

DISTRICT 7 FALL CONFERENCE
MATTHEWS SOCIAL HALL, ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL
433 FAIRFIELD AVE, HARTFORD, CT 06114

The fall 2023 Conference was held on Saturday, October 21, 2023; it was hosted by the Ahepa Nathan Hale Chapter 58 and DOP Thoas Chapter 198, in the facilities of the Cathedral of St. George in Hartford. Close to eighty members of Ahepa and DOP attended the Conference. There was Chapter representation from New Britain 117, New Haven 98, Providence 106, Newport 245, New London 250, Bridgeport 62, Norwich 110, Waterbury 48, Stamford 99, and Hartford 58. We missed seeing brothers at the Conference from Danbury, Norwalk, Danielson, and Pawtucket.

The first part of the Conference was planned to review data, issues, and processes by which the management of the District and the Chapters is carried out. Of particular interest were reports on the D7 Educational Foundation, on the Yankee News operation, and updates on the upcoming Hellenic History Tournament. Relevant to this segment of the program was a presentation by Glenn Arnold on *Multigenerational Organization of Ahepa Chapters*, which underlined the differences in generational interests within each Chapter and the need to be attentive to those differences.

Beyond the business part, the Conference program called for a review of the extent to which, and the way in which the Chapters in District 7 keep the AHEPA vision current and in good form. Along these lines, a round table discussion among Chapter Presidents attending the Conference was held on the topic "*Commitment to Outreach and Possible Inter-Chapter Cooperative Programs*". Among other highlights were inspirational talks by the two guests from the Supreme Lodge, Chris Kaitson, Supreme Vice President, and Alex Geourtas, Secretary of the Ahepa Board of Trustees; also, a review by Alex Philippides of the conceptual development of the D7 Archives Project, and the presentation by George Antonellis, Sons of Pericles Supreme Governor, about the re-activation of the SOP Chapter in New Haven. The Conference ended at 3:30 pm.



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Ahepans at the District 7 fall Conference on October 21, 2023