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*Message From the Editor*

**LEE J. MILLAS**

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Editorial Comment:

Thru the years, this vehicle of communication (The Ahepa Voice), has undergone many changes in both appearance and management. All have contributed to the improvement in what is considered the finest district publication in Ahepa, which is verified by District #5 being honored as having the best publication in Ahepa for the past two years. This honor certainly brings with it a feeling of pride and accomplishment, not only for those who manage the publication, but also to the entire Ahepa family of New Jersey and Delaware, whose programs, projects and activities were featured in this publication. Congratulations to all and let this be a reaffirmation of our commitment to continued dedication and excellence in providing the very best!

Of course, everything is not always good news and it is with deep regret that Brother Ted Vittas can no longer continue to serve as Editor of the Ahepa Voice. It is indeed a loss that will be difficult to replace and we will sincerely miss the effort and dedication Brother Ted contributed in his many years of service. With our thanks, we also know that he will always be available to lend a helping hand and appreciated advice.

Going forward, we still have a publication to produce. Finding a new Editor will not be an easy task and the call is out for anyone within our district, who would be interested in assuming the duties of this position to call me at (609) 585-3137 or e-mail [limillas@msn.com](mailto:limillas@msn.com). In the meantime, as the saying goes, "if you need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm!" So, Brother Phil Vogis, our exceptional Business Manager and myself, will be at your service.

Always looking for improvement, I am sure you have noticed a new format for this issue. Also, we are featuring a page of old photos of events that many can remember. Future issues will include a calendar of events, articles pertaining to issues that affect our district and Ahepa in general as well as featuring a particular chapter in each issue. We of course, are always open to your thoughts, ideas and concerns, which will be published as "letters to the editor". This is your magazine and for it to accomplish its' goal, you must participate by sending in news and photos of your chapters activities. We depend on them!

Lee J. Millas, Editor



# OLD TIMES

NATIONALLY RENOWNED AHEPA DEGREE TEAM OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER NO 75



PDG Nick Stroumtsos, PSP William Chirgotis, President Manny Manioudakis holding Mass Initiation in 1974



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



### *Message From the Supreme Governor*

## PHILIP VOGIS

Dear Brothers,

I am truly honored to have been elected Supreme Governor Region 3 at the Supreme Convention in New Orleans, LA. Region 3 encompasses District 6 New York, District 5 New Jersey and Delaware. I look forward to serving the Order of AHEPA with honor and dignity. I will focus on getting the job done.

I look forward to visiting our chapters and meeting old friends and new members that I have not had the opportunity to meet. I look forward to working closely with the District Governors of District 6, Brother Tom Dushas and District 5 Brother Stanley Gerondelis, and their respective District Lodge Officers. It is my commitment to work for the Good of The

Order and accomplish our goals for this coming year. I would like to take this opportunity the congratulate Brother Andrew Zachariades for being elected Supreme Secretary and Brother Vasso Chrysanthou elected to the Board of Trustees. Lastly, I want to congratulate Brother Lee Millas for his years of service with the Board of Trustees in the Supreme Lodge. I also want to congratulate one of our District 5 Sons of Pericles Brother, Nick Apostolou, who has been elected Supreme Governor of the SOP and will be our liaison for District 5. I wish everyone a great AHEPA year.

Fraternally:

Brother Philip (Phil) Vogis  
Supreme Governor Region 3



### *Message From Our District Governor*

## STANLEY GERONDELIS

It is with great pleasure that I am writing as District Governor of the most outstanding District in the AHEPA domain. I like to say a big thank you to the Delegates for their confidence and trust they put in me by electing me to the highest office in our District. It is my honor to have a chance to serve in the District Lodge and I will try to make a difference in our District. I have been involved at the chapter level since I was initiated fifty years ago.

June 21-22 we had our District Convention combined with District 4 of Pennsylvania. It took place in Philadelphia, PA and it was a very successful convention hosted by Camden Chapter #69, from our district and Radnor chapter #514 from District # 4. Both chapters worked hard through the year, in an effort to put together a successful event and it was worth the effort. It turned out to be a very successful Convention

As District Governor I plan to visit every chapter, to listen your ideas, concerns and suggestions that you may have. There is a lot of work to be done through our district, but

if we stay united and support each other we will have a very successful year.

With me this year I am fortunate to have very energetic district Lodge members that will stand by my side and work together for the good of the order. And hopefully we will have a more successful and a more productive year.

I will be focusing and promoting unity and brotherly love among the brothers of this great organization of ours. It is our duty and obligation to continue our efforts to preserve, support, and promote the order of AHEPA. It is the only organization that unites all the Greeks regardless of what part of Greece they come from. Every Greek and even non Greeks are welcome to join, as long as they believe in Jesus.

We should consider ourselves fortunate and thankful to our forefathers for having the vision and the courage to establish a PanHellenic Brotherhood. Discrimination was the main reason that gave them the incentive to unite, in an effort to protect themselves. What really made them

successful was unity and support to each other.

In the beginning of 1900 many Greek organizations were organized, but they were short lived. AHEPA 92 years later is still going strong. And hopefully it will be around for another 92 years.

I would like to announce next year's Convention will be hosted by Monroe Chapter #75. I am excited and looking forward to this, because it is the first time that Monroe chapter will be hosting a District Convention. It will be in the beginning of June of 2015, the date is not set yet.

In closing I would like to wish all the newly elected chapter officers of every chapter in our District, a successful AHEPA new year. Also, I would like to wish all AHEPA chapter members of the Fifth District a happy healthy and successful AHEPA year. I am looking forward to visiting your chapter.

Fraternally

Stanley Gerondelis  
Governor District #5

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### Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor

## ANNA ZAVROS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer and ready for a dynamic year with our AHEPA family.

The AHEPA Joint 4th and 5th District Convention was held in Philadelphia, PA June 20 - June 22, 2014. This convention allowed us to get to know our sisters and brothers from District 4. We were honored to have Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand Governor Zone III and our liaison with us. Also, we were honored to have Canadian President Aspa Kostopoulos at the Convention. In recognition for all the hard work and dedication to the Daughters, Polly Ploussiou is our Penelope of the Year honoree. I also want to congratulate the Daughters of Penelope scholarship recipients, Anjelica Mitropoulos from Nike #230, Cherry Hill and Constantine G. Costidis from Aulis

#195, Asbury Park. The continuing education scholarship went to Ariana Tsapralis from Nike #230, Cherry Hill. I am very proud to have the opportunity to serve as District Governor to one of the best Districts, District 5. A big THANK YOU to all my sisters.

My lodge officers this year are:

Karen Knicos	Lt. Governor
Carol Pappas	District Marshall
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Eleni Boyadjis	District Treasurer
Marcella Calagais	District Advisor

Yours in Thera Pi,  
Anna Zavros  
District Governor



### Business Manager's Message

## PHIL VOGIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great pleasure to report to all of you that again the AHEPA Voice has received the highest honors from the National Publication Committee as the No. 1 magazine in the AHEPA Domain. There were seven District magazines that were submitted for review at the Supreme Convention in New Orleans, LA. All the Districts met the criteria of the review board; however the "AHEPA Voice" was the No. 1 magazine. As we go forward with our publication, I would like to encourage the chapters to continue to send in their articles, photos and chapter events for our members across District 5 NJ/DE to read up on the progress we are making.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Ted Vittas for his contributions to the AHEPA Voice as an editor over the years. Brother Ted is unable to continue due to other obligations. I have met with several graphic designers and would like to inform you, that this issue has been produced by our new Editor, which I believe will make our magazine the flagship in the AHEPA Domain. Thank you and I wish everyone a good and healthy AHEPA year.

Fraternally:

Brother Philip (Phil) Vogis  
Business Manager SG

# *AHEPA Bergen Knights*

## *Present Scholarships and Honor Life-Members*

**Our Life Members, Scholarship Winners and Chapter Officers**



L-R: Brother Dr. Peter Hilaris (Chapter Secretary), Brother George Gines (50 Years), Brother Nicholas Pituras (52 Years), John Pirsos, Alexandra Hilaris, Leda Ferranti, Brother Rev. James A. Tsigounis (64 years), Brother Constantine Mikelis (Chapter President), Brother Tasos Nicholson (Chapter Vice-President)



Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners John Pirsos, Alexandra Hilaris and Leda Ferranti (L-to-R) who were each awarded \$1,000 Scholarships

### AGAPE Education Grant

On May 18, 2014 AGAPE Chapter 336 celebrated AHEPA Sunday with a Mnemosino for our departed sisters. At the end of the liturgy, Sister Rea Hunter read a moving tribute to our Sister Connie Mellides who had been Chair of our Scholarship Committee until she passed away in April. Lauren Venekas, Sister Connie's daughter, presented AGAPE's Education Grant, in memory of her mother, to Dimitri Nannas, member of Sons of Pericles Patrida Chapter 317 in Wyckoff, NJ.



### MONROE CHAPTER #75 PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Monroe chapter #75 had their annual dinner meeting June 25th at the Stony Brook Restaurant Branchburg NJ. We presented nine members with service pins from 25 years and up. This year we presented a service pin to a member who just completed his 70th year.

Kostas Schadas was initiated at Washington Rock Chapter #114 in Plainfield NJ June 16 -1944 He transferred to Monroe chapter 1980 and he has been an active member for 70 Years. It was a pleasure and a privilege to present this true Ahepan with his 70 year pin.

We also presented the Monroe chapter Scholarship awards to High School Graduates, Tyler Stevens, George Stavrianidis, Andrew Vastardis, and Katerina Albanese. We wish all the Graduates the best of luck for their college Education.





Brothers from the Trenton Chapter #72



Brothers from District 4 and Supreme Governor Nick



Brothers from the Trenton Chapter #72 and Supreme Secretary Andy Z

# AHEPA District Convention



Brother Supreme Vice President John Galanis and members of the Sons and Maids were in attendance.



District Secretary George Petrakakis with Batman

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# AHEPA Donates to FOOD BANK



Pictured, left to right: Robert W. Bucpo Jr., Robert Fourniadis, Linda Keenan, director of development for the FoodBank, George Karatzia, and Demetri Orfanitopoulos.

Members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) Garden State Chapter 517, located in Holmdel, recently presented a \$2,500 donation to the Food-Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Founded in 1922, AHEPA is a major philanthropic organization in the United States and has contributed tens of millions of dollars to national projects and causes throughout its history, including : the selling of over \$500 million in war bonds during World War II; constructing hospitals, schools, and housing for the elderly and handicapped; endowing over \$4 million in scholarships; establishing a bone marrow registry; and giving generously to many charities, including Cooleys Anemia Foundation, the United Services Organization (USC), and relief funds for the 9-11 attacks, Hurricane Katrina, and Superstorm Sandy.

The Local Chapter 517, based in Holmdel, holds many annual fundraisers to support these and other local causes, such as the Food-Bank, Autism Speaks, Hurricane Sandy Relief, Cancer Research, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and the Wounded Warriors Project.

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# AHEPA Chapter 517 Donates Team Jackets to CVR Crusaders

AHEPA Chapter 517, Holmdel, NJ recently donated team jackets to the CVR Crusaders Special Olympics basketball team. The Crusaders are a part of the Center for Vocational Rehabilitation's (O!R) ongoing initiative to increase opportunities for CVR's special needs participants.

"Today is an amazing day," said Travis Johnson, head coach of the CVR Crusaders basketball team. "The members of our basketball program work so hard, on and off the court, to be the best men they can be. To have an organization like AHEPA honor the commitment of our players with these varsity team jackets means so much to everyone here at CVR."

The donation for the team jackets was led by Chapter 517 member, Demetri Orfanitopoulos, who has a family member on the team.

Founded in 1954, the Center for Vocational Rehabilitation (CVR) has provided what people with disabilities need most for their self-respect and the esteem of others: WORK. CVR facilitates personal growth and helps bring dignity and respect to the people it sewed through a variety of vocational and partial-care rehabilitation programs. For more information about CVR, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, please visit: [www.cvrus.org](http://www.cvrus.org).



Robert Fourniadis, President of AHEPA Chapter 517 and George Karatzia, past District Governor; shown with the coaches and players of the CVR Crusaders Special Olympics basketball team

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# AHEPA District Scholarship Presentations



Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc.

# TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL FALL GALA

Submitted by Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades

Edison, N.J., November 1, 2014 - The Twenty-fifth Annual Fall Gala for the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. was held at the Pines Manor, Edison, New Jersey.

This annual event is held to celebrate and recognize the cancer research doctors who receive grant awards from the Foundation, whose primary goal is to help find a cure for cancer.

Past Chairman, Georgette Boulegeris, PDG gave a brief history of the Foundation. She stated "that the first grant award of \$5,000 was given to Fox Chase Cancer Center in 1990 and that the Foundation has awarded approximately \$885,000 in grant awards over the past twenty-four years."

Joining in on the celebration, the Foundation was honored to have the Daughters of Penelope Grand Vice President, Connie Pilallis representing Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides.

On behalf of Grossomanides, she stated "I applaud your devotion and efforts over the past 25 years you have all truly made a difference to provide hope for cancer research."

Also in attendance was Phil Frangos, Order of AHEPA Supreme President. Frangos stated "it has affected him and his family on a personal level and he truly understands the need for the Foundation." He was honored to be able to attend the Gala and very proud of the AHEPA Family of District 5. As well, he commended the Foundation on their fundraising efforts and awarding of cancer research grants. He further stated "that District 5 is a shining example for what all AHEPA Families can achieve."

The Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation is unique as it is the only cancer research foundation throughout the AHEPA Family domain. Further, there is no other Greek-American

organization that has a cancer research foundation that is specifically for cancer research.

Foundation Chairman, George G. Horiates, PDG said "we are here to recognize a project of the Fifth District AHEPA Family that was started over twenty-five years ago by way of a proposal, by our dearly beloved, Woody West, to form a fact finding committee to establish a Cancer Foundation."

Horiates quoted from West' original proposal which said "I am totally committed to seeing this project through to its inception, believing that it will provide an element, which has been missing from the Order for many years, namely a purpose, which we can all unite behind and be proud to be a part of. Such a project would be beneficial to cancer research and the Order of AHEPA, drawing all family members into one united group, for who of us has not been touched by the effect of cancer at least



Pictured: George G. Horiates, Foundation Chairman, Dora Zongas, Dr. Alex Deneka, Vassiliki Karantz, Dr. David C. Lyden, Phil Frangos, Order of AHEPA Supreme President, Connie Pilallis, Daughters of Penelope Grand Vice President, Michelle Walker, Dr. Yibin Kang, Dr. Kim Hirshfield, Phil Vogis, Order of AHEPA, Supreme Governor Region 3 and Andrew C. Zachariades, Foundation Treasurer and Order of AHEPA Supreme Secretary

once". West would later become the first chairman of the Foundation.

The Chairman further stated "the Fifth District AHEPA Family twenty-five plus year commitment that we celebrate tonight is a testament to all of our members, raising cancer research monies by the dollar, the quarter and by the penny, through bowl-a-thons, canister collections at our local restaurants and diners and from chapter and individual donations."

Over twenty-four years the Foundation has given out \$885,000 in research grants and will soon be approaching the million dollar mark through collective efforts. This is what makes The Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation one of the greatest jewels in all of the AHEPA Family domain.

The Chairman was overjoyed to announce "this year we have raised over thirty thousand dollars in benefactor donations indeed we have broken a record. To all of our benefactors and cancer research doctors we say thank you and may our work continue to new heights, for the next twenty-five years and beyond."

The highlight of the evening is the presentation of Research Grant Awards, which were presented by Chairman Horiates and Treasurer Andrew C. Zachariades, Supreme Secretary. This year three institutions that specialize in cancer research received a total of \$40,000 in research grants. The Foundation has awarded over seventy-five research grants to various institutions for cancer research in the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

This year's recipients were Fox Chase Cancer Center located in Philadelphia, PA for their study on Preclinical studies on a new drug for the treatment of small cell lung cancer and advanced non-small cell lung cancer, accepting the grant award on behalf of Dr. Yanis Bumber was Dr. Alex Deneka and Dr. Alex Kudinov, they were elated to receive the \$10,000 grant award.

The Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ received two separate grants. Both studies coincide with the final phase of a study on Triple Negative Breast Cancer which will improve the treatment of patients diagnosed with this type of cancer.

Dr. Kim M. Hirshfield received a \$10,000 grant award for her study on, Identifying genomic markers in triple negative breast cancer that predict for chemosensitivity. Dr. Hirshfield said "We can't do what we do without your incredible support and generosity. Further, we hope that what we learn from

this study will benefit all breast cancer patients. We are grateful to have this opportunity to not only help patients with breast cancer live, but to live well."

The second \$10,000 grant award was graciously accepted by Michelle Walker, Director of Development on behalf of Dr. Shridar Ganesan for his study on, Determining pathological complete response to neoadjuvant liposomal doxorubicin and carboplatin in the treatment of patients with triple negative breast cancer. Michelle Walker stated that "on behalf of Dr. Shridar Ganesan, we congratulate the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation on their incredible 25 years of supporting cancer research. Your commitment to current patients and those not yet diagnosed is inspiring."

Principal Investigator, Dr. David C. Lyden, of Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York and Co-investigator, Dr. Yibin Kang received a \$10,000 grant award for their study on the Role of breast cancer and pediatric cancer exosomes in organotropic metastasis. Dr. Lyden thanked the Foundation for their many years of support he further stated "that this study will tell us why cancer spreads to specific organs, and identify the means of preventing this."

The Foundation is privileged to collaborate with these amazing cancer research doctors and institutions. Some are a part of the select few who have received the honor of the Foundation's prestigious Axios Award, which is presented to an individual or individuals whose humanitarian purposes and endeavors contribute to finding a cure for cancer, unselfishly and devoutly in the name of mankind. Dr. David C. Lyden is the 2009 Axios Award recipient and Dr. Yibin Kang the 2013 recipient. Previous doctors and Institutions include: 2011 Fox Chase Cancer Center, 2008 Dr. William Hait, 2007, Dr. Nicholas Romas, 2006, Dr. Maria Theodoulou.

The Foundation introduced the Hope (Ελπις) Society which is for special individuals who have donated over \$20,000 to the Foundation. Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, Vice Chairman stated "that the reason we call it the Hope Society is two-fold." "First, from the generous donations, the Foundation has been able to give Hope in the form of cancer research grants to the doctors and institutions that the Foundation has supported these past 24 years."

"Secondly, the society name is in honor of one of the Foundation's longest sitting Board of Trustee members, Alice Kartikis, whose Greek name is Elpis, and when translated means Hope." Miss Alice

has been on the Board since the early 1990's. Her generosity over the past 18 years may not be known to all, as she is not one who looks for recognition for her donations as they come from the heart and in memory of her beloved husband, George Kartikis. Alice is a member of the Daughters of Penelope Tethys Chapter #229, Piscataway, NJ.

The Foundation looks forward to inducting new members into the Hope Society in the near future, hoping that all will be inspired by the act of kindness and generosity such as that of Miss Alice.

Save the date for the 26th Annual Fall Gala which will be Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ.

The Foundation was formed in October 1988, by the Fifth District Order of AHEPA to raise funds from its members and the general public for cancer research grants. Shortly thereafter the Fifth District Daughters of Penelope came on board uniting the AHEPA Family behind a common cause of philanthropic support of cancer research.

In March of 1989 armed with collection canisters thus inaugurated the humble beginnings of collecting donations to provide funding for cancer research. The Board of Trustees are all volunteers, dedicated to the Foundation to raise funds for research grants for the outstanding doctors and institutions that are committed to finding a cure for cancer.

The mission of the Foundation is to facilitate fundraising and to award grants to scientists and medical research institutions whose primary goal is to find a cure for cancer. The Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. is tax-exempt under 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code.



Alice Kartikis,  
Foundation Board  
of Trustees.

# Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from...

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## SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER 162 REVIEW

South Jersey Chapter 162, Vineland, NJ met in December for a holiday dinner and to plan their annual New Year's Eve fundraiser. \$500 of the proceeds from that Dinner Dance were sent to support the AHEPA's initiative with the Archdiocese of Greece to feed the children of Greece.

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### *Eagle Rock Chapter 375 Lenten Dinner*

Eagle Rock Chapter 375 has had a busy year. We sponsored the Asia-Minor Exhibit at Roseland Church from September through January and had many visitors over that time. The Chapter also held a program titled The Survival of Hellenism in America, which was presented by Panos Stavrianidis. We were also asked to hold the District Leadership Planning event.

On March 6th, the Chapter held our Annual Lenten Dinner at the Hanover Manor March 6th. Great food and great company was throughout the evening. There were close to 50 people in attendance including Governor Sammy Thomas, Lt. Governor Stanley Gerondelis and PDG Phil Vogis.

This year, the Chapter started a new tradition of recognizing milestones of their brothers. Seven Eagle Rock brothers have been AHEPAN's for 45 years up to 70 years and each received a pin to recognize the achievement. Those brothers are:

**Paul Buclary, 70 years**  
**Chris Moustakis, 55 years**  
**Socrates Kyritsis, 55 years**  
**Chris Sophos, 55 years**

**Tony Kovas, 50 years**  
**Ted Peepas, 50 years**  
**James Vardakis, 45 years**

We are extremely proud to have such loyal members and congratulate each and every one of these brothers. Considering that AHEPA has been in existence for 90 years, to have a Chapter member who has been an AHEPAN for 70 of those years is quite impressive.

Eagle Rock Chapter 375 meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7PM at Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Church in Roseland.

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## *Daughters of Penelope Amphitryon/Zephyr #701 Honors Past Presidents*

June 14, Irene Wilcox fell asleep in the Lord. She was a vibrant and dedicated member of the Daughters of Penelope since April 1, 1969. She held each office in her home chapter Amphitryon #173, Newark, NJ. She served on the District Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope and served as District Governor for two consecutive terms 1976-78. She will be missed. May she rest in peace. Zoe se mas.

May 3 several of our members along with the president attended the Daughters District Luncheon at the Hanover Manor.

May 17 we hosted a luncheon at the Essex House, West Orange, in honor of our two Past Presidents, Ida Stathakis (Zephyr) and Irene Wilcox (Amphitryon). We had approximately 49 guests including Past Grand President of the Daughters, Evelyn Tsiadis, Past Grand Secretary, Demi Thomas, Michael Paskas, President Eureka #52, Tom Savvides, Secretary Eagle Rock in addition to several Past District Governors and AHEPAns from the district.

Past Grand President Evellyn presented Ida with her Past President pin and on behalf of our chapter; Marion Economo presented her with a lovely bouquet. In addition we honored ten members who have served the Order for 10 or more years. Ida presented the service pins to these dedicated women.

It was a lovely tribute, albeit, due to illness, Irene could not attend. We thank all of our guests and the family of SSNCH for supporting this event.

Congratulations to our newly elected District Governors Anna Zavros, DOP and Stanley Gerondelis, AHEPA and their lodges. May you have a successful and productive year.



Left to right PDG, Penny Capetan, PDG Karen Marouis, PDG Vera Andersakes, PGP Evellyn Tsiadis, Honoree Ida Stathakis, Past President, PDG Marion Economo, PGTreasurer, Demi Thomas, PDG Georgette Boulegaris, and PDG Evellyn Vardakis.

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## NEWS

Winter has played havoc with many of our endeavors; however, we were successful with two events. **February 9**, we joined our brother AHEPAns Eagle Rock #375, in hosting a post Holiday Party at the Hanover Manor. We enjoyed a lovely hot and cold buffet and danced to live music. In addition, one of the musicians treated us to a special impromptu performance. The evening concluded with a 50/50 raffle won by Lynn Savvides. Congratulations.

One of our most successful fundraisers is our Valentine Basket Raffle. The drawing took place during the Fellowship/Coffee hour on Sunday, **February 9**. The lucky winner was Ekaterina Zanthopoulos, a member of our chapter. Congratulations.

The proceeds from this and other fundraisers go to support the numerous charities and philanthropic work the Daughters do at the chapter, District and National level. The benefactors of our work include, but are not limited to, St. Basil's, Cooley's anemia, Cancer Research Foundation, Home for Battered Women, Wounded Warriors, Scholarships and Ss.NCH.

**March 16** we held our Koulourakia Bake Sale. It was an overwhelming success!! We thank the friends and family of Ss. NCH for supporting our projects.

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Our District Governor, Marcella Calagias and members of her Lodge honored us with a visitation on March 5. It was at this meeting when we welcomed three new Daughters, Olga Pomaco, Barbara Reynolds and Dede Porta.

Friday, **March 21**, we joined with our Eagle Rock Brother AHEPAns in hosting the Fellowship Hour following church services.


**May 3** we attended our District Luncheon at the Hanover Manor and on **May 17** we are hosted a dinner in honor of our two Past Presidents, Ida Stathakis (Zephyr) and Irene Wilcox (Amphitryon) and members with 10+ service.




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# Our Departed Brothers & Sisters

*May Their Memories Be Eternal in Our Hearts*



**The Very Reverend Father Stamatos Ganiaris**, 86, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 3rd, surrounded by his loving family. He resided in Wilmington, Delaware with his Presbyteria Ioanna. He was affectionately known as Fr. Stamos.

Fr. Stamos was born on the island of Chios, Greece in 1928, the third child of Socrates and Eleni Ganiaris. He and his brother Panos and sister Evie had a happy childhood living in view of the Aegean Sea. Stamos and Panos were devoted sea scouts and the family had a deep love of music and literature. His father was a well respected attorney known throughout the island. The family had a strong connection to the Greek Orthodox Church with his father serving for fifty years as a distinguished lay assistant at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Chios. Following an invitation from Archbishop Athenagoras, Stamos came to America in 1948 to attend the Holy Cross Theological School in Brookline, Massachusetts. This was a source of great satisfaction to his father who had declined a similar invitation by the Archbishop twenty years earlier. Fr. Stamos graduated from the Theological School in June 1952 and two months later, married his beloved Ioanna in the Church of the Assumption in Detroit.

His first assignment was to the parish of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Jamaica, NY. While there, he continued his graduate studies at the General Theological Seminary. He was ordained a deacon in 1953 and a priest in 1954. His first parish as a priest was at St. Vasilios Church in Watertown, NY., where he served from 1954-62.

Fr. Stamos then served at Holy Trinity in Wilmington for seventeen years leaving a lasting impact on the community through religious activities for all ages and physical improvements to the church. In the early years, he led the renovation of the beautiful Holy Trinity Church and later he was instrumental with the largest project the parish had undertaken, the building of the Hellenic Community Center. Along with a group of dedicated parishioners, he initiated the annual summer camp at Cape Henlopen in Lewes where children and their parents enjoyed a week of recreational activities along with prayer services. The parish continued to grow with Greek School classes and many social and religious organizations that still thrive today. In recognition of his efforts, Archbishop Iakovos elevated Father to the rank of Oikonomos in 1975 and Protosphyteros in 1977.

Fr. Stamos left Holy Trinity in 1978 for St. George in Pittsfield, Massachusetts where he served until his retirement. He and Presbyteria enjoyed fourteen years in this small but active community in the beautiful Berkshire mountains in New England. Leaving many new friends and parishioners in 1993, they returned to Wilmington to be close to their family and beloved former community. Father continued to faithfully serve every Sunday with the Holy Trinity clergy and led a bible study group until his illness began in April 2013.

In each of his parishes, he was known and loved for his inspiring services, beautiful singing voice and thoughtful sermons. He enjoyed explaining Orthodox practice and ritual to his parishioners and made efforts to convey the meaning to both Greek and English speakers. His most enduring legacy however will be his kindness, humility and compassion. This was a great comfort to his parishioners who always knew they had someone to turn to in times of need.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ioanna, and his five daughters, Helen and husband David Jeffreys of London; Soula and husband Michael Christopher of Hockessin, Delaware; Christina and husband James King of Wilmington; Maria and husband John Luther of Richmond, California; and Angela of Wilmington. Fr. Stamos and Ioanna are blessed with seven grandchildren, Anna, Katie, Evie, Thomas, Alex, William and Matthew and one great grand-daughter, Evie. Fr. Stamos leaves behind a large and loving extended family both in the US and Greece.



**George T. Solomos**, 71, passed away on Friday, July 11, 2014. A lifelong resident of New Jersey, he was born in Trenton, resided in East Brunswick, and later moved to Freehold Township. Mr. Solomos was a Restaurateur and Real Estate Investor. He was a communicant of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Piscataway NJ, serving two terms as the Chairman (House/Grounds) on the Board of Trustees. George also was a current

Member of the Order of AHEPA, the Italian/American Club, The Men's Club of The Riviera of Freehold, a Member of the Bocce Team; and various Church Committees. He enjoyed cooking, watching cooking shows, and going to various restaurants.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Goldie Logothetis and Theodore Solomos; and his first wife, Elaine McGlynn. Surviving are his beloved wife, Nina Bailey-Solomos of 55 years; four daughters, Adina O'Neill of East Brunswick NJ; Felice Band of Westfield NJ; Fern Joskowski of Colts Neck NJ; Jill Kanzler of Jackson NJ; one dear brother, James T. Solomos of Cape Coral FL; two beloved nieces, Stacy Lyn Solomos of Fanwood NJ, and Jennifer Lyn Solomos of Bridgewater NJ, and seven grandchildren.



**Connie Mellides**, 68, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, April 25, 2014. Born in Piraeus, Greece, and residing in Delray Beach, Florida, Connie exuded strength and courage from the day she immigrated to the US in 1955 to her years battling cancer. Now at peace, she is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, George Mellides, her parents (Frank and Labia Zoulia) her three loving children (Stacey Hawley, Evan Mellides and Lauren Venekas), their spouses

(Sean Hawley, Amy Mellides and Dimitri Venekas), her five grandchildren (Katelyn, Ashley and Stephen Hawley and Maura and Alaina Mellides).



She is also survived by her sister, Marina Mairagas, her two brothers, Steve and John Doumanis and many nieces and nephews. A role model for others, Connie's love for her family, her career as a real estate agent, tennis, her church and her community carried her through life. Connie will be missed deeply and remembered for her deep pride as a Greek American that she exemplified through her continuous involvement in Church organizations, events and philanthropy.

As a Sister of AGAPE Chapter 336 of the Daughters of Penelope, Connie exemplified our ideals. Sister Connie was initiated into our Chapter on March 2, 1992. In the ensuing 22 years Sister Connie attended meetings faithfully, and worked hard in supporting all of our projects. She served as Corresponding Secretary, and for the last few years, Connie was the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. In that role, she worked with her committee to create a rubric in order to fairly, and objectively, evaluate applicants for our AGAPE Chapter Scholarships. Sister Connie also contributed to increasing our Scholarship fund through successful fund-raising. This committee was Sister Connie's passion ... she was very dedicated to helping qualified students fulfill their education dreams.

May her memory be eternal!

**Irene Petropoulakos Wilcox** fell asleep in the Lord on June 14, 2013. She was a member of the Daughters of Penelope for 45 years. She joined the Maids of Athena and became active in the Amphitryon Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope. She was elected Governor of the District 5 DOP for two terms and served on the Board of the District 5 Cancer Research Foundation, receiving recognition for her activities. She helped reinstate the Amphitryon chapter when it went dormant, serving as President for 9 years.

Irene was the Philoptochos Metropolis Honoree for 2013 for Ss Nicholas Constantine and Helen, Roseland. She was an active member of the Philoptochos for 50 years and served on the Board. She was born in Newark, NJ to Constantine and Yanoula Petropoulakos. She was the third of four children. In 1936, when she was 5 years old, the family moved to Pireaus, Greece. Her childhood years were spent in Greece during World War II and the Greek Civil War. In 1947, Irene and her sister Evelyn returned to the US to join their brothers who had come soon after the end of WWII. Irene went to school and mastered the English language.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Spiro and Daniel. She leaves a sister Evelyn Petropoulakos Staknys, Son William, his wife Donna three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She will be missed. Zoe se mas.



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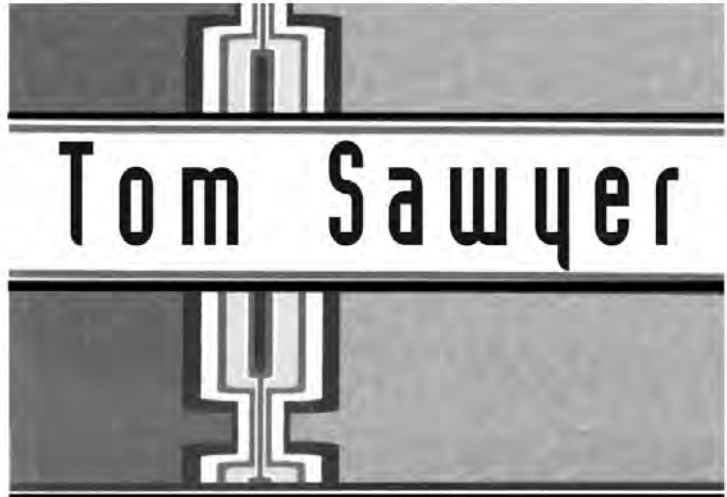
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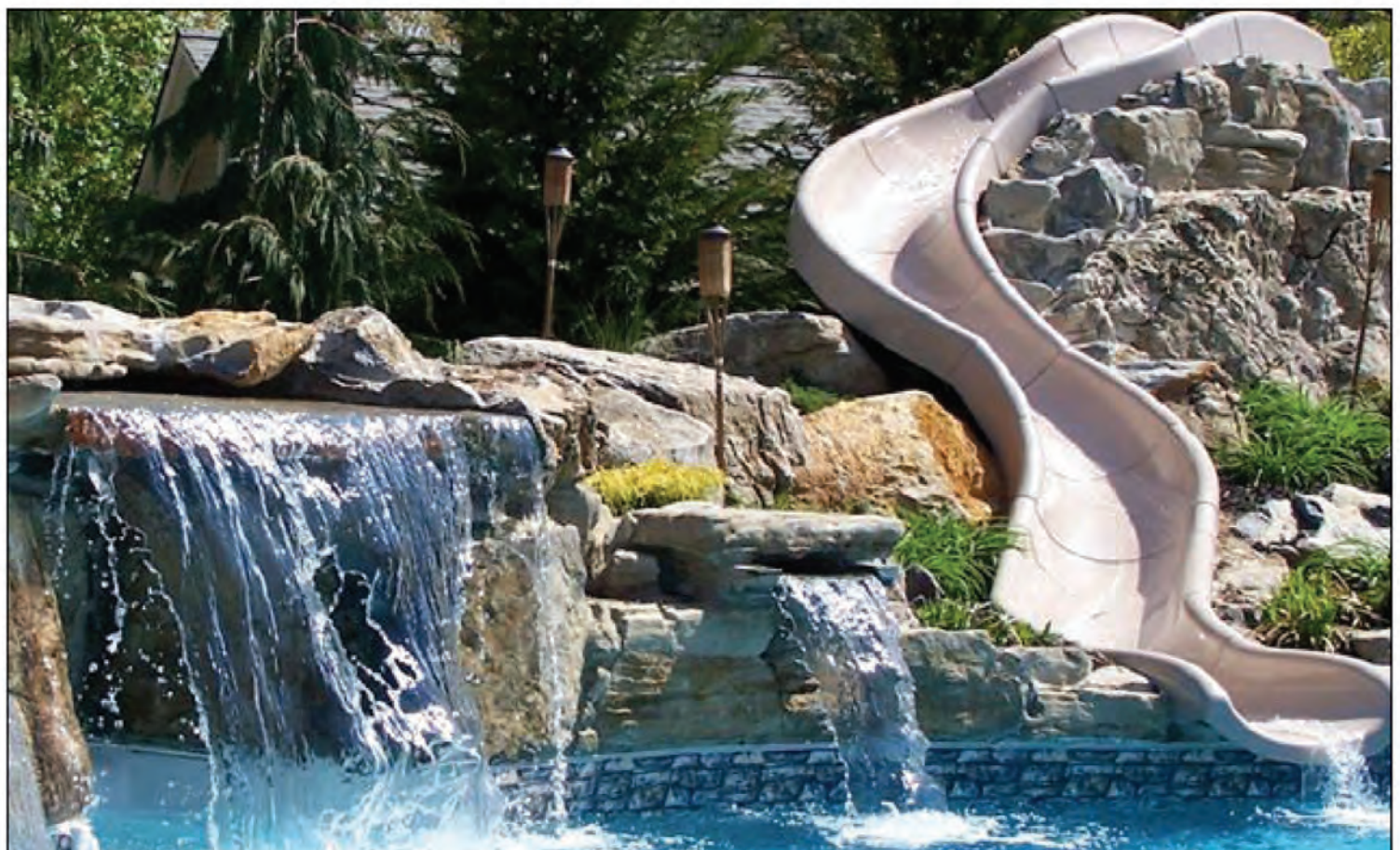
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