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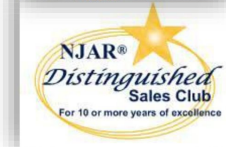


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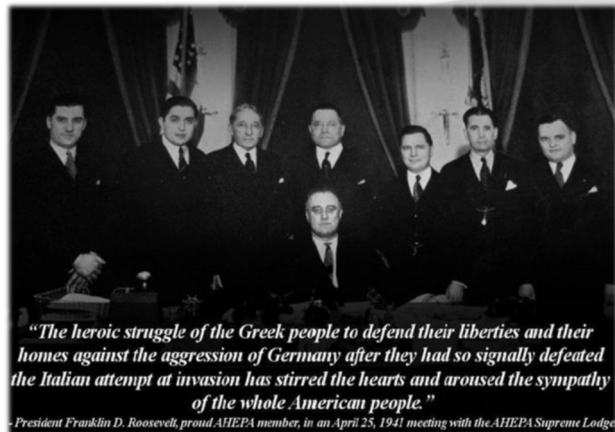
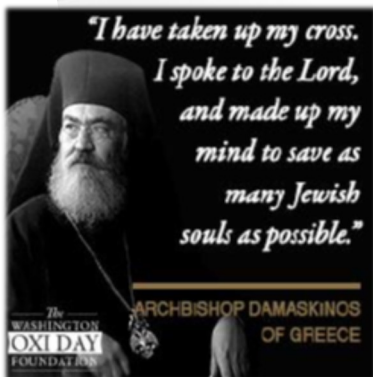
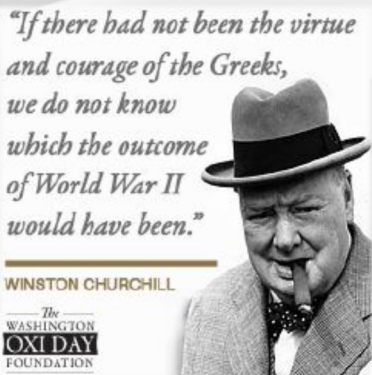
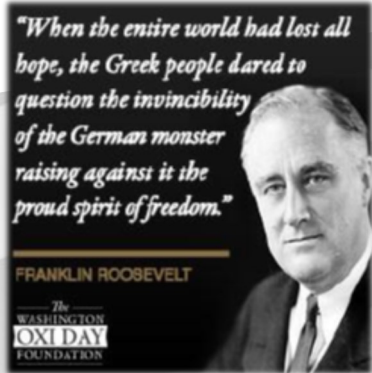
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- President Franklin D. Roosevelt, proud AHEPA member, in an April 25, 1941 meeting with the AHEPA Supreme Lodge



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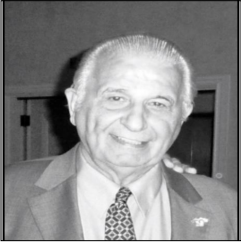
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Message from the Editor
Lee J. Millas

THE SUCCESS OF A DISNEY WORLD CONVENTION!

Its' always an interesting experience when you attend a national Ahepa Convention at a nice resort for a week and enjoy the facility, the activities and the brotherhood. However, that satisfaction is multiplied by at least ten times when you include the facts that the resort was none other than Disneyworld (the most famous and popular vacation spot in the world), and we are paying less than 50% of the normal room rate, in peak season. And.....that's not all. Add the fact that the president of Disneyworld is Greek, loves Ahepa, and did all he could possibly do to make our stay as pleasant as possible including refreshments at the meeting rooms all week and spending a quarter of a million dollars to construct a Greek Village for one of our evening events. This certainly was a convention to remember. The only problem being that we, District #5, are the hosts of the next Supreme Convention in Atlantic City and it will be hard to match this one. We have our work cut out for us.

District 5 was again fortunate to see several of our Ahepa Family elevated to higher national office. Georgette Boulegaris was elected Grand Governor, Daughters of Penelope of zone 1. Demi Thomas was victorious in reaching the second highest office of the Daughters as Grand Vice-President and Bother George Horiates, after serving 2 years as Supreme Counselor, was elevated to the office of Supreme Treasurer. To them our best wishes in their Ahepa Journey. Andy Zachariades was elected to the Board of Trustees.

THERE ARE THINGS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE CHANGED!!!!!!

As the "temporary" editor of the Ahepa Voice, we will always maintain the highest degree of integrity and Truthfulness and never would we alter or change any article or photo submitted as long as it was suitable for printing. Yet, someone took editorial privilege to actually remove yours truly from a photograph and that altered photo was published in the Ahepan Magazine this past year. The photo in question involved four people, whose names are not necessary to mention at this time. In the original photo, yours truly was the second in line from the left. A good Photoshop operator erased my photo, moved the person from my left into my original position and this doctored photo was placed on page 16 of this past winters issue, along with an accompanied story. Who would notice this.....only me and a few others who saw the original photo. However, I personally see this as a witless act of ignorance and a total disregard to the values that our oath in Ahepa stands for. Also, I would guess that those responsible must believe I am personally not suitable for printing!!!! In any case, I am determined to find out just who thinks so! Stay tuned.....!



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Message from the Business Manager
Philip Vogis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you and your families had a great summer and enjoyed your travels going to destinations of your choice. We are off to a great start with our AHEPA year starting with our wonderful District Convention and ending our summer with our Supreme Convention, two very wonderful events that we should all be very proud. I am happy to report that the AHEPA Voice Magazine this year at the Supreme Convention received the second place award from the AHEPA National Publication Committee held at the Walt Disney Yacht and Beach Club Resorts in Orlando FL. I want to take this opportunity to thank the AHEPA Voice Editor Lee Millas and the Publication Board for their support. Also a big thank you to all of our advertisers for making our magazine possible, please make sure, when you visit their establishments to tell them you saw their ad in the AHEPA Voice magazine. Wishing everyone a great AHEPA year,

Fraternally,

Brother Phil Vogis PSG R3

Business Manager

Learn Conversational Greek

The Order of AHEPA is sponsoring classes for adults interested in learning conversational Greek in a classroom setting. Ten (10) two-hour classes will begin the week of October 3rd, 2016 from 6pm till 8pm.

Instruction will be given by Ms. Maria Dimopoulos

Studied Child Psychology at Southeastern University in Athens, Greece. Has taught both Greek and English as a second language at all levels for over 30 years. Responsible for creating a multi-year Greek speaking, reading and writing curriculum for children and adults.

Pre-registration is required by completing the form below and mailing it to St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church by September 26, 2016. Questions?? Call 732-492-0511 (Savvas)
Cost of either Adult Conversational Greek class is \$300 (\$15/HR)
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Classroom Instruction	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$ 300.00
All fees must be paid in full with this completed registration form	
Class size is limited to 10 students	

95th Annual Supreme



AHEPA Honors Panayioti Logothetis at Hall of Fame Luncheon

At the 95th AHEPA Supreme Convention held in Orlando, Florida, Panayioti Logothetis, Woodcliff Lake, N.J., and Theofani “Tia” Karras, Bellbrook, Ohio, are the co-winners of the Spanakos Brothers High School Scholar-Athlete awards. The award is endowed by AHEPA Athletic Hall of Famers Petros and Nikos Spanakos and awarded for athletic and academic achievement. Panayioti is one of nine to receive national scholar athlete recognition. Panayioti was Captain of his team, made first team All-League Big North Patriot Division, led the team in goals and assists during Junior and Senior years and led his team to his high school’s first ever North 1 Group 2 State Championship. He will attend Seton Hall University this September and will be a part of the #1 nationally ranked Gerald P. Buccino ’63 Center for Leadership Development at the Stillman School of Business Honors Program while studying Finance and Pre-Med in a 5 year MBA Program.

The AHEPA established the AHEPA Athletic Hall of Fame to honor outstanding Hellenic athletes and sports personages. Through their Hall of Fame Luncheon held at the Supreme Convention, AHEPA annually makes awards to scholar athletes and inducts a new class of athletes into the Hall of Fame. To see a list of HOF inductees, visit <https://ahepa.org/AHEPA-Athletics/hall-of-fame.htm>.

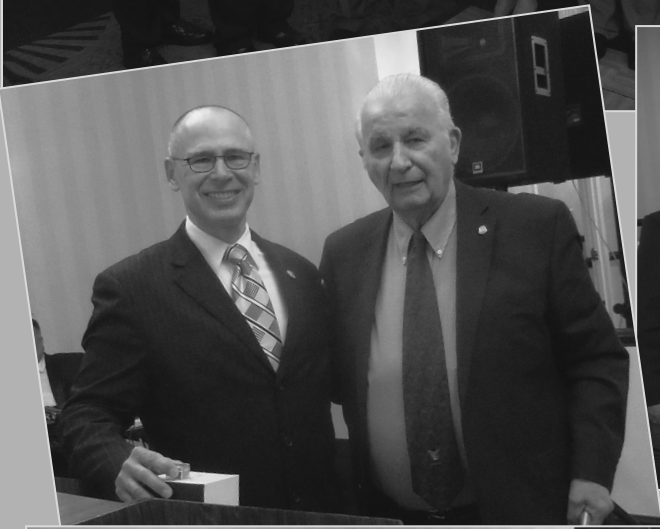
In a separate ceremony, Panayioti was also awarded with an AHEPA Scholarship at the District 5 Convention Youth Night held on Friday, June 23rd in Somerset, NJ. Panayioti was one of seven scholarship recipients awarded for academic excellence by AHEPA’s District 5 for all of New Jersey and Delaware.

Lastly, on June 13th at the Graycliff, the AHEPA’s Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54 recognized Panayioti with the Bronze Scholarship award for academic achievement and excellence.

Convention, Orlando



District # 5 AHEPA



Family Convention



District News

Promoting Next Year's Convention at Atlantic City!

Past District Governors from District #5 were well in attendance at the Yacht Club Resort Disney World in Orlando Florida this past July to not only attend the 95th Ahepa Supreme Convention but also to spend a considerable amount of time promoting the next Ahepa Supreme Convention. For those not aware, the next Supreme Convention will be held right here in New Jersey, July 2018, at the Harrah's Resort Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

Although Disney World had a lot to offer conventioners, we wanted all the delegates to know that Atlantic City also has much to offer so we set up a table outside of the delegate registration area and gave a gift bag to all those who registered. The gifts included Salt Water Taffy, an Ahepa Visor, candies, calculator, playing cards, key chains, etc. Also, one day during the week, we went to both the Ahepa and Daughters meeting and gave each delegate a New Jersey scratch off Lottery ticket. Hopefully, our promotion will generate more interest and the delegates will look forward to coming to New Jersey next year and attend the 96th Annual Ahepa Family Supreme Convention.

Of course, this is only the beginning of a continued effort in promoting our convention. Committees are being formed and all chapters in the district will be asked to get involved in the effort to make our convention a most successful one. This is the first time in Ahepa's almost one hundred year history, that a Supreme Convention was held in New Jersey. Unfortunately, in the past, we either never had a facility big enough to host our convention or the busy summer season at the shore proved financially impossible. However, due to the building of a spectacular convention center at Harrah's Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City, we will finally be hosts to this national event.

It will be up to the entire Ahepa Family in District 5, working together, to make this dream a success. All profits from the events hosted, we benefit the District Scholarship Program.

So, get ready.....!



Delegates picking up their Gift Bag.



Greeting the delegates. Lee Millas, Phil Vogis, Vasso Chrysanthou, & Chris Diamantoukos.



Dancing with Mickey Mouse.

L to R Vassos Chrysanthou, Lee Millas, Mickey Mouse, Phil Vogis, & George Karatzia.



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Brothers, just to get you up to speed on our last three events;

At this year's Supreme Convention in Orlando we gave a heartwarming presentation. We were fortunate to have with us veteran Michael Clay and his service dog Shutter. Michael told his story how life was after returning home from 2 tours in Iraq. He had great difficulty dealing with the demands of nightmares, depression, and suicidal thoughts. He shared with us how meaningful his life became the day Shutter became his service dog. Basil the Comedian was moved at our presentation that he wanted to share with us his feelings of our wonderful program. He would be honored to speak to his audience of this wonderful program and ask them to make a donation.

Michael was so overcome by our service dog program and the kindness of the Ahepans that he became a member of AHEPA before 250 delegates, he even allowed us to call his dog Shuttertopouls.



On Sept 9th we attended The Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski Memorial Gala. We have partnered with them to help them keep their son's name alive. Their son Dennis was a West Point Graduate and was killed in Iraq. That evening we donated \$45,000 that they will give it on our behalf to K9s For Warriors. They are the group that trains service dogs for veterans suffering PTSD. Part of the presentation with me was Vice Chairman Bob Fourniadas, Treasurer Demetri Orfanitopoulos, Past District Governor of the Daughters Dr. Isa Velez and veteran Michael Dowens with his dog Emery.

When we returned to our table an Army Master Sergeant said to us "that it was an honor for him to be sitting at the same table with us".

On September 16th Bob and I went to the AHEPA Leadership Conference in Washington DC. Our day started at 4:00 A.M. and we didn't returned home until 8:30 P.M. This was an important conference that the full AHEPA leadership came from all over the United States, Canada and Greece

We were honored when Past Supreme President Phil Frangos from Michigan gave us a donation of \$1,000 on behalf of himself and his wife.

Though this was a long day we were uplifted by the promise of other chapters doing their part.

**Counting sheep,
George Karatzia**



residentSalute

Service Dogs For Warriors

story & photo
by Kelvin Ake

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) kicked off their 2017 New England Regional Convention on Saturday, May 6 at the Holiday Inn in Norwich. Top on the organization's agenda was the campaign to support service members suffering from PTSD.

AHEPA is a wonderful organization that does a lot of philanthropic work all around the nation. Last year the group launched a national new project called the Service Dogs for Warriors program to help military veterans living with combat related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The program pairs veterans with PTSD to dogs that are trained to help them through their daily struggle and the invisible wounds of war.



George Karatzia, National Project Chairman for Service Dogs for Warriors, honored Veteran Shirley Holbrook and her service dog, Stan, in Norwich.

According to available data, 22 per day. How's this possible? suicide rate among veterans in the United States is estimated at AHEPANS are stepping up to say enough is enough. They are taking

action. "We as free Americans, have an obligation to do all we can to stop this epidemic." National Project Chairman, **George Karatzia** said. "AHEPA has said we're not going to be on the sideline. We're going to do all we can to bring the 22 down to zero."

In just one year, The AHEPA Service Dogs for Warrior Program is already hitting its stride and doing what the founders hoped it would. "We started this journey in a chapter, went to district, and now we're a national project," The National Project Chairman said in his address to the delegates. "We're saving lives, our veterans' lives." To date, the Service Dogs for Warriors program has provided six dogs to veterans that have PTSD.

Going forward, AHEPA is looking to help more service men that are struggling with PTSD. "One percent goes to war, ninety nine percent don't. Its easy math

for the ninety nine to take care of the one percent," Karatzia explained. He challenged everyone to get behind the project. "Let's work together to acquire one or more service dogs in 2017 and inspire others to do the same so we can help save the lives of those who have fought so bravely for us"

Also speaking, **Robert Fourniadis** commended the efforts of the National Project Chairman in leading this cause. "This program wouldn't exist today were it not for George. He brought it to us" he said.

Veteran **Shirley Holbrook** and her service dog, **Stan** were honored at the presentation ceremony. **Greg Simones**, Governor AHEPA Yankee District 7 also presented a check to the Service Dogs for Warriors Program on behalf of the district.

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District News

Wilmington Odyssey Charter School Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On Saturday September 24, 2016 the Odyssey Charter School founded and established by Wilmington Chapter No. 95 celebrated its 10th Anniversary by bringing the Olympic Torch and the Spirit and the Ideals of the Games, straight from Ancient Olympia, Greece to Delaware for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of the school and the Dedication of its new Barley Mill Campus.

Olympians from the United States and Greece, along with US, Greek and Delaware Dignitaries were on-hand including Delaware US Senator Chris Coons, Congressman John Carney, AHEPA District 5 Governor George N. Petrakakis, and AHEPA Supreme Governor of Region 3 Chris Diamantoukos. Delaware Governor Jack Markell also sent a video salutation in which he honored the excellence and growth of the Odyssey Charter School.

With the ending of the 2015-2016 school year, the Wilmington Chapter held a double celebration; our 95th Anniversary and the successful completion of the first 10 successful years of Odyssey Charter School.

The celebration included the Athletes from Greece that presented the Olympic Torch on Campus, Parade of the Olympic Flag by Students, Lighting of the Olympic Flame, Twinning of Odyssey with Schools from Ancient Olympia, Official Dedication of the new Barley Mills Campus, Greek Lunch and Refreshments, and over 400 participants in the 10th Annual 5K Run/Walk.

In 2006, Odyssey Charter School (<http://odysseycharterschooldel.com/index.html>) opened its doors as Delaware's first mathematics-focused, bi-lingual (English and Modern Greek) elementary education charter school. A rigorous standards-based curriculum and instruction in the Greek language is delivered in a challenging, yet nurturing learning environment. Odyssey offers its students strong academics, insight into the classical learning ideals of Hellenism, a small-school environment, and a fresh approach to learning.



The creation of Odyssey school was an opportunity to begin a miracle, which would culminate the dreams and hopes of our pioneer parents who came to this country to find the American Dream. The Hellenic heritage, which had been carried in their hearts, the philosophical ideas of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, the engineering marvels and discoveries of Archimedes, the rhetoric of Demosthenes, the art of Pheidias, the laws of Spartan Lycurgus and Athenian Solon, the medicine of Hippocrates, the mathematics of Pythagoras and Eratosthenes, were now about to be offered to the Wilmington community, because our forefathers knew well that the Hellenic values were not the property of Greeks alone.



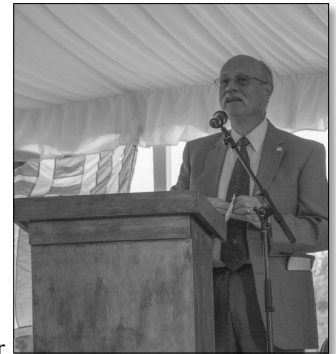
On August 20, 2016, the school celebrated its 10th year since its inception. The student body has now grown to 1450 students in grades K to 9 with 110 teachers and staff, including 20 Greek teachers. Our students enjoy respect for their knowledge, and pride for their accomplishments in the academic world, speak the Greek language fluently and love our culture. By Delaware public standards, Odyssey is compared with and placed well above many local public and private schools with high tuition costs.

The Odyssey Charter School is now a household word. You cannot stop in a market, restaurant, or any friendly gathering, without someone not mentioning Odyssey and wishing to enroll their



children in the school. During the enrollment period of November - January 2015, there were 1250 students on a waiting list, hoping that they would be admitted to the school, after 250 students had already been enrolled through a lottery selection.

During the past 10 years,
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Odyssey has been honored 9 times by the Delaware State Department of Education, and has been named as a Superior School, a title earned by very few schools in the state. Odyssey students have been performing consistently at levels of 100%, 98% and 97%, in Reading, Math., Science, and Social Studies respectively.

Our own Greek teachers, under the direction of Dr. G. Fulkerson, Director of World languages, of DEDOE, have labored to write a Foreign Language curriculum for Elementary Schools (FLES). This parallels the 21st Century standards set by the US DOE and guides the teaching of the language and writing of lesson plans, which are created by our teachers and used to properly teach the Greek language in the U.S.



During the past several years, Odyssey has been making great strides in creating partnerships with several of the most prestigious institutions of higher education.

Harvard University, Pennsylvania University, University of Delaware, Stanford University, Dartmouth College, and others have shown a strong interest in our work.

The Center of Hellenic Studies of Harvard University, through its branch at Nafplion, Greece, is collaborating with Odyssey for the past three years to create projects in which our students and students from various public schools in Peloponnesos, Greece take part.

Odyssey has been approved by the DOE, and is committed to open a High School in 2017. By the year 2020, we will see the first graduating class of students that began their education in the OCS Kindergarten, graduating from High School and entering institutions of higher learning. The total number of students of all three schools is projected to number by that time 1950 students.

After two years of planning and negotiating, OCS purchased a 34 acre campus which now houses all three schools. Brothers, this is not a temporary project that will end in a few months or in a few years. It will remain as a bright mark in the history of the Wilmington #95 AHEPA chapter, for as long as there are Ahepans who are willing to believe and live according to the precepts of AHEPA: Hellenism, Philanthropy, Education, Civic Responsibility and Individual and Family Excellence.

FESTIVITIES IN GREECE (Completed - June 2016)

Starting in June 2016 in Ancient Olympia, Greece, members and athletes from the Greek Olympic Committee, the Hellenic Athletics Federation, along with the Mayor of the City of Ancient Olympia, Public School Principals, and Students participated in the following events at the Ancient Olympic site:

The Mayor of the City of Ancient Olympia gifted an authentic Olympic Torch to be delivered to Odyssey Charter School for the re-enactment of the lighting of the Olympic Flame, which symbolizes peace, unity, friendship, respect, excellence, fair play and joy in competition.

In the ancient tradition, students from Olympia, Greece created wreaths using branches from the olive groves of Ancient Olympia.

The Mayor of Ancient Olympia and dignitaries presented the Olympic Torch and olive wreaths to Greek athletes, who will deliver them to Odyssey Charter School at the September 24, 2016 celebration.

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Chapter News

Clifton Chapter Update

**AHEPA Honors Fr. Peter Souritzidis, of St. George Clifton
with the AHEPA Veterans Service Medal**



On Sunday, April 30th the parish of St George Clifton honored their retiring priest Rev. Fr. Peter Souritzidis with a testimonial luncheon. The event was held at the Cosmopolitan in Wayne, NJ.

Fr. Peter has served the community of St. George for the last 7 years. Before that, Fr. Peter served the parish of St Constantine & Helen in Orange and was instrumental in building the new Church in Roseland.

The Liberty Chapter #532 of Clifton presented Fr. Peter with the AHEPA Veterans Service Medal for his service as Chaplain, in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He holds the rank of Major and is assigned to McGuire Air Force base.

On hand were over a dozen Ahepans from various chapters in the area including Liberty #532 of Clifton, Alexander Hamilton #54 of Paramus and Eagle Rock #375 of Roseland. The women of Daughters of Penelope, Kronos #188 were on hand as well. Emcee for the afternoon was Athens Zambalis, Past President of Kronos #188.

Ramapo Chapter Update

The Ramapo Ahepa Chapter 453 hosted the Lenten Meal March 8th at St. Nicholas GOC in Wyckoff, NJ. Present to assist in setup, serve and clean up were Brother Ahepans, L to R. Basil Megariotis, treasurer; John Tsadilas, Asst. Treasurer; Gus Kolovos; Paul Savidis; Jason Fink, President; Paul Goulet, Vice President and Gus Lainis.



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Chapter News

Randolph Chapter Update

On Wednesday, February 8th, 2017 the AHEPA Chapter #300, Morris County, NJ honored their most recent past president, Jack Kelly, for his many years of success and dedication to the organization.

The dinner was held at the Morristown Diner and featured a diverse guest list, which included Jack Kelly's family and friends, members of the AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, and Philoptochos organizations, the St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council, and members of the community. All in all, a little over 60 guests were able to attend and the evening was a huge success!

The current AHEPA Chapter #300 president, Christos Petrou, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He then spoke about Jack Kelly's history within the AHEPA and highlighted his many accomplishments.

Following this, the current AHEPA District #5 Governor, George N. Petrakakis, was asked to come up and share a few words as well. He spoke about what the AHEPA organization stands for and how much our chapters are involved within our community. He concluded by stating that it is not easy to hold the position of president in any organization and that it takes hard work, dedication, and great vision to be a successful leader. He thanked Jack Kelly for his many years of service to AHEPA and for his successful run as Chapter #300 president.

After the District Governor's speech, both he and the AHEPA Chapter #300 executive board presented Jack Kelly with the very well deserved custom past president plaque. Jack Kelly thanked everyone for attending and thanked AHEPA for the honor. He informed everyone about the wonderful things that AHEPA is currently doing and promoted the upcoming 2017 AHEPA scholarships as well.

Listed below is Jack Kelly's AHEPA profile:

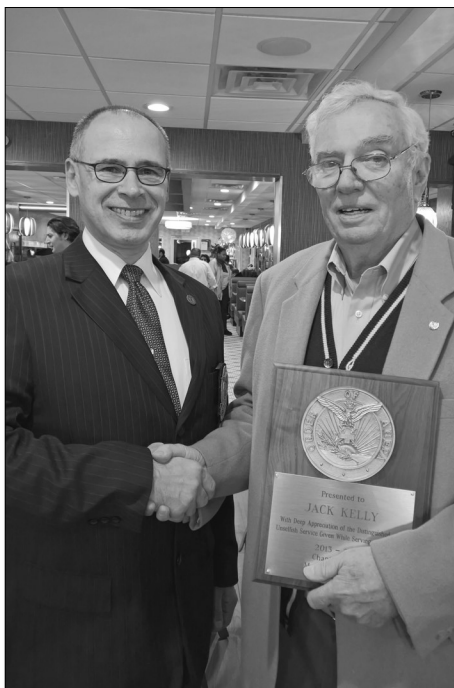
Brother Jack Kelly was initiated into the AHEPA family in 1982, here in Chapter #300 Morris County, NJ. From day one, he was always devoted to our chapter and volunteered a lot of his time in the brotherhood. He served as chapter Treasurer in 1985 and moved up to the Vice President position in 1986.

In 1992, Brother Jack Kelly and his family moved to Raleigh, NC, but he continued his involvement with the AHEPA organization and joined Chapter #10, Sir Walter Raleigh. Brother Jack Kelly would remain a member of the Raleigh chapter for a few years.

Brother Jack Kelly would eventually move back to NJ a few years later and he once again reconnected with our Morris County chapter. Once again, he became active on the executive board, serving as Vice President for Brothers Spyro Moraitis, Past District Governor Costa Sedereas, and Mike Bigger. In 2013, Brother Jack Kelly became President of Chapter #300, where he would hold the position until 2015.

Brother Jack Kelly has many accomplishments over his wonderful tenure within AHEPA, among those being event planning, overseeing our scholarship committee, maintaining our treasury, and mentoring the younger brothers within our chapter.

We celebrate the incredible accomplishments and dedication that Brother Jack Kelly has given to not only the AHEPA organization, but throughout his community as well. Congratulations!



Chapter News

Asbury Park Chapter Update

We are back! After a two year absence the Asbury Park AHEPA Thomas A. Edison Chapter #287 has gone through a revitalization and has been nonstop since December 2016.

Election of new Chapter Officers took place on December 12, 2016 in the Asbury Park AHEPA Chapter Room located at St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Ocean Township.

On January 25, 2017 District Governor George N. Petrakakis along with other members of the installed the newly elected Chapter Officers and initiated new member Demetri Koutsombos. Also participating in the ceremonies was George Horiates, AHEPA Supreme Counselor.

The new officers are: Arthur Pappaylion, Chapter President Kosta Linardakis, Chapter Vice President George Perantesis, Chapter Secretary Aris Papageorge, Chapter Treasurer

AHEPA is a fraternal organization that promotes ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, integrity, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Our AHEPA Chapter is committed to education by offering High School scholarships throughout the years. We have also contributed to Cooley's Anemia, cancer research, and at times educational trips to Greece.

Several members have recently joined our chapter and we are always looking for new members.

The chapter members are looking forward to supporting and participating in the many, various upcoming District wide events and activities.

The Asbury Park members are highly motivated and involved; and looking forward to a bright and productive future.



At a recent church function called the "Taste of the Shore" on February 6, 2017, at our St. George Cultural Center, we had different vendors from various restaurants participate in offering different kinds of food that they were well known for. While there we had the opportunity of meeting the Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA.

In the photo are: Arthur Pappaylion, President of the Asbury Park AHEPA Thomas A. Edison Chapter #287.

Andrew C. Zachariades, Supreme President of AHEPA.

Dr. Kosta Linardakis, Vice President of Asbury Park AHEPA Thomas A. Edison Chapter #287.



Chapter News

Thomas Edison Chapter Update

On April 18, 2017 the Thomas A Edison Chapter 287 initiated three new members into the chapter. They were George Makris, George Karagias, and George Tsougarakis. They are pictured together joining the order. The next picture show the District Governor, George Petrakakis, standing next to Arthur Pappaylion, chapter president and on either side are George Makris and far side is George Karagias.

The chapter keeps on growing since its beginning in December of 2016. There are now close to 30 members in the order. Some of the activities the chapter is looking into is a day set aside for Bone Marrow Research. The chapter will also be sponsoring a Souvlaki Luncheon for the Scholarship Program that will take place on



May 7, 2017 after Church. On Sunday, May 21, we will be reminded of the departed brothers and sisters from the Daughters and the AHEPA who have departed with an AHEPAN Family Memorial in Church. Finally the AHEPA is looking into a Day at the Races at Monmouth Park this summer with family and friends on Saturday, August 19th.

These are some of the activities this chapter is looking into. The AHEPA of Asbury Park/Ocean is now on the move. If interested in joining, just contact the Church Office for information or any of the members of the chapter.



Delphi Chapter Update



On January 24th, Delphi Chapter 25 had initiated 30 new members and the cutting of the vasilopita. In honor of the Honorable Judge Nicholas Tsoucalasa and a lifetime member of the Order of AHEPA, the Delphi chapter donated \$2,000 in his honor to the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program. They asked Very Rev. Archimandrite Vasilios Bassakyros, a Viet Nam veteran to make the presentation. Fr. Vasilios upon making the presentation of the check surprises the whole room by saying I personally want to add another \$1000 to this wonderful cause.

I would like to thank Demetri Orfanitopoulos

and Bob Fourniadis for helping to promote and explain the program to the many brothers in attendance.

I always felt that there's something spiritual guiding the Service Dogs for Warriors program and it will be with the Grace of God that AHEPA can making a difference.



Chapter News

Trenton Chapter Update

The Brothers of Trenton # 72 met at Mastoris Diner on July 12th for their annual Election Night Dinner. Congratulations to new officers President Rick Roscoe, Vice President John Microusticos, Treasurer George Rose. Appointed officers are Warden Stratos Peters, Chaplain Joe Dolan, Captain of the Guard Herb Allen and Inside Sentinel Nick Dogias. Dino Demetriou will serve as chairman of the Board of Governors. President Demetriou presented Brother Alex Chrysoulakis with the Veterans Medal and certificate for his services in the United States Army.

At the Chapter Awards Program held at St. George on June 28th, scholarships were presented to high school graduates Eleni Angelakis, Kristiana Demetriou, and Nikolaos Revenides. Certificates were also presented to 14 other college and high school graduates and to the outstanding Greek School Student George N. Angelakis.

Brothers Millas, Ted & Asteris Fanikos, Balalis, Harvey, Larigakis, Melohis, and Georgiou attended the Orlando Supreme Convention with Brother Asteris serving as Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Brother Lee remains on the Board of Trustees and was almost elected Vice President of the trustees.

The chapter is preparing for a very active September and October. On Friday, September 15, and Saturday, September 16, it will be hosting the 4th annual Taverna Day celebration at St. George Church. The Brothers will be serving souvlakia, gyros, salads, and loukoumades from 11 A.M. to 10 P.M. The St. George Terpsichorean Dancers will perform each evening.

On Monday, October 2nd, we host our Golf Outing at Mountainview Golf course in Ewing, NJ. Open to all for only \$125, it will be a great day for golf and prizes. Chairman Steve Parish is promising an excellent event.

On October 15 & 16, the Brothers will join the Community of St. George in celebrating the Consecration of our Church. Services on Saturday and Sunday will conclude with a dinner at The Merion in Cinnaminson, NJ.

The chapter also held their first Strategic Planning meeting in follow up to the presentations sponsored by PDG George Petrakakis.

This year the chapter made donations to: The Serve Foundation, Trenton Police Unity Tour, Brother Lou Larres, and a Consecration gift to St. George.

Brother Asteris Fanikos has plans to reinstate Perdicaris #167, the Trenton Sons of Pericles, this month. The Trenton Maids of Athena chapter was reactivated in August.

The Chapter was saddened with the passing of three Brothers this year: Harry Ververides, a member for 56 years, Manos Basantis, a member for 53 years, and Dionisios Tsilimidis, a member for 34 years. May Their Memory be Eternal.



Trenton Chapter 72 at recent Taverna Days.



At the regular PDG meeting, we welcomed out newest PDG Brother George Petrakakis

Chapter News

Holmdel Chapter Update



Holmdel AHEPA Garden State Chapter #517 AHEPAN of the Year 2016 Florio Petrou. Congratulations!

SOLD OUT Dinner held in his honor on March 5th at Lou Cas Restaurant, 9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ.

Pictured are left to right:

Florio Petrou, 2016 AHEPAN of the Year, Member Holmdel Chapter.

Robert Fourniadis, AHEPA D5 District Warden; Member Holmdel Chapter.

Demetri Orfanitopoulos, President Holmdel Chapter.

Holmdel held their first Blood Drive today. Twenty nine donors registered and arrived to give blood. In addition, our chapter hosted a Pancake & Sausage Coffee hour for the entire community of Kimisis Tos Theotokou.

We thank Central Jersey Blood Center, Community of Kimisis Tis Theotokou, and Brothers of Chapter 517 for putting this together.



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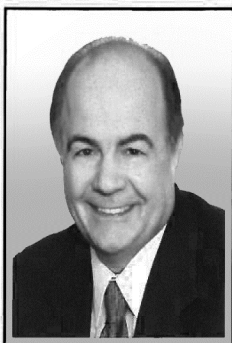
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Chapter News

Ocean County Chapter Update

Here it's our Brother Onoufrios Kartalis with the 70 year membership plaque, with Fr. Paul and myself at St. Barbara Church of Toms River yesterday, Father's Day. Brother Onoufrios as of yesterday is 70 years and 1 day AHEPA member. He was from Staten Island and in the last several years he is in my chapter 467 of Toms River. It was my pleasure and honor to present him with this plaque. There was no 70 year AHEPA pin. He did and still does outstanding job for AHEPA. AHEPA Chapter 467 members our very proud of him. He is an example to all of us.



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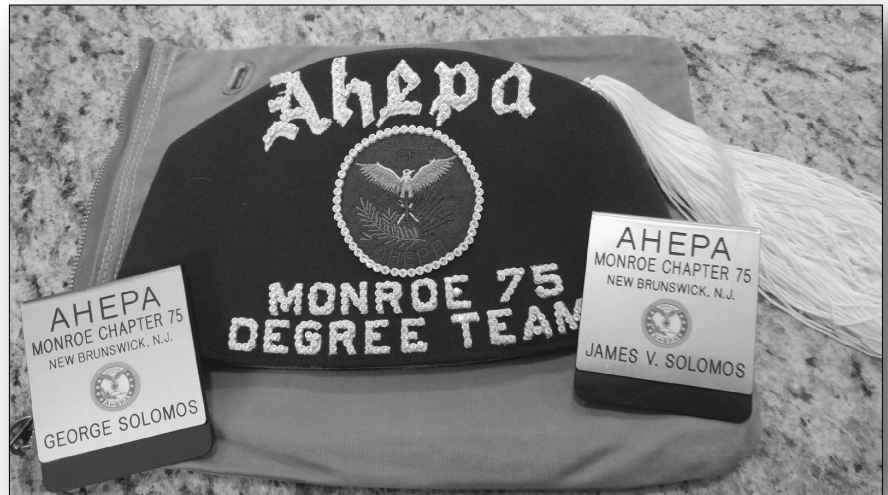


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Chapter News

Historical Monroe Chapter

An old picture (Circa 1975) of the National renowned Monroe Chapter 75 Degree Team that performed well over 100 initiation rituals throughout the AHEPA domain.



Left to right: Nick Stroumtsos, Solon Georgiou, Manny Manioudakis, Euripides (RIP) Yiacas, Tom Kalanekos, John Mavrakis

Heartfelt Thank You



It was a warm day in mid June back in 1969 and New Brunswick High School just dismissed its 10th-12th grade classes and I was rushing on my 1 mile walk home to get onto my recently purchased Honda 150 motorcycle. Mom intercepted me in our 1965 Chevy with a big smile..and she was waving her hand gesturing "bye bye". I was awarded the Ahepa Journey to Greece scholarship along with 50 Sons of Pericles and 50 Maids Of Athena from the United States and Canada. While I was forced to sell the motorcycle, it was an easy decision because I needed money since I was going to be in Greece for 8 weeks. This program was the vision of Supreme President Gus Cherevas and his team and afforded us the trip of a lifetime. The recipients from District 5 along with myself included Nick Skokos from Asbury Park, Eonia..Nick Fakis and John Koutsouradis from Trenton and Angel Theyos from Paterson. In addition, another 5 week program for an additional 200 students who stayed in Athens were awarded scholarships due to the hard work and vision of Gus.

We flew on a new Boeing 707 from JFK to Athens and were greeted by a band and reception committee. That evening we flew to Thessaloniki and again, were greeted by band and a reception at the airport. After daily classes, activities were planned for almost every evening from

trips to downtown Thessaloniki and outlying towns to on-campus activities. Every Friday we boarded buses for weekend trips to Mt. Olympus, Meteora, Trikala, Thassos, Mt. Athos, Nafpleon, Corinth and Pella. All of the accommodations from buses to lodging to dining was first class. We were treated like royalty. For the 7th week I traveled with one of my roommates to family's house in Athens where we were on our own for a week. The 8th week was on the SS Romantica cruising to Crete, Patmos, Delos, Ephesus and Rhodes. Last couple of days was in Athens attending the Bacchus Wine Festival in the Plaka, visiting Cape Sounion and other sites in Athens including the Parthenon.

Thank you Brother Gus and thank you AHEPA!

Chapter News

Patritha Chapter #317

Patritha #317 Sweeps Through 12th Annual Jersey Tournament



The Patritha Chapter #317 of Wyckoff, NJ completed a perfect sweep to win their second straight Jersey basketball tournament championship. In a repeat of last year's final, Wyckoff matched up against the Karpathos team of Jersey City. Wyckoff relied on the scoring duo of Kirk Likakis and Chris Apostolou to out-score their opponents. In addition, their interior defense swatted away several attempts by Karpathos to mount a comeback. Patritha led right from the start to claim their championship.

The tournament was played on Saturday, May 20th at the St Nicholas gymnasium in Wyckoff. The competition included four teams from throughout the district. Other teams included nearby Clifton Sons team and the Sons of Pericles Alumni team. Clifton ended their 3-year losing streak by beating the Alumni in two games to claim 3rd place. Karpathos only loss was to Wyckoff to take second place. Wyckoff, won all four games in the tournament.



The tournament is held annually since 2006 and hosted by the Patritha Chapter of Wyckoff, NJ.

Kirk Likakis excelled throughout the tournament to be named the Most Valuable player of the tournament. Kirk played his best game in the finals to lead the Patritha team to victory. He and Chris Apostolou, a former MVP winner, lead the team to victory.

Patritha #317 of Wyckoff, NJ Holds Annual Softball Game and Picnic

Members of the Patritha Chapter #317 of Wyckoff, NJ gather for a photo after their annual softball game and picnic. The events took place on Sunday, August 20th at Brookside Park in Allendale, NJ.



Dear District Governor George Petrakis, Mr. Chrysanthou, AHEPA Board, Scholarship Committee, and members of AHEPA District 5 Lodge,

I want to thank you for awarding me the AHEPA District Scholarship. I am very appreciative that the Scholarship Committee not only took the time to consider and review my application, but also to select my application as one of the award winners. AHEPA has always had a big influence on the Greek community, my church, and me and receiving an award from such a dynamic organization is a true honor.

I intend to apply the full amount of the scholarship money towards the cost of my tuition at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. As you know, college is extremely expensive, and I am very grateful that this scholarship will help my family and me to pay for the higher education that I aspire to obtain.

In the future, I look forward to joining AHEPA so that I can follow in the footsteps of our district's current AHEPAns and hopefully also exemplify their values of generosity, philotimo, and dedication. I hope to give back to the church, community, and AHEPA organization that have repeatedly given to me in the past through sponsorships of youth events, new facilities, and this scholarship. I would like to again thank the Mr. Chrysanthou, the AHEPA Board, Scholarship Committee, and members of the District Lodge for this truly generous scholarship.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gasparis

Chapter News

Hippocrates Chapter #210

Hippocrates #210 in Cherry Hill, NJ Soon to be Reactivated

On Saturday evening, August 19th, four new Sons of Pericles were initiated into the Hippocrates Chapter #210 of Cherry Hill.

Elections were held as well and the results will be announced soon. The Ahepans from Camden #69 are in the background.

They have the makings of a great new chapter and they are the second chapter in District 5 to be reactivated in the same week.



Whitestone NY Wins the 2017 District 5 Sons of Pericles Basketball Tournament

Clearly showing that they are the Champions, the AHEPA team of Whitestone, NY won the Sons of Pericles District 5 Basketball Tournament by completing a perfect 4-0 winning streak.

In the finals, Whitestone defeated their closest rival, a team from Jersey City. Whitestone bested a depleted Jersey City team in the final, 62-42. Whitestone relied on quick ball movement and pinpoint shooting to make for an unbeatable combination. Leading Whitestone in the final was Peter Papastefanou who scored 25 points and was Dimitri Douvres with 21. The team's core has played together for many years, traveling throughout the country to play. Leading Jersey City was Dimitri Logothetis who scored 22 in the final.

Four teams competed in this year's tournament. The field included teams from Clifton and Trenton, in addition to Whitestone and Jersey City. The tournament was held at St George Church in Clifton, NJ on Saturday, January 14th, 2017.



Pictured from left to right: Dimitri Douvres, Peter Papastefanou, Peter Prassos (purple), Michael Doudoulakis (white hoodie), Nectar Papadopoulos (on one knee w/ball), Joseph Kapassakis (black shirt)

The format of the tournament featured round robin play in the preliminary round. Each team played all the other teams once. The top two teams competed in the championship game.

Whitestone and Jersey City began the tournament with Whitestone winning but by a much closer margin, 60-52. That was the only loss that Jersey City was to suffer, earning them the number 2 spot.

However, in what almost was the biggest upset of the tournament, Whitestone eked out a one-point win 58-57 against the Clifton team, trailing for most of their game but coming back to win.

In what turned out to be the consolation game a young Trenton team made their debut by besting Clifton 59-39 to take the third spot.

The Sons of Pericles, the Junior Order of AHEPA is open to young men from 14 – 27. They hold regional AHEPA tournaments throughout the country. The top teams will compete in a tournament to be held at the Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida this July.

Chapter News

Hippocrates Chapter #210

Toms River Sons of Pericles Begin Reactivation

On Sunday, August 13th, six young men were initiated into the Sons of Pericles as new members of the Phoenix Chapter #316 of Toms River, NJ.

The ceremony took place at the AHEPA room of the St Barbara Community Center. Conducting the initiation was District Advisor

Ted Vittas assisted by District 5 Warden Savvas Kyriakou, AHEPA Chapter President Steve Christ and several other Ahepans and

Sons Alumni present, all of the Ocean County Chapter #467.

Afterwards, the chapter held elections. Michael Kyriakou (center, wearing the tie) is acting President until elections are completed.

Congratulations to the new officers. More initiations will follow as young men return home from their summer vacations.

The Phoenix Sons will be joining their sister Maids of Athena chapter in Toms River, who were already reactivated.

Congratulations to the AHEPA family in Toms River, the only AHEPA family in District 5 with all four orders of the AHEPA with active chapters;

AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena.

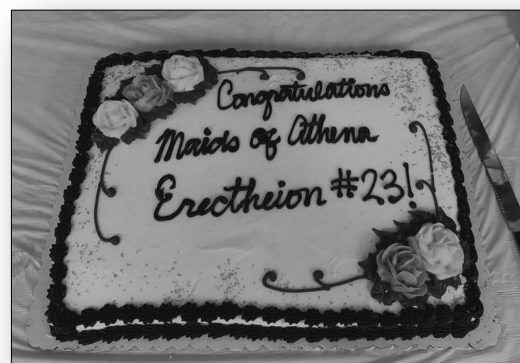


Trenton Chapter Erechthion #23



On Thursday August 10, 2017 Maria Ana Pantelous, Past Cherry Hill MOA President, had the pleasure of assisting in the reactivation of Trenton Chapter Erechthion #23 at St. George church. There were a total of 6 girls initiated with 4 of these girls holding dual membership with their DOP chapter. The initial ceremony was performed and then the installation of officers. The girls had attended the District Convention this past June and were eager to start planning their year. They got familiar procedures of running a chapter and started brainstorming ideas for their activated chapter. The district awaits all the great things that Joanne Papadopoulos and her new chapter can do this year.

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Chapter News

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Pledging the Olympic Oath, athletes and dignitaries paid tribute to Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games, at his tomb in Ancient Olympia.

Officially recognized the “twinning” – creation of sister schools - of Elementary, Middle and High Schools in Ancient Olympia with Odyssey Charter School in Wilmington, DE.

In the tradition of the modern Olympic Games, athletes carried the torch from Olympia, with stops at a number of historic sites in Greece including the Panathenaic Stadium and the Parthenon.

The Olympic Torch and wreaths will next travel from the Athens to Wilmington in the company of Greek Government officials, dignitaries, and athletes.

A production company is creating a commemorative documentary film of all festivities and events.

Major funding for this event has been provided by two Greek Corporate Sponsors, “Real Greek Artisan” and “The Hellenic Protein Group”.

FESTIVITIES IN THE U.S. (September 24, 2016)

The AHEPA Wilmington Chapter 95, in conjunction with the Odyssey Charter School’s PTO and volunteers, held the following activities on September 24, 2016:

10:00 AM OPENING CEREMONY

Olympic Parade of Nations by students

Debut of the documentary film showcasing the events held in June in Greece

Arrival of the two athletes from Greece bearing the Torch and the Olympic wreaths to the Odyssey Campus

Olympic Torch relay by dignitaries and members of the school community

Singing of the Olympic Hymn and the United States and Greek National Anthems

Lighting of Odyssey’s Olympic Cauldron and welcoming the Olympic Flame with special performances

Recognition of dignitaries and friends of the School

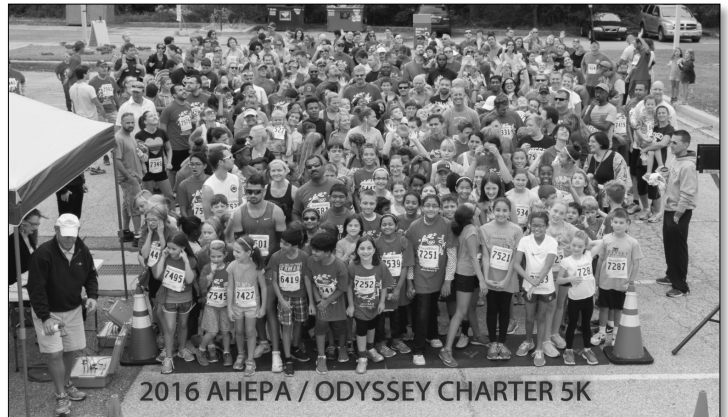
Official dedication of the Odyssey School Campus at Barley Mill

Implementation of the official fraternal “twinning” of Odyssey and the schools of Ancient Olympia

12:00 NOON – 10th ANNUAL 5K RUN

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OBITUARIES OF

Our Departed Brothers & Sisters



George J. Gialas, 93, of Bensalem, PA, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. A viewing was held Monday evening, February 20, 2017, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1200 Klockner Road., Trenton, NJ 08619.

George was born April 10, 1923, in Stockdale, PA. He graduated from Charleroi High School. He graduated from California University in Pennsylvania, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Education. He was certified in mathematics and general industrial arts. He attended Temple University, where he earned a Master of Science in Education. He entered service in the United States Navy on June 29, 1944. He served on the USS ATR 84 in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

George was an industrial and graphic arts teacher at Abraham Lincoln High School in the School District of Philadelphia. He was an avid bowler and a member of many bowling leagues.

He became a member of the American Hellenic Education Progressive Association in 1956. He was a past District Governor and held every office on the Power District 4 Lodge. His last years were as District Historian. George also achieved the honor of becoming a 32nd degree Mason.

It was at an AHEPA District Convention where he met his lovely wife of 54 years, the former Mary P. Pappas of Reading, PA. They married on November 18, 1962.

He enjoyed working around the yard, tinkering in the garage, and teaching his grandchildren many life lessons.

George is survived by his wife, Mary (Pappas); his daughter, Vikki Aristoklis, and two grandchildren, Michael and Maria, and also, one niece and two nephews.



Harry Ververides, lifelong resident of Princeton, NJ, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at Merwick Care Center, Plainsboro, NJ, at the age of 84. He owned and operated Harry's Luncheonette at 16 Witherspoon Street, in Princeton, for over 40 years before retiring in 2000.

Harry was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy after serving during the Korean War era from 1952 to 1960. Mr. Ververides was a member of AHEPA at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Hamilton, NJ and the F&AM Masonic Lodge No. 38 in Princeton.

In his leisure time, he enjoyed long walks and speaking with his friends, neighbors and customers in town.

Surviving are his brother, George Ververides and cousins in Greece.



John Pirsos, of Park Ridge, NJ passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, January 23, 2017, he was 82. Beloved husband of Thekla (nee Gassios) for 57 years. Devoted father of Thomas Pirsos and his wife Rena and Nick Pirsos and his wife Stephanie. Cherished grandfather of John and Michael Pirsos and Nicholas and Alexandra Pirsos. Predeceased by his brother Angelo Pirsos. John was born in Pirsogianni, Greece and came to the USA in 1952. He owned and operated the Barbecue House Restaurant in Park Ridge from 1965 until his retirement in 1993. He was a parishioner of St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church a member of Epirotes Anagenisas, AHEPA and Kali Parea.



Pittas, Emmanuel, age 80, of Midland Park, passed away on Saturday, August 5th, 2017. Emmanuel was born in Greece and moved to New Jersey in 1969. Emmanuel was retired from the wholesale food business. He is survived by his loving wife, Irene; his son Michael and his wife, Demetra; his daughter Katherine Peppes and her husband, John; three grandsons – Alexander, Emmanuel and Nicholas; and his brother, Paul with his nieces who live in Tennessee. He was predeceased by his father, Michael; his mother Katherine; and his siblings Nicholas, George and Irene.



George Koutsouradis

OBITUARIES OF

Our Departed Brothers & Sisters



Stephen G. "Steve" Pappayliou, 90, of Interlaken, died suddenly Monday morning, February 13, 2017, in Virginia. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Des Pappayliou. He is survived by his sister, Stacia Apostolos, Chevy Chase, MD; his two sons, George Pappayliou and his wife Roberta, Southport, NC and Ted Pappayliou and his wife Anne, West Allenhurst; his daughter, Connie Karagias and her husband Louis, Toms River; his six grandchildren, Katie Pappayliou, Diane Pappayliou, Steve Pappayliou, Chris Pappayliou, Nick Pappayliou and Maria Karagias; and many loving nephews, nieces, and dear friends.

Born in Asbury Park, Steve grew up in Allenhurst and was educated in the public schools of Asbury Park, where he starred in athletics, captaining the Blue Bishop football team his senior year. He was graduated early in December, 1943 in order to join the United States Navy where he proudly served for the duration of the Second World War. After the war he attended Syracuse University, from which he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business in 1949. While at Syracuse he was an active member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. After graduation he worked in a family business, the Goodie Tea Shoppe on the boardwalk in Asbury Park, before marrying in 1952 and taking a job as a salesman at Park Chevrolet. He remained at Park Chevrolet for most of five decades, working from October through May each year, and had many long term and loyal customers. During the summers, for over 30 years, he owned and operated The Sampler Inn, Ocean Grove with his brother-in-law, Bill Apostolos. He was a Free and Accepted Mason and proud member of the Asbury Jordan Lodge #142. Steve was also a member of the Thomas A. Edison #287 Order of AHEPA. After his retirement, he served as a councilman in his hometown of Interlaken. Steve was an avid golfer and fisherman, a dedicated Syracuse fan and a devoted follower of the athletic exploits of his grandchildren. He was an active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Ocean Township, where he served on the Parish Council and for the past four decades, chaired the Cemetery Committee.

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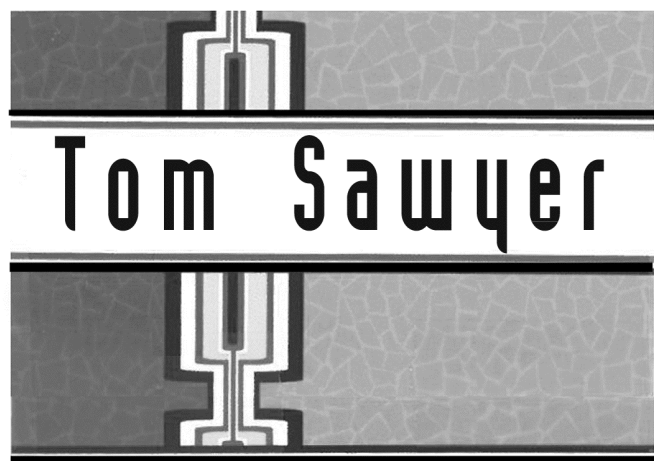
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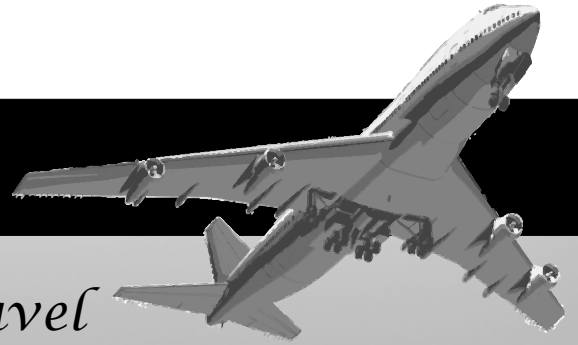
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