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All of the children of the Cranston, Pawtucket and Newport communities made us so proud as they recited poems and danced in celebration of Greek Independence Day both at the Rhode Island State House for the Governor and at the reception which was beautifully hosted by the Pawtucket, RI community



District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos with Miss AHEPA District 7, Alexandra Glenges from Stamford at the New York City Greek Independence Day Parade



In this picture :L-R: AHEPA Supreme Vice President Dr. John Grossomanides, former Rhode Island State Senator Leonidas Raptakis, Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee, Consul General of Greece (Boston) Ilias Fotopoulos, and former R.I. State Representative Myrna George.



AHEPA District #7 Brothers marching in New York City Greek Independence Day Parade—Perry Moustakakis and George Rados with the banner



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**Message from the
Order of AHEPA
District Governor**

Xristos Anesti/He has Truly Risen

Thank you, to all the Chapters in District #7 for contributing to the overall success of a great 2010-2011 year. District #7 has surpassed last years membership growth, retention and reinstatements, and leads the country in growth percentage (29.6%, exceeding our goal of 800 members). Our District held the Northeast Regional Biennial Banquet this past November in Orange, CT which had the largest attendance of all three Regionals Also, we held our 2nd Annual Hellenic History Trophy Tournament, the only District in the US to host such an event. We conducted two very successful Conferences, one in the Fall (October) and one in the Spring (April). We just concluded a successful New England Regional Convention in Newport, RI May 20-22, 2011. District #7 Lt. Governor Jack Issac and I, along with Brothers George Rados, Perry Moustakakis, Manolis Sfinarolakis and several from Stamford proudly represented our District in the New York City Greek Independence Day Parade on March 27, 2011. The highlight of District #7's participation was our very First Miss District# 7, Alexandra Glenges of Stamford who shared the float with Miss District 5 & 6. "Zito AHEPA, Greece and the USA".



District #7 is proud to announce the nominations of Dr. John Grossomanides, PDG, of the Norwich Chapter #110 for Supreme President and Nicholas Nikas, PDG, of the Stamford Chapter #99 for the office of Supreme Governor of Region 4. The elections will be held at the Supreme Convention in Miami Beach, Florida this July. We wish both the Best of luck!! We are very proud for all that you have done and continue to do through your ongoing contributions to the success of District Seven.

I made many Chapter visitations and performed many initiations throughout the District. Every visit was an exciting feeling of Brotherhood. Each experience offered proof as to why our District is so successful in the pursuit and support of the missions of AHEPA. The Brotherhood is proud of

our Hellenism, serious in supporting our Scholarship, Philanthropic programs, proud of our Church and Community efforts, and continuing effort to growing and retaining our membership.

The future is about the "now factor", what we are doing in the present to guarantee the future of ALL our missions.

This year is the once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the Supreme Convention, **Remember, our District has a chance to elect two Supreme Lodge officer, when will that ever happen again.** Also, we will be hosting a Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, August 21, 2011 4PM at the St. George Greek Church in New Britain, CT.

The 2010-2011 AHEPA year is over and I wish to thank the Brothers of District 7 for the honor to serve as your Governor. It has been truly a rewarding experience and has strengthened my faith and pride in the Order of AHEPA on all levels: National, District and Chapter. My belief is that the future success of America Hellenic Educational Progressive Association begins with the Chapters and to the Districts to National and to the rest of the Globe. *"The strength of all structures relies on the FOUNDATION".*

Fraternally,

Emmanuel Moshovos
District Governor

Did you know

The official website of Yankee District #7 is 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

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Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor

It has been my pleasure to serve the District as your Governor. This year has been a difficult year for many Districts. Chapters are trying to hold onto the Sisters they have and reach out to new members. Congratulations to the Chapters who have initiated new Sisters and reinstated others. We must continue to make the Daughters of Penelope known in our communities, in order to continue with what we have and build on for the future. Keep up the GREAT work!!!!



I enjoyed visiting the Chapters in our District and seeing the many exciting things happening in them. Sisters keep up the fantastic work. I would like to thank the members of the District Lodge for everything they did this year for me and our District. Their continued support is greatly appreciated. It makes me proud to be a member of such a wonderful organization.

Thank you to everyone who purchased one of our raffle tickets. A HUGE thank you to Sisters PGP Joanne Hologigas and Ellen Anagnostos for the 100 tickets they sold at the National Convention and locally. Here are the results from this year's drawing:

- October 2010
- \$75- Maria Meares, Newport, RI
- \$25- Jan Spanos, Sacto, CA
- November 2010
- \$75- Apostolos Pappas- Hillsborough, NJ
- \$25- T. Stefanopoulos, Newport, RI
- December 2010
- \$75- Jim Georgiou, Middletown, RI
- \$25- DOP #199, Waterbury, CT

- January 2011
- \$75- Jim Nicholas, Portland, ME
- \$25- Clara Angelos, Danielson, CT
- February 2011
- \$75- Grace Mackey, Wethersfield, CT
- \$25- Dillion-Baxter Funeral Home, Wethersfield, CT
- March 2011
- \$75- Margo Sklavouris, New Britain, CT
- \$25- Steven Anagnostos,
- April 2011
- \$75- Penny Hiotas, Newport, RI
- \$25- Fay Lambrakos, Brooklyn, NY

We had two wonderful conferences this year with 30 Sisters in attendance for both. Many thanks to the New Britain and Hartford Chapters for hosting our conferences. We were fortunate to have our Grand President Christine Constantine, Grand Vice-President Nicky Stamoulis (our liaison) and Grand Treasurer Anna-Helene Panagakos in attendance at our Fall Conference. Looking forward to a lot of fun at the Tri-District Convention in Newport, RI...see you all there!!!!

Have you ordered your tickets yet for the Ahepa Family Greek Night with the Rock Cats in New Britain, CT on Tuesday, June 21st? If you still need tickets please contact Sister Donna Rados at 860-635-5602. We all had such a wonderful time last year...you don't want to miss out this year!!!! Meet you at the ballpark!!!

Don't forget to book your flight and reserve your room for the National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida. This will be a Convention you definitely don't want to miss....

Many thanks for a great year.....

Yours in Theta Pi

Loukia

Lucia (Loukia) Kazakos

NATIONAL NEWS

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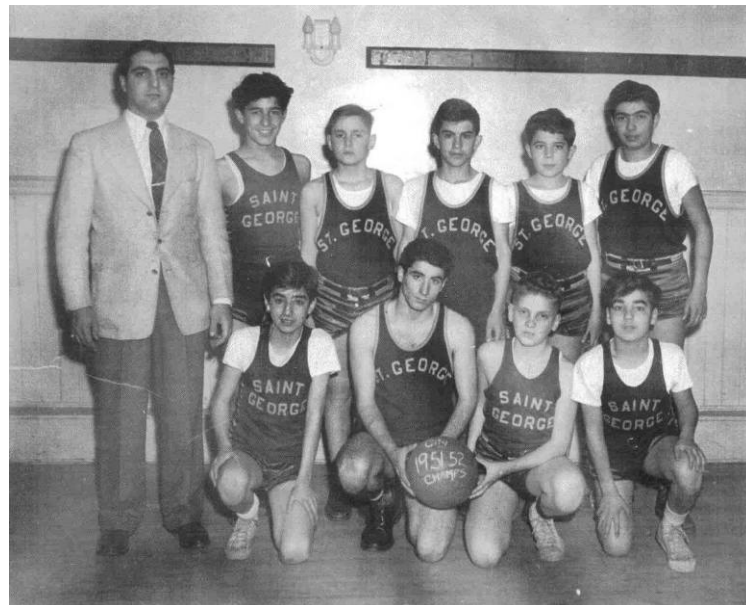


Photo:

Past District Lodge Brother Steve Grosso-manides coaches the St. George Greek Church of Hartford's boys basketball team 1951-1952. CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY OF THE PLAYERS?? Coach Steve Gros-somanides, Jim Generis, John Melonopoulos, etc

Hartford hosts the District #7 Spring Conference

On April 9th, 2011 Yankee District 7 held its Spring Conference hosted by the Nathan Hale Chapter #58 at the Wethersfield, CT Lodge Room. Seven AHEPA and five Daughters of Penelope Chapters with 78 attendees met with a continental breakfast/registration period which started at 9 am. At 10 am, a joint AHEPA/DOP session was opened by District Governors Emmanuel Moshovos and Loukia Kazakos by introducing their lodges.

PGP *Joanne Hologgitas* explained the current status of the District Foundation Scholarship program that the current applications were made available. The same se-



District Governor Mo Moshovos address conference attendees while District Lt. Gov. Jack Isaac looks on

lection process will be used for this year's awards.

PDG *Nick Nikas* presented the results of last year's Hellenic History Trophy Tournament held in New Haven explaining via power-point presentation the costs and the winners. He next presented the fall plans for the 2011 tournament outlining the expansion of the HHT to include nearby districts.

PSG *George Anagnostos* representing AHEPA National Housing Corporation gave brief remarks about the ANHC program for FY-2010 and its plans for the future. He mentioned that since HUD is only providing 2200 units of housing, ANHC is pursuing new pro-



Past District Governor George Anagnostos speaks about the New England Regional Convention in Newport, RI

grams: tax credits, nonprofit bonds and out-right purchases of existing elderly properties and managing non-AHEPA properties also. Brother Anagnostos as chairman/host of the Tri-District Convention gave a narrative of what would be expected at the convention being held in Newport RI on May 20-22.

This year the registration includes hotel and food during the stay. A special dutch-treat dinner theatre is planned for Friday evening's entertainment. Meetings will be held for District 7, 8, 9 on Saturday in separate meeting rooms. On Saturday evening a banquet and dancing will be held with all functions being held at the Mainstay Hotel across from the Grand Casino.

During the next hour, the AHEPA and DOP groups entered into separate meetings. With the AHEPA, *Emmanuel Moshovos*, DG presented his outline on visitations and what he expected to accomplish until the end of year with programs he felt were important to the District.

Brother *Jack Isaac*, Lt. Governor made his presentation as to special workshops that he attended gathering information about officers duties. He mentioned that he hoped that District 7 would follow up by

having similar training programs in the fall. He also stressed the recruitment for new members that every chapter should have a progressive program.

Last to speak was Supreme Vice President *John Grossomanides* who offered greetings from the Supreme President Nick Karacostas. He encouraged all to attend the New England Regional Tri-District Convention and spoke of the accomplishments of District 7's growth in the past year having one of the largest percentage of increases in the AHEPA domain. Brother John advised us that he is running for the office of Supreme President at the Miami Convention in July and hoped that District 7 would have all the possible delegates in attendance.

Following the close of both sessions, a luncheon was offered by the Hartford AHEPA Family. The able committee who cooperated on Friday and/or Saturday to prepare/operate the function: *Adele Antoniou, Loukia Kazakos, Cathy Deros, Tule Avdoulos, Elaine Melonopoulos, Helen Moran, Marie Klementon, John Melonopoulos, Jim Atheneos, Jerry Copsinis, Jordan Smith, Larry Papanic, George Karageorge, Chris Merisotis and Tony Kazakos* and the staff at Nathan Hale Senior Center.....**A Special thank you to all.**



Past Supreme Governor George Scarveles speaks about the AHEPA Regional Banquet in New Haven.

Harry Fanos—Stamford Chapter #99 News

Two Brothers from the Stamford chapter rose to prominence recently.

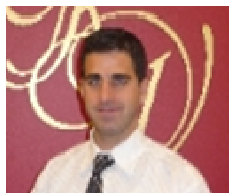
Nikiforos Mathews, Archon Ekdikos in the Order of St Andrew, was appointed Regional Commander for District One. He will be responsible for coordinating the participation of Archons in this District, which is comprised of CT, Westchester and New York City. "We are looking forward to working with Nikiforos as we seek to advance our religious freedom mission on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in New York," stated National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, MD. Nikiforos was recognized last year as AHEPAN of the year in AHEPA District #7 for his work in getting the legislators of CT to sign a letter of protest regarding the treatment of the Patriarch to the Turkish Ambassador in Washington, DC.



Archon Mathews, who is of Imvrian background, is married with two children. He is a member of the community and parish council of the Annunciation in Stamford, Connecticut, where his father, *Fr. Constantine Mathews*, serves as the parish priest. Archon Mathews practices as a finance attorney in Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's New York office and once

served as a law clerk to the Hon. Archon Nicholas Tsoucalas in the United States Court of International Trade. From 1999 to 2007, Archon Mathews held a commission as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve, where he was qualified to practice as a Judge Advocate. A veteran of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, he served as an Operational and Administrative Law attorney in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Among other honors, Archon Mathews was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in connection with his military service.

Demetrios Frazis, another Stamford AHEPAN, became a member of the Stamford Board of Representatives. As was reported in the Stamford Patch, "Demetrios Frazis was also appointed by the Board to fill the seat vacated by Michael Molgano ..." "My belief is that whatever my constituents dictate, I will be their instrument to carry it out," he told Patch. "That's my goal." The Board of Representatives is made up of forty (unpaid) elected volunteers.



There are twenty districts, and each district elects two representatives every four years, concurrent with the Mayor's term. The Board of Representatives has the following powers, among others: Enact ordinances for the government of the city, Adopt the submitted capital and operating budgets of the City. Frazis joined two committees: (1) the State and Commerce Committee, which has primary responsibility for monitoring State of Connecticut legislative and other activities and acts as liaison to elected State officials; and (2) the Operations Committee, which deals with the public works functions in the City of Stamford.

In addition,

The Stamford chapter of AHEPA presented Aphrodite Daniel, Panos Chrysovergis and the Synphonia Band in a fun evening of unforgettable Greek tunes on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the hall of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Stamford, CT. The entrance fee of \$40 per person included appetizers and wine. The doors opened at 6:30pm and the musical program started at 7:30pm. The Synphonia group impressed all comers with their professionalism and perfect execution. Many people told us this was the best Greek music group they have heard in a long time. The first half was more like a concert, while the second half got everyone excited to join the fun on the dance floor. Young and old danced together in harmony. It was a sight to behold... And we were able to raise \$2,000 to benefit our two Greek schools (Archangels and Annunciation). The event was featured in the National Herald!



Rose of New England -Norwich Chapter #110 News



AHEPA Chapter #110

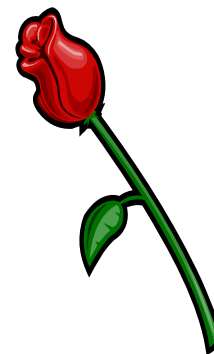
Rose of New England-Norwich, CT

On May 15, 2011 the Chapter celebrated AHEPA DAY with the entire Norwich Community sponsor Ar-toklasia for living AHEPANS, Koliva for deceased AHEPANS, and then hosting a luncheon after Church for everyone. We are proud to have 114 members in the chapter, with three more candidates on the way. *Good Luck to Brother John Grossomanides on his bid for Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA!*

Above: Chapter Photo of Norwich #110 at the AHEPA Sunday Celebration on May 15, 2011

Left: (L-R), Joe Hominski, John Grossomanides SVP, George Grossomanides Chapter president, present a check for \$2000 to Holy Trinity on AHEPA Sunday for the Church's Roof Replacement initiative.

Lower left: Tony Petros and John Michalopoulos, celebrate the Anniversary of the Norwich Chapter #110 from 1926 to 2011, 85 years and going strong!!!



Waterbury News Chapter # 48

Former Waterbury, CT Mayor, the Honorable George P. Harlamon was honored for his past service to the Holy Trinity Community and to the city of Waterbury at the 4th annual Sons of Pericles Hall of Fame dinner at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Waterbury, CT on March 26, 2011. At the dinner Mr. Harlamon was made an honorary member of the Sons of Pericles and was presented with a lifetime Sons of Pericles pin by Rick Pecka, Past Supreme President, Sons of Pericles.



Pictured (l-r) are Steven Gagas, George Tinios, John Ververis, chapter president, Manolis Sfinarolakis, Supreme Vice President, SOP, Hon. George P. Harlamon, Dean Tzepos, Bobby Tzepos, George Karolidis, Raymond Albin, Andrew Kotsaftis, Niko Kotsaftis, Tony Glynos, Ari Tinios, Jamie Velezis and Rick Pecka, Past Supreme President, SOP.

The Honorable George Peter Harlamon has been a lifelong resident of Waterbury, CT. He has been a very active member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community serving as President of the Parish Council and serving on the Council for over 30 years.

He has been a member of AHEPA for over 50 years. He graduated from Fordham University with honors and received his MBA from the University of Connecticut. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War II and served with distinction in the Philippines.

Hon. George P. Harlamon has been a lifelong member of the Republican Party and served as President of the Board of Alderman before he became mayor of the City of Waterbury in 1968. He has also served as President of the Board of Park Commissioners and on the Board of Finance for many years.

This Sons of Pericles Hall of Fame induction is not the first for Mr. Harlamon. In recognition of his service to the City of Waterbury and his civil involvement as a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury Exchange Club and Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, he was elected to the Waterbury Hall of Fame in 2003.

Chapter News

AHEPA Chapter #117

Elpis New Britain, CT

The Brothers under the leadership of our President gave out Scholarships in the amount of \$26,000 to thirteen students.

AHEPA Chapter #48 Waterbury, CT

Deacon **W. Demetrios Belsito** was accepted as a Doctoral Candidate in a PhD Program at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work in West Hartford, Connecticut. He will begin in the fall 2011.

AHEPA Chapter #418 Danielson, CT

The chapter was proud to send two representatives to the District #7 Spring Conference: **Jim Ballas** and **Mike Leotsakos**. We look forward to assisting our church with their Greek Food Festival in June.

AHEPA Chapter #126 Archimedes Meriden, CT

The chapter elected Brother **Michael Michael** as chapter President. We wish a Happy June Birthday to **Statis Pappas** and July Birthday to **Robert A. Nemphos**.

AHEPA Chapter #90 Danbury, CT

The Danbury AHEPA Chapter will award five \$1,000 Marcicostas scholarships this year. AHEPA Sponsored Youth Sunday Brunch – took place on Sunday, May 15th following church services. GOY-ANs helped to serve and clean up, while the AHEPANS cooked. This event was open to the Community. The Chapter honored the coaches, advisors and athletes at the brunch.



House Chambers in Rhode Island with the Greek Flag

District Governor Moshovos Travels



Above: May 3rd Hartford Chapter 58 initiation meeting, from the left: Chapter President, John Melonopoulos, initiates John Kutsokos, Peter Smith, District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos, and Lt. Governor Jack Isaac



Above: Brother Mo with Miss AHEPA District 7- Alexandra Glenges, Evzone- John Polydoris, and Supreme Vice President Grossomanides on the AHEPA Float in New York City.

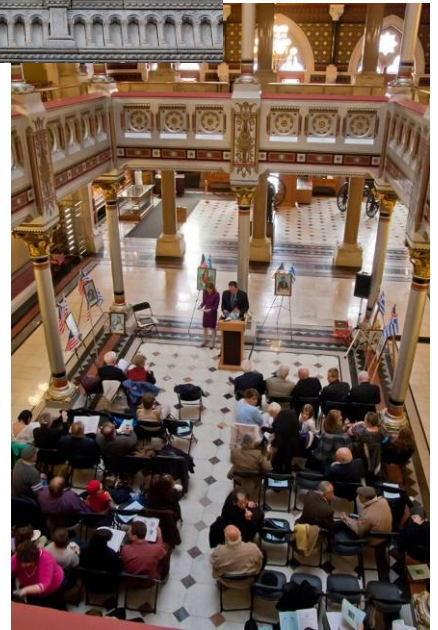


Connecticut State House On March 25, 2011, The Greek Flag flies proudly

Below: Hellenes at the State House in Hartford, CT.



Photo Left: (L-R) Brother Lt. Governor Jack Isaac, District Governor Mo Moshovos, Supreme Vice President Dr. John Grossomanides, District #6 Governor Jimmy Kokotas, Supreme Governor Region 3 Andy Zachariades, Elias Tsekarides Past Supreme Governor attend District #6 Conference in Brooklyn, NY at Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church on May 7, 2011



GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY-NYC MARCH 27, 2011



YES, WE CAN!!

Meriden Daughters of Penelope Chapter #76

By Mary Petrus

Congratulations to Sister Maria Theodoratos and Sister Mary Petrus for the birth of their Granddaughter and Grandson, a future Daughter and AHEPAN.

The sisters held a pancake breakfast at the St. George Community Center after church service on March 13, 2011. As always a huge success.

We had a Christmas party with the AHEPANs in December, with Sister Artemis Nemphos leading the singing of Christmas Carols.

Also in December we sponsored the battered women of Meriden/Wallingford and donated gifts and clothes to the needy families.

Congratulations to Michael Michael on becoming the new Meriden Ahepa president.

Sister Olympia Soteriou is enjoying the sunshine in Florida and Sister Mary Petrus will be visiting her soon.

AHEPA Chapter #98 New Haven, CT

Congratulations to new Chapter President Eugene Esares. Many Thanks to George Scarveles for his many years of service to our chapter as the Chapter President. Below photo the Chapter sponsored Easter baskets for all the children of St. Barbara Church in Orange. (Br. Scarveles can be seen in the foreground)



Greek Independence Day in Boston, MA: Fr. Ted Barbas Boston Metropolis Chancellor, Eleni Vidalis—President Hellenic Federation of New England, John Grossomanides –SVP, Alex Geourntas—Past Supreme Governor, and Dimitri Vidalis—Chapter President Boston Chapter #24.



Greek Independence Day at the State of Connecticut—Capitol— Attorney Gregory Stamos of the New Haven Chapter #98 addressed the large Greek-American delegation.

Below:
Hellenes fill the capitol in Hartford



Greek Independence Day

By Christos H. Psilos
Newport Chapter #245

In America, each year on March 25, many Hellenes, and Philhellenes make a yearly pilgrimage to our local Town Halls and State houses to celebrate Greek Independence Day. We bring our children dressed in colorful Hellenic uniforms, all of us proud hearing our children and grandchildren reciting patriotic poems in our mother tongue. There is always an aura that makes us proud of our heritage and happy that we are there to declare its preservation. Our children being there is a testament that our ancient culture, the culture of our forefathers, The Hellenes and the foundation of Western Civilization is alive and well.

As we listen to our Hellenic American community, spiritual and political leaders praising the Hellenes and Hellenic Americans, we are proud, and in connected in spirit with those who made it possible for us today to live in this great Democratic Nation.

As we listened in the Providence State House, in a room whose architecture symbolizes values that are deeply Hellenic, we feel that we have not been assimilated to foreign values, but rather America simply adopted our, and thus being American and being a Hellenic is harmonious and one. It is frightening to think what kind of life we would have been living today had it not been for the fact that the brave Hellenes loved their Liberty(Eleutheria) so much that they were willing to accept death not only for themselves, but also their family's rather than be enslaved. As the said, better 1 hour of freedom than forty years of slavery.

Those of us who have an interest in our history know Love of Liberty is not something that started with the Greek War of Independence nor uniquely Hellenic. For God's creatures have the instinct to be free, and all of humanity yearns for freedom. However History has documented the struggle of the Hellenes to preserve and regain their freedom for thousands of years and at against incredible odds.



Perhaps it is because The Hellenic culture is one that spans of many millenniums; it is a living history that never becomes stale or irrelevant. When one considers that in today's age of computers that the Hellenes were using Computers such as the Antikythera computer that was used for navigation and precision of a Swiss watch, or the fact that Archimedes was using calculus thousands of years before Newton, it is difficult not be proud of our roots.

Going back to the Hellenic Independence Day, what does it mean today? The fact that our Great –Great grandparents sacrificed almost everything such that the Hellenic race was down to a few million people. The distinction was that they would be able to maintain their Christian identity throughout 400 years of Ottoman rule, and even though they imposed harsh and inhumane treatment in order to get them to give up their identity, they refused and waited for the day they would once again be able to call themselves ELLENES. The economic pressure and at times psychological and physical abuse did not break them, with much of what their civilization prized in ruins or used by foreigners for their vanity, they yearned for the day to be free. In such an environment they maintained one thing that was the most important to them, a sense of who they were. They refused to be assimilated by those they considered Barbari. Hellas was not recognizable by the end of the four centuries of rule by the Ottomans, many Hellenes living abroad and supported the liberation of their patria, were actually afraid to go back because they knew their heart would be broken.

The destiny of Hellas has always been one of periods of glory followed by sorrow and pain; there were periods of learning and great contributions to humanity to a level that is way beyond the expectation of such a small population living in a land that made it hard to create wealth. Every so often catastrophe strikes and it has been part of Hellas. Today Hellas is again facing difficult times.

Today it is not necessary for a nation to be conquered by others using arms and the hiring of mercenaries such as the General Ibrahim of Egypt who was hired by the Otto-

man Sultan to devastate Hellas and sell its children to slavery, as he did during the War of Independence by capturing thousands of girls from Peloponnesus and selling them as slaves. Nations today can be conquered economically, their assets can then be sold and the best and brightest of the youth can be forced economically to leave because their homeland cannot provide them the freedom to achieve their dreams.

Many in our country do not understand exactly what is happening today in Hellas. The media is full of stories that predict all sorts of scenarios and provide many reasons for why it is happened to there. In the beginning it was because Greeks were greedy, corrupt, lazy, living beyond their means. That their society needed to be completely restructured, and in line with the wealthier, larger, European nations such as Germany. There is no denying that there is corruption, and systemically the country has been designed such that corruption has been accepted as part of the social fiber. However, one must ask are their sins limited only to them? As other nations such as Iceland, Portugal, Spain, Ireland, are also facing economic issues, and not to forget our country is as well, we must reevaluate how we look at the Greek Tragedy.

Some of us had taken pride that we are not facing the same. Others believe they deserve their fate and unless the amartia has been revenged that the people of Hellas have no right to hope for a resolution to this modern day tragedy that has trapped them, and risks that which is most prized, Eleutheria, Independence. We must stop blaming all Hellenes, and they themselves were victims. The fall of the Soviet Union, The EU, Globalization, and politicians willing to give the people things that they yearned for while people in other countries already had for decades put them in a trap that they only now recognize. As Christians we must have compassion, and do everything possible

such that we avoid another Greek tragedy. Let's not forget that when a nation has serious economic issues, it can sustain a foreign pol



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icy, and defense infrastructure. Although Hellas is working on having good relations with its neighbors, the neighborhood still has many who wish demise for Hellas.

Everyday its air, sea and land is infringed by foreigners with different agendas. There are those who lay claim to Hellenic territory and History. There are always enemies of Hellas who would love to turn the clock back and undo what our fathers did, fight to liberate and defend Hellas. If Hellas stops being the idea, and land where our history is alive, what do we tell our children?

What would be the purpose of our yearly visit to our local Town halls and State capitals, would it not be in vain? And our children would they lose the reason to be proud of their ancient and deep roots. Hellas would no longer be the idea and the nation that non Hellenes such as Lord Byron were willing to give everything to free from barbarism. Hellenic Independence would cease to exist. We must fight those who wish to destroy the independence of Hellas. The new game of creating scenarios such as Greedy speculators can gain at the expense of great numbers of people is without borders. By being supportive at this time, while Hellas is trying to change in order to meet these tough challenges, we are at the same time preserving our liberty in our country, Greed has no boundaries and it is not limited to Hellas, Greed can destroy nations and at this point it is not about the greed is the problem, both Hellenes with the ability to help their nation and those who are looking to capitalize on the fallout of a generation of greed and loss of values.

Reminder

To each chapter secretary, please mail a copy of your chapter officers list to the District Secretary and NATIONAL. 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, and Treasurer) in your chapter. This is to help improve communication between District and each chapter. It is important all correspondence from the District Governor and District Secretary is received.

In Memoriam

Brother George P. Harlamon, 92, former mayor of the city of Waterbury, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Waterbury Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Katherine (Konstant) Harlamon.

Mayor Harlamon was born Feb. 5, 1919, in Waterbury, son of the late Peter and Agnes (Hanzakos) Harlamon. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served proudly during World War II with the 29th Engineers in the Pacific Theater. He graduated from Fordham University in New York with high honors and was inducted into the national honor society for business and finance, Beta Gamma Sigma. He then went on to receive his MBA from the University of Connecticut.

Mayor Harlamon was a registered Republican and served on the Waterbury Finance Board, the Board of Public Works and the Board of Alderman, where he served as president. He served as president of the Board of Park Commissioners and chairman of the Waterbury Town Committee.

As mayor of the city of Waterbury from 1968 to 1969, he introduced the middle school concept and curricula and initiated the construction of the East End Complex, later named the Bergin Complex, which was followed by the North End Complex and West Side Middle School. Perhaps the most pivotal moment of his tenure was the summer of 1968, when the city of Waterbury was in the midst of extreme rioting. Mayor Harlamon was instrumental in negotiating peaceful dialogue that put an end to the unrest in the city without a single fatality.

Mayor Harlamon was the comptroller of the Waterbury National Bank and retired as financial analyst from the Waterbury Hospital in 1985. He also served as adjunct professor of Accounting and Federal Tax at Post College and Mattatuck Community College for 18 years.

Mayor Harlamon was a member of the board of directors for the Mattatuck Museum, the Waterbury Symphony, the American Red Cross, the Exchange Club, the YMCA and the Child Guidance Center. He was an active member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Waterbury where he served on the Parish Council for over 27 years as president and treasurer and was a

member of the A.H.E.P.A.

Besides his wife, Katherine, of 62 years, Mayor Harlamon leaves two sons, Peter Harlamon and his wife, Saranya, and Jay Harlamon, all of Waterbury; a grandson, George Harlamon; a granddaughter, Katherine Harlamon; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by five sisters.

Brother Angelus "Ange," E. Papageorge, age 83, the beloved husband of Bess Spilios Papageorge of Fairfield, CT, passed away on June 10, 2011.

Ange was born in Fairfield on May 25, 1928 to the late Elias and Fanny Papageorge, he attended Roger Ludlowe High School and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a lifelong Fairfield resident and also was a volunteer fireman for the town for over 50 years. Ange was an active parishioner of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Bridgeport, CT and a member of the AHEPA Chapter #62.

May their Memory be Eternal

NATIONAL NEWS

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District #7 Foundation

The Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the District #7 Foundation took place on May 21, 2011 in Newport, RI. This year the Foundation assets reached \$440,000 for the first time and continue to grow. The Foundation has allocated \$19,200 to be presented for scholarships in 2011. This is the largest amount in the history of the District #7 scholarship program.

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

This years six Board of Directors include: George Anagnostos, Steve Jennings, Penny Pecka, Ellen Anagnostos, Donna Rados, and John Grosso-manides.

DOP Did you know.....

District # 7 DOP has 38 Life Members and 286 Members
 Charter Dates:
 Bridgeport-08/26/1935
 Newport- 02/21/1936
 Meriden- 02/19/1939
 New Haven-04/12/1945 (Inactive)
 New Britain-07/12/1945
 New London-11/03/1946 (Inactive)
 Hartford-02/13/1949
 Waterbury- 01/30/1949
 Danielson- 10/16/1983



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Brother **Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis** Ex-Senator for the State of Rhode Island will be a candidate for General Treasurer in 2014.

Brother **Dr. Ted Malahias**, DDS, is a partner at the Bridgeworks Family Dental Center in Groton, CT. He is residing in Waterford, CT with his wife Joanne and daughter Constansia. He is a graduate of the State University of New York Stony Brook Dental School and received his undergraduate degree at Albany College of Pharmacy.

Brother **Peter Patsouris**, Norwich, CT is a Professor of History at the Three River Community College in Norwich, CT.

Adam Rand, grandson of Past District Governors **Esther and Terry Mitchell** has graduated from Stony Brook University with his Bachelor Degree. *Και σε ανωτερα!*

Congratulations to **John G. and Celia Grossomanides** who celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on May 8th. A great and wonderful accomplishment! *Χρονια Πολλα!!*

Congratulations to **Tony and Heidi Petros** who celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary in June. *Χρονια Πολλα!!*

GOOD LUCK!!! to Br. **Chris Coutu** who is running as the Republican Candidate for the 2nd Congressional District in the State of Connecticut against Joe Courtney (We need more members in the Hellenic Caucus).

Congratulations to Brother **Vasilis**

and Sister **Androula Varvatsis** who recently received the Award for the Best Specialty Pizza in the State of Connecticut. Brother Vasili is a member of the New Britain AHEPA Chapter #117 and Sister Androula is a member of the Daughters of Penelope Meriden Chapter.

Happy JUNE Birthdays to Brothers **John Melonopoulos, Mo Moshovos, Fr. George Z., Dino Marcicostas, Nick Metaxas, Dimitri Vasquez, Dennis Daniska, George Rados, George Anagnostos, and John Papadopoulos.** *Να τα Εκατοστισεις!*

Good luck to Br. **Dean Antipas** who is running for Probate Court Judge in New London County.

Tony Petros, Terry Mitchell, John Melonopoulos, Paul Matsikas, George Anagnostos and John Grossomanides represented their chapters at the National AHEPA Housing meeting in Indianapolis April 28-30, 2011

George and Krystyna Kazakos son and daughter of **Lukia and Tony Kazakos** have both graduated from College. George graduated from Emory-Riddle School of Aeronautics in FL and passed his Airplane Mechanics Certification. Krystyna graduated from St. Joseph's College in Hartford and is planning to attend Nursing School this fall.

George Coclin can be found coaching Little League games in Cranston this summer.

Good seeing Brother Past District Governor '66-67, **Harold Demopoulos** of Bristol, RI at the Greek Independence Day Celebration at the State House in Providence, RI.

Congratulations to **Paul Matsikas** on being selected as the Hartford Chapter #58 AHEPAN of the YEAR.

New Brother **Anestis Diakopoulos**, of Chapter #106 Providence, is a Financial Professional Associate at Prudential in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Brother **Steve Jennings** is President of Advanced Planning Associates Inc. of Warren, RI. He does Advanced Tax and College Planning.

Sons of Pericles Corner

Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family,

Ever since last year's Supreme Convention in Montreal, the Sons of Pericles have seen great change and expansion. With the help of our National Advisor, Chris Economides Jr., we were able to pass legislation that changed the face of dual membership in a tremendous way. Now, all members of the Sons of Pericles ages 14-17 have no dues whatsoever. They are fully free to join the Sons and maintain membership until their 18th birthday. Once a member of the Sons is 18, they then become Dual Members with the Sons of Pericles and the Order of AHEPA. These Dual Members only have \$40 Dual Membership Dues each year to maintain their good standing in both orders. They are not to be charged any AHEPA Chapter per capita fee, \$40 is the only amount required for their active membership in both the Sons of Pericles and the Order of AHEPA. Upon their 28th birthday, a Dual Member is then graduated into AHEPA where they then have to fulfill normal Chapter and National AHEPA dues.



All of these changes have helped increase our membership. Since this was passed, we have tripled our membership and have a chance to quadruple it before the upcoming Supreme Convention in Miami. A vast majority of this membership increase have been Dual Members. What this means is that the membership of AHEPA has also grown substantially from the new Dual Membership changes. I encourage everyone to actively recruit young men into the Sons because that will ensure a strong future for the Order of AHEPA.

Fraternally,
 Michael Michalopoulos,
 Supreme Secretary
 Sons of Pericles



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89th Annual

Supreme Convention

This year the Supreme Convention will be held in Miami Beach, FL at The Fontainebleau Resort and Spa July 18 to 23, 2011. Room rates for the convention are \$175 per night.

The AHEPA delegate and alternate delegate registration fee is \$225 if sent in by July 1, 2011.

Many events are planned for the week long event, Grand Banquet, Grand Ball, Athletic Luncheon, Coed Beach Volleyball Tournament, Dancing Contest, Cooking Bake Off, Golf Tournament, National Softball Tournament, SOP Basketball Tournament, and a Welcome Beach Party.

District #7 Governors Breakfast sponsored by the DG of District #7 will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

This year looks to be the best Supreme Convention in many years!!! Don't miss it!!!

DO NOT MISS THIS

AHEPA

Supreme Convention



July 18-24, 2011
Fontainebleau Hotel
Miami Beach, FL

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Hellenic History Tournament
Registration Deadline
June 30, 2011

District #7 Scholarship Dinner
Sunday, August 21, 2011
St. George Church
New Britain, CT

Hellenic History Trophy Tournament
Sat., October 29, 2011
St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church
Racebrook Road
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Above: (l-r) Susan Bysiewicz, Greg Stamos, Elias Tomazos, and Br. Rev Fr. Steven Natsis of Waterbury at the State of Connecticut celebration

Left: Greek Dancers at the State of Rhode Island Greek Independence Day Celebration



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**Reminder
AHEPA District #7
Fall
Conference**

Date:
Saturday, October 15,
2011

Place:
St. Barbara's Greek
Church, Orange CT

Time: 10AM

RSVP:
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