



AHEPA Voice

The John G. Thevos District No. 5

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"WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME"

America is not just rich in material things,
an industrial giant, a mighty military power.

America is the country schoolhouse, the village church,
the town meeting, the humble farm house,
the rhythmic poetry of the peaceful countryside.

America is the mirth and laughter of its children,
the charity, the generosity, the compassion of its people.

America is the triumph of merit and diligence over family and cast.

America is the freedom of choice which God intended
all men to have.....the right to do, to fail and to succeed.

America is the marriage of liberty with authority,
of individual freedoms with social organizations.

America is the best discovery yet
of a full and honorable way of life.

We are rich in all these things that decent people yearn for.

It is our task to live up to these values

and to make them known to every nation....friend or foe.

For, on us has fallen the challenge to lead the free, and the truth,
about ourselves, is more powerful than any man-made missile.

By: DEAN ALFANGE

Past Supreme President, Order of Ahepa

Scenes from our past.....



We will be back, doing it again, soon!



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Brother Lee J. Millas
Editor

Message from the Editor

Please know that we fully understand the purpose of our district publication, the Ahepa Voice. That of course being, to inform the Ahepa Family membership of the activities and events involving our chapters and its members. We ;;also believe th;it other issues and circumstances facing our membership, our nation and our motherland, should be reported on and/or responded to in either an informative or explanatory way.

Today we are faced with an occurrence that we have never seen in the history of this country. All of us, young and old, must change the way we have lived throughout our life and it is our deepest and sincerest hope that everyone is spared this illness that has taken so many lives.

Naturally, our great organization was not excused from continued activity and all chapters have cancelled meetings until further notice. Also, as of this writing, we do not have information on the status of the district convention. However, as of now, the Supreme Convention is on.

Now in the vain of not much news received from our chapters, we thought it a good time to reach into the past and reprint some items that may be of interest. For one, the second issue of the Ahepa Voice 1937, which includes information on the twelve chapters that made up District No. 5. Additionally, at this time when loyalty and pride in our country is so important, it seemed appropriate to recall a prized poem written by the Honorable Dean Alfange, Past Supreme President of the Order of Ahepa. Those words are on the cover of this issue of the Voice and same were repeated (Verbatim) by George Boulegeris at the conclusion of the initiation ceremony conducted by the New Brunswick Degree Team headed by Manny Manioudakis. Only the few of us left can truly appreciate the affect that moment had on all that were in attendance at those initiations.

Hopefully, some of the contents of this issue will bring back memories of times spent together and events that brought both enjoyment and pleasure to our lives. May the day quickly return when we can again enjoy the activities and the brotherhood that we all enjoyed.

Remember also that this is your publication and we would love to share your ideas and thoughts, which can only make us better. We might even be able to revive a "Letters to the Editor" column. E-mail your comments to ljmiiilas@rnsn.com or mail to Editor, 155 Sparrow Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08690

Xristos Anesti.
Brother Lee J. Millas
Editor



Brother Philip Vogis PDG, PSG Region 3
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Message from the Business Manager

For those who did not know they have a NAMEDAY!

Εορτολόγιο

Name days

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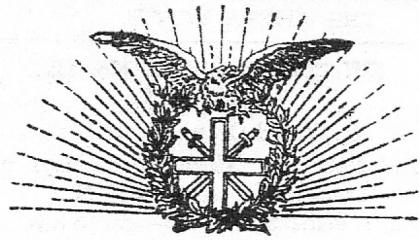
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Αικατερίνη	25.11	Ελισάβετ	24.04	Κλεοπάτρα	01.09	Πηγή	16.04
Αιμιλιανός	18.07	Ελπίδα	17.09	Κοσμάς	01.07-01.11	Πλάτων	18.11
Ακύλας	14.07	Εμμανουήλ	26.12	Κυπριανός	02.10	Πολύκαρπος	23.02
Αλέξανδρος	30.08	Ερμούνη	04.09	Κυριακός	07.07	Πολυένη	23.09
Αλέξιος	17.03	Ευάγγελος	25.03	Κυριάκος	29.09	Πορφύριος	26.02
Ανάργυρος	01.07-01.11	Ευανθία	11.09	Κωνσταντίνος	21.05	Πρόδρομος	07.01
Αναστασία	23.04-22.12	Ειρηνία	24.12			Προκόπιος	08.07
Αναστασία	23.04-22.01	Ευγένιος	07.03	Λάζαρος	15.04	Ρεβέκκα	12.12
Ανδρέας	30.11	Ευδοκία	01.03	Λάμπρος	23.04	Ραφαήλ	09.04
Ανδριανή	30.11	Ευδοξία	31.01	Λαυρέντιος	10.08		
Ανδρόνικος	17.05-30.07	Ευθαλία	02.03	Λεονίδα	15.04	Σάββας	05.12
Ανθή	15.12	Ευθύμιος	20.01	Λουκάς	18.10	Σαράντης	16.08
Ανθίμος	03.09	Ευλάμπιος	10.10	Λουκία	13.12	Σεραφείμ	08.11-04.12
Άννα	09.12	Ευσέβιος	22.06	Λουκιανός	15.10	Σέργιος	07.10
Αντιγόνη	01.09	Ευστάθιος	20.09	Λυδία	20.05	Σίμων	10.05
Αντώνιος	17.01	Ευστράτιος	13.12	Μαγδαληνή	22.07	Σοφία	17.09
Απόλλων	05.06	Ευτυχία	06.04	Μάξιμος	21.01	Σοφοκλής	10.04
Απόστολος	30.06	Ευφημία	11.07-16.09	Μαργαρίτα	01.09	Σπυρίδων	12.12
Αργύριος	01.07-01.11	Ευφροσύνη	25.09	Μάρθα	01.09	Σταμάτιος	03.02-16.08
Αριάνη	18.09			Μαρία	15.08-21.11	Σταύρος	14.09
Αριστείδης	13.09	Ζαχαρίας	08.02-05.09	Μαρίνα	17.07	Στέφανος	27.12
Αυτίμιος	20.10	Ζήνων	27.09	Μαρκέλλα	22.07	Στυλιανός	26.11
Ασκληπιός	27.02	Ζωή	16.04	Μάρκος	25.04	Συμεών	03.02-01.09
Ασπασία	01.09			Ματθαίος	16.11	Σάβων	07.09
Αυγουστίνος	15.06	Ηλίας	20.07	Μελέτιος	12.02-01.09	Σωκράτης	21.10
Αχιλλεύς	24.04	Ηρακλής	10.04	Μερούριος	25.11	Σωτήριος	06.08
		Ησαΐας	09.05	Μηνάς	11.11		
Βάα	04.04			Μιλτιάδης	10.04	Ταξιάρχης	08.11
Βάεντινη	24.04	Θεανώ	01.09	Μιχαήλ	08.11	Τατιανή	12.01
Βαρθάρα	04.12	Θεμιστοκλής	21.12			Τιμόθεος	22.01
Βαρθολομαίος	11.06	Θεοδοσία	29.05	Νατάλια	26.08	Τίτος	25.08
Βασίλειος	01.01	Θεοδόσιος	11.01	Νεκτάριος	09.11	Τριαντάφυλλος	08.08
Βερονίκη	12.07	Θεόδωρα	11.02	Νεόφυτος	21.01	Τρύφων	01.02
Βίττωρ	11.11	Θεόδωρος	15.03	Νικήτας	15.09		
Βλάστιος	11.02	Θεοφάνης	06.01	Νεκιφόρος	02.06	Φανούριος	27.08
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Δανιήλ	17.12	Ιορδάνης	06.01			Χρήστος	25.12
Δέσποινα	15.08	Ιουλιανός	18.05	Παναγιώτης	15.08	Χριστόφορος	09.05
Δημήτριος	26.10	Ιουσία	17.05	Παντελεήμων	27.07	Χρύσα	25.12
Δημος	10.04	Ισιδώρος	04.02	Παρασκευή	26.07	Χρυσάνθος	19.03
Διομήδης	16.08			Παρθένος	07.02	Χρυσόστομος	13.11
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On the cover:



Dean Alfange
Past Supreme President
1927-1929



Newark, N. J.

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THE GOVERNORS' APPEAL

In behalf of our Supreme President, I appeal to the members of the 5th District reminding them the importance of the Sanatorium and their duty.

I would like the members to realize the importance of this work. We now have thirty-five patients in the Sanatorium and the funds on hand are hardly enough to care for the thirty-five until March. We have no other means of raising additional funds until March except from special individual contributions.

The last National Convention reorganized the governmental system of the sanatorium so that its affairs shall be managed, and the institution operated under the exclusive control and supervision of a Board of Regents composed of nine members.

Certificates of grateful acknowledgment were mailed to all members. These certificates were prepared and done on the strong belief that every member receiving one would contribute at least a dollar for the Sanatorium. If any of the members didn't mail their contribution direct to the Headquarters by now, should do so without any further delay. Mail your contribution now and help our Supreme President with his stupendous and humanitarian undertaking.

To give a dollar will hurt nobody, but a dollar from each member will help us to care for lot more unfortunates.

TRENTON CHAPTER HOLDS ANNUAL BALL

The sixth annual Entertainment and Ball of the Trenton Chapter No. 72 will be held at the Hotel Stacy-Trent on Friday, December 3, 1937.

Continuous Greek and American dancing with music by A. SAKELARIOU AND HIS ORCHESTRA.

Ἀγαπητὲ ἀδελφὲ κ. Β. Τσιριγώτη, Ἐυχαρίστως ἀποδεχόμενος τὴν εὐγενῆ σας αἴτησιν, χαράσσω τὰς ὀλίγας αὐτὰς γραμμάς, διὰ τὸ ἐκ νέου ἐκδιδόμενον "Ahepa Voice."

Δὲν χρειάζεται μακροσκελὲς σημεῖομα διὰ νὰ ἐξάσῃ κανεὶς τὴν ὥραιαν καὶ ἀξιόπαινον ταύτην χειρονομίαν τῆς 5ης Περιφέρειας τῆς Ἀχέπας.

Νομίζω ὅτι ἡ ἐπανέκδοσις τοῦ "Ahepa Voice" θὰ ὠφελήσῃ τὴν ὅλην Περιφέρειάν μας. Θὰ αὐξήσῃ τὴν ἐπιγενικῶ καλῶ δρᾶσιν τῶν διαφόρων τμημάτων, θὰ φέρῃ τὰ μέλη εἰς στενωτέραν ἐπαφὴν καὶ ἀλληλεγγύην—μὲ ἄλλα λόγια θὰ εἶναι ὁ καθρέπτης ποῦ θὰ βλέπομεν τὴν Ἀχέπικὴν δρᾶσιν μας, καὶ ὁ φακὸς τοῦ θὰ μᾶς δείχνῃ τὴν ζωὴν τῶν 14 Τμημάτων στὴν Περιφέρειάν μας.

Εἶμαι ὑπερβέβαιος ὅτι ἡ ἔκδοσις τοῦ "Ahepa Voice" θὰ ἐνδουσιάζῃ τὴν ὅλην φάλαγγα τῆς Περιφέρειας μας, καὶ ἅπαντα τὰ μέλη θὰ ὑποστηρίξουν τὴν συνεχῆ ἔκδοσίν του.

Συγχαίρων ὑμᾶς καὶ τοὺς μεθ' ὑμῶν συνεργάτας διὰ τὴν ὥραιαν ἀπόφασιν τῆς ἐκδόσεως τοῦ "Ahepa Voice" καὶ εὐχόμενος τελείαν ἐπιτυχίαν καὶ συνεχῆ πρόδοον,

Ἐυχαριστῶ ὑμᾶς,

Ἀφελικώτατα

TAKΗΣ Ν. ΚΙΤΣΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ

SONS OF PERICLES

The Annual Basketball and Dance of the Thermopelae Chapter of the Sons of Pericles will be held at the Polish Community Center, Grove and Bay Streets, Jersey City, N. J. on December 10, 1937. Everyone is urged to attend.

The Corinthian Chapter of the Sons of Pericles will open the basketball season in the very near future. Peter Evangelo has been elected Captain. The "Sons" would like to get in touch with other teams having home courts. address T. Dermousi, 79-13th Avenue, Newark, N. J.

NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER No. 75 REORGANIZED

The Monroe Chapter No. 75 of New Brunswick, N. J. was reorganized on November 19th. The District Governor Bro. James Millas who was ably assisted by Bro. Andrew Fillas were responsible for the reorganization. The Past District Governor Bro. George Galane spoke for the good and welfare of the local Chapter and concluded by urging all the members to attend the meetings and support their officers by getting new candidates.

The officers elected are as follows: Mike Gianaris, President; James Sparis, Vice-President; George Kolokithas, Secretary; Frank Araps, Treasurer; Peter Xenos, Chaplain; Z. Zaharides, Warden; Gus Vassios, Captain of the Guards; Peter Alicakos, Sentinel; Board of Governors, John Skourlas, Chairman; Aristithes Plaganis Charles Tsamandis, Tom Gimintz.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Brothers of the 5th District during the month of December: According to our Constitution we must have election for the ensuing year. You shall be called upon to exercise the highest privilege you enjoy as members of the Order of Ahepa. (To elect officers of your respective Chapter). The testing of your Chapter of selecting officers to conduct the affairs of your Chapter for the ensuing year. Therefore as Governor of your District, I appeal to you that on election night you should make every effort to be present at the meeting and cast your ballot for those who are qualified and worthy to be elevated to offices of leadership and responsibility thus rendering great service to your Chapter, the Great Order of which you are members, and yourselves.

JAMES MILLAS,
District Governor

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SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER No. 162

Vineland, N. J.
Meets first and third Thursday of each Month
Gregory Limpert.....President
Louis Chatos.....Secretary

A masquerade party was held Sunday, November 14, 1937. This affair was sponsored by the ladies of our community and it was a financial and social success. Everyone, young and old were dressed in costumes and a wonderful time was had by all. About 75 attended. The next social event will be a Christmas Party for the children.

Fraternally yours,
GREGORY LIMPERT,
President

WIT AND WISDOM

"A wise man reflects before he speaks. A fool speaks and then reflects on what he has said."

Darwin took a million years to make a man out of a monkey, but a woman can make a monkey out of a man in half a second.

Lifes' Game of Bridge
Hearts..... You're in love
Diamonds..... You're engaged
Clubs..... You're married
Spades..... You're dead

"Seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion."
Professor: "Why are summer days longer than winter days?"
Freshman: "The heat expands them."

We don't need men with new ideas in our organization, as much as we need men who will put energy behind the old ideas.

EUREKA CHAPTER No. 52 Newark, N. J.

Instituted December, 1924
Meets First and Third Wednesdays of Each Month at 8:30 P. M.
278 Plane Street, Newark, N. J.
G. A. Lollos.....President
William G. Chirgotis.....Secretary

Dear Brother Ahepans:

As I endeavor to write my last official message to you as President of the Eureka Chapter my feeling is one of emotion, for I have enjoyed my term of office and the many pleasant occasions we have had together during the past two years. This message would not be complete if thanks were not expressed to those who have labored with me; for without their aid my efforts would have been in vain; I therefore extend my due thanks and appreciation to the chairmen and members of the various committees that I had the pleasure of appointing and pledge them my utmost support and cooperation at all times.

At our first regular meeting, December 1st, the election of officers for the coming year will take place. You are earnestly invited to attend this important meeting and select the most capable man to guide the destiny of our Chapter during the ensuing year.

In joining the group of Past Presidents, I want to assure you that my term of office will be long remembered as a most pleasant period of my life and shall cherish my title not only as a symbol of our Order but also because of its association and the pleasant memories it will carry. I am grateful to you all and if in the future I can serve you, individually or collectively, please do not hesitate to call on me, for I shall be happy to respond to the interests of our Eureka Chapter.

With gratitude and sincere devotion, I remain,

Ever fraternally yours,
G. A. LOLLOS,
President.

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER 54

Instituted 1925
Meets every Second and Fourth Tuesday at 8.30 P. M.
ODD FELLOWS HALL
133 Ellison St., Paterson, N. J.
CONSTANTINE ACTIPIS.....President
GEORGE J. STATHAKIS.....Secretary

BETWEEN YOU AND ME DO YOU KNOW...

That Jean M. Kossarides was a Captain in the Greek and French armies and a lieutenant in the American Army and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and

That Const. Actipis served his Chapter eight years as treasurer and is now District Treasurer, and

That the Eureka Chapter Bowling team is now ready for all comers including "Bergen Knights" (Att. Bro. Christ), and

That the Ahepa Voice has received more favorable comment than we had anticipated, and

That Peter J. Panopolis was the youngest Greek soldier in the American Army having served in the Mexican Campaign and in the World War, and

That James Pollis is the only remaining parliamentarian in Paterson and is the only authority on "Jurisdiction of the Chapters," and

That the Ahepa Home for the Orphaned Children will receive more individual support and cooperation than the Sanatorium, and

That the slogan, "Write your name on the heart of a Child", appeared on a C. C. poster not so long ago, and

That you are invited to send your contribution to this column at all times.

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120 BANK ST., NEWARK, N. J.

CAMDEN CHAPTER No. 69

Camden, N. J.
 Instituted June, 1925
 Meets First and Third Wednesday of Each
 Month at 8:30 P. M.
 104 Broadway Camden, N. J.

Anthony Kost *President*
 Mike Dendrinis *Secretary*

Dear Brethren:

On Wednesday, November 3, 1937, at eight o'clock our chapter held its regular meeting. This meeting was in honor of our Past Presidents and was called Past Presidents' Night. All of our Past Presidents were present and a good time was had by all.

We also launched a Drive for new memberships and re-instatements on this evening. As a result of this, eight applicants for re-instatement were unanimously accepted at our last meeting on November 17th. We have about nine more of whom we are almost certain will apply for re-instatements. Keep on with this good work, brothers, and we will reach our goal.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1937, at eight o'clock, our chapter will hold its regular meeting. This meeting will be in honor of the newly re-instated brothers and will be so called. Brothers, be sure to come; we are certain that this will be an interesting and enjoyable evening to all. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

ANTHONY KOST, Pres.

MIKE DENDRINOS, Sec'y.

TRENTON CHAPTER No. 72

Meets Second and Fourth Thursday of
 each Month at 8:30 P. M.
 106 Jackson St., Trenton, N. J.
 Instituted 1925

William Jahos *President*
 Sidney Skokos *Secretary*

Dear Brothers:

On Sunday evening, November 14th the Trenton Chapter held an open meeting in honor of the District Lodge Officers which was well attended by local members and friends, and by representatives of other Chapters in our District. By way of expressing its appreciation to our District Governor for his meritorious services to the Order, the Trenton Chapter presented Brother James Millas with a beautiful clock. After the meeting, during which many fine addresses were heard, refreshments were served and everyone seemed to have spent a very enjoyable evening.

The election of the new Chapter officers will take place during the last meeting of December.

On December 3rd, the Trenton Chapter in conjunction with the church will hold its Annual Ball at the Stacy-Trent Hotel. We will be greatly pleased to have in attendance the members and the families of the other Chapters of our Order and we are certain that we can assure them a most enjoyable evening.

Fraternally yours,

SIDNEY SKOKOS, Secretary.

HUDSON CHAPTER No. 108

Jersey City, N. J.
 Instituted July, 1926
 Meets First and Third Tuesday of Each
 Month at 8:30 P. M.
 Odd Fellows Hall Jersey City, N. J.

Anthony Dedopoulos *President*
 William Vallas *Secretary*

Dear Brother Ahepans:

Accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for the cooperation given me during the past year. We have done splendid work so far and it is an encouragement and triumph to the Hudson Chapter. I want to personally express my thanks to the Icarus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope for their cooperation with their social affairs and get-togethers; and to the Sons of Pericles for their cooperation and interest.

Activities During this Month

December 3rd—Card Party by the Icarus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope at the Odd Fellows Hall, Jersey City.

December 7th — Regular Meeting. Election of Officers for the ensuing year 1938. Attend this meeting and elect the proper officers to guide the destinies of the chapter during the coming year.

December 21st—Regular Meeting. Secretaries' and Treasurers' Annual Report.

Fraternally yours,

A. DEPOPOULOS, President.
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Moose Hall, Dover, N. J.
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Sam Contor *President*
 Harry Michas *Secretary*

Dear Brothers:

The reestablishment of the Ahepa Voice is probably the best step taken by the District this year for a more unified Fifth District. The exchanges of news and activities between the Chapters will have a profound effect upon each individual Ahepan. It is most necessary, however, to have complete cooperation of all the Chapters in this venture.

The Dover Chapter wishes to welcome Bro. John Kirk and Bro. Louis Samaras who were recently transferred from the Syracuse and Winthrop Chapters respectively.

The Activities of the Dover Chapter have been wide and varied. We recently adopted the method of devoting the first meeting for social gatherings and the second meeting to conduct the business of the Chapter.

We recently had an open meeting at which some 50 members and non-members came to hear the Rev. George Nassis of the St. Constantine Church in Orange, N. J. A very entertaining evening was enjoyed by all those present.

Fraternally yours,
 SAM CONTOR, President.
 HARRY MICHAS, Secretary.

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Asbury Park, N. J.
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 Spiros Michels *President*
 George Mitz *Secretary*

BIOGRAPHY IN BRIEF

PETER N. KITSOS

Eureka Chapter No. 52
 Peter N. Kitsos, native of Andirion, Nafpaktias, one of four brothers, single—but father of the Order of Ahepa in the State of New Jersey. Chairman of the Maids of Athens Advisory Board, seldom attends their meetings, sends telegrams instead. Believes in speaking well of people and having a kind word for everyone. Enjoys the National Conventions but likes his cigars better. Perhaps the best known Ahepan in the District, would easily win a popularity contest; admired by his friends for his untiring and perpetual contribution to the cause of the Ahepa. His pet hobby is to institute chapters, attend revival meetings and reinstate members.

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"The Bergen Knights Chapter No. 285 in its efforts to create interest and enthusiasm among its members has organized a bowling team and is challenging every chapter in New Jersey and metropolitan New York to a bowling match on an agreed date. The first inter-chapter match to be held against the Alexander Hamilton Chapter will take place on Wednesday, November 24th, at the Chapter's meeting place, 78 Gamewell Place, Hackensack, N. J., right after the meeting.

Any chapter wishing to participate in this country-wide sport and for the New Jersey championship among the New Jersey chapters can arrange for a match by writing to the manager of the team, Felix J. Christ, Park Lane Theatre Bldg., Palisades Park, N. J. The Bergen Knights Chapter hopes that every chapter in New Jersey will take steps in organizing a bowling team and create some interest among its members, and especially among those who love and like to play this game."

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Greek legacy in public service, art, literature, science and political philosophy, including the formulation of the principles on which our democracy is based, has greatly influenced the development of nations all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Greeks throughout the world are now celebrating 199 years of independence and freedom; and

WHEREAS, in declaring their independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1821, the Greek people showed an unwavering will that has characterized them through the ages; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Greek residents continue to enhance our social, cultural and economic fabric; and

WHEREAS, we welcome their continued participation in our State as they carry on the spirit of Greek independence; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Hellenic-American Heritage Commission within the New Jersey Department of State continues its mission to recognize, promote, and share information on Hellenic heritage, culture, and history and to coordinate events observing the heritage, culture, and history of Americans of Hellenic ancestry, including an annual Hellenic Heritage Month Celebration in March;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

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GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-sixth day of February in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

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Chapter #72 Hospital Nurses Receive Easter Dinner

Members of the Trenton Chapter #72, in the spirit of Easter and all the great sacrifices of so many in these difficult time, brought Easter Dinner to the Nurses on Duty at the Robert Wood JoÚson Hospital in Hamiton, New Jersey, let by Brothers Stavros Papafilipakis, Treasurer of the Trenton Chapter, along with Steve Parish and the District Governor of the Sons of Pericles, Chris Papadopoulos, brought to the hospital full course turkey dinners donated by the Broad Street Diner. The meals were brought to the hospital along with hand made masks created by the local Maids of Athens chapter #23. Other events such as this are planned for the coming weeks to the local hospitals. Because no contact was allowed with the nurses for obvious reasons, a note was sent along with the dinners explaining the our organizations programs and purpose.



Chapter #467 Initiation

The Toms River Chapter had 9 new initiates last month.



AHEPA FAMILY

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) mission statement is to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Our local chapter is located right here in Hamilton, New Jersey and is affiliated with the St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Klockner Road. We are called AHEPA Trenton Chapter 72, which was established in 1925. You might be familiar with our location as St. George host events such as the annual Greek festival in the spring and the Greek Grill Taverna in the fall.

This year our Greek Festival will be held in October

On behalf of the AHEPA Chapter 72, Broad Street Diner, and Contract Flooring Systems. We are proud to offer these meals to you as a token of appreciation during these unprecedented times.

All of us would like to thank you for your services and dedication.

Sincerely,
AHEPA Chapter 72 members



Chapter #72 Raise Funds

The Trenton Chapter # 72 raised funds to sponsor a dog for the “K9’s for Warriors Program” and after a long training period, the canine and warrior (Alan) were trained together at Camp K9 in Ponte Vedra, Florida for a three week period prior to release to his new master and friend Alan. The Trenton Chapter takes great pride in this achievement. The name of “our” dog is Trenton of course!



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The Thomas A Edison Chapter #287 of the Order of AHEPA awarded to Teddy Kavarakis, the AHEPAN OF THE YEAR for 2019 after church on March 1, 2019. The presentation was made by the chapter president, Arthur Pappalio along with the Supreme Treasure, Savas Tsvikos, from the National Order of Ahepa. Many members of the chapter were present and also watched the presentation of a large check to Father Andrews for the Iconography icon of St. George. This was truly an AHEPAN day.



Chapter #54 Initiation



On March 10th at our monthly business meeting District Governor Steve Marmarou along with other District officials presided over initiation of our new Brother Spiro Callas. Congratulations Spiro!

Welcome our new Brothers to the Ahepa Ramapo Chapter #453



Left to Right: Brother Dr. Steven Nickles, Brother Photios Fred Paulson, Secretary Charles Pflager, President Paul Goulet, Brother Joseph Maurice, Treasurer James Moustopoulos, and Brother Constantine Katsaros.

DOP Chryssida #438 brings author to speak of “extraordinary” act of courage on a small Greek island.



From left: Ilyse Shainbrown, Director of Holocaust Initiatives, Yvette Manassis Corporon, Author and Savior, Melissa Martakis, DOP President of Chryssida 438.



Yvette Manassis Corporon addressing members of the Greek and Jewish community.

On January 22, 2020 over 250 people came to the Aidekman Jewish Community Campus in Whippany, NJ to hear Yvette Manassis Corporon is an Emmy Award winning writer, producer, and author tell an extraordinary story of her grandmothers heroism during WW2. This program was brought to the Greek and Jewish community by the Daughters of Penelope Chryssida Chapter 438 of Union County and United Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest.

Yvette Manassis Corporon grew up hearing stories from her illiterate Greek immigrant grandmother about how she and fellow residents of the small island of Erikousa sheltered a Jewish family during the Holocaust despite their meager resources and threats from the Nazis. In *Something Beautiful Happened* Corporon writes about her grandmother’s heroism during the World War 2 and shared the amazing story of how her grandmother helped hide a Jewish family on a Greek island during World War II. And how, in a twist of fate, tracking down the descendants of the Jewish family 70 years later helped her understand hardship, forgiveness, and the power of kindness as her own family faced tragedy.

The brain child of Melissa Martakis, President of Chryssida #438, after hearing Corporon speak, Martakis knew this story had to come to District 5. She partnered with a Jewish agency and made it part of the Holocaust Remembrance Program during the month of January. Martakis along with others gave introductions that evening and is quoted, “To be together as we were decades ago on a tiny island in Greece, we are two communities here today in the same room, listening to this remarkable story of humanity during a time of despair, is ironic and truly beautiful. Yvette’s story is gripping and like so many others from the Second War, need to be told and never forgotten.”

That evening, Yvette Manassis Corporon proudly became an honorary member of Chryssida Chapter #438 of Union County.



Yvette Manassis Corporon addressing members of the Greek and Jewish community.

OBITUARIES OF

Our Departed Brothers

Chris Mantzavinos



Chris Mantzavinos, 81, of Wilmington, DE, formerly of Caldwell, NJ, passed away on April 6, 2020.

He was a kind and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was strong in his faith, proud of his Greek heritage, and always had a positive outlook on life.

Chris was born in Pittsburgh, PA to immigrant parents from Cephalonia, Greece. As a first generation American growing up in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood, he maintained the ties between family in the "Old Country" and America. He worked in his father's restaurant through high school. After high school, Chris served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Following his discharge, Chris returned to Pittsburgh and in 1967, he married the love of his life Mary.

After getting married, they moved to Caldwell, NJ. Chris worked for a time on Wall Street and then had a successful career as a jeweler. He was an active member of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (formerly in West Orange, NJ) and active in the Order of AHEPA, rising to District Governor for District 5 (NJ and DE).

Upon retiring, Chris and Mary moved to Wilmington, DE to be closer to their grandchildren. Once they arrived in Wilmington, Chris became an active member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church where he made many new friends.

Chris was predeceased by his parents, Spiros and Kyriakoula Mantzavinos, and his sister Theodosia Chartofillis. He is survived by his wife of more than 52 years, Mary, his son Spiros (Megan), granddaughters Sophia and Katherine, and nephews George Chartofillis (Lilliana) and Spiro Chartofillis (Yelena).

Roy D. Soppas



Roy D. Soppas, 90, passed away peacefully on February 27, 2020.

Beloved husband of 65 years to Ann Soppas (Nikitakis). Devoted father of Karen Roscoe, her husband Richard, Bettye Hoffman and her husband Howard. Cherished grandfather of Andrea Quintanilla, her husband Jon, Carolyn Navikonis, her husband Josh, and Michael Hoffman. Proud great-grandfather of Cipriana, James, Katerina, Julia and one on the way. He is pre-deceased by his parents Dimitrios and Irene Soppas and his brothers Fotios and Peter Soppas.

AHEPA Service Dogs For Warriors



February 23, 2020 was a grand day for AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors. While quite a few supporters gathered once again along with new supporters at Neil Michael's Restaurant, Rt. 36 in Hazlet, NJ. Joining Patty Malloy and Debbie Daily Veteran Mom's whose sons never had the opportunity to engage in the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors and became a statistics of 22 Soldiers a day who take their own life's and resulting in heart broken families because they couldn't get the help needed in order to return to a normal life after serving our country.

The unselfishness of these mothers to be helping other Veterans and making a difference in helping someone else's son or daughter with PTSD does not go unnoticed.

The Mom's fundraiser was a great success raising \$75,000 that day.

In a few short years the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors has raised over \$650,000.00 and continues to grow daily.

We urge those interested to be a part of this life saving program contact the National Chairperson George Karatzia at 732-610-6622 to have a fundraiser or make a taxdeductible donation on behalf of AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors. Please visit our website: to AHEPA.org.



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