



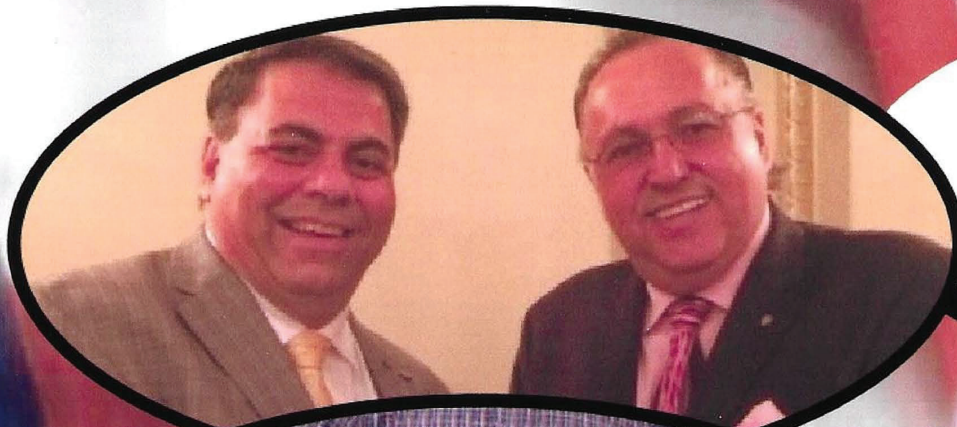
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www.ahepadistrict5.org

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Dear Fifth District AHEPA Family,

I would like to welcome all of the newly elected District 5 Officers and THANK each one of them for accepting positions on the District Lodge. We had a great experience at the first ever virtual Zoom Convention on Saturday June 20, 2020!

I am deeply humbled and honored to be elected as your District #5 Governor for 2020-2021.

Family is the single most important influence in everyone's life and in mine mostly. I would like to thank my wife and children for their immense support, encouragement, love and sacrifice of time. My late parents have been a major influence and inspiration in my life and all the years in my involvement with the AHEPA family. My late father was a proud 50-year AHEPAN and my late mother a lifelong member of the Daughters of Penelope. They always stressed how fortunate we are to be in the greatest country of the world and at the same time not to forget Greece, our motherland, our roots, our Hellenic values and culture and to continue to preserve and promote our priceless heritage by getting involved in the Greek community, our Greek Orthodox Church as well as AHEPA. I have been a member of St. Thomas GOC in Cherry Hill, having served as the Parish Council President and in various positions as well as a proud 35-year AHEPAN of Camden Chapter 69, where I served as a Chapter President for 2 terms and this is my eighth year in the 05 Lodge.

In addition, I would also like to thank all not only the current but also the past AHEPA leaders, D5 Lodge Officers and all the AHEPA brothers. I have had the distinct honor and privilege to serve with and whose support and guidance have enabled and encouraged me to continue to serve in D5 Lodge. Without their help, mentoring and support I would not have reached this far. It goes without saying that D5 is a most exceptional district in our AHEPA family as we have witnessed the honor to have 2 Supreme Presidents from our district, the current Supreme President, Brother George Horiates and the past Supreme President, Brother Andy Zachariades as well as many worthy AHEPA D5 and National Leaders.

Our District Lodge has an exciting year planned and we are eager to share our events with all the AHEPA members of D5. Our District has a lot to be proud of with all of its achievements, philanthropy and community service acts, the Cancer Foundation, AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, Workshops In Fall and Spring, Scholarships, OXI Day celebration, Greek Independence Day Parades in Philadelphia and New York, the Hellenic History Tournament, including participation in other civic affairs, Odyssey Charter School - a model success story of this generation, Hellenic Relief and response and aid to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as other natural disasters.

Our calendar of the upcoming year includes visitations to other chapters and we are determined to continue the effort and dedication towards the continued growth of the order of AHEPA and the presentation of Hellenism. Our travels to all the D5 chapters have always been an extremely rewarding experience which allows us to meet new Brothers, make new friends and expand our horizons through the constant participation and active support of the chapter members and officers. AHEPA District 5 knows no boundaries! WE WILL NOT BE ISOLATED or TAKE ANY DAY OFF!!



Brother George N. Pappas
District Governor

Initiations and events WILL occur even by zoom if necessary.

AHEPA has remained steadfast and resilient in the Hellenic ideals and values that have nourished the glory of Greece and have given brilliance to democratic societies. AHEPA is at the forefront with our elected officials. Hellenism is under attack and Greece is constantly faced with an escalating danger every day. We all have to do our part and promote AHEPA. AHEPA communicates to our elected officials on all levels on positions of concern to the Greek-American community and keeps an eye on congress with a congressional report card - evaluating each representative on our issues.

The AHEPA Mission statement clearly defines our goals as AHEPANS. District 5 will honor the mission statement to: promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family, and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. These principles include a commitment of humanity, freedom and democracy. The preservation and promotion of these ideals is where AHEPA has, and always will be, deeply committed.

As D5 Lodge and I are truly eager to complete another very productive and fruitful year, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the current and past leaders and to all of you, our AHEPA brothers as well as my community and family for all of their mentoring and support that have enabled me to achieve the position of the D5 Governor in the order of AHEPA and I am truly looking forward to sharing another upcoming successful season with our District Lodge and our extended AHEPA family.

Faternally,

Brother George N. Pappas
District Governor



*Brother Philip Vogis PDG, PSG Region 3
Business Manager*

Message from the Business Manager

We are heading to our new AHEPA year starting September 2020 where the chapters will hold their meetings either in-person or via Zoom.

I would like to congratulate our new District Governor Brother George Pappas for taking the lead this year, to make AHEPA a truly great organization as is in our MISSION statement. Best of luck Brother George Pappas and we look forward to working with you.

I would like to ask our chapter Brothers that if you have any contacts in the business sector, please get an ad for the AHEPA Voice magazine. It is their financial support that makes our magazine possible. We have begun to publish an ALL color magazine and the cost went up. We want to continue to provide you with all the chapter news throughout District 5. The AHEPA Voice has won numerous First Prize awards at the Supreme Conventions and we would like to continue this process. I would like to thank the Editor Brother Lee Millas, the Publication Board for their support. Please support the advertisers that are listed in our magazine, since they make our AHEPA Voice possible.

Wishing everyone a great AHEPA year.

Brother Philip Vogis PDG, PSG Region 3
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*Brother Lee J. Millas
Editor*

Message from the Editor

As mentioned on the cover page, the Order of Ahepa in District No. 5 is “moving on in difficult times” and it certainly is. For the first time ever, the District held a virtual convention which accomplished the duties of hearing officers and committee reports and election of a new district lodge to lead us forward.

Congratulations for a job well done under difficult issues and our best wishes to the new governor, George Pappas, on his election.

On a higher level, our Supreme President George Horiates, heading like an express train, was stopped dead in his tracks by our countries shut down, thus stopping what would have been a record setting year. I can truly imagine his frustration in being unable to perform the duties and obligations of his office that he was well on his way to accomplish. The good news is that he will now be serving a second term and we are sure his continued success will not be denied.

Georgette Boulegeris, Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope will also continue in office and we all look to her as the future leader of the Daughters.

Please excuse my partiality in mentioning that the Trenton Chapter No 72 was awarded the honor of being the number one chapter in the Ahepa Domain. The announcement was made by the Supreme President at the virtual convention in August. The officers and membership proudly accepted this honor when a handsome plaque was presented personally by the Supreme President at the chapters election night dinner held the last week of August.

There are many things coming up that we can look forward to and none more important than when a vaccine can be found to counteract this terrible virus that is affecting us all. Getting back to some semblance of the way we used to live is something that we all pray for.

Ahepa chapter meetings are beginning and although we missed, what might have been, a great convention at Disneyland this year, we can all look forward to the next Supreme Convention in Athens Greece. Hopefully, at that time, travel will be back to “almost” normal. Also, we are all looking forward to the opening of the St Nicholas Church in New York. Stay well everyone!

Brother Lee J. Millas, PDG, PBT
Editor

A Visit To Hagia Sophia, Constantinople, Turkey

In a recent issue of the Ahepa Voice, the cover was graced with a photo of Hagia Sophia, No one was thinking at the time that Turkey would actually fulfill their threats and turn that beautiful Church into a mosque. To the displeasure of all.....they did! Therefore, we would like to share with you portions of a recently published article by Dr. Robert Zaller, Professor Emeritus, Department of History at Drexel University. Lee Millas - Editor

“It could not have been known, but those fortunate enough to have seen Hagia Sophia between 1935 and 2020 will now be denied that wonderful opportunity that generations have enjoyed. Although we fervently hope otherwise, this may be the case for some time to come.

Hagia Sofia was designed by the Emperor Justinian, both as a great temple of Christendom and as a Supreme monument of the Byzantine Empire . In that sense, it was unique as a structure that embodied both the sacred and the secular aspects of a great culture. Its only parallel was the Parthenon, the temple both of the goddess Athena and of Athenian democracy itself. Hagia Sophia would survive for more than 500 years as the great symbol of a united

Christendom and for nearly one thousand as the Crown jewel of Byzantium.

The Byzantine Empire fell to the Ottoman Turks in 1453. Hagia Sophia was then turned into a mosque. It remained so for nearly another 500 years until modern Turkey’s first ruler Kemal Ataturk, decided to turn it into a museum. Ataturk’s reasons were complex, he was no lover of Hellenism, having fought the bitter war with Greece between 1919 and 1920 which resulted in a forced exchange of populations that all but destroyed the Greek community of Turkey. But Ataturk was above all determined to turn Turkey into a secular western style state. As a museum, Hagia Sophia would symbolize the spirit of a modern and modernizing Turkey. Greece in particular made it clear that it would view such a gesture with favor. The great church would recover or restore Christian mosaics, sculpture , and the artifacts that were long covered or removed. No worship would be permitted but, the two great religions that had shared its history would be acknowledged and honored.

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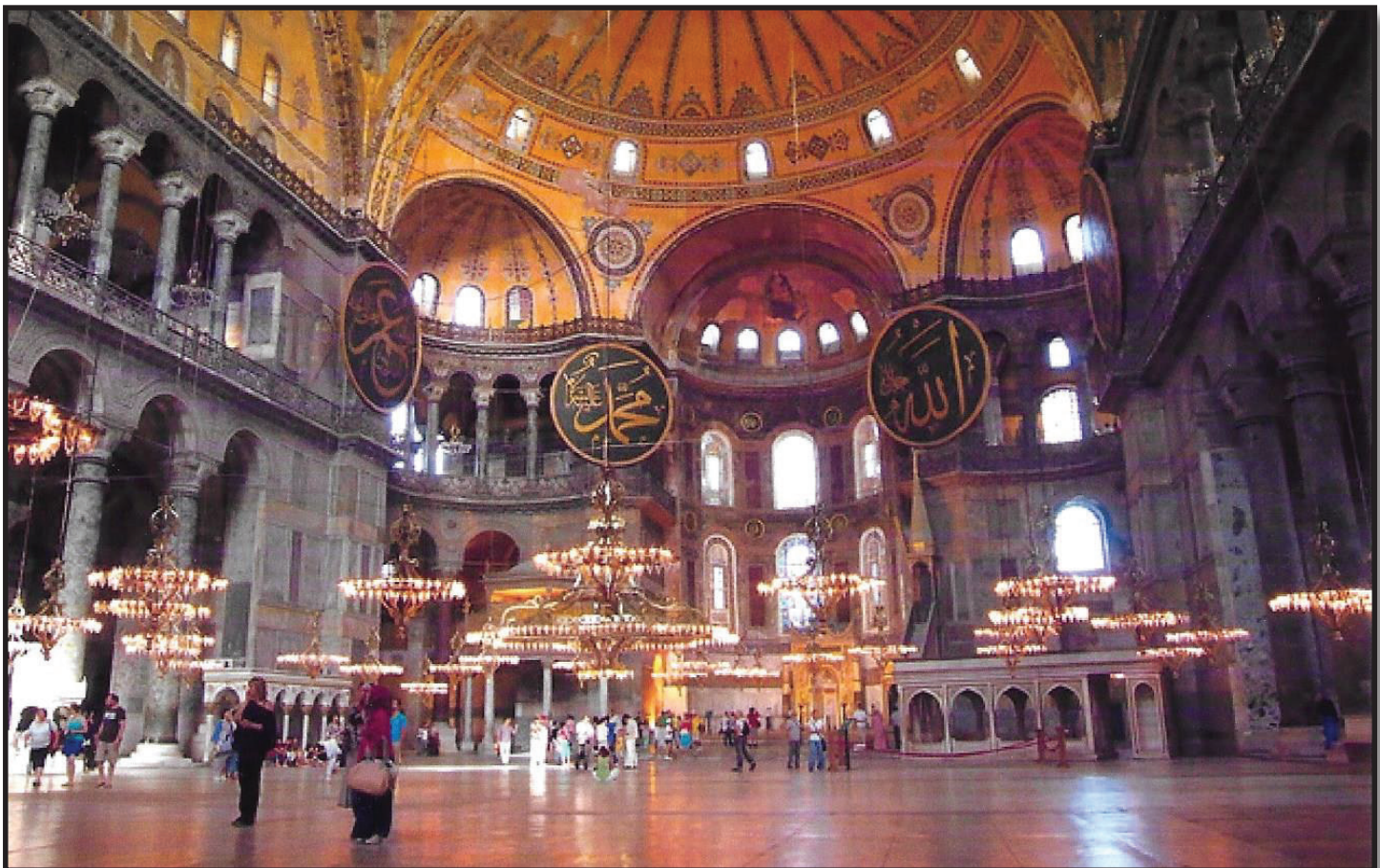


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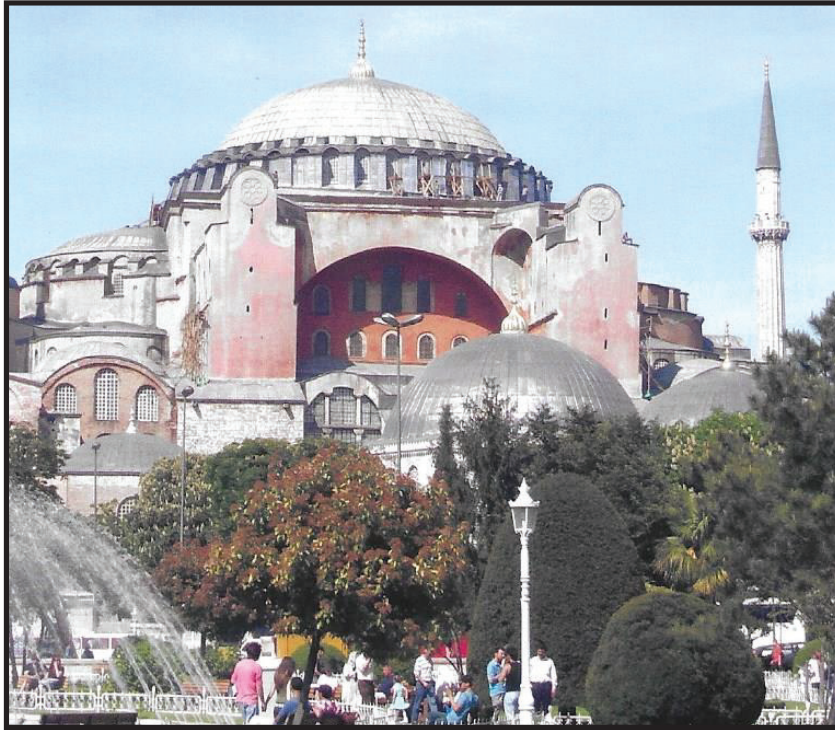


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If the Parthenon is better known to many, no building has a greater impact on the world, not only as a model for Christian churches but for Muslim mosques. It is also one that has withstood great fires and earthquakes and been, at many times, rebuilt. Much of its artwork was destroyed when Constantinople fell to Mehmed the Conqueror in 1453. Always, it has been renewed and revived.

In the 1930s, the great church was in disrepair, no longer with the resources and prestige of the Ottoman Empire to support but dependent on a far more impoverished Turkey. This may have been on Atatürk's mind when he made it into an ecumenical monument and decreed it a museum. International funds flowed in and it was declared a world historical landmark, possession not of a single state or religion but of all. It would now become an object of veneration itself, a symbol of religious community, historical continuity, and human aspiration. Even for those who no longer brought a personal faith to it, it symbolized the grandeur that only a great and enduring House of worship can have.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan came to power in Turkey, first as prime minister and then as president. Erdogan was the first Islamist politician to become chief of state. His emergence

was seen as a threat to Turkey's more than eighty-year tradition of secular rule.

Erdogan had floated the idea of reconverting it into a mosque as early as 2013 and, step by step, pronouncement by pronouncement, he had laid the groundwork for doing so. There was political profit in merely suggesting it as a major base of his power remains Muslim nationalist and although voices around the globe denounced the proposal, it was clearly a gesture of solidarity with the Islamic, and particularly, the Arab world. Above all, it was a means of asserting Turkish independence and of Erdogan's personal indifference to world, and especially western, opinion. Strong men usually affirmed their power at some point by an action that, whether concrete or symbolic, defies international norms. By reconstructing Hagia Sophia as a mosque, he has desecrated a place that belongs to humanity as a whole. All of us should be grateful that we were able to visit this great church when it was a universal symbol for all mankind to see. The monument remains, and so does the Greek name that has, and always will belong to it. the Temple of Holy Wisdom. Let us hope that that wisdom can soon be physically reclaimed for Hagia Sophia itself. Spiritually it can never be!"

Chapter President of the Year

Peter Doulis
President of the Year
South Jersey Chapter #162
Vineland, NJ



Trenton #72 Awarded “Chapter of the Year”

At this year’s District 5 “Zoom” Convention it was announced that the Trenton Chapter #72 of A.H.E.P.A. was selected as the “Chapter of the Year”.

The chapter’s list of accomplishments was capped by its immediate response of service to aid workers treating Covid-19 cases. Over the past few months the Trenton chapter delivered hundreds of meals to the emergency wards of six area hospitals.

With nearly 140 members, the chapter remains strong in its dedication to philanthropy, civic and family obligations, Hellenism and education. Along with the chapter’s several donations and scholarship awards, it plays an active role in its local St. George Church, both in its representation on the Parish Council and in its availability to assist the church with its events.

The chapter had also fully funded a service dog for the A.H.E.P.A.’s Service Dogs for Warriors initiative.

Other successfully held events were its annual “Taverna Weekend” and the annual Christmas Dinner, with over 100 members attending. Also hosted for the first time was a “Bouzouki Night”, and its success assured its continuation.

Congratulations Trenton #72 for your exemplary year!

Ahepan of the year

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to thank you for my selection as AHEPAN of the year 2020. I am honored to be selected and humbled to accept this honor and recognition on behalf of all the healthcare workers serving our citizens and fighting this terrible disease. AHEPA has always been on the forefront of societal issues and been generous in support of Hellenic and American causes. I am proud to be a member of such an organization and look forward to serving the AHEPA and our community as we honor our “Century of Service. “God bless you and God Bless America.



Sincerely,
Elias Iliadis MD
AHEPA Camden Chapter 69

Ahepan Secretary of the Year

I would like to thank District 5 for honoring me as Secretary of the Year at this year’s virtual district convention. I was raised with AHEPA in my family from my grandfather whose chapter helped build St. Demetrios in Astoria, to my dad who served as a District Governor in NY and was a 70 year member. I’m proud to continue in their memories and this recognition is certainly a high point. Thank you Brothers.



Dimitri Dimitriades
Garden State Chapter #517
Holmdel

D5 Lodge, AHEPA and DOP lunch

August 16th at Jimmy's American Grill in Bordentown, NJ



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PSP Andy Zachariades

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District Lt. Governor: Dina Vassiliou Fanikos
District Secretary: Karen Pascal
District Treasurer: Antonia Papadopoulos
District Marshal: Karen Knicos

Chapter News

Ramapo Chapter #453 Donation to Feed the Hungry

Brothers:

To assist those who are in need during these COVID-19 trying times our philanthropic AHEPA RAMAPO CHAPTER 453 has donated to the Philoptochos Ladies Society of St. Nicholas \$600.00 as requested toward feeding the hungry.

Through our donation the Philoptochos Ladies Society was able to contribute to the following Food Banks in the Northern NJ area. The CFA Food Bank, located in Mahwah, Social Services Assoc. of Ridgewood Food Bank in Ridgewood, Eva's Kitchen located in Paterson, and Bridges Outreach Food Bank in Summit. Each Food Bank received \$400.00



Wishing you all and your families best of health.

Brother, Paul Goulet, President

Trenton Chapter #72 Number One in Ahepa Domain

As we all know, the Supreme Ahepa Convention was cancelled due to the pandemic and for the first time ever, the national officers and committee reports were shown on the internet. At the same time, the Supreme President, George Horiates, announced the selection of the outstanding chapter in the Ahepa Domain and that selection was District No 5's Trenton Chapter No. 72. Shortly after, in late August, Brother George traveled to Trenton to attend the chapters election night banquet to present a beautiful plaque to the membership in recognition of this honor. Also attending this event was the District Governor George Pappas along with several members of the district lodge. Over 45 members of the Trenton Chapter were in attendance.

The Trenton Ahepa Family has long been extremely active in District and National activities having 2 Grand Presidents of the Maids of Athena, 2 Supreme Presidents of the Sons of Pericles and a Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope a Supreme President of Ahepa and 9 Past District Governors. Recently, the chapter has been providing food and masks to the local hospitals and first responders. The chapter also purchased a dog which has been assigned to a military veteran and

of course, the dog is named Trenton.

The officers and membership of Trenton 72 gratefully and proudly accept this great honor.



Seated left to right, Lee Millas - PDG
 George Pappas - District Governor, Richard Roscoe - President
 Jim Knicos - Secretary, Standing: Asteris Fanikos - PDG
 Stavros Papafilipakis - Vice President
 George Horiates - Supreme President
 George Koutsouradis - Treasurer

Trenton Chapter #72

Trenton # 72 Brothers George Rose, Lee Millas, Strat Peters, Chris Papadopoulos, Dino Demetriou, Matt Voulgarakis & wife Libby delivered 30 Chicken dinners with salad & desserts to the ER staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Langhorne PA. The food was prepared by Brother Niko Angelakis at Colonial Farms in Washington Crossing, PA. Chairman Stavros Papafilipakis had to work and could not join us today.



Ramapo Chapter #453

The AHEPA Rampapo Chapter #453 is happy to announce initiation of three new Ahepans at it's first meeting for the fiscal year on September 15th, 2020.



Charles Charllis, Vice President
 Paul Goulet President, Brother Ronald E. Grant
 and James Moustopoulos, Treasurer.



Charles Charllis, VP; Brother George Skoufis; Paul Goulet,
 President; Charles Pflager, Secretary; James Moustopoulos,
 Treasurer: Brother Nikolas Constantinedes



Brother Ronald P. Grant, father a 25
 year Ahepan and son Brother Ronald
 E. Grant newly initiated.

Billy Gazonas AHEPA Athletic Hall of Fame

Billy Gazonas, raised in Trenton, New Jersey, a son of Greek-Americans, with Greek traditions and strong Orthodox faith, ultimately achieved the highest pinnacles of success in the soccer world: a member of both a State High School Championship soccer team in 1973 and a NCAA Championship team at tiny Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York and a Hermann Trophy winner as the Nation's Outstanding College Soccer Player in 1978, followed by a 6 year professional soccer career in the North American Soccer League. However, "That Little Son of a B**ch!, A Soccer Journey from Tears and Humiliation to National Champions and Hermann Trophy Winner", penned by Gazonas, is much more than a cataloging of his stellar achievements in the soccer world. Rather, it is the compelling, riveting tale of an undersized and overlooked young athlete who was determined to play at the highest levels of soccer, and realized his dreams only by remarkable perseverance, hard work and determination.

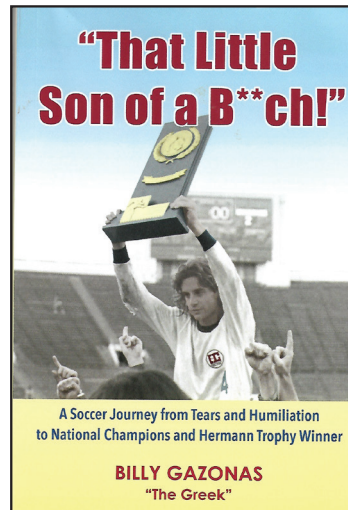
Gazonas, inducted into the Order of AHEPA's Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013 for his soccer accomplishments, spinning a tale of a player electing to try-out at Hartwick College, the then premier soccer college program in the 1970's, spurring opportunities to play at less accomplished soccer programs, despite even Hartwick's coach encouraging him to play at a lesser soccer school. It chronologically charts his trajectory, from barely making the team early in his freshman year but not playing at all, then taking advantage of playing opportunities due to others' injuries and impressing his coach with his work ethic and indefatigable effort, to

eventually becoming a valued team member and ultimately an indispensable leader of the Hartwick soccer team. The story ends in triumph, as Hartwick, in Bill's last game as a college player, wins the NCAA National Championship and Billy is acclaimed as the nation's best soccer player, a result that would have been unimaginable four (4) short years earlier.

"That Little Son of a B**ch" lays out in detail his sole-minded determination to accomplish his goals, at the expense of the normal college student's social life and even his studies. Bill's dogged pursuit of those goals serves as an exemplar of one achieving success in any area or forum of life, being sports, business, or professional or family relationships, his sole focus being to prioritize goals and never admit defeat. Whether one is a soccer or a sports fan, or one simply seeking to be motivated by Billy Gazonas' formula of hard work and determination, leading to the realization of one's dreams, "That Little Son of a B**ch" is a marvelous read.

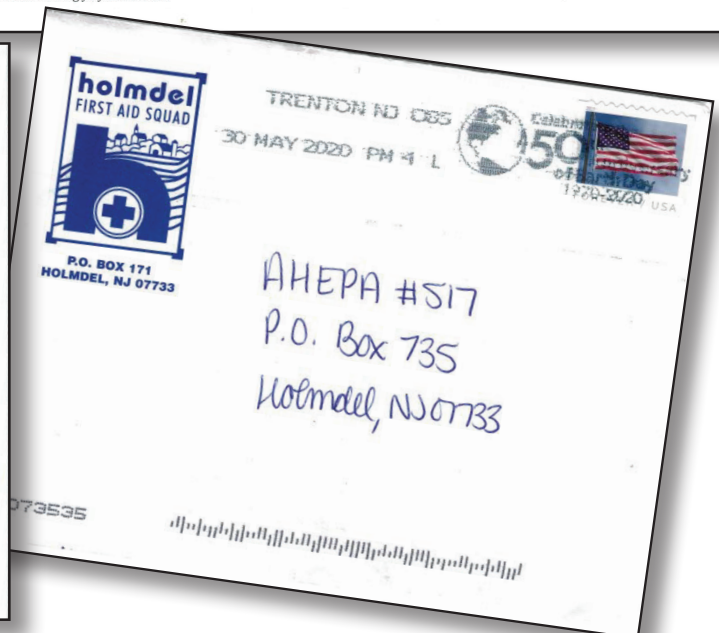
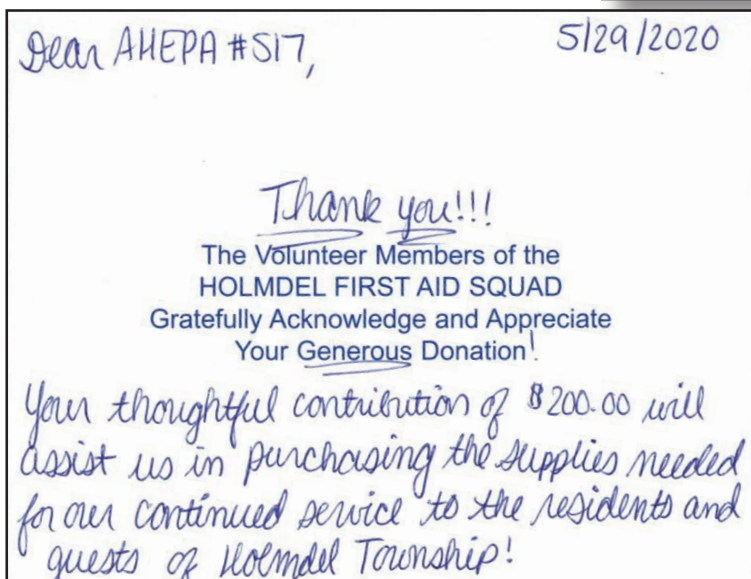
That Billy Gazonas was honored by AHEPA's induction into its' Athletic Hall of

Fame, in which he gave a rousing acceptance speech thanking his beloved late parents, praising his Hellenic heritage and Orthodox faith, and sharing his life's journey of one overcoming doubters and skeptics, certainly resonated with this reviewer and made this read more pertinent, his story is a timeless and universal one, that of achieving and realizing one's goals and dreams not through any privilege or advantage, but through perseverance and single-minded determination. These lessons from Billy can be applied beyond the athletic fields to all endeavors of life.



Acknowledgements by the First Responders to the Holmdel Chapter #517

- Garden State Chapter # 517 donated 1000 masks to be used by Father Lekkas, office staff and parish at Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church in Holmdel, NJ.
- Our chapter also donated \$2,000 for the Fulfill, formally The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean counties. Many people need food due to virus, many have had no work, and no income. Our donations will feed 100s in our community.
- A Donation of \$200 to Holmdel First Aid Squad to purchase supplies including masks, and PIP needed to protect members from catching Virus.



AHEPA – GARDEN STATE - CHAPTER #517 HOLMDEL. N.J.



This year our chapter has awarded 3 Scholarships. Awards were presented by brother Tom Protentis on August 16, 2020 after service.

- Elias Dimarhos (also D5 Award)
- ♦ Stamatia Angelides
- ♦ Jonathan Viris (not Present)

Our chapter remodeled the Kitchen at Kimisis Tis Theotoukou church, Holmdel, NJ .

New walk in freezer, new range, 2 grills, refrigeration, Freezer, island with refrigeration and heat lamps, shelving ,Fryer and update electrical, Just over \$40,000 & chaired and supervised by our VP Brother Bill Parlamis.



New 95 spot parking lot completed at Kimisis Tis Theotoukou church, Holmdel, NJ . Our chapter donated \$30,000. Our brothers Greg Ploussas and Steve Kontos organized and supervised construction donating many hours of their own time at no charge to complete the parking lot.

AHEPA # 517 has donated 1000 masks to Kimisis Church, and \$3,000 to the Monmouth County Food Bank

Trenton Chapter #72

Trenton Brothers delivering food to ER staffs at Capital Heath, St. Francis Hospital , St. Mary's Hospital



Scholarship Winners

Top Seven Winners

you are a Graduate now!

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Sophia Carayannopoulos

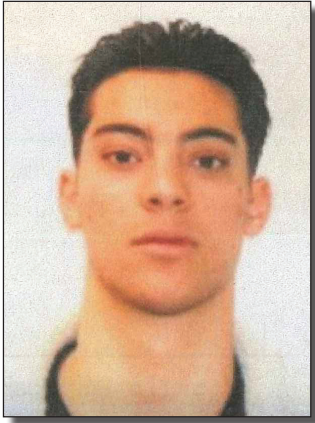
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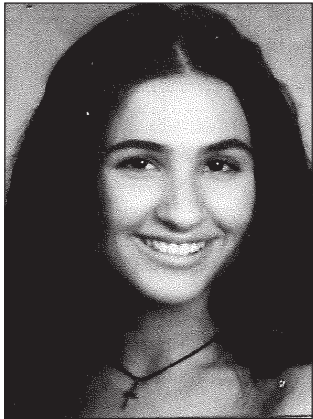
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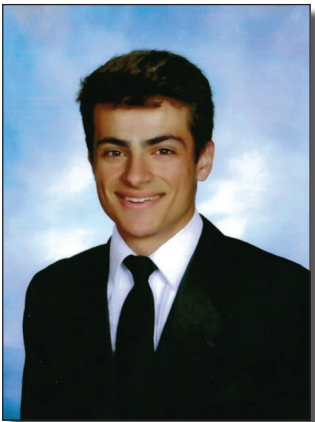
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Scholarship Winners THANK YOU's

6/23/2020


THANK YOU

Mr. Goulet and Mr. Stavrou,
I hope this note finds you and your families all well and healthy.
Thank you both and the entire AHEPA chapter #453 for awarding me one of this year's Tom Pappas Scholarships. I feel blessed and appreciative to be a recipient of this great honor.
Warmest regards,
Eleni Konstantellis


Dear Mr. Chrysanthou,
It is an honor to have received the AHEPA District #5 Scholarship. I am most appreciative and it will really help me at Lafayette College.
Sincerely,
Sophia Dergaris

Dear Ramapo Chapter #453
Scholarship Committee:

First of all, I would like to thank the Ramapo Chapter #453 scholarship committee for given me the opportunity to compete for an academic/ merit scholarship. I am very blessed to have been considered as a candidate for this AHEPA scholarship. Being awarded the Tom Pappas Scholarship is an honor given to me by such a prestigious American-Hellenic organization, and I am proud to have my family affiliated with AHEPA Family. I am very grateful and again thankful for being awarded this scholarship. I look forward to furthering my involvement with AHEPA and represent our Hellenic heritage and identity with pride.

With my best regards and thank you very much.

Alex Vogis-Bedoya

 thanks

Dear George Stavrou and the AHEPA Ramapo Chapter #453,
Thank you very much for acknowledging my scholastic achievements and by awarding me the Tom Pappas Scholarship. I am honored and greatly appreciative of the financial support. Your generous scholarship will help defer the costs of books, labs, fees, and remotely learning as I embark on my freshman year at Stevens Institute of Technology.
Many thanks,
Justin

AHEPA Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for selecting me for a scholarship from the AHEPA chapters of District 5 of New Jersey and Delaware. It means so much to me that my heritage can support me through my college journey.

Sincerely,
George Angelakis

Ramapo Chapter #453,
Wyckoff, NJ,

Hi Mr. Stavrou, Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Though I told you on the phone, I wanted to reach out and thank you again for the scholarship I was awarded! I am so blessed to have this opportunity which many people do not get. I feel so assured knowing that I have a community of people standing behind supporting my future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Nicoletta Manoussakis

Trenton Chapter #72

Great Job all around brother, with the help of Paul Yaicas (purple scrubs, no hat below), we were able to donate meals to the lunch and dinner staff at UPENN medical Center Tuesday. Total individuals that were fed was 60 people. Assisting on delivery was Jimmy K., Simon R., Terry P., Tom P., and Stavros P.

The meals were made through Massimo, located in Robbinsville, NJ. Massimo is affiliated with our brother Vinnie. His wife Thekla assisted in organizing the food. Attached is the letter that was sent with the food.



Trenton Chapter #72

Chairman Stavros joined by Brothers Parish, Sim Rochonchou, JK, Deno Zimnes & George Demetriades (who drove down from Jersey City) picked up food for 30 at Pat's Diner and delivered to Helene Fuld (Capital Health) in N. Trenton.

Great job brothers, Alot of brothers came out and helped out. Thank you to Pat's Diner and their staff for making alot of food for the nurses at Helene Fuld. Onward to St. Francis !!!



Monroe Chapter #75

The brothers of Monroe Chapter #75 (New Brunswick, NJ) have been busy responding to our philanthropic mission over the past several months.

In March, brothers Carmine Albanese and Dean Solomos travelled to St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ and presented a \$1,000 donation to defray the cost of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

In May, brothers Bill Fottis and Dean Solomos travelled to Franklin Township, NJ and made a \$600 donation to the Franklin Food Bank. We were told that \$100 will feed a family of three for one month.

In June, brothers Tom Sulich and Carmine Albanese travelled to New Brunswick, NJ and made a \$600 donation to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen.

We continue to collect funds and are in the process of ar-



ranging an additional contribution to Fish, Inc, a soup kitchen in Dunellen, NJ.. as well as coordinating pizza deliveries to the first responders that support our Piscataway, NJ location.

Finally, another donation on behalf of Monroe 75 will be made to our beloved St George Greek Orthodox Church - New Brunswick, NJ.

Chapter News

Ramapo Chapter #453 Supports Saint Nicholas Greek School

The Brothers of Ahepa Ramapo Chapter 453 has been a proud and honored contributor for the past twenty-five years to our acknowledge our youth who have attended the Saint Nicholas Greek School. This year 13 young Graduates were presented with a certificate of accomplishment and an Oxford English to Greek/Greek Dictionary by Chairman Jim Manoussakis and President Paul Goulet.

The Ahepa Ramapo Chapter 453 is proud in supporting the primary focus of the Greek School to instill an appreciation and awareness of the Greek language, as well as a feeling of love, pride, and respect for our Hellenic heritage and traditions. The Saint Nicholas Greek School also, offers a comprehensive program which includes singing, dancing, and cultural enrichment.



Trenton Chapter #72

This morning's trip to St. Francis Hospital in Trenton delivering 30 meals to ER personnel. Led by Past Board of Trustee Lee J. Millas.



AHEPA Global Simultaneous Fishing Tournament

Saturday, August 1st

AHEPA D5 members with the leadership of our Supreme President, Brother George G. Horiates proudly participated and had a great day of fun and fishing as D5 competed against AHEPA Districts and Chapters across the US and around the world who took part in the tournament at the same time!

Till next time! Kai tou bronou!



Trenton Chapter #72

Hope this finds you well, delivery to Capital Health was greeted with cheers and happiness. Our local brother from Olives Restaurant was able to create meals for the overnight shift for the emergency room and AHEPA 72 was able to delivery. Our Maids and Sons were also able to donation over 30 masks to the hospital, which will be used toward nurses that take care of younger patients. Thanks to all the brothers that assisted in these trying times. We will overcome.

We have assisted recently with Capital Health of Hopewell, NJ. Pictures are below, this outing involved feeding the overnight staff and ER nurses. The Sons and Maids created over 30 masks to donate as well.

To Date- AHEPA Chapter 72 feed over 250+ Front-line heroes across 3 major hospitals in Central New Jersey and delivered over 80 masks and some bottles of clorox wipes.



Monroe Chapter #75

Correction on the (3) Firehouses in lieu of pizzas each firehouse received a \$50 check from our chapter. River Rd Fire Co., Holmes Marshall Fire Co, & Possumtown Volunteer Fire Co Please submit these pics of Monroe 75 (Tom Sulich and John Millas) making donations to a local soup kitchen as well as to St George. Additionally we donated pizzas to three fire houses in Piscataway.



OBITUARIES OF

Our Departed Brothers

PDG George Burlotos



George Burlotos was born in Passaic, NJ, in 1923. As a child, his mother was ill with tuberculosis, so from 1929 until 1939, he lived mainly with relatives in Elika (Laconia) and Marousi, Greece. He returned from Greece as a 16-year-old teenager and attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden, NJ. He thoroughly enjoyed the arts, played the violin and participated in school theater productions.

In 1943, four days after graduation, George entered the U.S. Navy and served with the Amphibious Seabee forces in the South Pacific, including Guam, Guadalcanal, the invasion of Okinawa and other Pacific islands. It was while on Guam that George received word from the Naval Chaplain the tragic news of his mother's death in May 1945 during the Communist insurgency in Greece. For his service in the Navy, George received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with a Bronze Star for the Okinawa Campaign and the WWII Victory Medal. Upon discharge in 1946, he attended Temple University at night for five years and operated The Fruit Basket and George's Restaurant in Camden and Cherry Hill, NJ, for several decades.

PDG George Burlotos pictured with fellow chapter member and Veteran Elias Horiates George married Matina Laskaris of Wilmington, Delaware in 1953 and is the proud father of four children (Eleni, James, Nikonika, and Alexander) and nine grandchildren. Matina passed away in 1995.

In 1949 George created the Pan-Hellenic Hour, a live radio program on WKDN in Camden, NJ. George continued the radio program for 35 years until 1984 when he started "The Greek Spirit," a television broadcast under his direction and production. As its main correspondent and on-air personality, George was one of the most widely recognized and respected members of the Greek-American community promoting Hellenism in the Delaware Valley. "The Greek Spirit" was televised every Sunday evening reaching as far as New York, Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania. George videotaped and presented functions such as special liturgies, doxologies, dances, performing dance groups, musical events and news from Greece. After 68 years on the air, George begrudgingly retired in November 2017 at the young age of 94 when station WYBE was sold and ceased operations. George was incredibly thankful for all the support he received from his viewers and sponsors who made his programs possible.

Through the years, George was also involved in many professional, community and Greek organizations. George was the Chairman of the Cherry Hill Economic Development Board, the Chamber of Commerce and served as Vice-President of Lawn Del Savings

Association. He served the Greek community as a founding member and past president of St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church in Cherry Hill, NJ. He was a lifetime AHEPA member, serving as past president of Camden chapter and district governor of the New Jersey and Delaware District #5. He was also a proud member of the Eleftheria VFW Post 6633 Greek-American Veterans Association, The Greek American Heritage Society of Philadelphia, American Legion Post #372, The St. Thomas Senior Housing Committee as well as the St. Thomas "Kali Parea."

For his lifetime devotion to Hellenism in the Delaware Valley and beyond, our George Burlotos was unanimously selected by the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley as the Eleftheria Award Recipient for 2018. AHEPA Supreme President George Horiates stated "George was an institution in the Greater Philadelphia area, we have lost a great man. His kind will never be replicated."



AMERICAN GREEK community in South Jersey perpetuates its heritage in many ways. George Burlotos (left) interviews Charles Chigounis, president of the local Greek Orthodox Community.

OBITUARIES OF

Our Departed Brothers

Andrew Lafharis

Born in Amaliada Greece

On July 28, 1931

Initiated into the
Order of Ahepa
Trenton Chapter # 72
On March 11, 1959

Passed away in
Hamilton New Jersey
On July 9, 2020

Andrew Lafharis, 88, of Hamilton, entered into God's eternal rest on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton. Born and raised in Amaliada, Greece he served in the Greek Airforce as a master mechanic prior to immigrating to the United States in his early 20's. He married his beloved wife Voula in 1958 and began his family a few years later. He owned and operated Stewart's Root Beer on Route 33 in Hamilton for 47 years and was involved in the local community and enjoyed teaching his hard work ethics to others he employed. He instilled work ethics to the younger generation who still remember him to this day. Andrew was a member of the Trenton AHEPA #72 and was a parish member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Hamilton where he served for many years on the annual festival committee cooking for the church.

He had a winter home in Naples,

Florida for 30 years and attended St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Naples where he began and chaired their annual Greek Festival, also cooking for the church there. Andrew was an extremely hard worker all his life. He enjoyed fishing and providing for his family. He was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many.

Andrew is preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Zoe (Ginalas) Lafharis; he is survived by his beautiful wife of 62 years, Voula P. (Marnelakis) Lafharis; his daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Vincent Spiezio III, and son and daughter-in-law, Teddy and Dee Lafharis; five grandchildren, Christina and husband Justin Hughes, Vincent Spiezio IV and wife Dawna, Cassandra Spiezio, Sarah and Lauren Lafharis; four great grandchildren, Vincent, Ellie, Paige and Emmeline; as well as many other family and friends.

Ramapo Chapter #453

REACHING OUT TO ALL RAMAPO BROTHERS

Our Chapter may be able to assist you. (us)

Brothers: The Executive Board wishes you and your family best of health, and safety during these challenging times. With the Covid -19 Virus Pandemic causing much concern, unrest, unemployment and, unforeseen circumstances and you could also use some in kind assistance.

Brother, if you are in need or you are aware of any Brother whose family could use some assistance.

PLEASE CONTACT one of the Brothers listed below

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The Chapter Executive Board will convene to review how we can assist in kind to our Brothers' in need.



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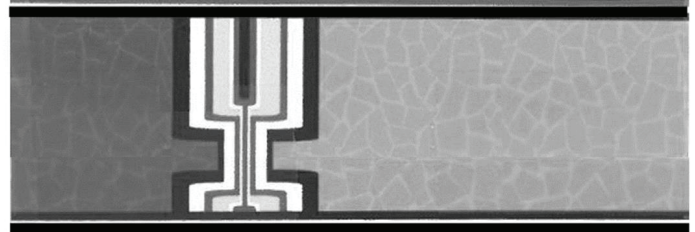
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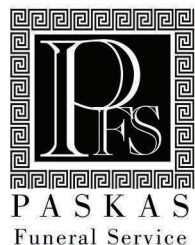


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