



# AHEPA

## Yankee District News

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### **We are BACK!!!**

After many years of dormancy, the only publication of our proud District #7 has returned. It is our hope to keep the news timely and have the distribution of the newsletter occur on a regular basis.

This newsletter has had a rich history, previous Yankee News Editors: PJ Matthew, John Melonopoulos, Tony Petros, Dean Macris, and Ron Crabtree have set the bar very high. I can only hope to equal the standard of my predecessors.

For many years, in the late 70s and early 80s the Yankee District News annually won awards at the Supreme Convention for its content and style. Our goal is to return to that level of success.

As always, we will need the support and cooperation of each chapter, Brother, and Sister of District Number Seven.

### **Message from the District Governor**

It was an honor to be elected District 7 Governor. I thank all of you for your support and confidence in me. On behalf of the lodge I commit that we will work tirelessly towards supporting every chapter in achieving our mission. I will make every attempt to visit at

least one chapter every month. I would like to improve communications and cooperation between all of our chapters and the other AHEPA family organizations.

I believe that joint meetings with the District lodge of each AHEPA family organization will be beneficial to all of us. It will allow us to understand and discuss the challenges each group faces and work together to meet them. In addition, I will work towards setting up and finalizing a set of procedures for the Scholarship Selection committee that is acceptable to most.

A debt of gratitude to Steve Jennings for his work and efforts as Governor for the past two years. I was proud to serve under him. Steve was a good mentor and friend.

I am pleased to welcome back "Yankee News", the official publication of AHEPA District Seven. In it you will find reminders, announcements and reports on chapter activities. The District Lodge and the Editor are committed to publishing the newsletter quarterly.

Let us know what is happening at your chapter and we will get the story out. Please email us any pictures from your events and articles.

Please contact me if you have suggestions, concerns or feedback.

Fraternally,  
Kip Kyprianou  
kkiprianou@CompuAid.us

### **In Memoriam**

Brothers, Sisters & Friends:

We regret to inform you of the passing of Past Supreme President Sam Nakis of St. Louis. Brother Sam was a lifelong Ahepan and was instrumental in implementing many programs throughout his service. He served as Supreme President in 1971-1972. He also served as chairman of the AHEPA Board of Directors in 1997.

May his memory be eternal.

### **District #7 Foundation**

The Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the District #7 Foundation took place on May 20, 2006 in Danbury, CT. This year the Foundation assets reached \$400,000 for the first time and continue to grow. The Foundation has allocated \$17,000 to be presented for scholarships in 2006. This is the largest amount in the history of the District #7 scholarship program.

The Foundation sends its Thanks to the generous contributions of Deno Macricostas, Angelo and Mary Pappas, and the E. Peter Mitchell Trust who have helped to endow the majority of the Foundation Scholarship Fund.

This year the Directors elected six individuals to serve as the Board of Directors: George

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Front: Greek School Students of the Church of the Archangels.  
 Back (left to right): Fr. George Poulos, Fr. Constantine Matthews;  
 Nicholas Nikas, Richard Blumenthal, Christel N. Truglia, Christopher Shays.

Anagnostos, George Coclin, Nikitoulia Menounos, Penny Pecka, Christine Bassos White, and Dr. John Grossomanides.

After years of service as President of the Board of Directors Brother John Louziotis retired from his position. We extend a debt of gratitude and Thank John for his wonderful leadership and guidance to the Foundation and the Board.

### AHEPA Chapter #99 Stamford

The Stamford Chapter has been very active on March 25 - we held a flag raising ceremony in downtown Stamford in honor of the 185th anniversary of the Greek Revolution for Independence from the Ottoman Turks. The priests, the Greek schools and members of both Stamford Greek Orthodox



churches attended.

Several local and statewide politicians were there as well: Dannel Malloy, Mayor of Stamford, John Louizos, Member of the Board of Finance, Christel N. Truglia, State Representative, Richard Blumenthal, State Attorney General, Christopher Shays, U.S. Representative. Nicholas Nikas, Chapter President, was the MC and the inspirational speaker.

On March 31 - We showed the DVD of the current movie The 11th Day, a documentary with witness accounts and reenactments of the incredibly brave Cretan resistance against the occupying Germans during WW II. This event saw 80 people attend, some of them from as far away as Astoria, NY.

Lastly, on April 29 - We hosted Grigoris Maninakis and the Mikrokosmos Ensemble singing songs of the famous rembetika pioneers Markos Vamvakaris and Vasilis Tsitsanis. The concert was incredible. About 125 people attended, and every single one was thrilled. We plan to offer a double CD of the concert for sale.

### Upcoming Events

#### **AHEPA Greek Weekend September 29 - October 1, 2006**

Acropolis Ocean Front Resort  
 3rd to 4th Avenue  
 Wildwood, NJ  
 Rate \$159/ pp dbl occupancy  
 Entertainment by SASHA, Hosted by Gus Kraras, for more information contact Helene Moran 860-236-5351

#### **AHEPA District #7 Fall Conference**

**October 7, 2006 10:00AM**  
 Hosted by the Waterbury AHEPA and DOP chapters

#### **Tri District Convention NERC IX**

**June 1-3, 2007**  
 Holiday Inn Mansfield, MA

### **AHEPA Chapter #110 Norwich**

The Chapter held elections of officers for the 2006-2007 year in May. The results were as follows:  
 President George Grossomanides  
 Vice President Sot Daniska  
 Secretary Harry Childs  
 Treasurer Joe Hominski

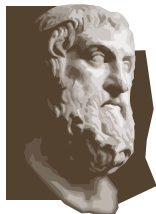
Board of Governors elected were: Dean Antipas, John Louziotis, John Grossomanides Sr., Anthony Petros, and William Trantalis.

The Chapter held a very successful AHEPA Sunday on May 21, 2006. An Artoklasia was done for the living members of the Chapter and a Memorial Service with Koliva was done for all the departed members of the Order of AHEPA Chapter #110.

Following the Liturgy the Chapter sponsored the coffee hour and provided lunch for everyone in the community.

## AHEPA Chapter #117 New Britain

The Order of AHEPA chapter #117 and the New Britain Daughters of Penelope will present Plato's "The Apology of Socrates" translated by: Yiannis Simonides and Loukas N. Skipitaris on Sunday, September 24, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Cultural Center located at 301 West Main Street, New Britain, CT. Call 860-229-0055 for tickets or information.



## AHEPA Chapter #418 Danielson

The Chapter hosted a very successful District Seven Spring Conference on April 1, 2006.

Also, for the fourth consecutive year the Danielson Chapter became a Bronze Sponsor of the Cancer Society Relay for Life in Northeastern CT.

Finally, the Danielson Daughters of Penelope will once again be hosting a Fall Wine Tasting.

## Reminder

To each chapter secretary, please mail a copy of your chapter officers list to the District Secretary. This list should include the office, name, address, phone number and if possible email address for each of the top four offices (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Hellenic Affairs Chair) in your chapter.

This is to help improve communication between District and each chapter. It is very important you get all the correspondence from the District Governor and/or District Secretary.

A copy of the of your Chapter officer list should be sent to the Supreme Headquarters, too!

## Did you know

The official website of Yankee District #7 is [www.ahepad7.org](http://www.ahepad7.org)

You can find a variety of forms, dates of events, copies of previous newsletters at this website. The national website is [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org)

## News, news, news

As always if you have any news please mail it to:  
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Please send any pictures electronically via email.

Any chapter news is always welcome, engagements, marriages, new babies, promotions, moved, retirement, or just taking a vacation let us know, forward it via email to:

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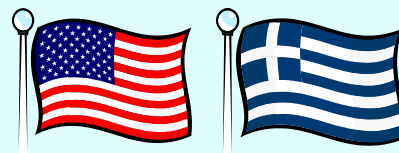
## 84th Annual Supreme Convention

This year the Supreme Convention will be held in Hollywood, FL at The Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa July 24 to 30, 2006. Room rates for the convention are \$159 per night.

The AHEPA delegate and alternate delegate registration fee is \$145 if sent in by July 10, 2006. Onsite delegate registration fee will be \$180 while Non-delegate registration fee will be \$175.

Many events are planned for the week long event, Grand Banquet, Grand Ball, Athletic Luncheon, Golf Tournament, and a Welcome Beach Party.

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**Next Yankee News**

**Deadline is:**

**August 1, 2006**

**AHEPA Elderly Housing Projects in District #7**

AHEPA 58 Apartments	Hartford, CT
AHEPA 58 - II Apartments	Hartford, CT
AHEPA 110 I Apartments	Norwich, CT
AHEPA 110 - II Apartments	Norwich, CT
AHEPA 110 - III Apartments	Norwich, CT
AHEPA 245 I Apartments	Newport, RI
AHEPA 245 - II Apartments	Newport, RI
AHEPA 250 I Apartments	Niantic, CT
AHEPA 250 - II Apartments	Waterford, CT
AHEPA 250 - III Apartments	Groton, CT



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