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Message from the District Governor
Steven Marmarou

Brothers and Sisters,

I thank my brother Ahepans for the honor given me to represent our John G. Thevos District #5. My view of leadership is to serve the people who elected you to do the right thing. It seems that every new District Governor has a plan to put forward for our organization. The district's plan is to do all that we, as a District Lodge, can do to support and strengthen our Chapters; AHEPA, Daughters, Sons, and Maids.

We already have several important events, annual landmarks dedicated to the promotion of the Hellenic ideals, in place. Greater emphasis will be sought through our District for the OXI Day celebration, the Fifth District Cancer Foundation Gala, the Mid Atlantic Hellenic History Tournament, and our Christmas visit to St. Basil's. We will continue also to highlight the Odyssey Charter School as well. Everyone chapter in our District should be involved in these events. There are many events put on by each of our chapters and I want to make it the District Lodge's business to help each chapter get the most out of each event.

AHEPA's purpose is to help. We will be emphasizing the Cancer Foundation Canister program this year. We expect each chapter to appoint a member to be a cancer foundation canister and benefactor coordinator. These programs have proven an effective way of raising thousands of dollars for the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Foundation, which will be celebrating 30 years this fall.

Most importantly, we will be looking to reinvigorate membership like no other era. We need to think and act boldly this year. "Defend Hellenism" was the mantra from our district convention and with such a crucial time for our Greece and Cyprus, we must do our part to have initiations and to involve those initiates in our Defense of Hellenism. Greece and Cyprus are the new Eastern front and this opportunity may never come our way again. We want tables at your Sunday coffee hours...Hellenism needs each of you to be recruiters. Can each and every chapter – small, mid and large double their membership? Many chapters can even triple their membership. Just go through your cell phones and see how many people you know that can join the fight for the preservation of Hellenism. Ask your friends – Hellenes and Phil-Hellenes, to join Ahepa and help us defend Hellenism now, and do it each day.

We will be working to revive chapters, to start chapters and to make each and every chapter of our family stronger and healthier, all while growing our Sons and Maids...tall tasks but Hellenism deserves it!

Fraternally yours,
 Steven Marmarou
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Message from the Editor

Lee J. Millas

DISTRICT 5 SHINES AT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

Traveling to Chicago to attend the 9th Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention, we were led by District five's own Demi Thomas, who was concluding her most successful year as Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope. We returned from Chicago with District five's own George Horiates as the new Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA. That is an amazing sequence of achievements for our district and speaks volumes of the quality of leadership we are blessed with here in New Jersey & Delaware. Also, when you add the fact that we also came home with Brother Savas Tsvicos as the new Supreme

Treasurer and Sister Georgette Bouligeris, the new Grand Secretary of the Daughters, we really have something to be proud of.

Of course, it all doesn't end there because this is just the beginning of their term and they have much work to do in elevating the AHEPA Family to new heights. Our best wishes to them all. Also, special congratulations to Brother George Horiates for achieving the highest office in AHEPA. We know he will make us all proud!

THE CASE FOR THE AHEPA MEMORIAL SERVICE

It's extremely sad to explain that over the past several years, the Order of AHEPA has been unable to perform a Memorial Service at the wake of the deceased brother when the wake is held within the confines of a Greek Orthodox Church. This is an unfortunate situation that has caused much frustration to so many and especially true when realizing that in many parts of the country, AHEPA is allowed to perform the memorial service. Unfortunately, our area is one that does not permit it. Therefore, to hopefully bring about some sort of dialog between the church and our national leadership, a resolution was passed by the Trenton AHEPA Chapter 72 requesting the AHEPA Supreme Lodge look into the matter with the hope that some understanding be reached that would satisfy everyone. This resolution was also approved by the delegates at this past AHEPA District Convention and then presented to the Resolutions Committee at the AHEPA Supreme Convention in Chicago this past July.

The then Supreme President George Lucas, has been well aware of this issue and expressed his full support that something must be done. However, the general feeling by the National Resolutions Committee at the Convention and the majority of the Supreme Lodge was that because of the appointment of a new Archbishop, who is very much supportive of AHEPA, it would be wiser not make any statements regarding this subject and allow the leadership time to address this subject during the course of the year. I agree, and as long as our national leaders do in fact address this issue with the church, we should allow them time to do so. Hopefully, they might arrive at a solution. Let's wait and see!

Last but not least, on a lighter note, in Chicago, the AHEPA Voice was chosen as the Number one District Publication in AHEPA. No small accomplishment considering some very nice publications from other districts.

Much of the success of the AHEPA Voice belongs to Philip Vogis PDG PSG R3, and for this we are most appreciative





Message from the Business Manager **Philip Vogis**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am very pleased to report to all the members of the AHEPA Family, that at the 97th Supreme Convention in Chicago IL the AHEPA Voice received the FIRST PLACE AWARD, for the best publication magazine in the AHEPA Domain. Please continue to send your chapter's reports and events thru out the year to share this information with all the members.

I want to thank the Editor Lee Millas, Ted Vittas PDG and the Publication Board, along with all the advertisers for making our magazine the best magazine in AHEPA Domain. I would like to ask of each member to solicit an ad from your local merchants to help us offset the printing/mailing expenses.

Wishing everyone a great AHEPA Year

Fraternally:

Brother Philip Vogis PDG PSG R3
Business Manager





Message from the District Governor

Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades

On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope 5th District Lodge, we would like to wish all our Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA District 5 Family continued success for the upcoming year.

We congratulate outgoing District Governor Joann Szela for leading District 5 Daughters of Penelope. Further, we commend the Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Camden #69 and Daughters of Penelope Nike #230 for hosting a memorable District Convention on the Battleship New Jersey. It was an amazing experience touring the ship and hearing about her 77-year history. The New Jersey is America's most decorated battleship and surviving warship. As well, seeing Grand President Demi Thomas fire off one of the "BIG GUNS" will forever be unforgettable!! We congratulate and look forward to working with our Brothers of the AHEPA District 5 Lodge.

This year, the DOP District Lodge consists of seasoned sisters serving on the District Lodge.

Elected to serve for 2019-2020 term is:

District Governor Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, Aulis #195, Ocean who previously served as District Governor from 2005-2007, District Lt. Governor Constandina "Dina" Vassiliou Fanikos, Altes #163, Trenton who previously served as District Governor from 2017-2018,

District Secretary Karen Pascal, Aulis #195, Ocean who previously served as District Governor from 2000-2001, District Treasurer Antonia Papadopoulou, Altes #163, Trenton who is serving her second term as District Treasurer, District Marshal Karen Knicos, Altes #163, Trenton who previously served as District Governor from 2015-2016 and DOP Advisor Joann Szela, Tethys #229.

The Daughters of Penelope District Workshop is graciously being hosted by Aulis #195, Ocean on Saturday, October 5, 2019. It is important that all chapters have representation at the workshop, all members are welcomed to attend. New members are especially encouraged to attend so that they may learn the interworking's of our Order from a chapter level up to a national level. As well, seasoned Daughters can always learn new information as many new changes have happened over the past few years. Further, it is a chance to see old friends and meet new ones, while exchanging ideas and gaining knowledge.

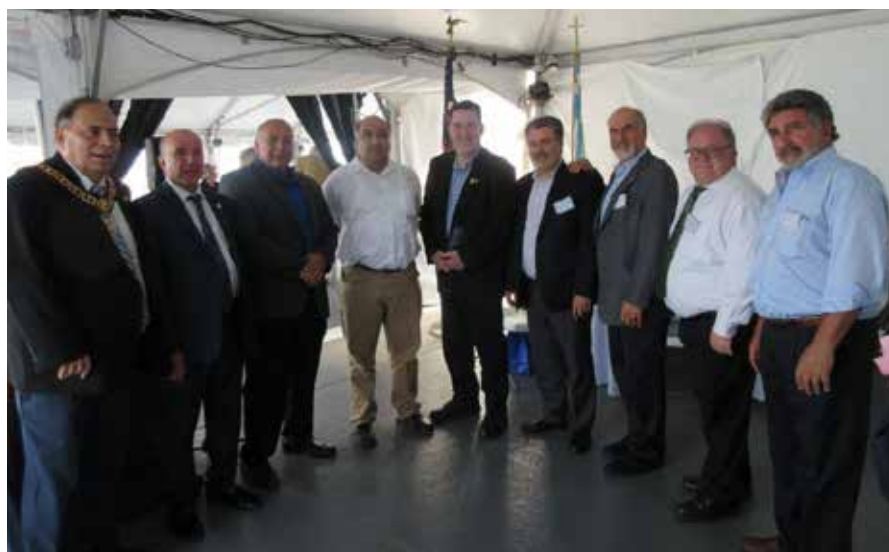
The Daughters of Penelope Education Foundation will host their 3rd Festival of Tables on March 21, 2020 at the Pines Manor to raise funds for scholarships. Information will be forthcoming but start thinking of table ideas.

Let's all join as one AHEPA Family promoting the good works of our "Family" encouraging and supporting each other. On behalf of the District Lodge we are excited, willing and ready to serve and look forward to working with you all.

Meet the New District Lodge Officers

Steven Marmarou of Chapter 69 was unanimously elected District Governor at the conclusion of the Fifth District Convention on June 1, 2019 by the delegates to the District Five Convention.

Steve has held every position as a district lodge officer and at the chapter level. He is the creator of the AHEPA Mid-Atlantic Hellenic History Tournament which is held every fall. As such teams from around the region have participated at the event and it continues to grow. Steve advocated for a Supreme Convention championship with which he has been assisting for many years.



New Fifth District:

Governor Steve Marmarou

The new lodge also includes:

Lieutenant Governor: George Pappas - *Camden*

Treasurer: Savvas Kyriacou - *Toms River*

Warden: John Kontolios - *Paramus*

Sons Advisors: Louis Stefanou - *South*, George Perentesis – *Central*, Christos Agrapidis and James Maroules - *North*

Secretary: Bob Fourniades - *Holmdel*

Marshall: John Koninis II - *Wilmington*

Athletic Director: Evans John - *Westfield*

“I have spent the last 20 years participating in the AHEPA family, working my way up through the Chapter Offices, including five years as Chapter Secretary, and now having spent five years on the District Lodge. I have had the great opportunity to go around the District meeting and listening to my many Brothers and Sisters. This year I will continue to do that. I believe the District Lodge’s number one function is to listen to what the Chapters are saying and to help them to execute their wishes.

This year we will focus on growing our youth organizations, the Sons and the Maids. Together, with the need to effectively grow and retain our membership. We need to make a membership drive the top priority for this coming year.”

On Sunday after church services at Saint Thomas in Cherry Hill the chapter made presentations of the Ahepa Award for Scholastic Excellence to its Greek Afternoon school. The Chapter realized early on that the Greek language and heritage needed to be preserved. In 1929, the chapter established a Greek evening school. From that meager beginning Ahepa created what in 1967 became the Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Hellenic Afternoon School. It is one of the finest Greek language afternoon schools and in fact the largest such school in the Metropolis of New Jersey. Thus, it was significant in that the school’s 90th anniversary was being celebrated, with AHEPA at the forefront.



Thereafter, the chapter, along with Nike Chapter 230, hosted a luncheon in honor of the new District Governor at Saint George Cathedral Festival. Although it was a long weekend, it was a perfect way to “cast off” into the new AHEPA year.

Supreme Convention 2019 Photos





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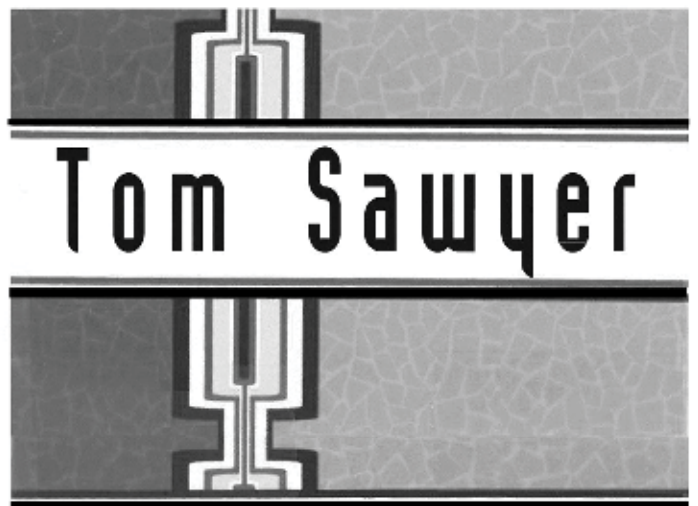
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AHEPA Recognized and Honored District 6 Secretary Chris Pappis

In life, there are moments of extraordinary performance by individuals that merit special recognition. AHEPA Supreme Governor George Karatzia recognized and thanked AHEPA District 6 Secretary Chris Pappis as “The Secret Weapon” at the Supreme Convention with members from all over the world assembled in Chicago on July 4, during his report.

Pappis kept him abreast of all the chapter programs and activities during the year, set up a joint meeting with Middletown and Poughkeepsie, notified chapters of his visitations, and when it came to collecting the per capita from the chapters, he said, “Chris is in a league of his own. It’s not a coincidence that District 6 has been the largest the last two years in a row. It’s an honor for the organization to have someone like Brother Chris. With his hard work and dedication, he has helped take District 6 to the top.

Supreme Governor Karatzia said, “when word got out that the monster that was known as Basil’s Per Capita was no longer a threat, the Ahepans rejoiced by surrounding this brave hero.”

With his sword raised to the heavens, he declared, “Brothers fear no longer! Once again District #6 is still #1 in membership.”

Karatzia said, “thank you, Brother Chris, for all your hard work and effort. This is how I imagine you in my mind...a super hero. You are truly a shining example of an Ahepan.”



In addition, Pappis, a member of Albany AHEPA Chapter No. 140, and District 6 Secretary, in the presence of Brothers Harry Fotiadis, John Copulos, and Tom Dushas, from AHEPA Evzone Chapter 405, at the Supreme Convention in Chicago, received the chapter’s first ever Life Saver Award, for his outstanding services to AHEPA, District 6, and to their chapter in particular.



District News

AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors - NYC Parade

Members of the Board of Trustees of the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors together with the Greek Orthodox community, the AHEPA Family and many, many other Hellenic Organizations from the Northeast and beyond proudly marched to honor our Hellenic culture and history at the 2019 Greek Independence Day on Sunday, April 16.



AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors was particularly proud to participate in this event again to highlight the ongoing need to help veterans coping with post-traumatic stress disorder, a disease that claims 22 veterans daily from suicide.

AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors is proud to announce that 2019 is shaping up to be as successful as 2018. Year to date, we have received donations and pledges totaling \$135,000 which will go towards sponsoring nine (9) service dogs. Since the program's inception in 2017, it has raised in sponsorships and pledges almost \$470,000 for a total of 31 service dogs.

We are grateful for the support of the many AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena chapters and districts that have supported this cause. For those Chapters who haven't gotten around to making a contribution, it's never too late. Remember, no contribution is too small (or too big). Please visit our website at ahepa-servicedogs.org to follow our progress and make your donation.



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**AHEPA
Service Dogs
for Warriors
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Chapter News

Bergen County Celebrates Greek Independence Day

The County of Bergen brought together Greek American community leaders and residents in celebration of Greek Independence Day and raised the flag of Greece above the County Administration building at One Bergen County Plaza.

Demetrios Bayiokos, AHEPA Bergen Knights Chapter 285 President, spoke to open the event program, while Colonel Paraskevi Strataki, Military Legal Officer for the Consulate General of Greece in New York, delivered the keynote address. Father Bill Basil Gikas of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff offered an invocation and Father Angelo Artemas of Saint John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church in Tenafly gave the benediction. Guests enjoyed a performance by Tasos Papaioannou. Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco and Bergen County Freeholder Chair Germaine Ortiz spoke on behalf of county government.



The following individuals were honored during the program:
Demetra Agriantonis Maurice (Chief Assistant Prosecutor of the Major Crimes Unit, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office) - Outstanding Greek-American Legal Contribution
George Bafer (Department of Homeland Security, United States Secret Service) - Outstanding Greek-American Law Enforcement Contribution
Dennis Pothos (Detective, Fort Lee Police Department) - Outstanding Greek-American Heroic Contribution
Philip Vogis (Philanthropist) - Outstanding Greek-



American Philanthropic Contribution
Helen Papapetrou (Metropolitan Cathedral of St John the Theologian Greek Afternoon School) - Outstanding Greek-American Education Contribution
William George (Korean War Veteran, United States Army) - Outstanding Greek-American U.S. Military Service Contribution
Steve Tenedios (Entrepreneur) - Outstanding Greek-American Business Contribution
John Psomas (Second Vice President of Parish Council, Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church) - Outstanding Greek-American Community Service Contribution



District News



AHEPA Family Elects New Foundation Members and Executive Board

Tuesday, April 16 2019, Edison, NJ – At the general assembly of the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation members of the 5th District AHEPA family elected the following officers to serve on the Executive Board for the fiscal year 2019 - 2020.



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The AHEPA Fifth District Convention Golf Tournament

In addition to many events throughout the district convention, there were also two athletic events. The AHEPA Fifth District Convention Golf Tournament kicked off the convention at Pennsauken Country Club on Friday May 31, 2019. Some twenty brothers came out and enjoyed the course.

The awards were as follows:

Low Score – Brandon Maxwell

Longest Drive – Brandon Maxwell

Closest to the Pin – Peter Doulis Vineland

Most Honest Golfer (High Score)- Cosmas Diamantis – Cherry Hill

Also, on Saturday June 1, 2019, there was Basketball at Rutgers University – Camden Campus. A team of Cherry Hill Ahepa was declared the victor. Good job to Camden Chapter for offering these athletic events to close out the year.

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The AHEPA Ramapo Chapter 453 brothers are proud to have Brother Charles Pflager awarded Chapter Secretary of the Year award for 2018-19 at the 88th AHEPA 5th district convention on the battleship New Jersey for 2019.



PHOTO OF BROTHER CHARLES ACCEPTING THE AWARD FROM PAUL GOULET, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER.

Chapter News



New Rochelle, NY Wins AHEPA District 5 Hoops Tournament

In games played on Saturday, May 17th, a group of young men from New Rochelle, NY beat out three other teams to win the AHEPA District 5 Basketball Tournament. The tournament was held at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff, NJ. In the final game, a see-saw contest, New Rochelle beat out another young team from Asbury Park, NJ, 51 – 46. Led by Peter Reback, who was the only player in double digits, with 14 points, New Rochelle relied on a balanced attack to win the final. Asbury Park was led by Yianni Kavarakas with 16 points and was named the tournament Most Valuable Player.

The tournament ended in controversy as 3 of the 4 teams ended the preliminary play with a 3-way tie. Each team, New Rochelle, Asbury Park and Whitestone, NY ended with a 2 – 1 record. However, Asbury Park, playing the final preliminary game, knew that they needed to win by at least 22 points to qualify for the final. They ran up the score on Wyckoff, NJ, scoring at will to win by 67 – 38 and winning the tie breaker. New Rochelle qualified for the final by beating, for the first time, their District 6 rival, Whitestone, NY, 80- 75. The two teams had met for the championship in Atlantic City at last year's Supreme Convention. It was Whitestone winning that contest. However, in this tournament, an undermanned Whitestone team ran out of gas, having played their 3rd game of the day with only 6 players. New Rochelle also hit some important shots down the stretch to preserve the victory, Whitestone finished the tournament in 3d place. Rounding out the field in the tournament was Wyckoff, NJ, the tournament host.

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AHEPA #517 – Garden State - Holmdel, NJ




The Garden State, Holmdel, NJ chapter has been very busy this past Spring with many great events starting with awarding our very well deserved Nick Plakoudas as “AHEPAN OF THE YEAR.” Nick, a long time member works hard behind the scenes, quietly getting things done without much fanfare. But this night belonged to him. He is not only a beloved brother to our Chapter, but a very loved husband, father, and grandfather as evidenced by his beautiful family surrounding him.



An event growing in popularity in Holmdel, thanks to our Brother Kostas Koufidis is a Texas Hold'em tournament. A great turn out for an intense evening of concentration, strategic planning & just plain old bluffing as the stakes were large..but the laughs were larger. Stay tuned for more “casino” type events.



Chapter #517 held their major Cigar Night fund raiser on May 8 at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge with over 350 attendees. Thanks to ALL of the Brothers that helped, contributed, attended and supported this scrumptious event.



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Special Guest 1969 World Series champion New York Mets outfielder Art Shamsky (left), Nick Fourniadis, comedian host Harry Zapiti & Brother Bob Fourniadis enjoying Cigar Night 2019.. Lots of lucky winners.



May 19th AHEPA Sunday. Our Chapter provided 3 scholarships to deserving students on their way to higher education. We wish them the best. Following Church, our Chapter served a Sunday Brunch orchestrated by our loved and talented Brother, Dr. Michael Simon.

May 31 – Several of our Brothers enjoyed the District 5 Convention held this year on the USS Battleship NJ. We are proud to announce that our Brother Bob Fourniadis (center in picture with Dimitri Dimitriades, left & George Karatzia, PDG, right) has been elected to serve as District Secretary continuing his service not only to our Chapter but to the entire District



Our President Demetri Orfanitopoulos playing at keeping all of us in line.

As we look forward to Summer & Fall we hope to continue our success and look forward to the National Convention in Chicago. Have a great Summer!



Chapter News

Monroe Ahepa #72 Chapter Update



On Sunday, June 2nd Monroe 75 New Brunswick, NJ awarded 7 scholarships to graduating seniors from the St. George Community during the GOYA end of year picnic held in the AHEPA Hall that the Chapter helped sponsor.

Pictured from left to right are President Matt Szela, Elisavet Gallou, Louis Kavouras, George Bizos, Alexandra Sirimis, Constantine Stavrianidis, Angela Polos, John Kavouras, Brother Dr. John Botzolakis.



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Members of Monroe Chapter 75 New Brunswick, NJ celebrate AHEPA Day on Sunday, June 1 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Piscataway, NJ. The Chapter sponsored the coffee hour for the community and awarded scholarships to seven students.

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Trenton Ahepa #72 Chapter Update

Trenton Ahepa #72 SS George Horiates at the initiation.

On 2/14/19 Trenton Ahepa #72 initiated 8 new members into the chapter under the guidance of Supreme Secretary George Horiates, Supreme Governor George Karatzia, DG Jimmy Rozinitis, Trenton President Rick Roscoe, District Officers, and Team Leader Brother Paul Mamolou. Welcome to the new Brothers!



Trenton Ahepa #72 celebrates Brother Herb Allen's 90th B'day.

On 12/3/18 the Special Olympics of New Jersey held its annual fund raising event, the Jingle All the Way 3K fun run and race to raise funds for the Special Olympics programs offered in NJ. Trenton Ahepa #72 proudly assisted with this program as a sponsor. In addition over 20 Ahepans and their families participated as members of "Team Maria" and assisted in being the largest team in the event and the greatest fund raising team. "Team Maria" is set up by Dr. John Passalaris,



father of Maria and a brother in #72.

Trenton Ahepa #72 Scholarship awards program

Trenton Ahepa #72 presented 7 Scholarship awards on 6/12/19 at the annual awards program. Pictured L-R are Rick Roscoe, President, Elizabeth Margeotes, Nicole Terry, Alex Margeotes, Eva Stavropoulos, Steven Kenah, Meraya Sirimis, Amanda Burke, and Eleftherios Michailides, Scholarship Chair. Also present but not pictured was our new District Governor Steven Marmarou. Axios to our Graduates!



Thomas A Edison Chapter 287, Order of AHEPA had their last meeting of the year at the Greek Spot in Red Bank on June 10th. Past Supreme President, Andrew Zacharides presented the plaque as "Chapter President of the Year", from the N.J. District 5, to Brother Arthur Pappaylion to celebrate with his Chapter members.

Chapter News

Agape Chapter Honors Grand President Demi Thomas

The Agape Chapter of Wyckoff, NJ had the honor of hosting Demi Thomas' Grand President Testimonial on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The testimonial took place at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. Sisters and Brothers from District 5 and all over the nation and Canada attended to honor our Demi. A cocktail hour started the evening, followed by a sit down dinner and program that was MC'd by Demi's own daughters Eleni and Sophia. St. Nicholas church was well represented by members of the Sunday School Staff and Philoptochos. Over 30 sisters of Agape were there, along with many Ramapo Chapter Ahepans. We were honored by having retired Priest,



Father James Moulketis present to give the Invocation and Benediction. Past Grand Presidents of the Daughters and Past Supreme Presidents of AHEPA attended as well as the entire Daughters Grand Lodge, the Maids Grand President and Sons Supreme Secretary. Some of the program speakers included Ahepa Supreme Secretary, George Horiates and Daughters Past Grand President Barbara S. Wolf. Once the program concluded, the dancing commenced. A good time was had by all.

Alexander Hamilton Chapter Book Signing Lecture

On March 5th, 2019 the Alexander Hamilton Chapter held a business meeting with special guest, Mr. Theodore Modis to discuss his recently published book: "FORTUNE FAVORS THE BOLD: A Woman's Odyssey through a Turbulent History".



RAMAPO CHAPTER 453 NEW BROTHERS



Chapter News



Honoring Our Ahepa Ramapo Chapter Veterans

June 16, 2019

Recognizing And Honoring The Members Of The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) Who Are Being Awarded The Ahepa Medal For Military Service For The Service And Sacrifices In The Armed Forces Of The United States. And Contributing To The Preservation Of Freedom For Americans And For So Many Others Throughout The World Resolved By The Senate And House Of Representatives That The Congress Joins The AHEPA With This Recognition

L To R. *Phil Vogis, Past Psg Army; Arthur Chagares, past Chapter President, Air Force; Charles Pflager, Secretary; Charles Charllis, Vice President Army; Leonidas Savas, Army; Paul Goulet, President Arng-nj; George Corniotes, Army; Ron Grant, Navy; James Moustopoulos, Treasurer; Bill Milcos, Army.*

Back Row: L. To R. *Phil Bufis, Usmc; Stathis Katsaros, Army; Michael Marose, Army; Fr. Bill Gikas, Pastor; Fr. Jim Moulketis, Navy.*

List Of Veteran Brothers Not Present At The Ceremony:

Andrew Boulos, Army Korea; Chuck Humblias, Arng-njstate Side; Constantine Kolovos, Army Vietnam; Peter Kyriakouilis, Army, Iraq; Ernest J. Laios, Navy; Vassilios Margaritis, Army Germany; Theodore Monos, Navy, Vietnam; Constantine Skamasarmy, Sesert Shield; Peter Stilianesis, Usmc; Norman Tsacalis, Army; Dr. Peter Tsairis, U.S. Public Health



from L to R: Wyckoff Mayor & Councilmen, Fr. Bill Gikas, Pastor; (Standing behind large check); Paul Goulet, Chapter President; John Psomas, VP Parish Council; Phil Vogis PSG R3, James Moustopoulos, Chapter Treasurer; Charles Charllis, Chapter VP and Wyckoff Councilmen.

RAMAPO CHAPTER 453 PARTNERSHIP

The AHEPA Ramapo Chapter 453 Wyckoff Nj In Partnership With St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Combined Their Local Outreach Community Programs Each Donating \$3,500 For A Total Of \$7,000 To The Wyckoff, Nj Ems And To The Wyckoff Fire Engine #2. The Check Was Presented At The Mayor And Council Meeting On February 5th, 2019. Paul Goulet, President.

OBITUARIES OF

Our Departed Brothers

Christopher B. Sevast

Christopher B. Sevast age 95. Predeceased by his wife, Kay (née Kokos). Survived by his daughters; Dottie, Alice (Ken) Skinner, Liz, Jeanne and his grandcats Darby, Krissi and Dolly.



His was a life well lived. Chris served in the Pacific in World War 2. He was one of the original members of the Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church community. Chris was a lifetime member of Camden Chapter 69 of AHEPA. As such he was also an original member of its American Hellenic Orthodox Center in Camden where, along with others, he led the way in the purchase of 615 Mercer Street and the construction of our church. Chris served the Greek school board for many years. He chaired many events, Cadillac raffles, and community anniversary dances. Having served decades as a member of the Saint Thomas Parish Council, he also served as President of the Council multiple times as well as treasurer for many years. He was one of the chairs of our church consecration committee. Chris was also a multiple year President for his Camden Chapter of Ahepa, an officer for most of his adult life and in charge of the local AHEPA scholarship program, raising funds for many children wishing to go to college.

Not satisfied, Chris continued his contributions beyond our community. He was a Past District Governor of AHEPA in New Jersey and Delaware. He led the district AHEPA in many endeavors. He was in charge of its scholarships, assisted with its involvement with our community response to the invasion of Cyprus with the raising of funds and aid and was one of the creators and leaders of the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation. In this capacity he further excelled as a board officer and tirelessly assisted with its Cancer Canister program at restaurants.

Chris was an integral component of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley, having served the Federation as its treasurer and assisted in all of its functions for decades. A member of the VFW, our Kali Parea and almost each and every organization here in our Saint Thomas, throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond with Ahepa, Chris Sevast was a unique person and his kind will never be replicated.



John A. Borzeka

John A. Borzeka passed away Saturday June 22, 2019 after a short illness. He was 86. John was born July 29th 1932 in Carteret, NJ. He and his family moved to Morristown in 1940, and he graduated from Morristown High School in 1951. John began working at Allen Paper & Supply Company in Morristown at the age of 15. He worked for 65 years as a salesman and warehouse manager retiring at the age of 80. John proudly served 2 years in the US Army from 1956-1958 followed by 3 years in the reserves. John married the love of his life Chrysanthe (Kostas) on Feb 1, 1969. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They moved to Randolph in 1978 where they lived for the last 41 years. John and his family were active members of the St. Andrews Greek Orthodox church, where John was one of the founding fathers of the community and past president. He was past president and life member of the Order of AHEPA Morris County - Chapter 300.



OBITUARIES OF

Our Departed Brothers

Gus Theodos

Former Newark police officer, active in Greek Orthodox church
Gus Theodos, 86, of Bloomfield, N.J., died on July 11, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.



Born in Jersey City, N.J., Gus grew up in Newark, moved to Montclair, N.J., and settled in Bloomfield 19 years ago. He honorably served in the U.S. Army Reserve and received his associate's degree from Essex County College.

For 26 years, he was a police officer with the Newark Police Department. He was a member of the Newark FOP Lodge 12. Afterwards, he worked for ACT as a computer programmer in the World Trade Center. Gus was a devout member of Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Church. He served as co-president of the Parish Council for 12 years and was an integral part of the relocation of the church to Roseland from Orange. He also served as president of the Parish Council for St. Nicholas Church in Newark and aided in the merger of the church with Ss. Constantine and Helen Church in Orange, N.J. He was a recipient of the Medal of St. Paul, a prestigious award for all his dedication to his church community.

He was the president of the Ss. Nicholas Constantine & Helen Church Seniors Club, a member of the church choir, and served as an advisor for the GOYA for St. Nicholas Church. Gus was a longtime member of the Order of AHEPA. He volunteered much time with the 5th District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation.



Ernest N Tsaptsinos

Ernest N. Tsaptsinos 80 of Toms River, passed away January 25, 2019 at Ocean Medical Center, Brick. Born in Newark. Ernest was a U S Army Veteran serving during the Cuban Crisis. He was a restaurateur, having owned and operated West Coast Subs in Toms River before his retirement. He was predeceased by his late son, Nicholas and sister, Elefteria. Surviving is his loving wife, Sula (Demos); son, Anthony; brother, John and his cherished granddaughter Vittoria. Visiting hours was held at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Toms River, NJ.



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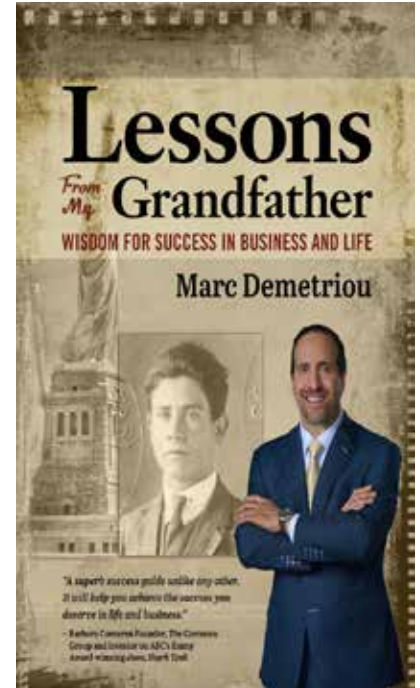
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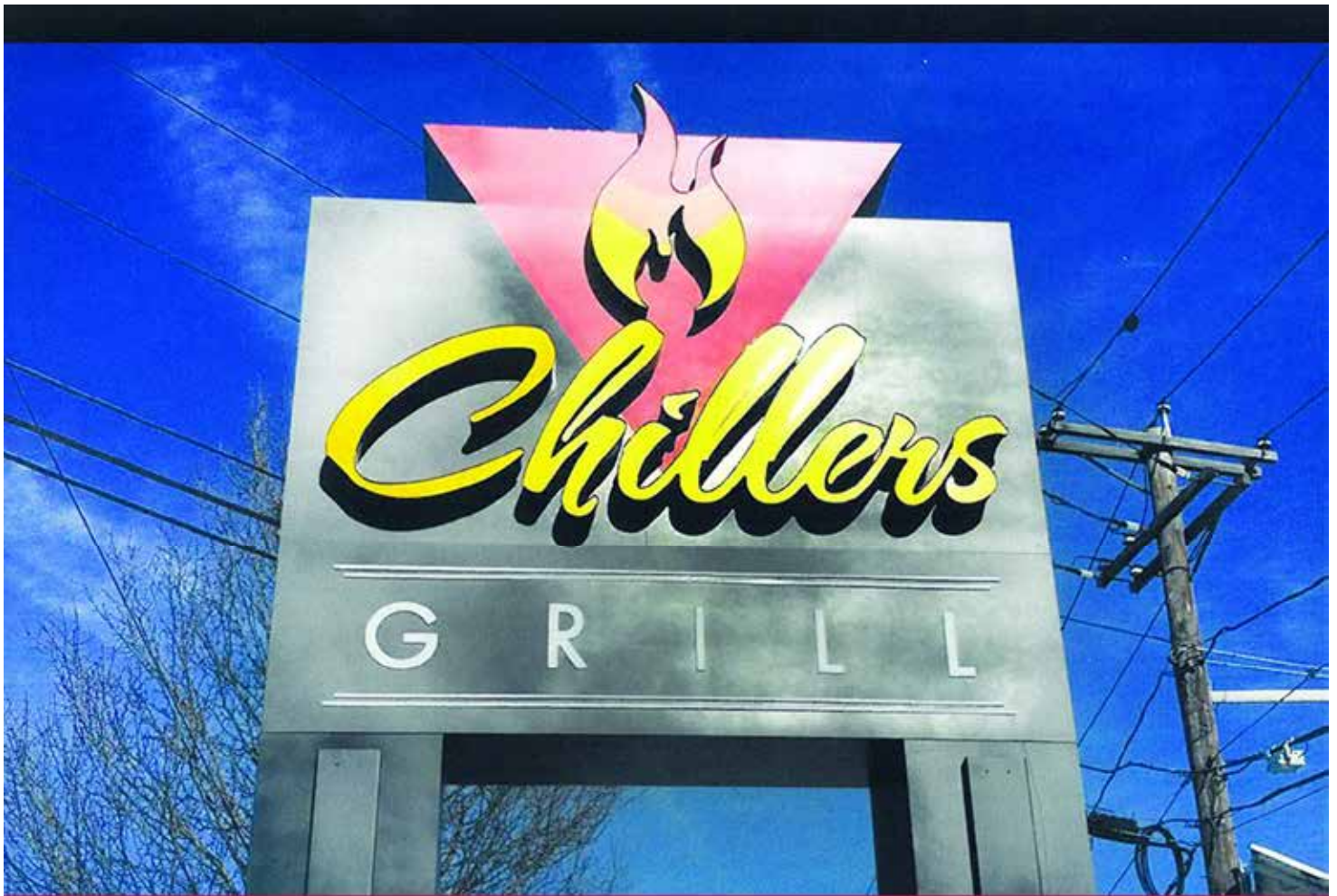
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