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Brother Lee J. Millas
Editor

Message from the Editor

A Happy New Year to all as we begin this new year of 2024. Regardless of whether or not success or disappointment follows us from last year, we must all look forward, hopefully, to a prosperous and healthy New Year. And, looking ahead for the Ahepa Family, we see many opportunities for change. The first one, although somewhat disappointing, is the future change in the distribution of the Ahepa Voice and the dissemination of District Ahepa Family news and information. It has become financially impossible to publish 3 or 4 issues of the Voice each year due to the spiraling cost of printing and mailing. Accordingly, it has been decided to publish only one main issue each year which will include a chapter directory, a calendar of scheduled events and the usual news articles submitted by the chapters. Also, we will be subscribing to a service to offer monthly news bulletins, photos, etc., via e-mail with the ultimate result of providing up-to-moment information and announcements to the members. Economically, this is an alternative we can afford with our limited financial resources and hopefully it will accomplish all our needs to keep the membership informed and connected. With that in mind, we have enclosed, in this issue, the complete application for the District Ahepa Scholarships. Awards are presented at the Ahepa District Convention. The deadline for submission is April 30th. More information, contact Vasso Chrysanthou at (732) 905-1300 x200.

About the cover, just a few years ago, I had the privilege of journeying to Cyprus with then Supreme President Gus James. At the time, some restrictions had been lifted that permitted us to travel into Northern Cyprus, the territory occupied by the Turkish Military. The photos were taken at a cemetery near the home where Brother James was born and where his Parents are buried. The destruction to Greek cemeteries and churches was heartbreaking.

This new year is the 50th Anniversary of the Turkish Invasion and occupation of Northern Cyprus in 1974, and still, nothing has been done to reverse this illegal occupation. Will there ever be a solution?

A hearty round of applause to (our own) Supreme President Savas Tsivicos for his continual efforts in keeping the Cyprus question a priority in his administration and for his efforts in bringing the 2024 Supreme Convention to Larnaca, Cyprus on July 21- 27, 2024. Looking at the list of activities and events scheduled, it seems like this is one convention that must not be missed.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Past Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, Ryan Marinos, and current President Alec Economakis for presenting me with the first ever Sons of Pericles Generations Award. It was so unexpected and totally appreciated.

Brother Lee J. Millas, PDG, PBT
Editor



John A. Koninis II
District Governor #5

Message from the District Governor

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope each of you enjoyed the Christmas holiday with your families and friends. The New Year promises to bring much to our district and more importantly, health, happiness and prosperity to each of you. I have been honored to witness and have the lodge participate in the fall calendar. Highlights include many initiations, , testimonial dinner for Our own Grand President Daughters of Penelope Georgette Boulegeris Cancer Gala , national Hellenic History Tournament in Las Vegas ,and Saint Basil's Christmas Pageant. I congratulate and recognize the outstanding contributions of each of you as we have stayed true to our active programming and promotion of Hellenic ideals. and look forward to all of the up and coming events.

Starting with the Hellenic History Tournament hosted by our own Cherry Hill Chapter, Many chapter visitations and invitations. Looking forward to the spring workshop being hosted by our own Wilmington Chapter and Odyssey charter school. This year we are looking to expand our workshop by adding daughters, sons and maids , look for more information to follow.

Wilmington Ahepa Family will be hosting this year's 93rd annual Convention and looking forward to seeing you all there

Then we're off to Cyprus in July for our National Convention

Fraternally,

John A. Koninis II
District Governor

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

17th

Hellenic History Tournament
Cherry Hill, NJ

23rd

Texas Holdem Tournament
Thomas Edisons 287

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MARCH

8th - 23rd

Texas Holdem Tournament
Trenton Chapter 72

16th

Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays Shooting
Coplay, PA

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APRIL

7th

Greek Independence Day Parade
Philadelphia, PA

13th

Greek Independence Day Parade
New York



MAY

Date to be determined
District Workshop

22nd

Ahepa Congressional Banquet



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JUNE

21st, 22nd, 23rd

District 5 Conventions
Wilmington, DE

.....

JULY

National Convention
Cyprus, Greece Larnaca





George T. Horiates
Supreme Treasurer

Message from the Supreme Treasurer

Sons of Pericles

Dear AHEPA District 5 Family,

Greetings from the Sons of Pericles! This AHEPA Voice is a wonderful opportunity for the Sons of Pericles to wish you a healthy and happy 2024. This is also a much needed message to the chapters of AHEPA's District 5 to help reinvigorate and reinstate your local Sons of Pericles chapters.

Imagine if your chapter, and you, just received this magazine at the beginning of the year. If you had one wish or goal, would you seek to reinstate and integrate the Sons of Pericles in your community? Is AHEPA's Fifth District willing to perpetuate the ideals of Hellenism by growing its ranks and expanding AHEPA's goals and objectives to the future generations? Upon reading this message, consider this a belated New Year's resolution, a resolution to pass on to future generations that which you have been given and that which you have taken an oath to do, promote the ideals of AHEPA.

AHEPA's District 5 has no excuses. You have all of the weapons at your disposal. In these pages you see AHEPA is being led by our own AHEPA Supreme President Savas Tsivicos. AHEPA also has as its Supreme Lodge Secretary Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, Supreme Governor Dimitrios Rozanitis and as its National Sons Advisor Ted Vittas. With Sons come Maids. The Daughters of Penelope Grand Secretary is none other than Antoinette Zachariades. I consider myself most fortunate to come from a strong AHEPA Family at home and also to have them and each of you as mentors. We certainly can spread this wealth to the entire district. There is no good reason not to do so in 2024. We do so much! Service projects, social events and developing future leaders in your communities is just a glimpse of what the Sons of Pericles do both nationally and locally. The attached page photo montage is your Sons and Maids over the last year. Log onto SonsofPericles.org for chapter forms, membership forms, and anything else you may need.

It means rededicating yourself to this cause. It means appointing someone in your chapter to promote a Sons of Pericles chapter, to even sponsor them, to meet with them and to reach out to the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge if you have any questions. I am honored to be from the Fifth District and I ask my older and wiser AHEPA family members to assist in this cause. Promote the Sons of Pericles in your community. Live up to your Oath.

Fraternally,

George T. Horiates
Sons of Pericles Supreme Treasurer

Maria Ana Pantelous Finishes Her Second Year as Grand President of the Maids of Athena



Overlooking the Philadelphia skyline with its Welcome America fireworks display, the Maids of Athena honored its Grand President, Maria Ana Pantelous, on Saturday, June 24, 2023, in Camden, NJ. The setting was the New Jersey State Aquarium which was rented out for the AHEPA Family to see, Taken from Cosmos Philly

Greeks in Miami



Sons and Maids end a fabulous weekend. 75 Sons and Maids participated in Greeks in Miami. 7 teams. The Charlotte Sons repeated as champions. The Region Rats were second, followed by the Cherry Hill Sons and Maids.

It Is Our Turn: Savas Tsivicos and Three Others from District 5 Serve on the Supreme Lodge



LAS VEGAS — The delegates of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (Order of AHEPA), the leading grassroots service association for the nation's millions of American citizens of Hellenic heritage and Philhellenes, elected Savas Tsivicos, of Ocean, N.J., Supreme President, at the 101st Annual Supreme Convention, Las Vegas, Nev. Tsivicos, a member of Thomas Edison Chapter 287, ran unopposed in elections that were held July 27, 2023. Formal installation ceremonies were held July 28, 2023.

“It is an honor and privilege to be elect-

ed AHEPA Supreme President,” Tsivicos said. “My sincere appreciation is given to the convention delegates who placed their support and trust in me to lead this long-standing unique organization in the coming year.”

Reprinted from the National Herald

Brother Tsivicos is joined by 3 other District 5 members on his Lodge. Elected as Supreme Secretary is Zenon Christodoulou of Hudson Chapter #108 of Jersey City. Elected as Supreme Governor of Zone 3 is Dimitris Rozanitis of Camden Chapter #69

of Cherry Hill, NJ and appointed as Sons of Pericles Advisor is Brother Ted Vittas of Ramapo #453 of Wyckoff, NJ.

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family also held elections. Marianthi Treppiedi was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President, Alec Economakis was elected Sons of Pericles Supreme President, and Ally Tsenekos was elected Maids of Athena Grand President.

Serving on the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge is George Horiates Jr., who was elected Supreme Treasurer.



*L to R Front Row: Grand Treasurer Gretchen Holsinger, Grand Vice President Margaret Dritsas, Grand President Marianthi Treppiedi, Grand Secretary Antoinette Marousis Zachariades, and Grand Governor Zone I Mari-
anne Boutsoulis. L to R Back Row: Grand Governor Zone III Christie Finch, Grand Governor Zone IV Linda Belba, Grand Governor Zone II Patty Didik, Grand Governor Zone V Xanthe Vafopoulou, and Grand Maids of Athena Advisor Effie Kirkiles. (Photo: AHEPA)*

AHEPA Raises \$70,000 for the Journey to Greece



It was a wonderful fund raiser for the Ahepa Journey to Greece program! Supreme President Savas C. Tsvicos officiated over the \$70,000 fund raiser!

Past Supreme President George Horiates served as chairman of the event which brought over 200 Ahepa family members together.

Members of the Ahepa Supreme Lodge included Supreme Secretary Dr. Zenon Christ-

odoulou, Supreme Counselor Themis Frangos, Supreme Governor Dimitri Rozanitis, Ahepa Board And Past Supreme President Nick Karacostas headed up the NY delegation to the event which included the District Governor Peter Ragoussis and members of the surrounding NY/NJ chapters.

Chapters from District 4 also attended as well and members of the PA District Lodge including District Treasurer Greg Vlassopou-

los, Jr and Athletic Director Peter Mossaidis.

Several past student participants shared their testimonials of the Ahepa Journey to Greece and thanked the Order of Ahepa and Webster University on providing an exceptional program.

Thank you Mr. Papamarkos for his gracious support and donation at the Graycliff catering facility in Moonachie, NJ.

AHEPA Family Cancer Research Foundation Has Outstanding Celebration

The Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation held its 35th Anniversary Gala Celebration on November 11, 2024 at the Pines Manor in Edison New Jersey that was attended by 180 guests. Grants of \$17,500 were awarded to three Comprehensive Cancer Research Institutions that service Districts 5, 4 & 6 of the AHEPA Family domain. A inspiring speech was presented by a very special guest speaker Rosalie Swartz, who is a cancer survivor that was diagnosed and treated through one of the grant recipient institutions. It was a wonderful evening with great food, live band, basket raffles and plenty of dancing that was enjoyed by all in attendance. The Foundation has donated in excess of \$1.3 million to cancer research since its inception in October 1988. Congratulations were bestowed to the grant recipients for all that they do to aid in the progress of cancer research.



Thank you (we would like to express our gratitude) to all who supported the Foundation this past year through your donations and by your attendance at the Gala Celebration. A special thank you to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for all their hard work in

raising funds and enhancing the look and scope of the Foundation. Please continue to support this very worthy cause that affects all of us and visit our new website at <https://fifthdistrictahepa-crf.org/>. Together we can find a cure!

AHEPA hosts History Tournament, Anna Rezan and her movie “My People”



PHILADELPHIA, PA — The root of the saying “twice as nice” hails from Plato, the ancient Greek philosopher of the Classical period. On February 19, 2024, AHEPA Chapter 69 and the Daughters of Penelope Nike #230 of Cherry Hill, NJ opened up their doors to the community for its own version of Plato’s Academy of Hellenism to the Delaware Valey and beyond.

AHEPA globally has for years hosted this tournament in various districts around the world. The tournament tests high school teams sponsored by AHEPA chapters in Hellenic History in three distinct categories: Ancient, Byzantine and Modern Hellenic History. The “Jeopardy” style tournament encourages our young adults to learn our history. Scholarship monies are provided to the winning team as well as a smaller amount to the runner up team. Thereafter the winners of each of these AHEPA tournaments globally participate in a championship, usually at its Supreme Convention, for even more scholarship monies and for the right to be crowned champion.

In the morning, high school students from all over New Jersey, Philadelphia and Delaware came to see and participate in the annual AHEPA Hellenic History Tournament. The tournament held for years here at the Danielle Kousoulis Center at Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church was hosted by the local chap-

ters and also by the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope District 5 lodges. The lodges came out in full swing to support the ten teams from across the area. AHEPA 5 Governor John Koninis and Daughters District 5 Governor Kelly Papachristos welcomed the various high school teams to the tournament over an introductory breakfast opening session. Hellenic History tournament chair Steve Marmarou and AHEPA director of Education Cosmas Diamantis set forth the tournament rules and revealed the first -round draws.

AHEPA Supreme Governor Demetrios Rozanitis welcomed the crowd which included the families of participants and observers. On behalf of AHEPA Supreme President Savas Tsivicos, he noted that that last year’s winning team participated in the AHEPA Global finals at the Supreme Convention in Las Vegas and came in second and that the previous year’s AHEPA Global champion team came from this tournament as well. He thanked the major sponsors of the event for providing assistance with the sponsorship monies, particularly the Rentschler Foundation through a grant made possible by Ahepan and local church President Tassos Efstratiades as well as the AHEPA District 5 lodge.

The championship was played on the imposing large theater screen that was set up for the upcoming movie premier. The winning team,

like all teams, had selected a Hellenic based name, the all-female team was “The Aphrodites” sponsored by AHEPA’s Garden State chapter in Holmdel, NJ. They will go on to compete in AHEPA’s global final this upcoming summer.

The students and their families were treated to a special guest appearance from Anna Rezan. The Delaware Valley premiere of her film “My People” was set to be played later in the evening upon the conclusion of the tournament. Anna literally came straight from Greece, stopping in before the evening program to address the students. She gave an impassioned speech, congratulating them for competing, not forgetting their roots and encouraged the participants to dream big while wishing them success and happiness.

Widely known as an actress, a musician, and a high fashion model, the multi-talented Anna Rezan shared her feature documentary debut. The film is produced by her, Zaf Haitidis and Academy Award winners Mitchel Block & Kim Magnusson. “My People” is up for an Academy Award Oscar nomination. Executive Producer Victor Restis, Grand Sponsor Bella Restis and the Macias Restis Foundation were thanked for making the production of the film possible.

Speaking of the Philadelphia Premiere of “My

People” with the personal appearance of Anna Rezan, the Danielle Kousoulis Hall was transformed as the evening event was getting started. The crowd for the evening event filled in and all told approximately 700 people came in to participate and witness the events combined.

“My People” is the story of the Greek Jews during the Holocaust, the Axis occupation, the Greek resistance and the role of the Greek Orthodox clergy. “My People” is a hymn to love and courage as it is discovered by a young woman in her quest to uncover her Greek Jewish family’s history. Anna’s groundbreaking film on the Holocaust and the suffering of Greek Jews wove first hand accounts, footage and her interviews of many in search of her roots. The story also highlights relatively unknown and untold significant historical facts

of the era with a groundbreaking outlook to the Christian Clergy. It was all that and more.

Upon conclusion of the showing of “My People”, Ms. Rezan took the stage to a standing ovation. She was met there by George Horiates who congratulated her, stating AHEPA pays tribute as annually its leadership delegation along with leaders from major Jewish American organizations visit Israel’s World Holocaust Remembrance Center, Yad Vashem. Turning to Anna, he thanked her for granting this unique program to the community, suggesting to the attendees that if they wish to have additional showings of “My People” in either the Greek and Jewish communities to reach out to her for showings.

She opened up the floor for a question-and-answer session. The Presiding Priest of Saint

Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, the V. Rev. Archimandrite Augustinos Psomas welcomed Anna to the community and he thanked AHEPA for promoting this important and outstanding program. He was joined by members of Philadelphia’s considerable diplomatic corps led by Honorary Consul of Panama in Philadelphia, Georgia Athanasopoulos. Georgia congratulated Ms. Rezan on her work and introduced the large contingent of Philadelphia’s Jewish attendees that came for the show.

Amongst them was Moshe Matsa of Philadelphia. Mr. Matsa was in fact a Greek Jew holocaust survivor. Moshe thanked AHEPA and the amazing story of “My People” by Anna Rezan while telling heartfelt parts of his own story. He weaved his remarks and accounts in English and in Greek to the crowd. There was not a dry eye in the hall.

Past District Governors Christmas Party



Past District Governors gathered at Jimmy's Sports Bar in Bordentown, NJ for the annual Christmas party.

The gathering was held on Saturday, December 16, 2023.



Sons Generations Award presented to PSP Lee J. Millas

The first ever Sons of Pericles Generations Award was presented to Past Supreme President Lee J. Millas at the Ahepa Family Supreme Convention this past July in Las Vegas, Nevada. The award was presented by the newly elected Supreme President Alec Economakis at an open family meeting.

AHEPA Chapter 517: Another Year of Camaraderie, Selfless Giving, and Community Enrichment



The Garden State Hellenic Heritage Team poses with their championship trophy at the Supreme Convention in Las Vegas.

In the heart of our vibrant community, AHEPA Chapter 517 embarked on another year-long journey, characterized by an unwavering commitment to brotherhood, selfless charity, and the betterment of humanity. Here's an overview of our year, marked by impactful contributions and a heartwarming sense of community:

Cigar Night: An Unforgettable Evening: Our annual Cigar Night was nothing short of spectacular. It was a night filled with fine cigars, exciting raffles, with an exquisite spread of delectable delights that delighted the senses. This event served as a vibrant celebration of our community's fraternal spirit.

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church Support: In addition to our ongoing contributions, we extended a helping hand to Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church, assisting them with their numerous needs. This collaborative effort reinforces our dedication to the broader community and our commitment to making a positive impact in various ways.

Diverse Fundraising Events: Throughout the year, we organized various smaller events to raise funds for causes close to our hearts. These events included memorable poker nights and delightful dinners, offering a cheerful celebration of delicious food and community unity.

Hellenic History Tournament Triumph: Our commitment to youth education and community involvement shone through our sponsorship of three teams in the Hellenic History Tournament. These teams secured 1st, 2nd, and 4th place in the regional tournament and an impressive 2nd place in the national tournament held in Las Vegas. This achievement reflects the passion and dedication of our members and the promise of a brighter future for our community.

Community Support to All in Need: Our support extends to all in need, and we're committed to the betterment of humanity. This commitment is evident in our contributions to the community and our unwavering dedication to fostering a sense of unity and goodwill.

Ronald McDonald House Annual Banquet Recognition: At the Ronald McDonald House Christmas Gala, we were not only invited but also recognized for our continued contribution. This acknowledgment underscores the enduring impact we've had on the lives of children and families in need.

Paving the Way Forward: We're not just focused on the present; we're building for the future. We've been researching opportunities for a chapter house and initiated the

process of establishing our 501c3 status as a non-profit organization. This forward-thinking approach ensures our continued ability to make a lasting impact.

Continued Commitment to Youth Scholarships: Our steadfast commitment to our community's youth continues through our ongoing scholarships, providing support to those who represent the bright future of our community.

A Never-ending Quest for Impact: Our journey is ongoing, and we're ceaselessly exploring innovative ways to give back to our community. Our mission remains rooted in improving the lives of those we touch, and our dedication to this mission grows stronger every day.

In conclusion, AHEPA Chapter 517 isn't simply about charitable endeavors; it's about building a sense of camaraderie, a commitment to selfless charity, and a lasting bond within our community. We're dedicated to improving the lives of those we serve, and we look forward to a future filled with opportunities to make the world a better place. Together, we strive to enhance our community, embrace our cultural values, and leave a lasting legacy of generosity.



Congratulations to all participants at our annual Hellenic History Tournaments! 9 teams across multiple chapters participated this year. The tournament was held on Saturday February 17th. A wonderful turnout!



Sons and Maids Volunteer in our communities



Capital Hill Day with US Rep. Gus Bilirakis, Supreme Treasurer George Horiates Jr. and Past Grand President of the Maids Maria Pantelous.



AHEPA Family representatives at reception for US Ambassador to Greece George Tsunis

Trenton Chapter #72 Christmas Dinner Party



Trenton Chapter #72 continues to play an active role within the St. George Church and its surrounding community. In September the chapter held its Taverna Weekend, and with help of great weather and the support of the brothers and St. George parishioners the event was a huge success. Since then the chapter has initiated eleven new members and has continued to sponsor several events. The chapter has hosted several church coffee hours including one where NJ state

representatives provided assistance to parishioners and others in completing forms for the state's Anchor Homestead Rebate Program. The chapter has also supported the NJ "Jingle All the Way" Special Olympics event, held a successful poker tournament, and held its annual Christmas Dinner Party. President Stavros Papafilipakis hopes to continue a progressive agenda for the upcoming year.

Daughters of Penelope Spread the Christmas Spirit



District 5 is on fire with all the Christmas spirit! Nike sisters got together tonight to "Spread" the love to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless for The Unforgotten Haven. They will be distributed Saturday morning.

Tis the season to do good!

#thepowerofweincommunity

#daughtersofpenelope

Bergen Knights Chapter #285

Properly trained Service dogs have been shown to help lower the suicide rates in veterans with PTSD. In November we were working towards raising funds for our fourth service dog. We held two events. We had an Animal Blessing event in the front of St. John the Theologian in November. Many varieties of Dogs, along with their owners, and one cat attended the event. Father Gregory had a wonderful blessing service and donations were made towards our Service Dog Fund.

The following weekend, for Veteran's Day, we teamed up with Philoptochos and our Scouts to honor our Veterans. Philoptochos held a ceremony honoring veterans from our parish, the Boy Scouts participated as flag bearers and AHEPA offered a breakfast with proceeds going towards our Service Dog Fund. The two events raised enough funds for our goal of a fourth Service Dog, which will allow for the full training of the Dog to help lower the anxieties and support a needy Veteran with PTSD.



AHEPA in Cherry Hill Celebrates 99th Year with a kickoff to its Centennial



front row: 60 year members George Giordas and Tom Gotzis, with George Horiates PSP. Second row: Nick S. Pasamihalis 25 year member, Angelo Lavdas 50 Year member, Supreme Governor Demetrios Rozanitis, V. Rev. Father Aavgostinos Psomas, George Kousoulis 50 year member, Ted Miller 50 year member, Anthony Velahos 50 year member, Bill Miller 50 Year member, Paul Diamantis 25 Year member, PSG Chris Diamantoukos 50 Year member, and event MC Cosmas Diamantis

On Wednesday, January 24, AHEPA Camden Chapter 69 of Cherry Hill held its 99th year Anniversary Gala at Adelphia's in Deptford, NJ. The chapter used the opportunity to celebrate its older brothers with AHEPA's years of service pins. With a chapter with over 220 members, there were plenty of deserving honorees.

25 Year presentations were made to John Bryan, Paul Diamantis, Chris Diamantoukos, Nick Kostiou and Nick S. Pasamihalis. 50 Year members receiving their deserved honors included Nick Anagnostos, Zane Katsikis, George Kousoulis, Angelo Lavdas, Theodore Miller, Bill Miller and Anthony Velahos. The build up concluded with presentations to the beloved 60 Year members Tom Gotzis and George Giordas.

Guest presenters included Cosmas Diamantis, the MC and chapter VP whom gave a wonderful tribute to his Father, 25 year member Paul Diamantis. Aki Carabases provided heartfelt remarks on the impact of his father in law, Angelo Lavdas, on his life and his family's life. Stathis Karadonis gave a wonderful testimonial to PSG Chris Diamantoukos. George G Horiates, PSP and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees presented past Sons Governor Nick S Pasamihalis his 25 year pin. Supreme Governor Demetrios Rozanitis, on behalf of the Supreme President, presented the diamond studded 60 year pins to

Tom Gotzis and George Giordas, each of whom spoke of the history of the chapter which predates the Cherry Hill community as the first 50 years of the chapter where in Camden prior to Saint Thomas opening its doors in 1967.

Members from Hercules-Spartan in Philadelphia and Thermopylae chapter in Upper Darby also came to honor the chapter members. Georgia Chlecthos, the Philadelphia Federation President gave a wonderful tribute to the chapter's history. Tasso Efstratiades, the St. Thomas church president and the V. Rev. Avgosutinos Psomas also spoke of the contributions of the chapter in its formative years and up to the present.

Three years after the birth of AHEPA, Camden Chapter 69 was organized on June 4, 1925. Thirty-six members were installed that evening. By year's end membership had increased by another 60. With over 220 members 99 years later, Camden Chapter 69 is one of the largest and greatest in all of the AHEPA domain. The chapter used the Gala as a kick off and a count down to the Delaware Valley Region, cordially inviting all to its year long centennial events marking it as the oldest organization on record and the forerunner to the Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church community in Cherry Hill, NJ.



25 Year member Nickolas S Pasamihalis is pinned by his cousin PSP George Horiates



Aki and Maria Carabases pin Maria's father, 50 year member Angelo Lavdas



50 Year member Anthony Velahos, 60 Year member Tom Gotzis along with Cosmas Diamantis



Stathis Karadonis pins PSG Chris Diamantoukos

Edison Chapter #287 Visitation



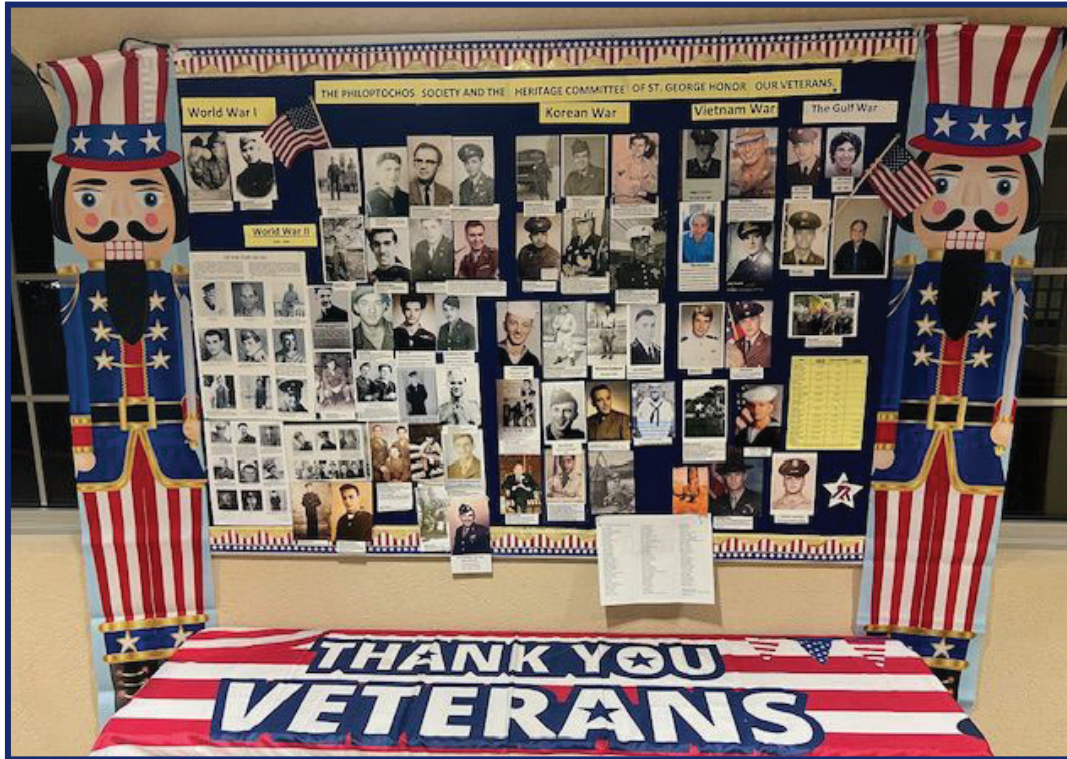
The Thomas A. Edison Chapter 287 had a visitation by the Supreme President, Savas Tsivikos on December 11, 2023 in our Ahepa Room. The chapter officers are sitting in the front row along with the Supreme President in the middle. The chapter has grown now to about 82 members with a goal of 100 members by June of 2024.

Tunnel to Towers Check Presentation



Brother George Haloukas and Brother Nick Billows seen here showing a check of \$2,000 being given to the directors of the Tunnel to Towers Charity on December 13, 2023.

Chapter #286 Veterans Day Display



Our Ahepa 286 Chapter along with the Philoptochos Society helped sponsor this day by showing pictures of past and present Veterans on a display board from our St George Church. Pictured are men from WW1; WWII; the Korean War, Vietnam war and other recent conflicts that our church members have been involved in.

Chapter #287



Visitation to our Ahepa Chapter 287 by District Lodge with the Supreme President Savas Tsivikos in the center.

Past Grand President Georgette Boulegeris Honored with a Testimonial on September 9th



Georgette Boulegeris sitting in the center, poses with her sisters at her testimonial.

Veterans Honored for Veterans Day



President Evans Agrapidis, of Ramapo #453, thanks the veterans of their community for their years of service, on Sunday, November 12th. Each veteran received a medal and wore it proudly. This was at Saint Nicholas Church in Wyckoff, NJ. This has become an annual event.

**Ahepa Ramapo Chapter Super Bowl Party,
Lots of Food and Fun, Wyckoff, NJ**



Scenes from the past.....1926

6 CHAPTERS FROM DISTRICT 5 IN THE FIRST 100



EUREKA CHAPTER NO. 52 - NEWARK, NJ
John A. Givas, President



ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER NO. 54
Peter A. Adams, President



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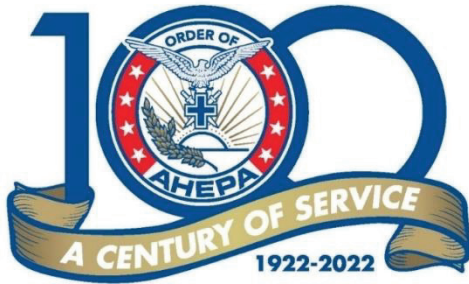
New Hall for Trenton Chapter No. 72

Move from Trenton to Professional Office Complex in Hamilton



After enjoying their home for over 25 years in Trenton, the membership voted to relocate in Hamilton, near its' church. With proceeds from the sale, and a fund raising program, the chapter purchased a unit in a Professional Park, centrally located, with unlimited parking and easy access, which they previously lacked. The new address for the Trenton Chapter # 72 is 2333 Whitehorse-Mercesville Road, Hamilton, New Jersey.

ORDER OF AHEPA



JOHN G. THEVOS
5th DISTRICT

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2024 APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Sponsor (Parent or Guardian) Name in full _____

Sponsor's organization (AHEPA or DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE) or Applicant's organization (SONS of PERICLES or MAIDS of ATHENA), chapter number, and date of affiliation

AWARDED BY THE AHEPA CHAPTERS OF
NEW JERSEY and DELAWARE

Administered by the 5th District Projects Committee

AHEPA FIFTH DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE ORDER OF AHEPA, JOHN G. THEVOS 5th DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, IS INVITING YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND/OR APPLIED TO A SCHOOL OF HIGHER LEARNING, YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR AN AHEPA 5th DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT. THE AHEPA 5th DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PERPETUATION OF STUDY AND ADVANCEMENT OF HELLENIC YOUTHS. THE AHEPA HAS BEEN AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS IN NEW JERSEY AND DELAWARE.

ELIGIBILITY and QUALIFICATIONS

1. Applicants for the scholarship grants and scholastic awards will be considered on the basis of scholastic achievement and participation in school and/or community activities.
2. Only the members of the AHEPA family shall be eligible for the John G. Thevos Fifth District Scholarships. The term "AHEPA family members" is to include and be limited to all AHEPANS, DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE, SONS OF PERICLES, MAIDS OF ATHENA, and their children who reside within the John G. Thevos Fifth District. However, any member who has moved from this area, but has maintained his/her membership in his local Chapter in the Fifth District, then his/her children would be eligible for consideration regardless of their residency.
3. Sons and daughters of deceased AHEPA family members of the John G. Thevos Fifth District, who were in good standing at the time of their death are eligible and may submit an application through the Chapter to which either parent belonged.
4. Applicants and/or their sponsors must presently be members in good standing of their respective chapters of the Fifth District for at least three (3) consecutive years. This same rule would apply in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.
5. Only Chapters who have paid in full their per capita tax to National Headquarters through December 31st of the preceding year and paid their obligation to the District Scholarship Program (\$4.00 per member) by April 30th of the current year are eligible to submit candidates.
6. All applicants for the grants shall apply through the Chapter of their sponsor and receive the Chapter's endorsement. All applicants must be accepted by an accredited college or university of their choice in order to qualify for the grant.
7. The eligibility of applicants for the grants and scholastic awards shall be restricted to high school students of the Fifth District about to enter college who are in the upper one-third of their class.

PLEASE NOTE that two (2) letters of personal reference from faculty members of the school last attended, as well as official sealed transcripts, class rank and the applicant's S.A.T. and/or A.C.T. report(s) must be sent to the AHEPA Scholarship Committee directly from applicant's high school.

All applications must be endorsed by the respective Chapter President and Secretary and be filed with the Scholarship Committee by April 30th of each year to the following address:

AHEPA 5th District Scholarship Committee
c/o Vassos Chrysanthou, PDG
34 Courtney Ct.
Freehold, NJ 07728

The application package must be mailed by any delivery service that can ascertain proof of delivery (e.g. certified mail / return receipt requested, or FedEx) and postmarked no later than April 30th. (E-mailed and FAXed applications are NOT acceptable.) FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL MR. CHRYSANTHOU AT 732-905-1300, x200, OR E-MAIL HIM AT VASSOS@PRODIGY.NET.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

1. List affiliations, activities, and honors with respect to the Community (e.g. Sunday School, Greek Language School, Acolyte, GOYA) and in your Local Community:

2. State names and schools attended with dates of attendance for each, from grades 9 – 12: _____

3. List the college(s)/university(ies) to which you have applied for admission: _____

4. List the college(s)/university(ies) from which you have received a letter of acceptance: _____

5. List scholastic honors and awards received in high school: _____

6. State your purpose in attending college or university: _____

In addition to the District Scholarship, you are also encouraged to apply for the National AHEPA Educational Foundation (AEF) Scholarship. The application form can be downloaded from the AEF page at this URL: <https://ahepa.org/education/>.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

ATTACH PHOTO HERE

Must be NO BIGGER than

Passport Size 2" x 2"

***** MANDATORY *****

I CERTIFY that all statements and information furnished in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that statements and information furnished on this form are subject to verification by the AHEPA organization's Scholarship Committee, which also reserves the right to call me for a personal interview. I further understand that intentional misstatements or falsification may result in my disqualification for an AHEPA scholarship. Finally, I agree to allow AHEPA to use the attached photograph of myself for publicity purposes in the event I am approved for a scholarship grant.

Printed name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

ENDORSEMENT OF LOCAL CHAPTER

I hereby declare that the _____ Chapter No. _____
of the Order of AHEPA, duly endorsed the within applicant at a regular meeting held on
the _____ day of _____, _____.
Date Month Current Year

Signature of Chapter President

Signature of Chapter Secretary

REPORT OF EDUCATORS AWARD COMMITTEE



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Date _____ Person completing form: _____

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Chapter Name (if applicable) _____ No. _____ District No.: _____

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Please complete the section below and use a separate form for each dog.
 Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) entitles you to select the Name of the Service Dog and gender.
 Name of Dog: _____ Preference Male Or Female Dog: _____

A Sponsorship for a Service Dog is \$5,000.00. Please complete if paying by check.
 Ck# _____ Date ____/____/____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

Sponsorship of an AHEPA Service Dog may be paid in full or pledged and paid over a 2-year period.

Total amount you will pledge or one time donation \$ _____
 Sponsorship Payments of \$ _____ per Month Quarter Semi-Annual

Please complete BOX A for all donations

Dogs are named when final sponsorship payment is made.

Please give the reason (s) for the name of the Service Dog you have chosen.
 Please use a separate piece of paper if more space is needed.

Contact information: Please add additional person (s) contact information:

Name: _____ Tel: _____ Email: _____

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