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## Message from the Editor

# Lee J. Millas

### Editorial Comment: Isn't it About Time?

Us "Old Timers" have seen many things, done many things and have been many places in our years in Ahepa. One thing that we have never seen or ever participated in .....Is a **Supreme Convention** hosted in our own District #5, New Jersey/Delaware.

Amazingly, just about every state around us has had that honor including New York, Pennsylvania, Mass.. Maryland, Washington, DC, even, believe it or not, Rhode Island. So that very important question remains, "Why not us"?

There were several reasons why New Jersey was "overlooked" in the past but there is no reason to go over them.....that was then, this is now and now is the time to seriously promote the possibility of having a Supreme Convention right here in our home District and show the Ahepa Domain exactly what we have to offer.

On a national level, District #5 is considered one of the finest and actually, I personally cannot consider any other district better. Our history proudly reflects three Supreme Presidents, all of which individually established themselves among the great leaders of our order in John G. Thevos, William G. Chirgotis, and Xenophone Microutsicos and also several Grand Presidents of the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena. How many other Districts can claim as much. And as you all know, presently we have no less than four District 5 Ahepans serving as elected officers on the Supreme Lodge and Board of Trustees which includes the Supreme Vice President of Ahepa and the Supreme Vice President of the Sons of Pericles.

Yes I believe the New Jersey/Delaware District 5 has much to offer. A Cancer Foundation that is one of the Greatest projects in Ahepa. A Charter School in Delaware that stands alone in its' success. Even this Ahepa Voice Publication wins the best publication award year in and year out.

Its' time to show the Ahepa domain what we have. Next summer (2016) we go to the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada followed by Disney World (2017) at the Yacht Club Hotel. Why can't we be next.....2018 in Atlantic City. And for those who don't know, they have one of the finest convention facilities in the East.

Let's hear your support. Isn't it About Time!!!!

Lee J. Millas, Editor



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## Message from Our District Governor

# Asteris J. Fanikos

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my honor and privilege to address you as District Governor for the first time, I would like to thank you all for your support and vote of confidence in my election to District Governor at the past District Convention held in Piscataway. It is an extreme privilege and I will strive to do my best and do bring honor to the Order.

I would also like to thank Past District Governor Stanley Gerondelis for his service and extend him best wishes. I would like to thank the brothers of the Monroe Chapter for hosting the District Convention this past June. I hope that the Trenton Chapter will do such an excellent job in 2016.

I extend best wishes to the new District 5 Lodge of Lt. Gov. George Petrakakis, Secretary Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, Treasurer Jimmy Rozanitis, Marshall Steven Marmarou, Warden George Pappas and SOP Advisor Ted Vitas. As well as the DOP District Lodge of District Governor Karen Knicos, Lt. Gov. Isa Velez, Secretary Dina Fanikos and Marshal Joanne Szela.

I would also like to bring news from the National Convention held this past July in San Francisco. Congratulations to the brothers from our District who serve or concluded their service on the national level. Thanks to PSG Phil Vogis for his service as Supreme Governor and his constant dedication. As well as the members of the National Board of Trustees: Vassos Chrysanthou and Lee Millas who tirelessly promote our causes. Moreover, I am happy to report of the election to Supreme Vice President Andrew Zachariades and Supreme Counselor George Horiates. Axios to all!

On the local level, I look forward to all the activities and events of our District and for everyone to work for the betterment of the Order of AHEPA and our communities. As we have come together for a variety of issues we will continue to stand together. We need to continue our traditions and remember our history and heritage, lest we forget them. We need to promote the brotherhood and show why it is essential to be a member. We need to focus on bringing in new brothers and show our community what we are all about. Throughout the year we will have events and must not lose any opportunity to bring in our relatives and friends to such events in order that they may join our fraternity as brothers. We miss our potential in simply not opening our doors to potential brothers.

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We must continue to be examples for our community. Among the various chapters and their projects, be it the Cancer Foundation, our seminars, our scholarships, we always strive to do what is best for the community. As brothers we are the backbone of our community with a variety of issues, be it through the parish council, our assistance to the Church, festival fundraisers among such issues. When someone sees what we accomplish and how hard we work to make the community a better place, it encourages new members to inquire about our organization and want to join, Action and results dictates. Words alone do not.

There are a lot of events being planned for the new year and am especially looking forward to them all. We are in the process of planning our two District workshops and hope for the Fall workshop to be held jointly with the Daughters of Penelope.

We also are happy to report that Wildwood Weekend returns and is scheduled for October 2nd - 4th. We ask the chapters to support this event and the revitalization of same. It promises to be a fun time and invite you to beautiful Wildwood for the event with dinner and dancing.

In addition, the Hudson County Chapter 108 in conjunction with the District will be hosting an event on Saturday, October 31st that commemorates the 75th anniversary of Oxi Day. The event will be held at beautiful Liberty State Park in Jersey City with a view of the Statue of Liberty. The event will have speakers and dignitaries recognizing the Greek resistance and heroism with a flag raising ceremony. It is anticipated that the Governor, the Mayor of Jersey City and other dignitaries will be in attendance. This will be followed by a 5K run (or walk) and a family picnic. Additional details to follow.

We must also continue our support for the Cancer Foundation as it marches towards a million. The Cancer Gala is set for November 7th at the Pines Manor, so please save the date and attend. Over so many years it has raised a tremendous amount of funds for the research of a cure. Please continue your support and assistance to this great foundation and its cause. Let us continue our fundraising

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## *Message from the Business Manager*

# **Philip Vogis**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my pleasure to report to the entire AHEPA Family that this year, the AHEPA Voice magazine has received the Second prize AWARD from the National Publications Board at the Supreme Convention in San Francisco California. It is a great honor for our magazine to be one of the top magazines in the AHEPA Domain. I would like to THANK all the chapters for sharing their chapter news with the AHEPA Domain. We look forward to another great year, that District #5 NJ/DE can be proud on its accomplishments. I would like to thank Brother Lee Millas PDG Editor, and our publication board for their support in making our magazine a first class reading publication. Please continue to submit your chapter articles to the editor for inclusion in our future magazines. I would like to wish everyone a great AHEPA Year.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all the brothers in Districts 5 and 6 for the warm reception they have given me during my visitations to their chapters as the Supreme Governor Region 3 New York, New Jersey and Delaware,

Fraternally,

Brother Philip Vogis PSG Region 3

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support, the canister drives and all our efforts from all the chapters to combat this dreaded disease.

Our District will continue to support through its chapters the children at the St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York. Through your generosity, we hope again to purchase and present gift cards for the children. The St. Basil Christmas pageant itself is a wonderful event and I encourage everyone to attend and share in the holiday spirit.

We must also continue to strive to emulate and replicate Wilmington's Odyssey Charter School and bring it to New Jersey. There have been past efforts but we must reinvigorate them as this school is one of the brotherhood's stellar accomplishments that is unparalleled throughout the nation. We need to educate Greeks and non-Greeks our issues and strive to have as many philhellenes as possible committed to our causes.

I look forward to visiting the chapters in New Jersey and Delaware and in meeting and talking with my fellow brothers. I look forward in discussing with my fellow brothers ways to increase our membership and to make the Order of AHEPA better than we found it. My door is always open and if anyone ever needs me in any capacity, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the lodge as we should all attempt to help one another.

In closing, we must offer benefits to the brothers and the youth; and continue to satisfy our mission and mandate. We must never be content to rest on our laurels and continue our traditions and be proud of this great brotherhood. Best wishes to the District Lodges and to all the chapters and may we have a successful year. God bless. Fraternaly,

Asteris J. Fanikos

District Governor — District No. 5

# Ramapo Chapter 453 Update

On May 17, 2015, Ramapo AHEPA Chapter 453 announced the recipients for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tom Pappas Scholarship Award. Both recipients had not only outstanding academic achievements, but also had given their talents to the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Community and to their local communities. Nicholas Savas received a \$2,000 award and Evi Manoussakis received a \$1,000. The Ramapo Chapter honors these two fine high school graduates and wishes them and all students much success in their future endeavors.

On May 20, 2015, Ramapo AHEPA Chapter 453 held its 12 Annual Cigar Smoker Extravaganza Dinner. The traditional fund raiser event was another outstanding success with nearly 500 attendees and raised more than \$75,000 for the Chapter to support its philanthropic mission. This past year the Chapter has given charitable contributions to the District #5 Cancer Foundation, St. Basil's Academy in NY, St. Nicholas Philoptochos, an orphanage in Greece called "The Ark of the World", and the Wyckoff Police Department.

On May 26, 2015, Ramapo AHEPA Chapter 453 held its annual election of officers and is pleased to announce that Brother Jason Fink was elected as President, Brother Paul Goulet was elected as Vice President, and Brother Basil Megariotis was re-elected as Treasurer.

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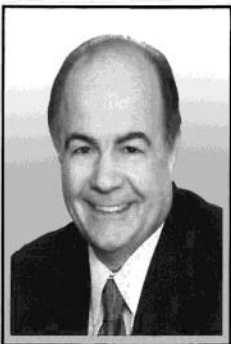


# Trenton Chapter 72 Update



Our chapter is very proud of our very own, Asteris Fanikos, the newly elected District Governor. We look forward to his leadership this year and wish him all best. We are equally proud of our Secretary James Knicos who was awarded the prestigious AHEPAN of the Year Award. We are blessed to have such worthy brothers. In other news we are preparing for our Greek Taverna Days/Nights to be held on September 18th and 19th. Our scholarship fundraising Annual Golf Outing will take place on October 6th and a wonderful celebration to commemorate our 90th anniversary is all set for October 18th at the Merion with entertainment by Atlantis. Please visit our website [ahepachapter72.com](http://ahepachapter72.com) for details on all these exciting events.

We sincerely hope to see you at all of these events.



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# Trenton Chapter 72 Update

## 2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT



On June 25th, Chapter 72 honored all our community's High School and College Graduates as well as a couple of our Greek School graduates. Our Keynote Speaker Brother Peter Stournaras spoke to our graduates about following their passions. This year total scholarships awarded exceeded \$100,000. Pictured above; Our scholarship award winning students with Father James Pavlow, President Dino Demetriou and Keynote speaker Peter Stournaras.



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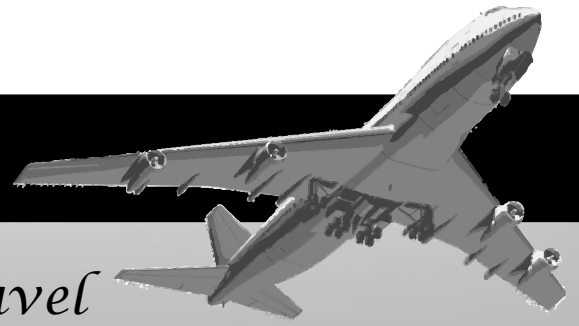
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## AHEPA Remembers 9/11

Dear AHEPA Family,

Fourteen years ago, the very foundation that supports our country and our American values was challenged. Our nation, built on ancient Hellenic principles, stood strong and once again showed the world America's resolve and the unity of its people. The outpouring of support since that fateful morning along with the invincible spirit to renew and rebuild have proved stronger than the devastation we all anguished over and the vile attempt to diminish our ideals.

The connections we have with our neighbors and the responsibilities we accept from our community are what make this country the envy of the world and the greatest nation in history of mankind.

On this very solemn day, we are given the opportunity to reflect upon and appreciate the values that create a just society and a principled state. America stands as a unique beacon of hope for the world to admire and for the wise to emulate. With pride, dignity, perseverance and an unyielding drive to make the future better, we re-built what was lost and mended what could never be destroyed. Through the unprecedented effort of AHEPANS throughout the United States, the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox National Shrine at Ground Zero is reaching for the heavens and is, once again, giving hope to the faithful. AHEPA continues to play a critical role for all Americans and remains a cherished cornerstone of Hellenic Heritage.

With an awareness of Earthly fragility, we are reminded that upholding the virtues of a life well lived is an obligation that must be continually fulfilled. The simple act of caring for the displaced, the less fortunate, the suffering or the grieving, gives us the opportunity to improve the world around us and make our Shining City on a Hill even more indelible. We must never forget the strength that comes from a unified community nor the significance of personal responsibility, what we Greeks know as 'philotimo'. This uniquely Greek concept encourages each of us to live our lives with honor and participate with dedication to divine ideals.

Let us never overlook the Hellenic values which created the benefits we, and western civilization, have enjoyed for millennia. Let us never ignore our responsibilities to our fellow man, our community and our nation. And let us never forget to thank God for the United States of America.

Dr. Zenon Christodoulou  
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# Raritan Chapter Update

## Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288

### Memorial Day Tribute at the City of Perth Amboy War Memorial

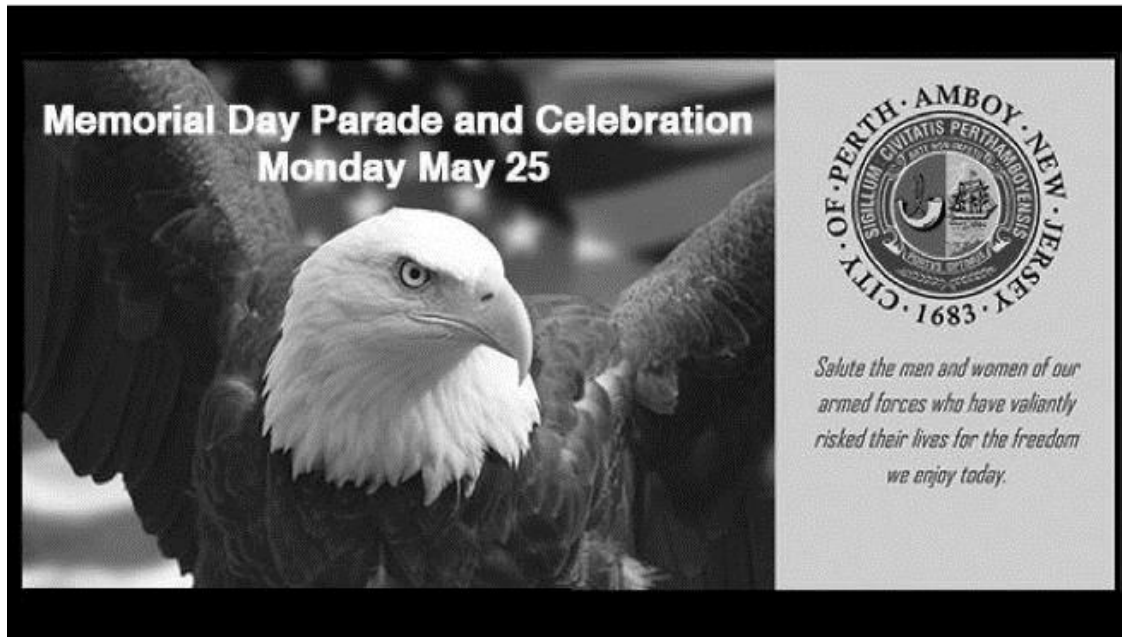
Soon after the chapter was reactivated on March 1, 2015 – the chapter initiated its commitment to honoring all veterans of the local chapter and parish.

Memorial Day 2015 was a very special and memorable day for the Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 and parishioners of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Perth Amboy as the inscription of the names of three soldiers from the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Perth Amboy, who were killed in action during their service in World War 11 were added to the City of Perth Amboy War Memorial ‘Wall of Honor,’ located across the street from the church on the waterfront:

- Thomas Gianos
- Panos Papagoitis
- Michael Tsirmoulas

May their memory be eternal as well as all those who paid the ultimate price for our country and for the freedoms we cherish today.

God Bless all our armed forces personnel and keep them safe.



# Raritan Chapter Update

## Election of Chapter Officers

Many thanks to Piscataway AHEPA Monroe Chapter #75 President Brother John Millas for arranging the June 11<sup>th</sup> first meeting of the Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 at the AHEPA Hall at St. George Church of Piscataway; and to all the Brothers who assisted in setting up the room for a ritualistic meeting; and for your attendance and participation at the meeting, and for manning the various stations.

It was a great evening enjoyed by all, and an opportunity to get to know each other better following the meeting during refreshments; and to strengthen the relationship between the chapters.

Congratulations to the following Perth Amboy AHEPA Chapter members who were elected as Chapter Officers:

- Nickolas Vosinas, President.
- Dimitri Koudis, Vice-President.
- George Vosinas, Secretary.

## Perth Amboy AHEPA Charity Golf Outing

The chapter, under the very qualified leadership of Chapter President Nickolas Vosinas, has hit the ground running and off to a great beginning with the hosting of the first-ever Perth Amboy AHEPA Charity Golf Outing.

The chapter asks that you please  
**'Save the Date' – Sunday, October 11, 2015**  
and support the event. Thank you!

Location: Pine Brook Golf Course in Manalapan, NJ Time: 9am  
(<http://www.pinebrookgolfcourse.com>)

The members wish the entire AHEPA District #5 Family a very successful year!

Respectfully,

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# Morris County Chapter Update

The Morris County Chapter #300 in Randolph, NJ had it's first meeting and installed the new Chapter Officers. The ceremony was officiated by Brother Costas Sedereas Past District Governor and several of the past chapter officers. The newly elected president is Brother Christos Petrou, vice president Brother Tom Borzekas, Secretary Brother Demetri Rosides and Treasurer Brother Peter Tsilios. The Morris County



chapter can be very proud of it's young dynamic chapter officers who are all under 30. The chapter was founded August 12, 1934 and we look forward in celebrating their 100 year anniversary with this young chapter officers.

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## Roseland Chapter Update

A testimonial was held for Brother Jim Vardakis at the Sts Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland NJ to acknowledge Brother Jim's for his year of service to his community and the master organist in the church's choir.

Brother Jim held numerous choir concerts to benefit his community and the NJ metropolitan area. Brother Supreme Governor of Region 3 Phil Vogis presented the AHEPA "Certificate of Recognition" to Brother Jim Vardakis. A reception followed the testimonial event, hosted by the Choir members of the various churches.



## Bergen Knights Chapter Update

AHEPA Bergen Knights Chapter #285 of Tenafly will be having two functions in the autumn. On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show Fundraiser to benefit three needy organizations; The 5<sup>th</sup> District Cancer Research Fund, Alex's Lemonade Stand which benefits a foundation for Childhood Cancer and Habitat for Humanity. All Cars and Motorcycles were welcome [www.BergenKnightsCarShow.com](http://www.BergenKnightsCarShow.com).

On Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter is hosting a Texas Hold'em Fundraiser, to be held next door to our St. John's Cathedral at the JCC of Tenafly. Players and "fans" are welcome with a \$150 and \$50 buy in respectively, with Dinner and Beverages included. An important item is you need to register in advance by October 5<sup>th</sup> to run the event effectively. This will allow us to plan correctly for how many tables to order and guarantee you a spot.

Register and Pay at <http://www.ahepadistrict5.com/texas-holdem-fund-raiser.html>

Information can also be obtained for both events at 5514867489


The Sons of Pericles Patritha Chapter #317 of Wyckoff, NJ participated in a softball game and picnic on Sunday, August 2nd. The event was at Brookside Park in Allendale, NJ.



Pictured are Ted Vittas, Arthur Kominos, Nick Kominos, Nick Apostolou, Chris Mellis, Jason Fink, Jake Paizis, Joe Katsikiotis and Ryan Griffin.

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## Sons of Pericles Alumni Network Elects First Officers

Were you in the Sons of Pericles? Do you remember the glory days of our youth? Well keep connected to your fraternal Brothers by taking part in the new Sons of Pericles Alumni Network. In 2014, the SOP Alumni Network was formed at the Philadelphia District Convention. This year, after a reunion event on Friday night at this year's convention, elections were held and the following Ahepans were elected as the first officers: George Horiates, Bill Harrison, George Petrakakis and Ted Vittas. There are many more positions to be filled, so if you would like to help make the alumni network strong and vibrant, please contact one of the officers. District Sons Advisor Ted Vittas can be contacted at (973) 513-3672 or by email at [sonsofpericles5@gmail.com](mailto:sonsofpericles5@gmail.com).



There is much being planned in the months ahead and we are looking for you to be a part of it. There will be reunion events; the next one is being planned at Wildwood Weekend, which is set for October 2, 3 & 4. There will be Alumni teams entered in all of the future athletic tournaments. The next one is the AHEPA Family District 5 Volleyball Tournament which is tentatively set for November 1st in Wyckoff. It will be a co-ed tournament open to all. We are planning an alumni newsletter with the latest personal news of our alumni.

Finally, we will be looking to help today's Sons of Pericles. We are looking for referrals of youth to join the fraternity, as well as the Maids of Athena. New chapters are already forming. We will be forming an Alumni Think Tank. This will be a brain-storming session of alumni of both the Sons and Maids to develop new ideas on how to reach today's youth and join the Sons and Maids. To find out more about today's Sons of Pericles visit their website at [www.sonsofpericles.com](http://www.sonsofpericles.com)

Do you want to reconnect with your old Greek friends? Are you in a position to help today's Sons and Maids? Then join the Alumni Network by filling out a member profile. Cut and paste this link into your browser <http://tinyurl.com/SOPD5-Alum>. Fill out the member profile and you are part of the Network.

That is the first step. Join us on Facebook by joining the "Sons and Maids Reunion" Facebook Group. Search for the group's name and become a member. You can upload your pictures post your comments and find about our latest events. If you are already a member, tell your friends and ask them to join. Of course Maids of Athena are welcome too.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at future events.

Proud to have been a Son and now a Sons Alumnus!

Submitted by:

Ted Vittas

District 5 Sons Advisor

# The Impossible Dream that Keeps Giving....

By George N. Righos PDG

February 2004 was the first time members of the Wilmington Chapter #95 heard about the impossible dream. A school that provides a superior Hellenic Paideia to our Greek children and children of the Wilmington community, regardless of race, nationality, creed or color.

Plans were then made to dedicate the school to the memory of the pioneers of the Greek community who arrived in Wilmington in the mid 19th century. The community welcomed and embraced the Greeks with open arms. They in turn offered their ingenuity, hard work, and the desire to become part of the community, while they were searching for the American Dream.

The members of Wilmington Chapter #95 having a strong faith in the Dream immediately opened their Chapter's coffers and offered \$69,000 for the creation of the school. It was the whole amount reserved for the chapter's scholarship fund! No more individual scholarship amounts. From now on the Dream, the AHEPA Gift, will be giving in perpetuity!

The school opened its gates for the first time in August of 2006, and 125 children selected through a lottery filled its classrooms. Four sections of Kindergarteners, two sections of First grade and one section of Second grade.

On Monday, August 31, 2015, as the school celebrates its tenth Anniversary, the sounds and voices of 1145 children will fill the 36-acre campus at Barley Mill. The Elementary School has now grown to 48 classrooms with some 550 students and the Middle School building with 600 students in 52 classrooms. And the AHEPA Dream for a top rated school, continues to give.

Year after year the Odyssey students have been displaying an academic strength of knowledge and receive praises for their achievements from the Delaware Department of Education. This continuous student progress over the past ten years can only be attributed to the educational direction of the school which was set initially by the first Principal of Odyssey, the late Brother Anthony Skoutelas. Tony had set the pace of the school and selected teachers of unparalleled professionalism and dedication. A staff that now numbers to 105!

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# Happy 10th Anniversary Odyssey Charter School, The Dream for Hellenic Education still is giving!



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As a result, the school has been recognized continuously since 2007 as one of the top 10 schools in Delaware. In addition to the school's curriculum that is prescribed by the Common Core State Standards, the Greek language is taught daily followed by a class in Mathematics in Greek.

In support of the activities of the school, our Wilmington Chapter #95 for the past nine years has been holding a fundraising event that has been established as a tradition: The AHEPA Annual Olympic 5K Run/Walk.

This year the **AHEPA Annual Olympic 5K Run/Walk** event will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015, in the school Campus, starting at 1:00 pm. The address is:

Odyssey Charter School  
Barley Mill Plaza  
4319 Lancaster Pike  
Wilmington, DE 19807

Please mark the date on your calendar and join us for an exceptional day of fun, bring your whole family at the school. Take part in the 5K Run or walk around the 36 acre School Campus and enjoy the comradery of brother Ahepans, enjoy a complimentary luncheon and refreshments, visit the school buildings. Talk with teachers and staff.

You may also want to assist our Chapter's efforts to support the school's Hellenic Education program with a donation, or take part as a runner, or sponsor. For more details, you may call George Hatzandreou Chapter P.P., at 302-540-1805 or communicate with me at [Rigos7@verizon.net](mailto:Rigos7@verizon.net). Your donation will be greatly appreciated!

***Happy 10th Anniversary Odyssey Charter School.***

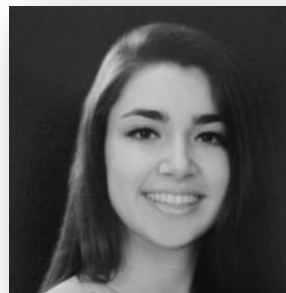
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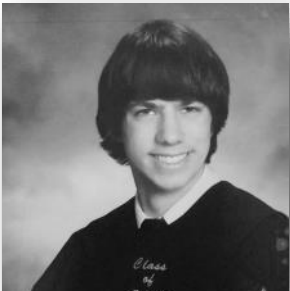
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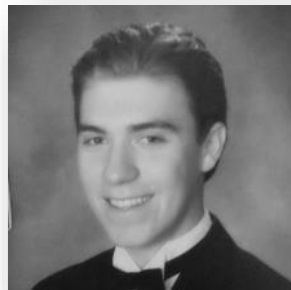
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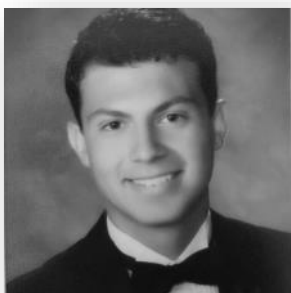


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# Chapter News

The Trenton Chapter No. # 72 hosted its second **Greek Grill & Taverna Night** on

September 18th and 19th on the grounds of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Hamilton, NJ. The chapter held its first one last year that was an overwhelming success.



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# Chapter News



## Chapter #285 Bergen Knights

### 7th Annual Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament Fun Fund-Raiser



Friday, October 16, 2015

6:45 PM Dinner / 7:45 PM Start

(Deadline for Reservations to guarantee a seat is October 5th)

Held at:

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Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament Entry Buy-In of \$150.00 includes  
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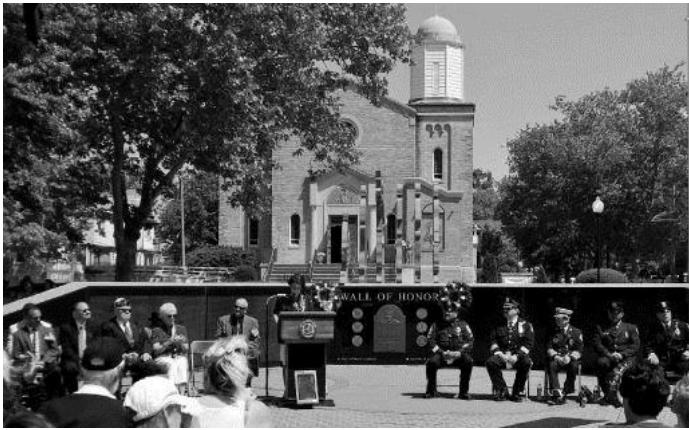
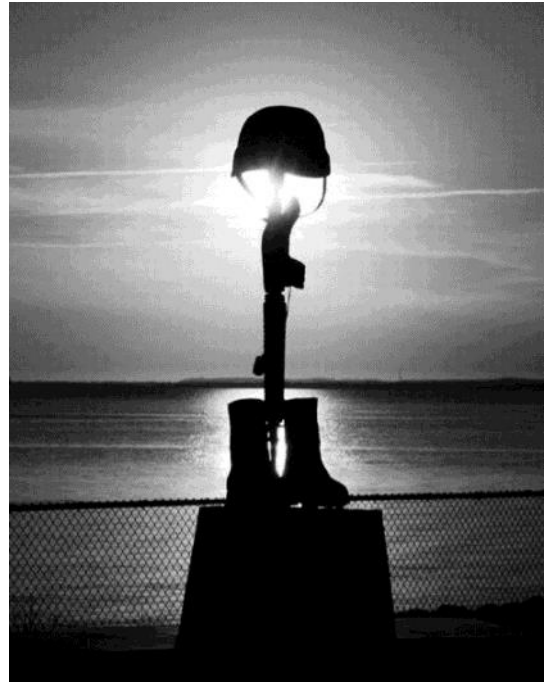
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# Chapter News

## Memorial Day Tribute at the City of Perth Amboy War Memorial Raritan Chapter #288



May their memory be eternal as well as all those who paid the ultimate price for our country and for the freedoms we cherish today.  
God Bless all our armed forces personnel and keep them safe.

# Chapter News

Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288  
**GOLF OUTING**  
11 OCTOBER 2015

Come support the AHEPA Chapter #288 while playing golf! This AHEPA sponsored event will be open to all who wish to support this newly reactivated AHEPA Chapter.

Location: **Pine Brook Golf Course, Manalapan, NJ**

More information will  
be coming soon!

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#### Saturday, October 3rd

8-10:00 a.m. Full Breakfast

After breakfast at your leisure, visit the Boardwalk or enjoy one of the optional activities: Atlantic City casinos or Historic Cape May

6:00 p.m. Fabulous Dinner & Dancing OPA!

#### Sunday, October 4th

8-10:00 a.m. Full Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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# Chapter News

## 2nd Annual Harvest Beer Tasting

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# Chapter News



## District 5 Convention

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# Chapter News



The Wilmington DE chapter #95, this year is sponsoring the 5K run on Saturday September 29, 2015 to raise awareness for the AHEPA Odyssey School in Wilmington DE.

**The Odyssey has grown to over 1000 students from it's conception.**

Ernie Orphanos Memorial AHEPAN Golf Classic hosted by the Gust C. Kraras AHEPA Chapter #61 of Reading / Berks County, PA Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>



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# Chapter News



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# Heartfelt Thank Yous

## AHEPAcademy

### My Experience at AHEPAcademy

This past June, I had the opportunity and privilege to attend AHEPAcademy 2015, held at George Mason University and run through the AHEPA. AHEPAcademy is a leadership and professional development program with the goal of educating, mentoring, and networking Greek-American high school students, and aiding in the advancement of the Greek-American community.

When I first heard about AHEPAcademy back in February from my father, I had no idea what was, nor had I ever heard of, AHEPAcademy. I took a look at the program and decided that I'd give it a shot. I applied in late February and heard back a month later from Mr. Chronis, the founder and head of the program, saying that I was accepted.

I arrived in Fairfax, Virginia on the 21st of June to start off the week. This year at AHEPAcademy, I was one of the ten students attending, with kids coming from states across the nation, including Michigan, New Mexico, Florida, and North Carolina. The rest of the night was spent meeting and getting to know each other. Over the course of the week, the ten of us became instantaneous friends and a close-knit group.

Throughout the duration of the week, our overall time was split between spending time in instructional sessions on campus and taking part in activities and excursions in nearby Washington D.C. Depending on the itinerary for the day, time was dedicated in the classroom for instruction and discussion on various topics, ranging from the current problems and goals of the Greek-American community, to instruction in public speaking and networking skills. I learned and improved many skills that will aid me in my future professional career.

When we weren't on campus, the group went to Washington D.C. Throughout the week, we did many things in the nation's capital such as walking around and viewing DC's monuments, exploring the museums of the Smithsonian, and spending an evening watching a play performed by the Shakespeare Theater Company. On Wednesday, we had the opportunity to go to both the Greek and Cypriot Embassies, sit down with diplomats and discuss issues that are facing both countries. In addition, we got the chance to visit the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies.

Overall, the week at AHEPAcademy was a worth-while experience and I gained a lot from the program. I'd like to extend my thanks and gratitude to my AHEPA chapter for their sponsorship.

Nikiforos Daniskas

# Heartfelt Thank Yous

My gratitude to the Ramapo Chapter #453, Wyckoff, NJ

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association is truly an organization of its word, putting great emphasis into the education of Hellenes across the country. Thus, when my Pappou, Leo Savas, submitted my name to the chapter for a scholarship nomination, I knew that in filling out my part of the application I was doing something special. AHEPA is truly continuing its mission of keeping Hellenism strong in America and educating the youth so that we may become the next voices of the Greek-American community. I would like to thank the chapter greatly for their generous donation to my studies and for their faith in me as a student. I plan to use the scholarship to buy my textbooks for the year and to chip away at the ever increasing cost of higher education. I will be attending college at Fordham University, a school with a large Greek population, where I will be able to continue to spread the principles of Hellenism and remain firmly attached to my Greek roots. In closing, I am proud to be a part of the AHEPA family that fosters and promotes philanthropy, community, and an emphasis on strengthening Hellenism through education. I look forward to being able to cooperate with AHEPA in the future to continue the great line of programs that they have started and sustained for so long. Sincerely:

Niko Savas

Regardless where my career takes me, my church and the strength of AHEPA will always be there for me.

Dear AHEPA District #5,

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Thank you,

Elias Kotsis

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# OLD TIMES

Delegates attending the Supreme Ahepa Convention in 1974



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SCENES FROM THE PAST – This photo is a gathering of District #5 Ahepa Delegates at a National Ahepa Convention. Guess Who Contest? For those Brothers who believe they know everyone and everything. Please list the names of as many Brother Ahepans you can recognize and send them to the editor. The person that can name the most will receive a prize.

We are looking to publish your old photos of events in District 5. Please contact us and let us know what you have. You may forward by e-mail or postal. (They will be returned).



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## Chillers Grill: Looking to the future and honoring the past

**A**s a nod to the borough's rich history and as a show of appreciation to the community, Chillers Grill – located at 2191 Fletcher Ave. in Fort Lee – redesigned its dining room area to include old photos of Fort Lee.

These black and white murals are sure to evoke memories, spark discussions and provide a history lesson while diners enjoy top-notch, conti-

soup or salad, and dessert. Chillers serves up everything from hamburgers to spectacular preparations, like the luscious Louisiana pork chops – two 8-ounce cajun-spiced, lightly breaded, bone-in pork chops, sauteed with fried potatoes, mushrooms and onion.

Diners can also select a meal from a range of Italian favorites (pizzas and pasta dishes), steak and chops



This new mural at Chillers Grill will make you feel like you're at the Palisades Amusement Park, part of the Fort Lee restaurant's tribute to local history.



Chillers embraces Fort Lee's rich history and has added murals to the walls and vestibules, including these images of the George Washington Bridge, just a short drive away.

mental and global cuisine in a relaxed, casual atmosphere.

The expansive menu has been reduced slightly, but the portions are still abundant. Chillers is dedicated to using the best quality products – including fish, meat and produce.

Chillers' award-winning breakfast includes complimentary organic coffee for in-house diners from 6-11 a.m. Fresh eggs and omelets include delectable home fries and toast.

Try one of Chillers' morning favorites – served all day – like the Chillers' Special: three large eggs, bacon strips, sausage, home fries and two buttermilk pancakes. Other breakfast favorites include sandwiches and wraps, breakfast tacos, Benedict offerings (Eggs Benedict; Crab Cake Benedict; California Benedict; and Lox Benedict), Belgian waffles, pancakes and bagelry.

For lunch or dinner, patrons may begin their meal with one or more of Chillers' perfect-for-sharing appetizers, including the Super Sampler (chicken fingers, fried mozzarella sticks, buffalo chicken wings and onion rings served with your favorite dipping sauces); made-to-order guacamole served with tortilla chips, salsa and sour cream; and six different delectable french fry options.

Be sure to leave room for your entrees, which have delicate and detailed preparations and include a

or seafood. Our mouthwatering, juicy 20-ounce Porterhouse steak, and 16-ounce Rib eye are top choice quality.

Or diners can enjoy the artfully crafted Fruit of the Sea – jumbo shrimp, scallops, calamari, clams, and mussels, in a delicious garlic and wine sauce over fresh linguini.

Cap off your dining experience with dessert (ice cream, cakes, milkshakes or smoothies), or wash down your meal with coffee or tea, or perhaps a cordial.

Chillers offers daily lunch and dinner specials and has a fully stocked bar as well as a great selection of wine. All liquor items are half price during happy hour, weekdays from 4-8 p.m.

Delivery is free seven days a week from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. and there is no minimum charge. Chillers can also cater your party or business event. Patrons can also order their food online at [www.chillersgrill.com](http://www.chillersgrill.com), which is updated daily and features promotional offers. Gift cards are available for purchase, as well.

Chillers, which is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. until 1 a.m., accepts all major credit cards.

For more information, like Chillers Grill on Facebook, and follow Chillers on Twitter (@ChillersGrill) and on Instagram (@ChillersGrillNJ).

Photos courtesy Chillers Grill



Chillers embraces Fort Lee's rich history and has added murals to the walls and vestibules, including these images of the George Washington Bridge and early businesses.



## OBITUARIES OF

# *Our Departed Brothers & Sisters*



**John A. Komninos**, of Upper Saddle River passed away on Thursday August 13, 2015. He was born in New York City and raised in Long Branch, NY. He lived in Upper Saddle River for 50 years. John was an Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant who served in northern Europe during World War II. John was an executive in the textile chemical industry with Geigy Chemical Corp., Ardsley NY and Millmaster Onyx Corp., Lyndhurst, NJ for many years before his retirement. John was an original and very active member of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff, and 50+ years a member of AHEPA.

Surviving is his wife of 64 years, Cleopatra (nee Catherines) Komninos, his son Thomas Komninos, and his wife Winifred, and his daughter Marie Foti. Also surviving are his grandsons Jason Komninos and Michael Foti. He is predeceased by his grandson Stephen John Komninos in 2007, his brother Dr. Anthony Komninos and his sisters Irene Pappas and Patricia Komninos.

In addition to his family, John was most proud of his Greek heritage including that his ancestors ruled the Byzantine Empire from 1081 A.D to 1185 A.D. from Constantinople (now Istanbul). John's parents fled Asia Minor (now Turkey) during the persecution of Christians by Muslims on the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. John's favorite pastime was playing golf. He was a long-time member of the Upper Montclair Country Club and Club Champion in 1952. John passed up the opportunity to become a professional golfer so that he could start a family.



**Elaine Aphrodite Bacalakis**, nee Arvanitakis, 83, of Ridgewood, formerly of the Bronx and Woodside, Queens, entered into eternal rest on August 15, 2015. Prior to her retirement in 1996, she had worked for Ken Smith Motors

in Ridgewood.

Elaine was a 40 year member of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir. She was active in the Saint Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society, the Daughters of Penelope, and participated in the Travell Funfest and the Ridgewood High School Jamboree.

She is survived by her loving family, daughter Theodora Portelos and her husband Vasilios, sons Nicholas and Andrew, a grandson Anthony Portelos, her sister Anna Parathyras, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Constantine (Con) in 2015.



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