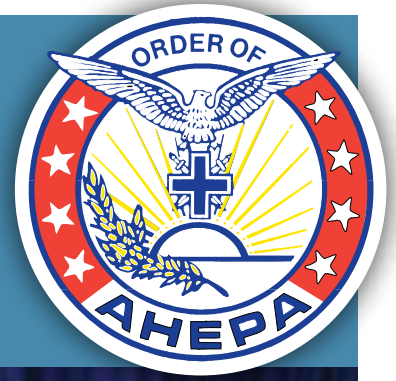


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Message From Our District Governor

WILLIAM A. HARRISON

To my AHEPA family,

My message to you in this AHEPA Voice will be my last greeting as your Governor. I want to thank everyone for having the faith in me to lead this wonderful Order this past year. As I was sworn in, the words said were, "I will leave my office better than how I received it." I think this has happened. My first week in office started out my year with excitement. Meeting with Gov. Chris Christi of New Jersey was a great honor. I asked him to join our Order as other great leaders of our country have done.

This year we visited almost every chapter in our district, some of them twice or even more. By the time you read this, I would like to say every chapter has seen the District Lodge in their meeting. To spread the word and mission of the AHEPA is

rewarding. The men who have served in this office can agree with me. Everywhere we go, all chapters have received the lodge with brotherhood and respect. I thank all of you for that.

As our district grows, we are closer to having a new chapter. Flemington, NJ is ready to open their doors on the new church. I have spoken to the priest and President of the parish council. They have welcomed me with open arms. I believe this will happen real soon.

As I am about to finish my term, I know I am leaving the Order in good hands. I see great things, and strong ideas, from Sammy Thomas. He has been supportive on the betterment of the AHEPA. I know he will be a dynamic Governor this coming year. Good luck my friend.

From what I have seen in the rest of the District Lodge, we have many more strong years in our District # 5. As we promote brothers from the chapters, they rise up to the lodge and learn, as I have, to do great things with the Order. I wish you all well. I am leaving the District Lodge but I am not leaving you. You all mean a great deal to me and I will always be there to assist you. Just remember, this is team work. Everyone on the lodge was put there because of his excellence. Respect you brother lodge members' ideas. Think out of the box. I only see good things for our Order. May the new District Lodge enjoy their term as much as I have and good luck to you all.

William A. Harrison
AHEPA DISTRICT GOVERNOR #5



*Message from the Daughters of Penelope
District Governor*

ELENI PARLAPANIDES

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope and pray that my message finds you well.

As spring is now here and with the Easter Season upon us has yet another year come to an end. The Lodge has been very busy the last few months fulfilling the visitations to all the chapters that were not able to visit in the fall.

I would like to THANK all my sisters for giving me the opportunity to serve one of the best Districts, District 5 and be their District Governor. It has been an honor to do so.

As this will be my last message to you as District Governor, I would like to take the opportunity to thank my sisters on the District Lodge for helping me to have a good year. I wish them continuous success.

"BRAVO", to all the Chapter Presidents and their boards for their wonderful job.

Thank you to Bill Harrison and his Lodge.

The Daughters of Penelope District 5 Biennial Salute to Women was held on Sunday, March 10, 2013 in Hackensack, NJ at the Crow's Nest Restaurant.

Margaret Scopelianos was the 2013 recipient. Participating at The Daughter's of Penelope Day at Basil's, our Grand President Joanne Saltas with her Grand Lodge officers was among the sisters who visited the Academy, Greek Independence Day parades and testimonial dinners for our Past District Governors and Past Presidents are a few of the events that the sisters has attended.

The Annual District Luncheon will be held at the Dockside Grill, Clarks Landing Yacht Club in Point Pleasant.

The District Convention will be held on June 14 - 16, 2013 in Newark, NJ at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, hosted by the AHEPA Family of Jersey City, Hudson Chapter # 108 and Sisters of Icarus #48. Please make every effort to attend. This is a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

This Year's National Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida, Aug.18-24, 2013

I wish you all KALO PASCHA, Happy Easter.

Yours in Theta Pi,
Eleni Parlapanides, 5th District Governor

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Message from the Daughters of Penelope Grand Secretary

DEMI THOMAS

Recently I was privileged to join 40 other sisters in attending Daughters of Penelope day at St. Basil's. Also attending were Grand President Joanne Saltas, Grand Vice President Anna Helene Grossomanides, Grand Treasurer Connie Pilallis, Grand Governor Maria Patelos, Grand Governor Jan Spanos, Executive Director Elena Saviolakis, and of course me, Demi Thomas Grand Secretary. Sisters came from all over the tri state area.

Daughters of Penelope Day was started as a way for Daughters to join with the Grand President for a tour, lunch and an opportunity to meet with the children of St. Basil's. St. Basil's has been a project of the Daughters of Penelope for many years with the Daughters helping with the ongoing maintenance of the facilities.

We started our day with a Church service led by Father Sitaras. He then took all of the sisters on a tour of the campus, showing us the recently renovated dorms, the common recreation room, the library, the dental and medical facilities, the pool and exercise room. He answered all of our questions and then we headed to the Main building for a delicious Lenten lunch. The children joined us for lunch and we were able to talk with them and ask them questions.

The Saint Basil Academy is a national not-for-profit philanthropic center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America which provides love, shelter, food, education, protection and a home for her orphans, children of chronically ill or destitute parents or children from broken homes.



Vice-Chairman of the AHEPA Board of Trustees

LEE J. MILLAS

Again I wish to express my appreciation for your support in the performance our duties as elected members of the Ahepa National Board of Trustees. Our primary purpose is to safeguard the funds of Ahepa and with the expert advice of our consultant and the dedicated effort by the members of the Board, its' been a team effort to see the the funds of Ahepa not only increase in value but are safe and secure. Something the membership of Ahepa should appreciate considering our past history. But, even though Ahepa is presently on a very healthy financial level, we must all understand that we do have a different level of operation. In the past, our annual income involved three sources for income. The main source is obviously the per capita tax from membership. Added to that was income from our Supreme Conventions and additionally, income from our Annual Congressional Banquet. Unfortunately, it has come to pass that conventions bring in little or no profit and, in fact, on many occasions we suffer a loss. Also, the Banquets have become break-even event, at

best. So brothers, membership and income from our investments have been the basis for our yearly budget. That is why increasing our membership to so important to the future success on our Order.

In reference to our Biennial Congressional Banquet, It is indeed an pleasure and honor to be appointed Banquet Chairman and hopefully it will be an event that we can all be proud of. We will be honoring Congressman Albio Sires with the 2013 Pericles Award, the Military Medal of Honor Award to Col. Steven Pisanos as well as others. Also, as a result of the great effort by several Ahepa Chapters in New York, New Jersey and Conn., several chapters from those districts will receive a special honor for their efforts and Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey has been invited for these awards.

The Banquet was held on May 22, 2013 at the Washington Willard Hotel in Washington, DC. I would like to thank all those who attended. District 5 was well represented, with six tables in attendance.



Business Manager's Spring Issue Message

PHIL VOGIS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your support to the AHEPA Voice magazine. Your chapter contributions and news articles, again has made our magazine the number ONE magazine in the AHEPA Domain. The Publications Board and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year". We truly appreciate the support from all of our D5 AHEPA Family members. In addition, please continue to support our advertisers that make our magazine possible.

PDG Savas Tsivicos Feted for His Contributions to AHEPA and his Community

On Sunday afternoon, February 24th Ahepans from throughout the district, along with members of the Church and government officials gathered with family and friends at the Stavros and Zoe Paragioudakis Cultural Center in Ocean, NJ to honor the contributions of Past District Governor Savas C. Tsivicos. The venue of the dinner could not have been better chosen, for it was under Savas' leadership as President of the Parish Council of Saint George that the center and the entire complex were built.

Brother Savas served the district as Governor from June 2011-2012. But this was just the "icing on the cake". In his years of service to AHEPA he was awarded many honors including "Ahepan of the Year" for District 5 in 2005 and then again for the Thomas Edison Chapter 285 in 2011, when he was elected as Governor. He served as Chapter President of the Thomas Edison Chapter #287 of Asbury Park for eight years. During his tenure the chapter was recognized as outstanding chapter and chapter with the most new initiates. Brother Savas' service to AHEP is at all levels. He also served at the national level as a member of the Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee.

Brother Savas' contribution to the district includes a greater involvement in civic affairs. Savas was instrumental in initiating US Senator Robert Menendez into the Order. Other Congressman became members of the AHEPA or the Hellenic Caucus because of Savas. There was also a closer cooperation with the Church during his tenure. The Metropolitan attended several events including the District Convention. The district experienced an increase in membership with Savas as Governor.

The dinner was attended by many individuals from outside AHEPA. Most noteworthy was the attendance of Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey and US Congressman Frank Pallone. Other dignitaries included a representative from the government of Cyprus, representatives from the Federation of New Jersey, the NJ Greek American Chamber of Commerce, the Hellenic Federation of Philadelphia, Pan Gregorian Enterprises and several more. Of course Ahepans



Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey speaks on behalf of Savas Tsivikos' service to the Church, for his years of service as President of the St George Parish of Asbury Park, now in Ocean.

who made presentations on behalf of AHEPA were Lee Millas, representing the PDG Club and Bill Harrison representing the District 5 Lodge. Brother Savas was presented with his PDG jewel and crest, which he wore proudly.

Savas was accompanied by his lovely wife Maria. Together they have three children, Haralambos, Elpetha and Evangelos.



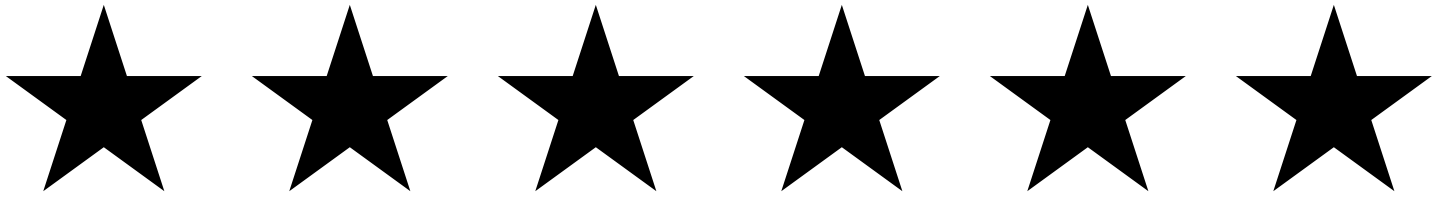
Lee Millas (right) representing the Past District Governors Club presents Savas with his plaque.



Costas Linardakis, Chairman of the testimonial, awards Savas with his Past District Governor's jewel. May he wear it proudly.



US Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) presents Savas with a Congressional citation in recognition of his service to the community.



RAMAPO'S 1ST VETERANS GALA

Honors Service to the Armed Forces

By Ted Vittas with excerpts taken from The Record newspaper



On Monday, February 25th, The Ramapo Chapter 453, in cooperation with the Bloomfield Vet Center, hosted the first ever Veterans Gala. Over 300 were in attendance that evening at the St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church community center in Wyckoff, NJ to greet and host veterans of the military of all eras. Originally set for November 5th, the week before Veterans Day, the original event was postponed and rescheduled because of Hurricane Sandy. The brothers of the Ramapo Chapter along with Daughters of Penelope worked to round up and cook a delicious spread of food, and greet the veterans as they arrived. Numerous social service agencies were manning tables inside the hall ready to talk to veterans and help them with their needs.

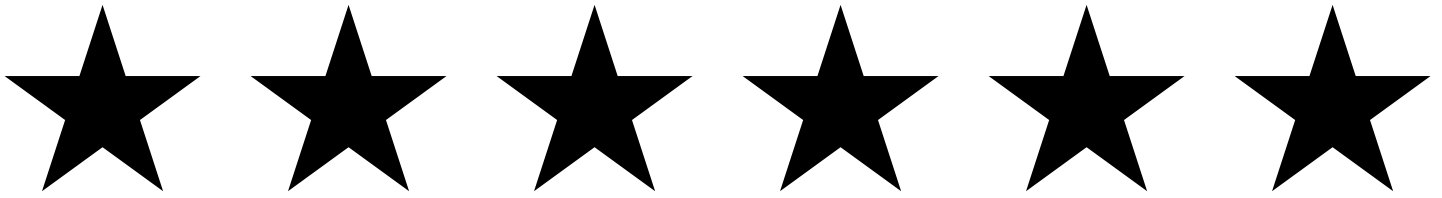
The gala was the idea of Ramapo Chapter President Peter Kyriakoulis, himself a veteran of the Iraq war. As many of our service men come back from their tour of duty, they need help to find a home, get a job or educate themselves in their next career. According to the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development, about 10 percent, or 20,000 of the nearly 200,000 veterans in New Jersey are unemployed.

The gala was a way to bring the veterans together with the social service organizations that can aid them or with employers that have jobs for them. At the gala an announcement was made to publicize a new Vet Center that opened up in Oakland, NJ. "One of the reasons why we wanted to do this event is the unveiling of the Oakland out station," said Jonathan Popovich, a readjustment counseling therapist at the Vet Center in Bloomfield. "There are a number of veterans in this area and the nearest Vet Center for them is our offices in Secaucus and Bloomfield. It was a really good fit to come to Oakland."

Also, it is important that someone says "thank you" for the sacrifices that veterans made for their country. Showing appreciation is a small thing that we can all do to show that their sacrifices are recognized and honor is given to the serviceman or woman.

The timing of the event was on the same week that St Nicholas Church held their first Outreach Sunday. That Sunday, members of the parish, including AHEPA, reached out to the community to make the public aware of the services that St Nicholas and its organizations provide. The Veterans Gala was an extension of that outreach.

It is hoped that this will become an annual event centered on the week of Veterans Day. The first gala showed what how Ahepans can come together, as part of their civic responsibility, and be recognized in the greater community of Bergen County as a positive driver for change. The gala was a great event to say "thank you" and support those veterans in need of support.



Charlie Charlis, one of several Ramapo veterans, reads the names of deceased service men and women.





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A PARADE!



AHEPA has Greek Pride on display in New York and Philadelphia





Ahepans at the Camden Chapter #69 pose with Supreme President Grossomanides on the eve of the Greek parade in Philadelphia.



President Grossomanides addresses Ahepans and Sons of Pericles at Movie Night in Piscataway, NJ.

Supreme President John Grossomanides and Supreme Lodge **TOURS DISTRICT 5**

The Odyssey, the epic poem by Homer, tells of Odysseus' 10-year journey home after the Trojan War. Our AHEPA Supreme President, Dr. John Grossomanides and his Lodge, have had an Odyssey of their own, having spent countless hours visiting chapters, large and small, throughout the AHEPA domain. Now in the second year of his 2-year term, Brother John has been no stranger in District 5 as he has made many visits throughout the past two years.

However, this March Brother John went on a whirlwind tour traveling extensively throughout the Fifth with Supreme Governor Jimmy Kokotas and Past Supreme Treasurer Andy Zachariades.

On Thursday, March 14th Brother John visited Hudson Chapter to initiate the Mayor of Jersey City, Jeremiah Healey into the AHEPA. Attending were officers of several neighboring chapters.

On Friday, March 15th Brother Grossomanides traveled to Wilmington, DE to visit the AHEPA Odyssey School. He spent time with the children and toured the newly expanded school.

Later on Friday evening, the Supreme President traveled to Piscataway New Jersey for a combined meeting of the New Brunswick Sons of Pericles and Monroe Chapter #75. A movie viewing of "The 11th Day" followed a short presentation and a question and answer session.

The next day, on Saturday, March 16th it was off to South Jersey Chapter #162 in Vineland, NJ. The Ahepans there were very happy to see Brother John as the chapter never had a Supreme President visit them.

Later on Saturday evening Brother John visited the Camden Chapter #69 in Cherry Hill, NJ on the eve of the Greek Independence Day parade in Philadelphia.

On Sunday, it was off to Philadelphia to march in the Philadelphia Greek Independence Day parade with the AHEPA families of Districts 4 (PA) and 5 (NJ & DE).

President Grossomanides has made many other visits to District 5 this year. In addition to these visitations he has visited Alexander Hamilton #54 on more than one occasion. Also, he visited Trenton #72. Just recently he was in District 5 again to attend the Ramapo Chapter Smoker with Supreme Treasurer Tony Drakos.

It is with great pleasure that we receive our beloved leader. Brother John is going down as the most active Supreme President in AHEPA history. Until we meet Brother John one last time in Orlando we wish him a successful finish to his two-year personal Odyssey.



Presenting South Jersey Chapter #162 with an AHEPA flag at his visit to Vineland, NJ.



President Grossomanides and the District Lodge with the Ahepans of South Jersey #162. President Grossomanides is the first AHEPA Supreme President to visit Vineland, NJ.

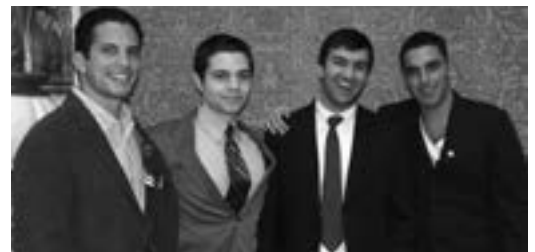
22ND HERMES EXPO FEATURES MANY PROMINENT AHEPANS

Brother Paul Kotrotsios and his family have been the focal point of the Hermes Expo for 22 years. Bringing people together to market their products, hosting an informative symposium and honoring the contributors to Hellenism at the evening awards dinner, Brother Paul works hard at creating the synergies that he so proudly boasts about. Once again he has allowed Ahepans to take a prominent role in the events of the Expo.

Serving as emcee of the Expo and awards dinner is the always energetic Past District Governor George Horiates. The two have teamed up again for a second consecutive year. The day began with a seminar on commerce which featured government officials as well as academics. There was a live Internet link with a gathering in Athens Greece with the Supreme President of AHEPA Dr. John Grossomanides and many Ahepans in Greece in attendance. At the Expo the AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation booth was visited by hundreds throughout the day. There were numerous interesting presentations by many professionals in the fields of health care and law, government and commerce. The Hermes Young Professionals Initiative continues to grow as numerous Sons of Pericles took part in the gathering.

At the evening awards dinner many people are recognized for their contributions to Hellenism. Some of those Ahepans recognized this year are PDG Savas Tsivicos, Past Chairman of the Fifth District Cancer Foundation Andy Zachariades and current Governor Bill Harrison. Also recognized was Brother Dimitri Rozanitis for his service as Chairman of the Philadelphia Hellenic Federation. Dr. Dean Lomis of the University of Delaware was also recognized.

The dinner was well attended by five tables of Ahepans and this year, for the first time, one table of Sons of Pericles. Congratulations on another outstanding year of the Hermes Expo. We are glad to have been a part of it.



Ahepan Bill Balis Is Named the 2013 Recipient of the AHEPA Business Network Award

In 2011, the Fifth District Lodge initiated a new award, with the cooperation of Brother Paul Kotrotsios and his Hermes Expo. It is the AHEPA Business Network Award, given to recognize Greek American entrepreneurs for their success in business. The award is presented at the annual Hermes Expo Dinner at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. This year, the award was given to Bill Balis, proprietor of the Adelpia Restaurant and Bar. In 2012, Brother Bill celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his highly successful business. Adelpia Restaurant is located at 1750 Clements Bridge Road in Deptford.

“Even in today’s weak economy, we’re forging ahead, succeeding by giving our customers full measures of quality and value,” said Brother Bill Balis. “Our not-so-secret secret is that we do everything ourselves, every day, and we do it with passion,” he said. “We have a wonderful staff of more than 250 who help us achieve our goals. Unlike most restaurants, we even do all our own baking on the premises.”



At the Hermes Expo banquet, District Governor William Harrison, flanked by Ahepans left and right, receives his award from the Expo and introduces the AHEPA Business Network Award.

Brother Balis had at least three tables present from his home community of Cherry Hill to witness the honor. All Ahepans in the room were called up to be part of the presentation. Before Bill was called up, Gus Horiates, an employee and personal friend of the honoree was given the microphone to tell the audience of Bill’s generous nature and willingness to help those in need. He recounted how Bill rounded

up a group at the last minute to help feed a group of seniors. A humble man of few words, Bill was called up to receive his plaque and he graciously thanked the AHEPA for this honor.

This was the third presentation of this annual award. Other recipients of the Business Network Award were Dr. Spiros Spireas MD in 2011 and Nick Tsaptsaris in 2012.

BERGEN COUNTY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY HELD ON MARCH 25TH



Louis Arvanitis President
of Alexander Hamilton #54
addressing the audience.

The County of Bergen honored the celebration of Greek Independence with a flag raising event on March 25th at the County Administration Building in Hackensack. The three Bergen County AHEPA Chapters, Alexander Hamilton #54 of Paramus, Bergen Knights #285 of Tenafly and Ramapo #453 of Wyckoff were on hand to join in the celebration. Also in attendance was the four parishes of Bergen County which includes the parish of the Ascension in Fairview.

The Greek flag was raised in the Piazza, however cold and windy conditions moved the event indoors. Rocco Mazza served as the MC of the event, while County Administrator Ed Trawinski delivered the opening and closing remarks. Louis Arvanitis, AHEPA President of Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54 of Paramus delivered poignant comments about the importance of this day. The Greek National Anthem was performed by Vicki Lekkas.

A video of Brother Arvanitis' remarks can be viewed on YouTube at by searching for "192nd Anniversary of Greek Independence".

FIFTH DISTRICT AHEPA CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Elections for the Board of Trustees for the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. were held on February 19, 2013. Elected to serve are Aheapans: Christos Prentzas, Lee Millas, John Mehos, Steve Lioumis, Ted Fanikos, Chris Sevast and Ted Vittas and for the Daughters of Penelope: Stathia Marousis, Penelope Capetan, Georgette Boulegeris and Valerie Vittas.

The Foundation is pleased to announce the new executive officers:

Chairman: George Horiates

Vice Chariman: Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades

Treasurer: Andrew Zachariades

Recording Secretary: Valerie Vittas

Corresponding Secretary: Penelope Capetan

Due to Hurricane Sandy and conflicts with rescheduling the Annual Fall Gala was not held in 2012. The Foundation wishes to thank those donors who made generous contributions towards the Gala Benefactor Program and those who donated their ticket money to the cause. Individual thank you letters and programs will be distributed shortly. Please save the date for the 2013 Annual Fall Gala which will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ.

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Salute to Women

By Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades

Hackensack, NJ- The 5th District Daughters of Penelope honored Margaret A. Scopelianos at their Biennial 2013 Salute to Women. This award is given biannually to a woman who resides within the Daughters of Penelope District 5 domain, who is Greek or a Phil Hellene and who has achieved a high level within her profession, who would be a prominent role model and inspiration to all, women and men alike.

Events such as the Salute to Women are held in the month of March, which is designated as Women's History Month, in the United States. The purpose is to inspire women, celebrate their achievements and encourage young women to attain a high level in their personal and professional careers.

Mrs. Scopelianos said "she was very honored and touched to receive this recognition. It made her reflect on how proud she was to be Greek and how her Hellenic values contributed to her career decisions which kept her priorities clear and authentic." She further stated that her mother, "Maria Anthon of Canonsburg, PA encouraged her to take advantage of opportunities that she as a woman did not have available to her."

Mrs. Scopelianos has certainly proved to be a worthy honoree of this award, her career in banking began when she was initially hired to translate and analyze foreign financial statements for a major bank. Shortly thereafter, she was enrolled in the bank's management training program, setting her on a path to corporate banking.

Throughout her career she has held a variety of leadership roles at major banks in the US, including positions in corporate lending, underwriting, risk management, sales, treasury management and business leadership. Over the years, she took on roles which require strong leadership applied primarily toward the challenges of growth of a business, optimization of an underperforming business, and cultural change in organizations.

In her current role, Mrs. Scopelianos is the Public Sector Banking Executive at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. She leads the firm's national banking practice which serves the complex financial needs of States, agencies, authorities, public higher educational institutions and other public sector clients.

In 2002 she joined Bank of America as Senior Vice President, Global Risk Management, with regional responsibility for the Bank's commercial credit portfolio in the Northeast. She previously held a variety of corporate banking positions within other major firms, including key integration leadership roles for a significant number of bank mergers and acquisitions.

In addition, Mrs. Scopelianos has held numerous civic and trustee positions on non-profit boards in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A graduate of Penn State University, PA she served two terms as a trustee of The Penn State University Alumni Council. She has also been honored with several business awards in recognition of her leadership in the financial community. Such as the NJ State to the Policy Makers Award, Women of Influence in Finance Award and the Tribute to Women in Industry Award.

She also spoke of her father, the late Sam Emmanuel Anthon, who was a member of the Order of AHEPA, Chapter #156, who on her first day of college at Penn State, he walked into a local diner and inquired if it was a Greek owned diner. He said "this is my daughter she will be attending college here, will you take care of her." It just proves that no matter where you go in this world your Greek roots have a deep connection, which stretches far and wide.

She was born and raised in Canonsburg PA within the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church community. A longtime member of St George Greek Orthodox Church in Piscataway NJ, she resides in Whitehouse Station in Hunterdon County NJ with her husband, Dr. Angelo Scopelianos, and sons.

Previous Salute to Women Honoree's include 2001 Honorable (retired) Marina Corodemus, 2003 Debra K. Poulos Donnelly, Esq., DVS, 2005 Antonia Tripolitis, Ph.D, 2007 Cleopatra G. Notarides, M.A. Ed.S, L.M.F.T. (deceased), 2009 Dr. Vassiliki Karantza, Medical Oncologist, Cancer Institute of NJ and 2011 Marina Alexander, Musical & Artistic Director, Founder Arcadian Chorale.

A true inspiration, Mrs. Scopelianos deserves the recognition she has received. May she continue on her path of great success both personally and professionally, Sta Notra!!



District Governor Eleni Parlapanides (left) presents the honoree Margaret A. Scopelianos (right) with a crystal vase as the honoree at the DOP Salute to Women.



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Dear Daughters of Penelope
and Brother Ahepans ,

What an amazing Saint Patrick's Dinner! Thank you to all who were co-conspirators in planning a party in my honor. Needless to say, I was very surprised and truly humbled by the love and friendship that surrounded me.

Special thanks to all who so generously contributed to REED Academy for Children with Autism. For me it is and will always be about the children. Every child deserves a chance and with your generosity they will get that chance.

The memories that we create today as Brothers and Sisters are the lessons that follow, those lessons will guide us in the future.

Love in Theta Pi,
Angela Hajiyerou
Past President
Agape Chapter 336

Daughters Of Penelope Alexander #250 Host Trip To Sands by Marion Economo

The Daughters of Penelope took a detour from our annual spring Atlantic City trip to go to the Sands in Bethlehem, PA. We had an excellent turnout and would like to thank the family of St. Andrew for supporting us. Everyone tried their luck and we had two especially happy participants: Petra Knox and Rikka Petrou. Our thanks go to Jack and Betty Kelly, our AHEPA couple, for organizing a very successful event. It was a lovely day from start to finish.

Through this and other fundraising activities we are able to fund our worthy charities at both the local and national level including, but not limited to Wounded Warriors, Got your Back (two organizations supporting our Veterans and their families) Penelope House for Battered Women, St. Basil's Academy, Penelope Foundation, Inc. (providing scholarships, seminars and educational activities), Cooley's Anemia (Thalassemia), Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation, and St. Andrew.

Marion Economo, PDG presented Anna Zavros with her past president pin. Anna served as our president for the past five years. Thanks to her leadership, our membership has grown and we began a new fundraising tradition: fall fashion shows. Our last show featured fashions from Coldwater Creek, Chester which were modeled by both Daughters and members of the Philoptochos of the St. Andrew Community. In addition, while Anna was our president, she served on the District Lodge and currently is the District Secretary. We wish her continued success and look forward to her leading District #5 in the near future.

We are now about to embark on the holiest season of our Orthodox calendar, Great Lent and Pascha, we are preparing for the community Pascha Luncheon. This is the first year all of the church organizations will participate in the luncheon. Our president, Julie Ioannou, is representing the Daughters in this endeavor. It promises to be a unifying St. Andrew Family event. A truly beautiful way to begin our journey to Pascha. Proceeds from the luncheon are earmarked for St. Andrew.

As always, we welcome new members and encourage the women of our community to contact Julie Ioannou, President at 973-895-6122 or any member of the Daughters.

The members of Alexander #250 wish the AHEPA family of District #5 a Blessed Pascha.



On Saturday afternoon April 13th the Daughters of Penelope joined with the Ahepans of District 5 to honor Past

District Governor Karen Marousis. Karen served the district as Governor for two terms from 2010 – 2012.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE, ALTES # 163


On February 21st, the Altes Chapter # 163 in Trenton hosted our annual membership tea. This year's theme was a patriotic red, white, and blue cupcake theme. Several of our members led by Caliope Muzithras made little tea sandwiches. Mother-Daughter Donna Petinos and Regina Petinos baked cupcakes for dessert, and decorated the cupcakes as the American flag. We used this opportunity to take our July themed calendar picture for the District's Spring Luncheon. We enjoyed playing cupcake themed bingo. Turn out for the tea was wonderful with 7 potential new members in attendance.

At our March meeting we reaped the rewards of our successful membership tea. We initiated 2 new members, Michelle Demetriou and Angela Revenides; welcomed the transfer of Irene Melassanos and Golfo Papadopoulos to our chapter; and welcomed back the reinstatement of Cynthia Dengler.

On May 11, many of our members will be participating in the Great Strides Walk in Mercer County Park to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. May 16-19 our chapter will be helping at our annual Saint George Trenton Festival. Stop by and visit us.

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CAMDEN #69 HOSTS A MASS INITIATION WITH TWO CHAPTERS FROM DISTRICT 4

On February 27, 2013 Camden #69 had a tri-area combined initiation into our AHEPA brotherhood, at our AHEPA Hall of Camden Chapter #69. The joint initiations included the Philadelphia Chapter and the Upper Darby Chapter Thermopylae. The initiates were:

William Balis, Camden Chapter #69

Vasilis Keisoglou, Thermopile Chapter, District #4

Kostas Ouranitsas, Philadelphia Chapter, District #4

The following visiting dignitaries directed and conducted the initiations of the new members who were inducted to the ORDER OF AHEPA:

Arhimandrite Father Nectarios Kottros Assuming the Ahepan post of Chaplain

George G. Horiates Esq. 2010-2011 PDG, presiding and conducting the initiations

Chris B Sevast 1991-1992 PDG

George Burlotos PDG 1961-1962, Greek Spirit, & Publicity

George Pappas, District Marshal, assisting in the initiation proceedings

After the initiation's ceremony, the following Photo was taken. Light Dinner and Beverages were served, and all brothers had a good time, and enjoyed the Brotherhood's association and camaraderie.



Ahepa Monroe 75 and SOP Kanaris 177 Hold Joint Movie Night – Submitted by John Millas

With the combined efforts of John Millas, President of Ahepa Monroe 75 and George Sarris, President of the Sons of Pericles, Kanaris 177, a “get acquainted” social gathering was held on March 15th, at Saint George Church, Piscataway, N.J.

Light refreshments was followed by an excellent documentary “The Eleventh Day” which told of the heroic fight and struggle of the Cretan people against the German occupation of World War II.

Approximately forty attendees were honored with a surprise visit from the Supreme President John Grossomanides, accompanied by Past Supreme Treasurer, Andy Zachariadis.

President Grossomanides briefly spoke of the many AHEPA projects and accomplishments and general information. He was well received by all.

Also present was (name) Supreme Presidents of the Sons of Pericles. This event became a memorable and enjoyable evening.



HUDSON HAPPENINGS

On Thursday, March 14, 2013, we were honored with a second visitation by our Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides. On that evening we also initiated the Honorable Jeremiah Healy, Mayor of Jersey City, NJ, into our Chapter. After presenting the Mayor with the Ahepa Oath we continued with the initiation of another member into our chapter. In a room filled with dignitaries of our Fifth District Lodge as well as other dignitaries and guests, our Supreme President conducted a very informative meeting and ended with a joint meeting with our Daughters Chapter, Icarus #48 joining for refreshments. The Grand Vice President of the Daughters of Penelope, Anna Hellene Grossamanides was also a guest of the evening. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 65 year member pin to Rev. Fr. George Economou by our Supreme President with Presvytera Economou and his two daughters present. The evening was appreciated by all who attended. Our Chapter also presented our Mayor with a \$1,000 check towards the Mayor's Sandy Storm Fund for assistance to those who suffered storm damage in our City.

We are busy preparing for our upcoming 82nd John G. Thevos Fifth District Convention hosted by Hudson Chapter #108 and Icarus Chapter #48 which will be held the weekend of June 14th through June 16th. The entire Convention will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 160 Frontage Road, Newark, New Jersey. Friday, June 14th registration will begin at 4:00 p.m.,

followed with the Convention Opening at 7:00 p.m. and concluding with a Convention social gathering where Scholarship recipients will be honored in an atmosphere filled with DJ Music. Saturday, June 15th, Registration at 8:00 a.m.; Business Meetings 9:00 a.m. until Noon; Daughters Luncheon at Noon with business meetings continuing after Lunch. Convention Banquet 6:30 p.m., Dinner and Music 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 16th, Liturgy at Evangelismos Tis Theotokou, followed by farewell Brunch at Evangelismos Community Center. This is a schedule of events to date with a possibility of some minor changes. We are making visitations and appreciate the hospitality of the chapters visited. We are also asking for your help for our Convention Journal which will make our Convention a success and through which we can congratulate our District Governor, William Harrison, who has worked so hard this year. As Convention Chairman, I would like to thank our District Governor and the District Lodge for affording me the opportunity to travel with them and visit every chapter inviting them to be a part of the District Convention of our great Fifth District.

Hotel accommodations for the weekend can be made through the Ramada Plaza Hotel (direct) at 973-589-1000 ext: 7005, using the code name AHEPA, and the rates are \$99.00 per night and include Breakfast. This rate will be available until June 7, 2013, after that date reservations will be at full rate.

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NEW SONS OF PERICLES CHAPTER CHARTERED IN HOLMDEL, NJ

At the AHEPA District Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 23rd an initiation was held of four new Sons of Pericles. The five new members along with four reactivated members at large were enough to charter the newest Sons of Pericles chapter in District 5.

Conducting the ceremony was District Advisor Ted Vittas along with Ahepan and father of one of the initiates Theo Hadjitheodosiou. The ceremony was conducted in Ocean, NJ. The chapter will be known as the Garden State Chapter, after their AHEPA chapter name, until the members choose a permanent name.

A few weeks after the initiation the chapter announced their first officers:

- Bobby Hadjitheodosiou, President
- Anthony Patras, Vice President
- Andreas Petrou, Treasurer
- Greg Zaharioudakis, Secretary

Other founding members of the chapter are William Barnek, Arthur Barnek, Robert Barnek and John Sideris.



New Brunswick Kanaris Chapter Wins District Volleyball Tournament

The Wyckoff Sons and Maids hosted the 5th Annual Co-Ed Volleyball Invitational on Saturday, January 5th. The games were held at the St Nicholas Church gym in Wyckoff, NJ. The co-ed tournament allowed Sons and Maids to play together on the same team. The games were a lot of fun and everyone left pretty sore as each athlete participated in a full day of continuous play.

The ultimate champion was the New Brunswick Sons of Pericles but they needed help throughout the day from several fill in players. The final match pitted New Brunswick versus the Perth Amboy GOYA. It was a close match that went to extra points before New Brunswick ultimately prevailed. Other teams in the tournament included two Wyckoff teams and the Trenton GOYA.



Perth Amboy poses with their 2nd place trophy.

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1ST DISTRICT 5 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

In the game of basketball, March is usually the month of post-season tournament basketball. Traditionally known as “March Madness”, teams compete for the championship knowing that one loss could mean elimination. This year AHEPA District 5 had some March madness of its own, as the first AHEPA District 5 basketball tournament took place in the St George Athletic Center in Ocean, NJ on March 23 – 24.

Eight teams competed in the tournament with elimination games after the first round. There were some heart stopping games early on as Cherry Hill and Team Gerasimos, possibly the two best teams, went to the wire in their 2nd round winners bracket contest. It was Cherry Hill that emerged victorious 57 – 54 to knock Gerasimos out of the tournament. However, the next contest was even more competitive as Cherry Hill faced their known rival the Philadelphia Kings in a contest that featured two Philadelphia Greek Basketball League teams. This one went to overtime before Cherry Hill again emerged victorious 66 – 64.

Meanwhile the Trenton AHEPA team lost their first contest to the Kings but after that started playing well together and making their way back through the loser’s bracket. They went on to eliminate the Fort Lee Sons and then took on a team much younger than them in the Holmdel Sons. Led by a hot Chris Pilaras who scored 24 points, Trenton eliminated Holmdel 47-31 to make it to the finals.

In the final, Cherry Hill ripped the nets right from the start with 7 first half 3-pointers. They did not let up as they shot with a blistering percentage throughout the game in a balanced attack. With Pilaris leading Trenton once again with 19, they hung around until mid-way through the second half. It quickly became a lop-sided game as Cherry Hill won convincingly in the final, 60 – 37.

Other teams in the tournament were Piscataway who drew two tough matches and made an early exit. Bergen County won their first contest against the Fort Lee Sons but were eliminated by Holmdel in the night cap to go home 1 – 1. The semifinals and finals took place on Sunday the 24th. After the tournament Trenton’s Chris Pilaras was named Most Valuable Player.



Finalists in the tournament was Trenton (black) and Cherry Hill (green) immediately after their championship game. Cherry Hill proved victorious as they won the final 60 – 37.



Chris Pilaras of Trenton is named tournament MVP. District Athletic Director Nicholas Mariolis (left) makes the trophy presentation.

Our Departed Brothers

May Their Memories Be Eternal in Our Hearts



Constantine G. Callas (Gus) from Boca Raton Florida, passed away peacefully on Feb.23, 2013. Constantine, also known as Dino, was born on Dec. 5 1922, in Jersey City NJ to George and Bessie Callas. He was the devoted husband for 61 years of his beloved wife Kathryn who predeceased him.

In 1932 his family departed from Greece where he attended public school and Athens College for four years. Upon returning to the US, he graduated from Lincoln High School and attended NYU for two years until he was drafted into the US Army Air Force. He served in the New Guinea Campaign in the South Pacific, where he was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, the Asia Pacific Medal, and a Combat Star. After an honorable discharge he continued his business education at NYU night school, graduating in 1948 from the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, while simultaneously working at Excellent Coffee company, which he cofounded with his father and brother in 1948.

He was an life member and past president of the Bergen Knights # 285 of the Order of the AHEPA, and in 1965 was elected District Governor.

Constantine was a man of faith and was a founding member of St. Demetrious Greek Orthodox Church in Jersey City NJ, where he served on the Board of Trustees for eleven years. After moving his family to Cresskill, where he was a life long resident, he became a member of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. John's in Tenafly NJ.

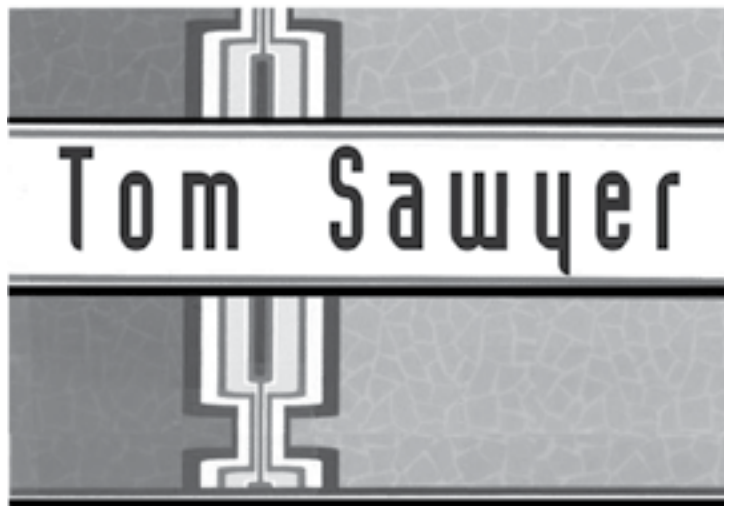
Always a progressive thinker, together with his brother he orchestrated a merger of their Excellent Coffee Company with four other coffee companies, forming Coffee Associates, Inc., the largest regional Greek owned coffee company of that era. He served as the company's president and CEO until his retirement in 1991. During his retirement he enjoyed traveling the world with his wife Kathryn, his summers at their home in Wainscott Long Island, and spending time with his children and grandchildren, whom he adored. He will be missed but his spirit will endure in the hearts of those whose lives he touched.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Hudson Ahepa Family, Hudson Chapter #108 and Icarus Chapter #48 (DOP), are proud to once again host the Fifth District Convention. This is the fourth Convention hosted by our Chapters and we are busily planning an exciting weekend for all that will attend. The Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn, 160 Holiday Plaza (Frontage Road, service road), Newark, NJ.

The dates of the convention are Friday, June 13, (registration and opening ceremonies followed with a Convention Get Together, honoring Scholarship Recipients and DJ Music), Saturday, June 14, (registration, business meetings, Daughter's Luncheon at noon, afternoon business meetings, Banquet 6:30 Cocktail Hour, 7:30 Dinner), Sunday, June 15, Liturgy at Evangelismos Tis Theotokou, Jersey City, Farewell Reception to follow. This is a brief schedule of the weekend events.

Our Convention Committee will visit every Chapter with more information and tickets for the various events. We are also planning our Convention Journal and ask everyone to participate and be a part of the History of our great Fifth District.

Thank you for your kind consideration, with your help we can make this another outstanding Convention of the great John G. Thevos, Fifth District of New Jersey and Delaware.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2013: REGISTRATION AHEPA AND DAUGHTERS 8:00 A.M. BUSINESS MEETINGS OF BOTH ORDERS - 9:00 A.M. DAUGHTERS LUNCHEON - 12 NOON (AHEPA REGISTRANTS REQUESTED TO INCLUDE LUNCHEON) FOLLOWING LUNCHEON, BUSINESS MEETINGS CONTINUE.

CONVENTION BUDGET: COCKTAIL HOUR 6:30 P.M. (CASH BAR) DINNER AND MUSIC - 7:00 P.M.

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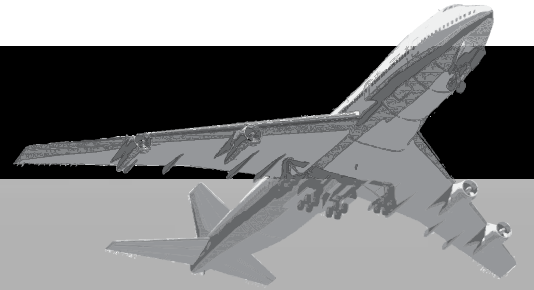
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Sons & Maids Reunion Picnic

Saturday, June 29th, 2013

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

After 6:00pm... visit St. George Church
in Ocean Tnsp., about 20 miles away,
for their Greek Festival

Where?

YMCA Camp Topenemus

380 Monmouth Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510

Just a few miles north of Great Adventure

Donation to cover camp rental and staff

\$ 10.00 per person

B.Y.O.B or refreshments (*no bottles, please*)
or Jungle Juice, if you prefer



Activities?

- ⇒ Lifeguard Staffed Swimming Pool
- ⇒ Splash Park
- ⇒ Basketball Courts
 - ⇒ Softball
 - ⇒ Volleyball

Bring bathing attire, sports gear, lawn chairs, blanket, sun umbrella & all your S&M albums

Hungry?

A local restaurant offers FREE delivery to camp:

Di Lucca's Pizzeria and Restaurant

274 Monmouth Road (Route 537, at the corner of Route 527)

Millstone, New Jersey 08510

732-780-8300 www.diluccas.com

The camp also has three outdoor charcoal BBQ's for anyone wishing to grill. We'll supply charcoal.

Many of us had a great camaraderie and shared great memories of the Sons and Maids. Come out for a day of fun and rekindle those memories and friendships. Open to all members, friends, families, kids and grandkids! Advanced RSVP & payment only as we need to give a head count to the camp.

If you were, or are, a member of the Sons and Maids you are asked to contact anyone listed below. Please bring old photos you would like to share or scan and email them (.JPG 300 dpi) to Lou Larres at: larres@comcast.net no later than June 15th.

They will be compiled into a DVD to play that day.

For reservations & additional information, please contact:

	Cell	email
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Sandy Nannas	302-764-5572	nannasfour@aol.com
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Yes, I'm coming! _____ @ \$ 10.00 =

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