event held in honor of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland.

During the dinner Supreme President Grossomanides met with President of the Cypriot Republic, Dimitris Christofias & Mrs. Christofias. Many public personalities were also in attendance, U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, U.S. Congressman Michael Grimm, State Senator Mike Gianaris, and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis to name a few. The Supreme President was joined by members of his Supreme Lodge for the festive event held at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadow Park, NY. Supreme Treasurer Andy Zachariades and Supreme Governor Jimmy Kokotas and their wives were in attendance.



District Lt. Governor Jack Isaac, District Governor Mo Moshovos, John Bochanis, Jim Yeotsas, Alex Vlantes, Van Hatzis, and Supreme Governor Nick Nikas on the end.



Brothers from the Bridgeport AHEPA Chapter with Supreme Governor Nick Nikas and Dist. Governor Mo Moshovos with Birthday Boy Alex Vlantes

Bridgeport Daughters of Penelope Chapter #41

The Daughters of our Chapter 41 are planning a wonderful year ahead, filled with events and activities that will benefit others and keep us busy! In September we initiated a new Sister, and started to plan for the upcoming year. In October we attended the Fall Conference, where we had the honor of meeting our Liason, Connie Pilallis from Florida. At our October meeting we enjoyed a great dinner with our District Governor and District Treasurer, had an initiation of another new Sister, and discussed our upcoming events. We are running our Annual "Let's Keep Them Warm" drive, where we collect gloves, hats, scarves and other warm items for the needy in the Greater Bridgeport community. Our Turkey raffle is going on, and proceeds from that event go directly to our scholarship fund. In November we will serve coffee for Founder's day, at our AHEPA's Annual luncheon, and also initiate another new Sister! We will also have our "Christmas Wreath Sale" early in December. Food baskets will also be distributed by our chapter for the holidays. In December we also plan to have a Christmas Dinner with our Brothers in the AHEPA. More major events in the spring!

DOP October meeting 4. Dinner meeting with Sisters of Chapter 42 - From Left to right: Theodora Fatibene, Ann Stevens, Janice Boulobasis, Angeliki Georgakopoulos



Mo and Nick Nikas Celebrating the Alex Vlantes 95th Birthday!



District # 7 Fall Conference Orange, CT Saint Barbara Church Sponsored by New Haven AHEPA



Top left: Members of the Stamford Chapter attend Fall conference: (L-R) President Dr. Arthur Kiratsous, Secretary James W. Cocolis, Past President Peter Paspalis, Treasurer James C. Cocolis.

Above: Sons of Pericles Supreme President Manolis Sfinarolakis, Supreme Governor Region 4 Nick Nikas, Supreme President De. John Grossomanides, Daughters of Penelope Grand Governor Zone 2 Connie Pillalis, District Governor Loukia Kazakos, District #7 Governor Emmanuel Moshovos.



Left: (L-R) John Ververis, Dick Pecka, Rick Pecka, Alex Boutsiolis, Demetri Tasoulas, and Sons of Pericles Manolis Sfinarolakis



New Haven AHEPANS work the registration desk at the District #7 Fall Conference



Daughters of Penelope District 7 attending Fall conference



Above: New Haven President Gene Esares addresses the Fall Conference



Pictured above Connie Pilallis with Manolis Sfinarolakis, Sons of Pericles Supreme President.



Pictured on right: Rick Pecka, Manolis Sfinarolakis, and John Ververis.

District # 7 Fall Conference Cont'd



District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos (left) with Supreme President John Grossomanides (right) presents Hartford's President John Melenopolous with AHEPA District #7 Chapter of the Year.



District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos presents John Grossomanides with National District Newsletter Award: District #7 2nd Nationally.



District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos and Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides present George Karageorge with National Chapter Newsletter Award 1st place to Hartford's Chapter # 58.

3rd Annual Hellenic History Tournament Held at St Barbara in Orange, CT

Saturday, October 29, 2011, had been chosen back in March as the best time to hold this year's tournament, sponsored by AHEPA Yankee District #7. It was going to be a glorious New England fall day, with mild temperatures and the sun shining on fiery orange and red maple leaves. The day before, the picture looked bleaker, with snow in the forecast for Saturday night. Since the event was scheduled to end in the late afternoon, the Chairman Nicholas Nikas and Governor Moshovos decided to go ahead. By 11:30 am the spacious hall of St Barbara was full of participating students, parents and volunteers who run the tournament. After a brief lunch, AHEPA Supreme President John Grossomanides handed each student a certificate of participation and posed with all of them for a group photograph along with Governor Moshovos and by 12:30 pm the first of four rounds of competition had started.

Unfortunately, so had the heavy snowstorm. Even though the students seemed focused on the competition, there was an undercurrent of anxiety caused by the desire to finish as quickly as possible and start on the long way home through the slush. The matches were run by computers, but the computers were controlled by human moderators, who were equally concerned about the drive home. For the first time in the three year history of the tournament, procedural missteps caused a couple of disputes, which were settled quickly by Chairman Nikas. Sixteen teams of three high school students each had originally signed up to compete for a total of \$4,500 in prizes based on their knowledge of the millennia long history of the Hellenes. Some memorable team names:

"Lacedaemonian Hopliters", "Athena's Owls", "Olympians", "History Hunters", "Demi-Gods", "Greek Kouklas", "Byzantine Beasts", and "Herodotus". By tournament day, three teams had dropped out and some teams competed with fewer than the original three students. Still, 13 matches in four rounds were needed to determine the winners. First prize (\$1000 each) was won by the "Cataphracts" team from Hartford, consisting of Jordan Augustinos, Elias Kapetanopoulos and Alexandra Walsh. Second prize (\$500 each) went to Daniel Hawkins, Nicholas Manos and Ryan Vecchitto, a team sponsored by the New Britain DOP.

Despite the adverse weather and the procedural missteps, there were numerous expressions of appreciation from the attendees. Two stand out: "We had a great time! Please have it again."; and "A superlative event! Many thanks to the AHEPAns of the New Haven chapter and the St Barbara community, and especially Brother Tom Tambis, the leader of the welcome committee.



American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

AHEPA District Seven Scholarship Award Application for 2012

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be currently attending college or postgraduate school and plans to enroll as a full-time matriculated student in the next academic year.

The applicant must satisfy **one** of the following:

The applicant is a member of an AHEPA family organization of District Seven or The applicant is a child of a member of an AHEPA family organization of District Seven. Both **MUST** be in good standing (paid per capita) Nationally and in the District.

In addition, the applicant must satisfy all of the following:

The applicant or the parent of the applicant must complete one year/12 months of membership in an AHEPA family organization prior to the deadline of this application.

Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA.

The application portion of the Verification of Eligibility form, below, must be completed and signed by the Chapter President.

Applicants may re-apply if they continue to meet the requirements *and* have not received three previous grants from the Yankee District #7 Scholarship Foundation.

AWARDS

Scholarships will be awarded at a special AHEPA District Seven event . Recipients will be notified and be invited as honored guests of the District at the event. Award winner or parent/guardian should attend to receive award. If award winner cannot attend, the committee must be contacted prior to the award ceremony.

FILING

All information requested must be submitted for the application to be considered complete. **Incomplete applications will not be officially accepted and filed.**

Only information requested herein will be evaluated. Letters of recommendations and testimonials are not required. Awards are given primarily on the basis of academic achievement, community service.

All materials requested must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chairman, by the deadline.

All materials submitted will be held in strict confidence and are not returnable.

The following materials must be submitted:

This application, filled out, typed or legibly printed in its entirety.

An **official** transcript from the most recently attended academic institution. Official transcripts must be received directly from the academic institution.

A certificate of enrollment or admission letter from the academic institution you are planning to attend.

On a separate sheet of paper submit a typed essay of at least seven hundred (700) words and no more than on one thousand (1,000) words. Choose one topic from those listed in section five (5) of the application.

The completed scholarship application must be postmarked or handed to the Scholarship Committee Chairman by **April 15, 2012**

The completed application package can be mailed to:

Dr. Joanne Hologgitas, PGP
District #7 Scholarship Chairperson
448 Broadway
Newport, RI 02840

CONFIDENTIALITY

All the information reported on the scholarship application will be kept strictly confidential. Only the scholarship selection committee will review the information within the application. Applications are evaluated anonymously.

PERSONAL DATA

NAME	
PERMANENT ADDRESS	_____
TEMPORARY ADDRESS	_____ _____
TELEPHONE and E-MAIL	_____

2. VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

I hereby certify that _____ (list applicant's parent or applicant) is a paid-up member in good standing of Chapter _____, for one year prior to the deadline of this application, located in the town of _____ in the state of _____.

Signed _____ Date _____
 (Chapter President) Chapter Number

3. EDUCATIONAL DATA

SCHOOL MOST RECENTLY ATTENDED

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY & STATE	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE AWARDED	YEAR COMPLETED

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU WILL BE ATTENDING: _____.

4. LIST ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO:

FROM - TO	DESCRIPTION

(Attach additional pages as required)

5. ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper submit a typed essay of at least seven hundred (700) words on one of the topics below. The essay should not exceed one thousand (1,000) words.

- A. Why I want to become or already am a member of the Order of AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope.
- B. How I have benefited from my Hellenic heritage, what I plan to do to return the favor.

6. HARDSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Are there any family hardship circumstances you would like the committee to consider? (Attach additional pages as required)

7. ENDORSEMENT

I hereby certify that the information furnished in this application and the accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making false statements will result in having my application rejected. The scholarship committee reserves the right to request additional documentation in support of my statements herein.

Applicant's Signature

Date

REMEMBER! ENSURING ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED ARE POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE IS SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT

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For more information visit the website WWW.AHEPA.ORG

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Congratulating Jim and Helen Yeotas on the marriage of their daughter, Angela, to Christopher Rountos, on September 18.

Congratulations to our two young AHEPAns, John Louizos and Demetrios Frazis, who won their respective Board seats in Stamford's elections on November 8!

Democrat John Louizos won a seat in the Board of Finance. "Take a look outside," Louizos said. "Even though it's dark, the sun has risen again in Stamford. We're going to bring good government back to our city." (photo at bottom: L-R: Peter Angelopoulos of Bridgeport chapter #62, Costa Papademetriou of New Rochelle chapter #405, John Louizos VP of Stamford chapter #99, US Senator Richard Blumenthal of CT, Nikiforos Mathews of Stamford chapter #99, and Greg Stamos of New Haven chapter #98)

In the Board of Representatives 16th District, Republican incumbent Demetrios Frazis beat Joshua Brown, a financial adviser. "I am incredibly happy," is the best way to put it," Frazis said by phone Tuesday. "Bravo" to both of them. Kai eis anoterla!

Photo below John Louizos with Senator Blumenthal and father of Atty Louizos.



Sons of Pericles to Donate to Philoxenia House

Last year the Sons of Pericles decided that as a national project we would donate to Greek families in need. We have found an organization where the mission is exactly that. More specifically the Philoxenia House in Boston, MA. This house is intended to provide a home to Greek families seeking medical assistance in surrounding areas.

The Philoxenia House was started by the Metropolis of Boston in 1986. The house is just that, a fully functioning home with room for families to feel comfortable while they and their loved ones receive the medical attention they need. Visitors have come from not only the USA, but also from cities all over Greece. There are now two locations of the Philoxenia house in the Boston Metropolis, and now another location in Rochester, MN. Families who have utilized these houses have expressed their appreciation for having a home away from home during hard times. With such a great cause, and an ever-growing need for more accommodations, the Sons of Pericles will proudly donate \$8,500 to the Philoxenia house. We hope that this will allow the house to thrive and continue to be there for those Greek families who find themselves in need.

The SOP worked hard throughout the 2010-11 year raising these funds by selling raffle tickets at district conferences and conventions, regional conventions, and at the Supreme Convention in Miami, FL. Furthermore, the largest contributions were made by individual chapters of the SOP nationwide whom tirelessly raised money.

We presented Metropolitan Methodios and a Philoxenia representative the check at the Boston AHEPA Christmas Party on December 10th, 2011, and representatives of the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles were in attendance to celebrate the holidays and the worthy cause at hand.





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