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Message From Our District Governor

SAVAS C. TSIVICOS

Dear Brothers and Sisters of District 5,

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity!

We have been very busy the last six months visiting our chapters and really pushing to grow our membership. So far, we have made tremendous progress but I would like to encourage all the chapters who did not push as hard to please do so now! Our target remains to grow membership by a net of 100 members and we can be successful if we all

work closely together. Your district lodge is always at your disposal for anything you need!

We are also extremely excited and honored to have initiated Senator Robert Menendez as a member of our AHEPA family! Senator Menendez has been a champion of Hellenic issues and he has worked very closely with our community for the last twenty years. Congratulations to Brother Senator Menendez for joining the oldest and largest organization in the country! He is truly our strongest advocate in the United States Senate.

In closing I would like to remind you

of our district and national conventions and I encourage all of you to participate. Our district convention will take place the first weekend in June in Ocean Township, Monmouth County hosted by our Thomas A Edison chapter. Our national convention will take place in Las Vegas and it promises to be a huge success. Please make your reservations early because the rooms are cheap and are going very fast. Don't miss out!

On behalf of the district Lodge, I wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Savas C. Tsivicos, District Governor



Message from Daughters of Penelope District Governor

KAREN MAROUSIS

Holiday Greetings,

Once again, the Daughters of Penelope have started the year off *on the fast track*. From our informative workshop, visitations, and chapter events behind us, the holiday season is upon us. The Daughters of Penelope, Garden District 5 has gone GREEN! All documents, forms, and newsletters are posted on our website or sent in an email. Please remember to encourage your members to register on our website.

5thdistrictdaughtersofpenelope.webs.com

Please feel free to assist the webmaster with your events, activities, history, and pictures, pass the information along through our website.

To all the Sisters and Brothers who sent Birthday Wishes to Sister Helen Apostolos, wishing her a 100th birthday, she was delighted. Sister Helen could not wait for the mail to arrive everyday.

This year's Cancer Foundation Gala held November 5, 2011 was enjoyed by the District Governors and Lt. Governors of the 5th District. All chapters are currently working

on their chapter history and membership contact information. December 10, 2011 many of the Sisters, friends, and family enjoyed a day holiday shopping and lunching at Peddlers Village in Lahaska, PA. A special thank you to all the Sisters for supporting the mission of the Daughters of Penelope. Xanthus # 149, fashion show in support of district and national projects, Icarus # 48 in support of the REED Academy, Oakland, NJ, Altes # 163 and Nike #230, Agape # 336 for supporting women's shelters, food banks and Christmas toys for children this holiday season. Congratulations to all the chapters as we continue to fulfill the realization of Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfelds' dream. Remember to visit our website to see the most recent news of the Daughters of Penelope, Garden 5th District.

Hoping everyone had a blessed Holiday Season!

Yours in Theta Pi,
Karen Marousis, District Governor



AHEPA & Daughters Governors (seated, Savas Tsivicos and Karen Marousis) and Lieutenant Governors (standing, Eleni Parlapanides & Bill Harrison)

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Hellenic Issues Champion Senator Robert Menendez Joins AHEPA

In a historic ceremony held on October 21, witnessed by many Ahepans and Philhellenes, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) joined the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), announced Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides. Sen. Menendez joined Thomas Edison Chapter #287, Asbury Park, N.J.

"We are thrilled and honored to have Senator Menendez as a member of AHEPA," said Dr. Grossomanides. "He is a dedicated public servant who has demonstrated a keen interest to listen his constituents, including the American Hellenic community. He also represents the promise and fulfillment of the American Dream to which we all can relate, and we're proud to count him as a member and a Philhellene." District 5 Governor Savas Tsivicos, who is also a member of AHEPA's Cyprus & Hellenic Affairs Committee, led the induction ceremony. Senator Menendez expressed appreciation for the Hellenic principles upon which AHEPA was founded. He also spoke of the importance of Hellenic ideals to American society, culture, and civics. A discussion of issues relating to Greece and Cyprus also took place.

"Senator Menendez has been a long-time friend of the Greek American community," stated Savas Tsivicos, the District Governor of the NJ & DE AHEPA District 5. "We are honored to welcome the Senator into the AHEPA."

In 2008 and 2010, Senator Menendez received a perfect score, 100% rating, on Greek-American issues in AHEPA's Congressional Scorecard. In 2009, AHEPA honored Senator Menendez with the AHEPA Pericles Award for excellence in public service. When he represented the 13th Congressional District as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, he was an active member of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues.

Senator Menendez was sworn in to the Senate on January 18, 2006, having been appointed by New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine to fill the remainder of his term. Later that year, New Jerseyans elected the senator to serve a full six-year term as United States Senator. Senator Menendez is one of two Latinos to serve in the U.S. Senate. He currently serves on the Senate Committees on Finance; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Foreign Relations. Senator Menendez is also the Chairman of the Banking Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development; and the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Global Narcotics Affairs.

For more information on Senator Menendez, visit his web site at <http://menendez.senate.gov>.



Business Manager's Winter Issue Message

PHIL VOGIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cooperation and assistance in making the *AHEPA Voice* this year the number one magazine in the AHEPA domain. We will continue to bring you the latest articles from the District Lodge and the Chapters in District #5 NJ/DE. I also would like to thank all the advertisers that have continued to support our magazine, and I encourage all of our readers to support their businesses. I am pleased to inform you that the Supreme President Dr John Grossomanides has appointed me "Chairman of the National Publications Committee thru 2012". I look forward to working with everyone. The Publications Board, the Editor Ted Vittas and I, would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a "Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year".

Fraternally, Brother Phil Vogis-PDG, *AHEPA Voice*, Business Manager

Twenty-second Annual Fall Gala

Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc.

EDISON, N.J., NOVEMBER 5, 2011 - By: Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades

The Twenty-second Annual Fall Gala for the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. was held at the Pines Manor, Edison, New Jersey. The annual event is a festive conclusion to the year's efforts of fundraising for cancer research as well as an evening of honoring the recipients of the Research Grant Awards, whose goal is to help find a cure for cancer.

Joining in on the celebration the Foundation was honored to have the Order of AHEPA Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Jr. and Vassos Chrysanthou, Member of the Board of Trustees. Grossomanides said "As a pharmacist he can appreciate the tremendous efforts of the cancer researchers and institutions and that the Foundation is special and one of the crown jewels of the AHEPA Family."

The Foundation was also honored to have the Daughters of Penelope Grand President, Nicky Stamoulis and Grand Secretary Anna-Helene Panagakos. Stamoulis stated "Cancer has touched everyone's lives, assisting in cancer research is very meaningful for our organization through our philanthropic and educational efforts, congratulations to the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope of the 5th District for their efforts of the past twenty-three years."

Foundation Chairman, Andrew C. Zachariades, Supreme Treasurer, stressed the significance of the Foundation is not just the grant awards to the researchers but what the Foundation achieves behind the scene. It starts with a phone call from an individual who is in need of an Oncologist specialist; we put the two in contact with each other. Further he stated "That two of our own trustee members lost loved ones to cancer this year. Vice Chairman, George G. Horiates, PDG lost his father George A. Horiates and Corresponding Secretary, Penelope Capetan, PDG lost her husband Peter just this week. We are here this evening to honor those whose research contributes to finding a cure for cancer." As well he stated "It was a historic moment for the Foundation, raising about \$30,000 this evening."

The highlight of the evening is the presentation of Research Grant Awards, this year four institutions that specialize in cancer research received a total of \$50,000. To date the Foundation has awarded forty-nine Research Grants to various institutions for cancer research in the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

This year's recipients were The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ who received two separate grants. The first \$10,000 grant award was graciously accepted by Dr. John Glod, on behalf of his research team for their study on Pediatric Brain Tumors.

The second \$10,000 grant award was presented to Dr. Vassiliki Karantza for her study on Breast Cancer Research. Dr. Karantza is also the 2009 recipient of the Daughters of Penelope 5th District Salute to Women, honored for her professional achievements as well as being an inspirational role model for all.

Both Drs. Glod and Karantza stated that "They are very grateful for the continued support of the Foundation. Funding is becoming less available for smaller research labs in these economical hard times, which is why your support is so critical to our efforts of cancer research."

Children's Blood & Cancer Foundation/Weill Cornell Medical College, New York received a \$10,000 grant award for their study on Cancerous Tumor Metastasis Research. Dr. Irimi Bournazou was honored to receive



Pictured left to right: Order of AHEPA Supreme President John Grossomanides, Jr., Chairman Board of Trustees 5th District AHEPA Cancer research Foundation Andrew C. Zachariades, Dr. Biao Luo of Fox Chase Cancer Center and Daughters of Penelope Grand President Nicky Stamoulis

the award on behalf of her and Dr. David C. Lyden, 2009 Axios Award recipient. Further, she stated "They are grateful for the continued support of the Foundation."

St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, New York also received a \$10,000 grant award. Dr. Nicholas A. Romas, the 2007 Axios Award recipient accepted the grant on behalf of his Prostate Cancer Study.

Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA for their study on Ovarian Cancer Research, Lisa F. Perfidio, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations, was elated to receive the \$10,000 grant on behalf of Dr. Jeff Boyd.

The Axios Award is presented to an individual or individuals whose humanitarian purposes and endeavors contribute to finding a cure for cancer, unselfishly and devoutly in the name of mankind.

This year the award was presented to Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA, they are the first institution to receive this honor. The Foundation has a long history with FCCC, as they received the first \$5,000 grant award in 1990. Their outstanding research and patient care has made them one of the top cancer institutions in the nation. Accepting the award on behalf of FCCC was Dr. Biao Luo, Assistant Research Professor & Director, Institute for Personalized Medicine.

Luo stated "Without institutions it would be impossible to do cancer research, it takes team work. Fox Chase is moving towards applying the impacts of research towards patient care, and with generous support from Foundations such as yours cancer researchers are breaking new ground and have great hope for making successful progress."

The next Annual Fall Gala will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2012

The 5th District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. is a project of the 5th District Order of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope who are all volunteers, dedicated to the Foundation to raise funds for research grants for the outstanding doctors and institutions that are committed to finding a cure for cancer.

AHEPA Hosts Dinner with Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey

PHILADELPHIA (AHEPA News)

AHEPA hosted a dinner with His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos in Philadelphia on November 10, 2011. Supreme Treasurer Andrew Zachariades, New Jersey, represented Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides at a gathering that aimed to introduce AHEPA regional and district leaders located within the Metropolis of New Jersey to His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos. Board of Director Member Lee Millas, Supreme Governor Dr. Pete Nickolas, District 3 Governor Demetrios P. Govotsos, District 4 Governor John H. Kambouroglou, and Executive Director Basil Mossaidis also attended. In addition, Dr. Spiro Spireas, a member of the Metropolitan Council of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey and Ahepan from Chapter 72, Trenton, N.J.; and his wife, Dr. Amalia Kassapidis-Spireas, attended as guests of His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos.

“We thank His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos for taking the time to meet and dine with us,” said Supreme Treasurer Zachariades. “We had a fruitful exchange of ideas and dialogue about common challenges and interests that affect the community. We also appreciated the opportunity to introduce some of our regional and district leaders to His Eminence.”

According to Supreme President Dr. Grossomanides, AHEPA seeks to continue similar initiatives with Metropolitan Evangelos as well as with the Metropolitan of all dioceses throughout the United States.

The Supreme President also thanked the hospitality of Water Works Restaurant, which served as the venue for the dinner, and its owner, Michael Karloutsos.



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Welcome to AHEPA!

Dozens of New Ahepans Join the Order In An End-of-Year Membership Drive

Each year, with the end of the year, comes a push to bring new men into the AHEPA ranks and meet our year-end membership goals. There is strength in numbers and increasing our membership is important; not for the sake of reaching a number, but because, with new members, come new ideas and new perspectives. For any organization to be dynamic, it must embrace change, as well as honor its past. These new Brothers are the lifeblood and future of the AHEPA. We must welcome these new Brothers and make them feel at home.

In ceremonies throughout the district, new men have been sworn into the Order. Many have been invited by a friend and some have little knowledge of AHEPA. Many have said that they know of AHEPA's work and wish to be a part of it. Whether you are an old or new member, we have one common bond. That is, we all took the oath to uphold the ideals of Hellenism, education, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence. If these values are important to you, reach out to your fellow Brother, who feels the same and get to work on whatever good deed you feel is important. Inclusion and involvement is the key to a growing Order.

The District Lodge has been attending and performing initiation ceremonies throughout the district. Here are just three of the initiation ceremonies this fall.

- October 19th – Camden #69
- November 15th – Ramapo #453
- November 22nd – Alexander Hamilton #54

To the new Ahepans, we welcome you. We trust that your initiation experience has been a positive one. Don't miss your next meeting. Visit our web site <http://ahepadistrict5.org> or <http://ahepa.org> to see what the district and your chapter is involved in. Reach out to your new brothers and get to know them. You have taken your first step, which is your initiation; now your Odyssey has begun! WELCOME TO AHEPA!



In a mass initiation at the Graycliff, attended by four members of the Supreme Lodge, District Lodge eight new members are initiated into Alexander Hamilton #54 and Hudson #108. Officiating was PSG Louis Arvanitis.



A mass initiation ceremony was conducted by the District Lodge and Camden #69 at the AHEPA Hall in St Thomas Church Center in Cherry Hill.



Ten new members initiated into the Ramapo Chapter. From left to right they are: Michael Bojekian, George Zorbas, John Kolovos, Rick Peluso (partially blocked), Tasos Ioanou, Steven Kalas, Nick Apostolou, Peter Seremetis, James Lipane, Nick Nicolaou



District #5 Lodge Holds Two Workshops To Chapter Update Officers

On back-to-back Saturdays in October the District Lodge hosted the chapter officers of the district for two very informative seminars on AHEPA. The first was held on Saturday, October 8th in Wyckoff, NJ which covered the northern part of the district. The second was held in Vineland, NJ on October 15th. Each Lodge officer made a presentation on a specific topic of expertise. Areas covered was philanthropy and the Lodge's drive to treat the children of St Basil's Academy to a play, membership, new technology, such as the district's new web site www.ahepadistrict5.org, the Sons of

Pericles, civic responsibility efforts to grow the Hellenic caucus, and more AHEPA business.

Also presenting in the northern workshop was Dr. Vasilios Katsikiotis, an economist for the Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, who discussed the European world debt crisis. Dr Katsikiotis showed charts the scope of Greece's debt and how it compares with the debt of other European nations and the United States. He also discussed the possible solutions which are currently being discussed by the world leaders. The presentation gave all those present a much better appreciation of the world problem.

Hudson Happenings

Our main goal this year is the increase of membership for our chapter. With this goal in mind, we attended the mass initiation at the Graycliff Caterers, on Tuesday evening, November 22, 2011. The evening was well attended with four Supreme Lodge officers present; our Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis who travelled from Houston Texas to be part of this important evening, our own Supreme Treasurer Andy Zachariades and Supreme Governor of Region #3, Jim Kokotas.

Thanks to our District Lt. Governor Bill Harrison who brought in two initiates from our chapter, members of his family, father and son, Michael and Harry Perdikos. The initiation was conducted by our District Governor Savas Tsvicos who did an outstanding job. The oath of initiation was administered by our Supreme President. It was a very impressive evening under the direction of Past Supreme Governor and former Business Administrator of the AHEPA Voice, Louis Arvanitis.

The women in attendance had their own private meeting in another room led by the District Five Governor DOP, Karen Marousis and Grand Secretary Anna-Helene Panagakos and after our initiation, the ladies joined us for desserts. Congratulations also to the Graycliff Caterers for the beautiful evening of dinner and refreshments.

Our Ahepa family is mourning the loss of Sister Dorothy Polychronis, Treasurer of Icarus #48 for many years, and the mother of Christina, Past President of Icarus and the late Dean, one of our Past Presidents. May our Lord grant her Eternal Rest and comfort Christina at this time of great loss.

Like most chapters in our District, our chapter is preparing for their Christmas party. Ours a combined party with Icarus #48 was held on December 9, 2011 at Picalinos Restaurant in Bayonne, NJ. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Brothers and Sisters throughout the AHEPA domain,

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE NEW YEAR – Submitted by John Mehos

AHEPA Trenton Chapter #72 New Officers Emphasize Charitable Outreach

On September 19th, Trenton #72 held our joint installation of officers with the Daughters of Penelope, Altes Chapter #163. Current officers for the Chapter are: Evan Pilaras, President; Paul Mamolou, Vice President; George Koutsouradis, 2nd Vice President; Dino Demetriou, Treasurer; Michael Knicos, Assistant Treasurer; James Knicos, Secretary; and George Demetriades, Assistant Secretary. We have many events scheduled for the year and hope it is a wonderful and successful one.

The AHEPA Trenton Hall is open every Monday for workshops and socials. With the regular meeting the first Monday of the month. As well as being open during the year for special occasions including cheering on some of our favorite sport teams.

Thanks to all the Ahepans who assisted and donated their time and funds for the AHEPA and GOYA Welcome Breakfast in September. It was a very nice breakfast with delicious eggs, waffles, and sausages and the youth of our community very much appreciated the hard work and donations. The youth earned over \$900 that will be used for the youth and their projects.

On October 11th, we held the 10th Annual Trenton Chapter Golf Classic that was held at the Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing. We had approximately 80 golfers and raised close to \$10,000. This event supports our scholarship fund and we would like to thank all the golfers, volunteers, sponsors, and donors who made this event a success. Special thanks to Roma Bank and SigmaPharm for their continued sponsorships and support. Hope to see you at the AHEPA Scholarship Awards Night in June as well as at the golf outing again next year.



On October 22nd, the Order of AHEPA with Hellenic Vision hosted the film screening and a panel discussion: "Cyprus Still Divided." The film revealed the web of domestic politics, the refusal to apply the rule of law to Turkey's invasion and occupation of 37% of Cyprus. The panel discussed the ongoing settlement negotiations between the Republic of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot community that began in September 2008. More than 200 persons attended including Consul of Greece in New York Evangelos Kyriakopoulos, Consul General of Cyprus in New York Koula Sophianou, and New Jersey Assemblyman Dan Benson. With personal messages received from Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) provided by AHEPA District Governor Savas Tsvicos and U.S. Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) by District Marshal Asteris Fanikos.

Many of the brothers will also be attending the St. Basil Christmas Pageant on Saturday, December 17th. The chapter will be making a donation to the children as well. We will also be participating in the clothing and food collection drive with the youth of our community to benefit the Bridges Outreach program. In addition, many of the brothers gave assistance with Yiayia's Kitchen in November. Thank you to all who helped make it a success.

On Monday, December 5th we will be having our next initiation with 10 applicants. On Wednesday, December 14th, we will be hosting the AHEPA Christmas dinner at the AHEPA Hall. Remember to save the date as it is always a fun night, with plenty of good food and good friends.

Thank you to all the brothers' hard work during the year and hope everyone has a Happy New Year. – Submitted by Asteris Fanikos



A Message from the President of Camden #69, George Chronakis

It is with distinct pleasure that I am writing this reckoning of events during the hosting of our 80th anniversary convention in

Cherry Hill, this past June 3rd, 4th & 5th.

The weekend began the evening of June 3rd with a cocktail reception and renewal of friendship and brotherhood. The following morning in our day long meeting the outgoing District Governor, our own brother **George G. Horiates Esq.**, addressed the District brothers and the national AHEPA visiting dignitaries. George's message was filled with wisdom and vision for the future of our District, and is good and applicable to our national AHEPA organization. His message, of engaging our membership, expanding it and his mantra of inclusiveness in our Order were taken to heart. We are so proud of our brother George G. Horiates. His leadership, hard work and dedication to the ORDER OF AHEPA is exceptional.

My sincere congratulations go out to my friends Brothers **John Charalabidis** Past President of our Chapter and **Steve Marmarou**, past Secretary, for their hard work, manning the registration table and making the entire weekend run smooth. I would also like to thank and congratulate Brother John Charalabidis Past President of Camden Chapter

#69 for the outstanding leadership and vision in promoting our chapter, and for his efforts.

Our Warden, Brother **Elias Iliades, MD** who is also the President of the Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan area Hellenic Medical Society, made a presentation at the convention concerning health information and remedies important to young and old.

In closing, I would like to congratulate my fellow chapter-elected and appointed officers and I would like to thank each one of you for your continued efforts and help to make the AHEPA the preeminent organization in Camden County and in the Philadelphia region. Furthermore, I declare that our energy will be spent in increasing our membership in our chapter and district. Our efforts and hard work for this coming fall and winter should be on "overdrive" in exceeding expectations and continuing to vastly improve the membership results of last year. We will be hosting a joint initiation with our southern district chapters and the Philadelphia Chapters at AHEPA Hall on October 19, 2011. Both the District 5 and District 4 Lodges have been invited. I am glad to report that Camden #69 has shown a membership increase of 25%, second to only chapter #24 of Boston, as Brother George G. Horiates so eloquently said: Our theme is INCLUSIVENESS! Πάντα Αξίως

Ramapo Attends Greek Film Festival, Initiates 10 New Members and more...

It has been a busy time for the brothers of Ramapo #453 of Wyckoff, NJ, with events in each month of the fourth quarter. In October, led by Cultural Chairman Lambros Douchis, the chapter members and their significant others went to the SVA Theatre in New York City to watch the movie *Kanenas/Nobody*. As part of the Greek Film Festival, which aims to establish a presence for Greek films in New York City, the movie was both informative and entertaining. Of course the party afterwards at the restaurant was just as much fun.

November moved right along with the annual AHEPA District 5 Cancer Research Gala at the Pines in Edison. One of the most worthy causes our District funds and our chapter supports. The month ended with the initiation of 10 new members. The new brothers were initiated with the help of our District Secretary, Sammy Thomas and our district staff, which included PDGs Phil Vogis and Ted Vittas.

November went out with brilliance as our own chapter Veteran's Affairs Chairman, Brother, Peter Kyriakoulis presented the meaning as found in the writings of the famous Greek poet Cavafy, as to the meaning of the Battle of Thermopylae. The chapter decided to host a Christmas party for veterans at our community center in the future.

December will truly be the glorious ending to the calendar year. More initiations are scheduled for the month, then on December 20th the AHEPA and DOP gather at the Greek Taverna in Glen Rock for our tradition Christmas dinner.

Xponia polla kala xristouyena
 Chuck Humblis, President
 #453

Garden State #517 Golf Outing Holds 10th Annual Golf Outing

The Order of AHEPA Garden State Chapter #517 held its Tenth Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, September 27th at the Pebble Creek Golf Club in Colts Neck, New Jersey. I am pleased to report that the event was an overwhelming success!

The proceeds from this event will enable our Chapter to continue its support of charities such as Ronald McDonald House, AHEPA Cancer Research Fund of the Fifth District, AHEPA Scholarship Fund, Saint Basil's Academy as well as numerous local charities and philanthropic organizations.

Garden State Chapter #517 is grateful for the support of our many sponsors, including our District Governor and other members of our District Lodge, the golfers, and our chapter membership, without whom successful events such as this would not be possible.
 submitted by Robert Fourniades-President





An Eagle Ceremony was held at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ for John Cuyulis, Yianni Dongaris, Harry Economos, Nicholas Hilaris and James Millas Russo. The Eagle Award is scouting's highest award, having leadership and multiple outdoor skills. Officers of the Bergen Knights #285 were on hand to honor the new Eagle Scouts as part of the ceremony.

The Bergen Knights #285 Celebrate Their 80th Anniversary in 2012

The AHEPA Bergen Knights Chapter #285 of Tenafly, NJ continues its support of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility and Family and Individual Excellence. This coming year is our Chapter's 80th Anniversary. We are proud to be celebrating this milestone and look forward to having a celebration at our Gala in May of 2012. We plan on having local & church dignitaries, chapter members and families. We are also honored to be recognized this year at the Tenafly, St. John the Theologian Cathedral Ball in January, 2012 for our 80 years of existence and service. We thank the Cathedral for this recognition.

Our next major fundraisers, which are in support of our Educational Scholarships, are the Super Bowl Party and the Texas Holdem Fundraiser. The Super Bowl Party takes place in the St. John the Theologian Fellowship Hall on Sunday Feb. 5th. We will be serving food, drinks and of course we have our Super Bowl Pool. We watch the game projected on the big screen in the company of our fellow Ahepans, families and guests. So, please hold the date.

On Thursday, February 16th, we have our Annual Texas Hold em Tournament, which will be at the Tenafly Elks Club at 7 p.m.. Bring your best Poker face and game!! Both events raise funds for our Annual AHEPA Bergen Knights Scholarship.

As part of our philanthropic efforts, we will be serving a meal to 120 needy individuals in the Hackensack area at the Bergen County Family Promise Center on Sunday, April 1st. We are pleased to be able to sponsor this event. If any individuals or organizations want to contribute to the supplies for this event, please contact our President, Michael Bonanos at michaelbonanos@verizon.net

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of every month at St. John the Theologian Cathedral in Tenafly, NJ. We welcome any new members who support our ideals. – Submitted by Michael Bonanos, President

A Retrospective of the Monroe Chapter #75

In 1974 the Monroe Chapter #75 delegation went to Washington DC to Honor the US Congress and their respective district representatives. The bus stopped at Stewart's Root Beer stand to pick up additional Ahepans and Daughters heading to DC. A great day for AHEPA and the members.



Eagle Rock #375 Raises \$3K for the AHEPA Bone Marrow Registry

The Eagle Rock chapter #375 of Orange, NJ completed a successful canister campaign which raised a total of \$3,069.21 for the AHEPA Bone Marrow Registry. Chris Moustakis, Cannister Chairman presented AHEPA Marrow with a check for \$1,387.02 which completed the chapter's final installment for 2011.

In an acknowledgement letter to the chapter Past Chairman Angelo Pantages wrote, "The chapter donation has helped AHEPA Marrow to establish an on-line recruitment effort. A potential donor is able to complete the consent form on line. After our medical people review it, he is sent a kit, which, after completing his own test, is then returned

so that he can be placed on our database as a potential bone marrow/stem cell donor. All of this is at no cost to the donor. The monies collected through our canister program have enabled us to fund this very important effort."

The diners that participated in the fund canister program are the Broadway, Brookside, Eagle Rock, Greek Store, Livingston, Park Place, Prestige, Sunset, Versaille, and Whippany.

To be a donor or learn more about the registry visit their web site www.ahepamarrow.org.

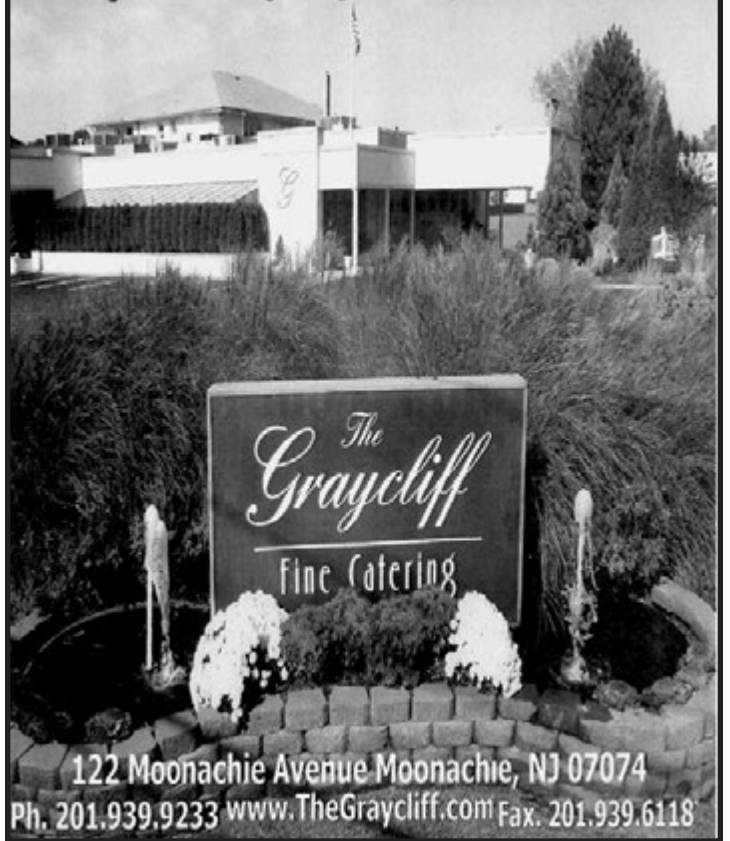
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Daughters of Altes Chapter at the Chapter Gift Auction

The Sisters of Altes #163 in Trenton started the year off with a joint installation of officers with the Ahepans. In October, we hosted our annual Gift Auction, which was a huge success. The annual Auction serves as a major fundraiser for our chapter. From this event, donations benefit our local chapter scholarship, our local parish pastor's wish list, a local county nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for women and their families, national charities for Cystic Fibrosis, Saint Jude's, and global organizations like Heifer International.

Our chapter continues our fundraising efforts with our second annual Christmas wreath, living tabletop tree, and evergreen centerpiece sale. This year we are also selling Orthodox Cross Christmas Ornaments and Taki the Talking Greek OPA Teddy Bear.



Holiday Sales, pictured, left to right, Jane Allen, Dina Fanikos, Callie Muzithras, District Secretary Marcella Calagias, Selma Firestone, Past District Governor Joyce Allen, Marsha Megariotis, Mary Vassiliou, Christina Harvey, Marguerite Arabatzis, Dorothy Balalis

Taki has already proven to be a popular gift for the grandchildren.

Enjoying the success of our fundraising

efforts, after our October General Meeting we enjoyed the presentation of "Stress Management through Laughter" where we learned that "laughter is the best medicine."

At our November 17 general meeting we initiated new member Aphrodite Georgiou, and welcomed back Katherine Contor. Afterward the meeting, we were treated to the music of ragtime blues guitarist Karl Dentino.

On December 8th, at Paulie's Anna Rose in Ewing, we will celebrate our Past President, Karen Knicos, and honor 25-year members Anne Blazakis and Dessy Stoumpas. We also collect toiletries and holiday gifts for Womanspace.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas holiday and a healthy and happy New Year!

- Submitted by Dina Fanikos, Chapter President

Christmas Greetings!

The Daughters of Alexander #250 wish the AHEPA Family of District #5 a Merry Christmas and an New Year of Peace, Hope, and Prosperity.

-Anna Zavros, President

Blessed Christmas to the AHEPA Family of District #5!

-Marion Economo, PDG-DOP

Wishing all our sisters, brothers and their families a very Merry Christmas and peaceful and prosperous new year 2012.

-Daughters of Penelope Icarus #48 Jersey City, NJ

Sisters, brother and families of District #5, Merry Christmas and a year of prosperity and peace in 2012.

-Evelyn Vardakis, PDG

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year 2012.

-Penelope Capetan, PDG

Helping to Build Hope



On Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Graycliff Caterers, Daughters of Penelope Icarus #48 sponsored a luncheon fundraiser for the Reed Academy for children with autism. Our sincerest thank you to all the sponsors who donated money and made this a profitable event. Also our thank you to the following Daughters and AHEPA Chapters whose concern and attendance made this affair enjoyable and profitable:

Holmdel ~ Jersey City ~ Randolph ~ Wyckoff

Bless you and happy holidays to you and your families.

Yours in Theta Pi,
Evelyn Vardakis, President,
officers, and members of
Icarus #48

Agape Chapter #336 Support Shelter Our Sisters

Winter is upon us and everyone is making special arrangements for the Holiday Season. Now is the time to give special thought to those less fortunate than ourselves. The Daughters have started their annual collection for Shelter Our Sisters. SOS is an agency for victims of domestic violence. This agency provides housing, emotional support and focuses on empowerment and self sufficiency for women and their children. Anyone interested in making a donation please contact Connie Vogis: kanaki@yahoo.com or me: angiehaji@aol.com. Our Christmas Raffle is well under way. Money raised from this fundraiser goes to support the many charities that the Daughters support throughout the year. The drawing took place on Sunday, December 11th at the St. Nicholas Parish Center in Wyckoff.

The Daughters had a visit from District Governor Karen Marousis. Karen joined us as we conducted our Chapter meeting and celebrated our Sisterhood with a delicious meal provided by the Sisters.

The Daughters of Penelope and Saint Nicholas Philoptochos are celebrating their bond of friendship at a joint Christmas Party at the Bacari Grill. We anticipate a wonderful and fun time. The Daughters and Brother Ahepans will also be celebrating their bonds with a wonderful dinner at the Greek Taverna in Glen Rock.

The Daughters of Penelope of Agape Chapter would like to extend to you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful and healthy New Year! – Submitted by President Angela Hadjierou

100 Years Young!



Helen Apostolos Celebrates 100th Birthday

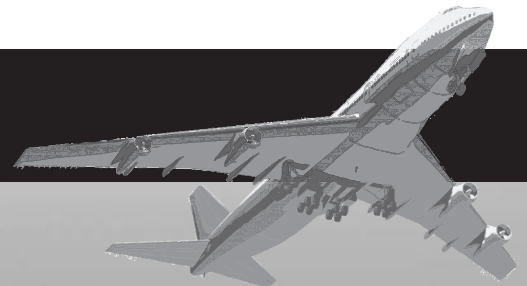
On November 24, 2011, Thanksgiving Day Sister Helen Apostolos of the 5th District Daughters of Penelope Trenton Chapter Altes #163 celebrated her 100th birthday. In celebration of this milestone, Sister Helen received more than 100 Birthday cards of good wishes!

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The "E" in AHEPA Stands for Education!

There are so many programs for our young people to take advantage of to further their education and their knowledge of Hellenism. Thanks to AHEPA there are numerous scholarships and schools to attend. Below are just some of the programs to take advantage of in the coming months.

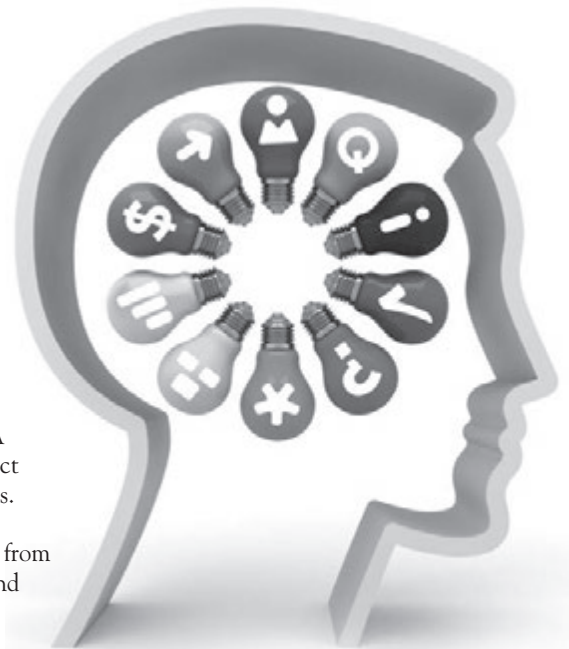
DISTRICT 5 SCHOLARSHIPS – Each year the district awards five scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$1,500. The scholarships come from the \$4 per member that is assessed as part of the dues each member pays. The scholarships are for graduating high school seniors who will be attending college in the fall. Awards are given based on merit. Applicants must be the child of an Ahepan who has been a member for a minimum of 3 years. The deadline for applying is April 1st and must be endorsed by the local chapter. Applications are available from your Chapter Secretary.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarships are also available from our national AHEPA Educational Foundation. Check the AHEPA national website at www.ahepa.org, then select "Programs" and "Education & Scholarships" from the menu for qualifications and deadlines.

JOURNEY TO GREECE – This is a trip to Greece for college students. Students travel to Athens to take courses on Greek language, history and culture. It is an accredited program from Indianapolis University. There is also an optional leg of the trip to Cyprus. Applications and deadlines can be found on the national AHEPA website, <http://www.ahepa.org/journey/>.

AHEPA ACADEMY – This program is for high school juniors. It is a networking and mentoring program sponsored by AHEPA's District 3. It has traditionally been held in June at George Mason University in Virginia. Numerous trips to Washington DC are included. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.ahepacademy.com/>

CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS – Most chapters have their own chapter scholarships. If you are lucky enough to belong to a chapter that has one, see your chapter officers for the details. Each year AHEPA awards hundreds of thousands of scholarship from the more than 525 chapters in the AHEPA domain.



March 31st & April 1st, 2012 for the 21st Hermes Expo 25th Year

Hermes Expo International is known for its prestigious networking forum, premier brand-exposure, and distinguished participants. The forum comprising the Hermes Expo will take place over the course of three days and will include networking events, seminars, and an exhibition showcasing products and services from various industries. Professionals and companies have entrusted and utilized this platform for the expansion and advancement of their business.

- On **March 29th, 2012**, KICK OFF EVENT: Taste of Greece (Food & Wine Tasting) @ Manhattan's Radisson Hotel (32nd street and Broadway) from 1-8 p.m.
- On **March 30th, 2012**, Hermes Expo in cooperation with LeBow College of Business are hosting a Technological Seminar at Drexel University, Philadelphia PA.
- On **March 31st & April 1st, 2012**, Hermes Expo International at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, NJ.

Visit the www.hermesexpo.com and pre-register for any of the events. Free admission with your online pre-registration or \$10 at the Door.

Dear AHEPA Family and friends,

We invite the entire AHEPA Family of District #5 of New Jersey and Delaware to join us.

Please make every effort to take part and support this Parade, as of course, you have done in the past.

Sincerely,

Elias Tsekerides
President
Federation of Hellenic
Societies of Greater
New York



AHEPA Helps to Celebrate the 191st Anniversary of Greek Independence in Philadelphia on Sunday, March 18th

The District Five Lodge is one of the greatest supporters of the evergrowing Greek Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia. This year is no different as District Warden Dimitrios Rozanitis was unanimously elected as the President of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley. On behalf of all Greek Americans, Greek Orthodox Church communities and Hellenic Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley, we proudly announce a unanimous selection for Grand Marshall of the 2012 Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade, scheduled for March 18, 2012.

Mr. Rozanitis continues the proud AHEPA ties to the event in continuing to involve both district 5 with Pennsylvania's district 4. "It is interesting to note that John Kamb, a lifelong AHEPAN and community leader in Philadelphia, is the District Governor of Pennsylvania's district 4 lodge. We have seen the great spirit of cooperation between our districts continue already this year as our own District Governor Savas Tsvicos was able to assist in a joint mid east regional mass initiation in Cherry Hill involving both districts with close to 100 brothers present."

This year our District Warden and Federation President Rozanitis has elected to use THE AHEPA VOICE to make the



first initial public announcement of the 2012 Grand Marshall. "We have selected Dr. Spiros Spireas, of Trenton Chapter 72 as the 2012 Grand Marshall! The honor of Grand Marshall is the highest honor afforded by the Philadelphia Federation and is given in honor of this AHEPAN'S works as a prominent business person, his efforts on behalf of his community, Metropolis and unwavering support of Hellenic issues. However, it is also an honor given due to his support of AHI as Brother Spireas serves as the chair of it's Board of Directors."

A sampling of recent Past Grand Marshalls range from philanthropists Nick and Athena Karabots, television weather anchor John Bolaris, AHEPA Supreme President Nick Karacostas to former United States Congress representative Zack Space.

The Philadelphia Federation wishes not only to honor fellow brother AHEPAN Dr. Spireas, but to highlight the works of the American Hellenic Institute. To that end, Mr.

Rozanitis has named as Honorary Marshalls Mr. Nick Larigakis and Mr. Eugene Rossides. "Our goal is to highlight the good works of the Institute and to encourage others to support AHI as well. That is after all one of our sworn to goals as AHEPANS."

Although the itinerary has not been set, we are tentatively planning a pre-parade reception in honor of this AHEPAN'S works on Saturday evening March 17, 2012 in Philadelphia. Other events will also be planned but have not yet been determined.

On behalf of all of the AHEPANS of district five, we congratulate Dr. Spireas and Mr. Rozanitis in extending this honor not only to someone local to our area but also as we have gotten to know the people they are over the past many years.

District Warden Rozanitis hopes to see all of you attend the parade and reception again next year. He concluded his remarks by stating "The best part of our efforts as AHEPA is to highlight and promote Hellenism. It is a lifelong labor of love. This is the first time that AHI, through it's chair, is being honored in this fashion. It is a tribute to the man behind the title and indeed a tribute to the American Hellenic Institute. Ultimately, this is the greatest part of being an AHEPAN."

We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia on March 18, 2012.



Did you know about the Paideia Projects?

Approximately eight years ago, a group of professors, including Dr. George Kourvetaris, started a program at Northern Illinois University known as Paideia Projects. This program has as its mission the production and dissemination of DVDs on the many contributions of Ancient Greece to world civilization. Seven DVDs have been produced thus far, on such topics and themes as democracy, freedom, the Founding Fathers, mythology, drama, music, and the Classics. This is an excellent educational program which promotes Hellenism.

The *AHEPA Voice* urges all members of the AHEPA family and all chapters to obtain this set of DVDs and place them in their personal libraries, as well as their local public and university libraries. The entire set may be purchased for \$200, which includes postage and handling. Please make checks out to *Paideia Projects*, and mail to *Paideia Projects*, 200 N. Betty Lane, Apt. 3A, Clearwater, FL 33755. For more information, please visit *Paideia Projects* website at www.paideiaprojects.com.



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AHEPA Leadership from Three Metropolitan Area Districts Unite In Fund Drive For Cosmos FM

In an unprecedented act of inter-district cooperation, representatives from the three New York Metropolitan AHEPA Districts: #5 (NJ & DE), #6 (NY) and #7 (CT) attended the studios of Cosmos FM Radio 91.5 to support in the fund raising effort of the public radio station. The broadcast was on Sunday afternoon, November 20th. Governor of District #5 Savas Tsivicos joined with New York Governor Chris Gallis and Emmanuel Moshovos of Connecticut. Also in attendance was Supreme Governor of Region #4 Nick Nikas and Past District Governor of District #5 Phil Vogis.

Cosmos FM would like to thank all those Ahepans who phoned in with their pledges and supported the drive to keep the radio program on the air. Ms Ioanna Giannopoulos, Director of Operations for Cosmos FM issued the following statement, "All of us at Cosmos FM are honored that we provided the opportunity for AHEPA to inform our audience of the uniquely important activities of your chapters and that of the AHEPA nationally. We value the efforts made by the Order to disseminate our Hellenic culture and heritage in the Diaspora. We look forward to continuing and expanding our collaboration between our two institutions in the future."

The radio program transmits on WNYE-FM in New York and offers a daily bi-lingual program with 13 hours of air time per week. As a public radio station it operates commercial free and is supported by contributions from its more than 5,000 supporters. To contribute to the program visit their web site at www.gaepis.org/pages/support.

Look Ahead With the New Horizons

Brothers of the 5th District,

As Chairman, of the New Horizons Party of New Jersey and Delaware, I think it is time to enlighten many of you who don't understand AHEPA politics. When you have two groups with different opinions on how to get something done; you have politics. Like all other organizations, AHEPA has its own politics that makes us more democratic and keeps us striving to support our members, our churches, communities, the USA and Greece

AHEPA has been political, since its inception in 1922; not bad, for 90years of politics!

Every year at our national convention our delegates, from the U.S., Canada and other parts of the globe, elect our leadership, get reports from various national committees, they vote on by-laws to our constitution. They come back after making new friends and getting new ideas from throughout the AHEPA domain that help lubricate the wheels of AHEPA and its chapters. That type of interaction has contributed to AHEPA's influence and longevity.

The mission of the New Horizons Party of New Jersey/Delaware is to support its delegates, initiate and formulate programs which advocate the mission of the Order of AHEPA. The mission of the Order of AHEPA is to promote Hellenism, education, civic participation, family and individual excellence.

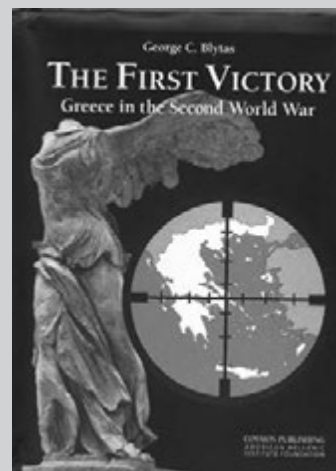
It is very important, for all chapter officers to apprise their members of the need to be up to date with their dues. Headquarters requires all chapters to report paid up membership by December 31st of the current year. The number of delegates that each chapter can send to the National Convention is determined by the number of paid up members.

I am asking all of our Brothers to be up to date with their dues and to volunteer to become delegates or alternates to the National Convention. It is important for the District to send a large delegation to the convention in Las Vegas, to support New Horizons and 5th District candidates.

PAY YOUR DUES, BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 20011!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
CHAPTER OFFICERS MUST MAKE SURE THAT IT HAPPENS!

Fraternally,

Tom Pappas PSG
Chairman, New Horizons, New Jersey/Delaware



Last month we reviewed the book "The First Victory" by George Blytas. By special arrangement, the book seller GreeceInPrint.com has informed us that if you buy the book through them, they will donate 30% of the purchase price to the AHEPA Cultural Commission. To take advantage of this offer, you may call them at 201-666-7374, email them at info@greeceinprint.com. You must mention the promotion code, "AHEPA1922". You can browse the book and other titles at greeceinprint.com. The cost of the book is \$39.99.

Spotlight on the Supporters of the Kids of St. Basils Academy

This year the District Lodge, under the leadership of Governor Savas Tsivicos, decided to do something extra for the children of St Basils Academy. Instead of buying a gift card for each of the 21 children, the money raised by our VP of Philanthropy, Bill Harrison and the rest of the District Lodge, would be used to treat the children to a dinner and a Broadway show.

As of this writing, we would like to acknowledge the participation of the following chapters to the fund drive.

- Bergen Knights #285, Tenafly
- Camden #69, Cherry Hill
- Eagle Rock #375, Orange
- Eureka #52, Union
- Garden State #517, Holmdel
- Hudson #108, Jersey City
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- Morris County #300, Randolph
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- South Jersey #162, Vineland, NJ
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Dear Brothers:

I would like to send you my resounding congratulations on the beautifully done Fall 2011 issue of the AHEPA Voice. I can clearly see that the award you received at the National Convention was certainly well deserved.

As you know, I no longer live in New Jersey and, therefore, I do not regularly receive the AHEPA Voice when it is published. But recently, thanks to Brother Phil, I just received this Fall 2011 issue.

Please know that I am an avid reader of many publications throughout the country and I can truly say that your AHEPA Voice publication is absolutely one of the best. It makes me feel so very proud that my beloved Fifth District continues to be one of the leading districts in the country. Certainly with this beautifully done publication of the AHEPA Voice, coupled with the National Award will let everyone know the many achievements of our District.

Keep up the good work and please accept my sincere congratulations on a job well done.

Fraternaly yours,

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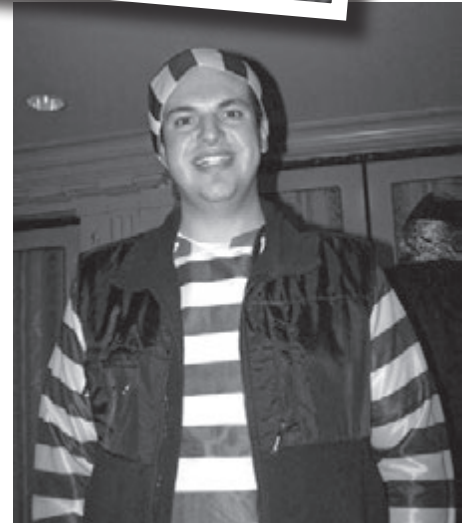
Greetings
from the District #5
Lieutenant Governor
Bill Harrison

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*

Sons and Maids Hold Halloween Party



On Friday evening October 28th the Sons of Pericles District Lodge held a Halloween party at the Brownstone in Paterson. The event brought together ghouls and goblins from as far as Montreal, Canada, Connecticut and Albany. Attending the event was the Sons Supreme President Manolis Sfinarolakis (pictured here as jailbird).



Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, Manolis Sfinarolakis



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Peter Coroneos, Peter (Pericles) C., age 91, of Nutley formerly of Fort Lee, Emerson and Astoria, on September 27, 2011. He was born in Nisyros, Greece and was the Owner of Blue Dolphin Restaurant, Livingston, NJ. A member of the AHEPA Bergen Knights #285 of Tenafly and the Gnomagoras Nisyrian Society. Beloved husband of the late Fotika Coroneos. Devoted father of Georgette Mandarakas and her husband Adam and Christopher Coroneos, PDG and his wife Dimitra.

and Mrs. Kress joined the "Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100," a philanthropic organization of the church who financially assists the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and its Institutions.

Pearl Livanis, Pearl Livanis passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at the Masonic Home in Burlington, N.J.

Born in Atlas, Pa. on Oct. 18, 1932, she was the daughter of Simon and Pearl Solomon. She was a graduate of Mt Carmel Township High School, and attended Susquehanna University. She went on to the University of Pennsylvania graduating in 1955 as a physical therapist. Mrs. Livanis moved to New York where she worked for a number of years as a physical therapist at Cornell University Hospital for Special Surgery, and the French Hospital, both in New York, N.Y.

She met and married her husband of 43 years Spiros Philip Livanis in 1968. They were married in St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Trenton and resided in Bordentown, a town she loved dearly, and where she had many friends. Pearl was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, and a member of the Daughters of Penelope, Philoptochos Society, and Senior Citizens Club. She was also a member of the Bordentown Community Concert and served as secretary and co-president, a duty she loved. Pearl was also a member of St. Vladimir's Church in Trenton, where she sang in the choir, and was a devoted member of the Senior R Club. Pearl's hobby was tending to her flowers and plants.



Steve Nicholas "Stavros" Fafalios, Brother Stavros (Steve) Fafalios, one of the most esteemed and loved brothers of our Chapter #95 passed on to eternal life on October 1, 2011 due to natural causes at the age of 91.

Brother Steve was initiated into the order of AHEPA in 1946 and served our Chapter in all the Officers positions including that of the Past President in 1960.

Steve came to the United States in 1940 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Maria Zahos and moved to the city of Wilmington in 1944, where he opened his first business, Steven's Lunch. In 1949 he and Maria opened Calavrita Importing Company and served a diverse community of clientele for 54 years. He had one of the oldest surviving businesses in the city. He was well known for his foods, his broad smile and warm greetings to customers whom he knew by name. He was a hard working man, who served his church, and Greek and American community's with the same passion he had for life.



Thomas Kress, (January 24, 1920 - December 4, 2011) Thomas Kress of Edison died Sunday, December 4, 2011, at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison. Born in Perth Amboy he lived in Edison most of his life. He attended grade and high school in Perth Amboy. He was a Staff Sergeant during WWII, serving in the US Army. He owned and operated the Edison Motor Lodge in Edison for many years until his retirement. In

1967, Tom married Sylvia Govostis from Boston, MA.

Brother Kress was also a long-standing member of The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) and served as Chapter President of the Perth Amboy Chapter and Supreme Governor of New Jersey. In the past few years, he was a member of the Jefferson Chapter of The Holy Trinity Church in Westfield. Tom was a member of many committees such as the Church maintenance, building fund, festival, Church services, Tom was a life-long member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy. He was elected to the Parish Council and served in various capacities including Secretary, Vice President and three terms as President. In 1996, he was made an Archon of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle by His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomue. He was installed to the Order by His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of America. This is the highest award bestowed to a layman by the Orthodox Church. In 2000, he



Gregory Papalexis—The Hot Dog King, Gregory C. Papalexis of Norwood, whose juicy Sabrett hot dogs are as much a part of the New York City scene as soft pretzels and yellow cabs, died Friday. He was 86.

The baker's son grew up next door to a hot dog factory in upper Manhattan. He received a bachelor of science degree in industrial relations from New York University in 1948, then started in the food business. With a \$2,500 GI loan, Mr. Papalexis bought his father's bankrupt bakery and sold rolls to clients throughout New York City. He made deliveries in a Cadillac because it had the biggest trunk. He branched into hot dogs and manufactured a pushcart brand called House O' Weenies. He formed Marathon Enterprises in 1964 and acquired a series of competitors, including Sabrett Food Products in 1989.

Mr. Papalexis, a 43-year resident of Bergen County, was a benefactor of Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, and was bestowed the title of Archon Exarchos for his service and philanthropy. He was a member of the Ramapo Chapter #453 of Wyckoff, NJ.



Dorteia Polychronis (Gacos), age 89, a lifelong resident of Jersey City, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2011. She was a lifelong parishioner of Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church, and also devoted member of many organizations including: Philoptochos 'St. Anna', Eastern Star, Daughters of Penelope

Dean Chris Polychronis; devoted sister of Sophocles and wife Olga Gacos and the late Peter and John Gacos; and dear aunt to many nieces and nephews.



Anthony C. "Tony" Skoutelas, headmaster of Greek-focused Odyssey Charter School dies at 47. Born in Chester, PA, Mr. Skoutelas lived in Havertown prior to moving to his late residence eleven years ago. Tony was a graduate of Council Rock High School in Newtown, PA, he received a B.S. Degree in Business from Villanova University, a Law Degree from Seton Hall

Law School, his Teaching Certification from West Chester University and his Principal Certification from Penn State University. He was one of the founding members and Head Master of Odyssey Charter School in Wilmington for the past six years and previously worked in the Wissahickon School District.

Mr. Skoutelas was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church where he served on the Church Council. He was also a member of Ahepa Wilmington Chapter #95 and several other professional and community organizations. He was an avid college sports fan, especially Penn State Football and Villanova Basketball. Tony enjoyed running but most important was his devotion to his family.

Survivors include his loving wife of 18 years of L. Daphne Yiannos Skoutelas; devoted father of Panos Anthony Skoutelas, Charissa Martha Skoutelas and Ariana Voula Skoutelas; son of Peter and Harriet Eliades Skoutelas.



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