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District & National Websites

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www.ahepa.org

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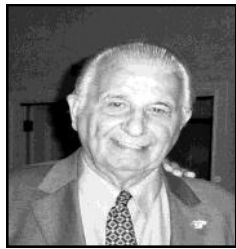
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Message from the Editor

Lee J. Millas

WHAT CAN YOUR CHAPTER DO?

Is your Ahepa Chapter an important part of your community? Is it recognized as such? Is it active and influential? Does it make you proud to be an Ahepan? If the answer is NO, then you belong to a chapter that needs to understand the purpose of Ahepa and it must develop a sense of mission. A successful chapter is an active chapter with programs that inspire support, not one without purpose or program or activity and is an ineffective element in the community. WHAT CAN YOUR CHAPTER DO.....It can begin by assuming some community leadership by honoring people of accomplishment in your city. It can honor local high school Athletes. It can give scholarships. It can build monuments. It can take part in naturalization processes. It can help the blind, the handicapped. I had occasion to attend a Holmdel Ahepa Chapter meeting recently. At that meeting, they had guest speakers asking for support of a program that trains dogs for the companionship of our "wounded warriors". A more heartwarming and inspirational talk you will never find. To their credit, the Holmdel chapter has become a big financial supporter of that project. This is an example of what your chapter can do to develop a membership that is interested and active. A membership that encourages excellence. A membership that helps young people, develops leaders and preaches the spirit of Hellenism. During this recently past Holiday period, did your chapter ever think of helping those less fortunate? Maybe donate some time at a local soup kitchen or, how about catering a turkey dinner at your hall or gather toys to be given to local children who unfortunately, were born in a difficult environment.

It could be that only this time of year causes my appeal for compassion but, we have an organization, a group of men and we call it Ahepa. And, many of our chapters are barely functioning. They have no purpose.....but they could have, and how great would it be if we all, each and every chapter in District 5, involved themselves in community events and projects. Certainly the name of Ahepa will expand but just think of the pride and the feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction that will swell in our hearts..... for a job well done.

Front Cover Photos

Top Photo: L to R- Basil Mossaidis, Jeannette Zaykowski, Vassos Chrysanthou, George Horiates, Lee Millas, Andy Zachariades

Center Photo: L to R- Dr. Yibin Kang Ph. D., Christos Prentzas, Dr. David C. Lyden MD

Bottom Photo: L to R- Front Row- Philip Vogis, Ted Fanikos, Asteris Fanikos, Andy Zachariades, Lee Millas, Phil Livanis, Steve Lioumis, Athan Anest Back Row, Standing L to R: Ted Vittas, Vassos Chrysanthou, Stanley Gerondelis, George Horiates, Costa Sedereas, George Karatzia, Savvas Tsivicos, Herb Allen



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Message from Our District Governor

Asteris J. Fanikos

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my honor to address you as District Governor during this Christmas Season. As we approach the holiday season, I would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year full of health and happiness.

We have had an active past few months in visiting our chapters. I continue to look forward to all the activities and events of our District and for everyone to work for the betterment of the Order of AHEPA. We need to continue to promote the brotherhood and show why it is essential to be a member. Throughout the year we will have events and must not lose any opportunity to bring in our relatives and friends to such events in order that they may join our fraternity as brothers.

In September, we held our Fall Workshop at Trenton. It was a joint workshop held with the Daughters of Penelope where we both discussed issues of importance to the brotherhood and sisterhood and ways to improve ourselves. It was a productive workshop along with a nice breakfast and luncheon donated by the District Lodge officers. We are currently preparing for the Spring Workshop and will advise.

I would also be remiss if I did not comment on the 75th Anniversary of Oxi Day. The commemoration was hosted by the Hudson County Chapter 108 in conjunction with the District. The event was held at beautiful Liberty State Park in Jersey City with a view of the Statute of Liberty. We recognized the Greek resistance and heroism and tradition of "*Molon Lave*" with a flag raising ceremony and reading of proclamations issued by Governor Christie and Mayor Fulop. We also had speakers and dignitaries including Supreme Vice President Andrew Zachariades and Supreme Governor Chris Gallis. Following the event many of us proceeded to Ground Zero for a tour at the 9/11 museum and concluded with a visit to Saint Nichols Greek Orthodox Church and Shrine. I would like to personally commend Lt. Governor George Petrakakis, District Secretary Zenon Christodoulou, Chapter President Bill Matsikoudis and VP Stathi Theodoropoulos for their hard work in having this event under a short time period. Looking forward to next year's commemoration on October 15th, 2016 that will also include a 5k run.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported the Cancer Foundation as it marches towards a million. Over so many years it has raised a tremendous amount of funds for the research of a cure. Let us continue our fundraising support, the canister drives and all our efforts from all the chapters to combat this dreaded disease. We are also looking forward to the Bowl Against Cancer Bowl-a-Thon sponsored by the Cancer Foundation. Scheduled for Sunday, March 13th at the Linden Lanes. I would also like to commend Chairperson Antoinette Marousis- Zachariades who leads the Cancer Foundation with great dedication and thank her for all her hard work and leadership.

I would also like to thank all the chapters and brothers that support the children at the St. Basil's. Specifically, I would like to thank the following chapters that gave donations through the District: Camden #69, Trenton #72, Thomas Jefferson #280, Bergen Knights #285, Eagle Rock #375, Ramapo #453 and Garden State #517. Through

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2016 Calendar of Events

- ◇ St. Basil Academy – Garrison, NY - Cutting of the Vasilopita and Diving for the Cross Saturday, January 30th –11am (weather permitting)
- ◇ Sunday, February 7th– Various AHEPA Chapter Super Bowl Parties
- ◇ Sunday, March 13th –Bowl Against Cancer, Linden Lanes
- ◇ March 2016 AHEPA Flag Raising Ceremonies
- ◇ Saturday, March 26th – Hellenic Civic Club of Fort Lee, Greek Independence Day Celebration
- ◇ March 2016 –AHEPA Basketball Tournament, to be hosted by Holmdel AHEPA (tentative)
- ◇ Hermes Expo International- Tuesday, April 5th – The Concordville Inn & Best Western Hotel Conference Center, PA <http://hermesexpo.com/25-hermes-expo/>
- ◇ Greek Independence Day Parade, NYC -Sunday, April 10th at 1:45PM <http://hellenicsocieties.org/PARADES.html>
- ◇ Greek Independence Day Parade, Philadelphia-Sunday, April 17th
- ◇ Holmdel AHEPA Cigar Night, Wednesday, May 11th. Grand Marquis, Old Bridge, NJ
- ◇ Greek Orthodox Palm Sunday 2016 -April 24th
- ◇ Greek Orthodox Easter Sunday 2016 -May 1st
- ◇ AHEPA Sunday- May 15th
- ◇ AHEPA D5 Convention (hosted by Trenton Chapter) May 27-28, 2016
- ◇ Memorial Day Observed- Monday, May 30, 2016
- ◇ AHEPA Supreme Convention– July 24-30, 2016 Mirage Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas <http://ahepa.org/convention.htm>
- ◇ OXI Day Ceremony- Saturday, October 15th
- ◇ 5K Freedom Run/Walk- Ferry ride following the event to Ellis Island for tour of the Statute of Liberty
- ◇ Holmdel AHEPA Beer Tasting Event Saturday, October 15th – 6PM

This is *not* a complete list.



•COOLEY'S ANEMIA FOUNDATION

•STATUE OF LIBERTY/ELLIS ISLAND RESTORATION: \$400K

•ST. BASIL'S ACADEMY: \$245K

•WW-II BOND DRIVE: \$162M

•GREEK FIRE EMERGENCY RELIEF: \$500K

•AHEPA HALL FOR BOYS, ST. BASIL ACADEMY: \$1.5M

•(7) INTERNATIONAL AHEPA HEALTH CENTERS

•INTERNATIONAL BONE MARROW REGISTRY

•WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

•CYPRUS AND HELLENIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

• REBUILD ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHO CHURCH, NYC: \$500K

• SCHOLARSHIPS: \$1.6M

CANCER RESEARCH FUND: \$1.5M

• 9/11 RELIEF: \$150K

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Message from the Business Manager

Philip Vogis

Brother Ahepans,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead for all of us to focused on membership growth, supporting the Ahepa principles and brotherhood. We are thankful for all that we have, and are able to share good fortune with our fellow brothers, sisters, and families in need. I want to thank the Publication Board members for their support and contributions to this wonderful magazine "The AHEPA Voice" that has been the premier magazine in the AHEPA Domain. Please share the membership application that is in the back of the magazine to prospective new members in our organization, and support the advertisers that make our magazine possible. Wishing you a great AHEPA Year.

Fraternally,

Brother Phil Vogis

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Meet the 2015 - 2016 District 5 Lodge



Asteris Fanikos: *District Governor*
 Brother Asteris is a Past President of Trenton Chapter #72. He is the Senior Staff Attorney for the Office of the State Comptroller for the State of New Jersey. He is a member of the Parish Council of Saint George of Trenton and its Youth Advisor. He was also recently appointed as the Executive Director to the New Jersey Hellenic American Heritage Commission. He and his wife Dina just became proud new parents to a daughter Evangelia.

George N. Petrakakis: *Lieutenant Governor and Vice-President of Hellenism*
 Brother George is a 36 year member of the AHEPA and Past President of Alexander Hamilton #54 of Paramus. This is his third year on the District Lodge.
 Brother George spearheaded the reactivation of the Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288, after being non-operational for nearly twenty years and is now a member of Raritan Chapter #288. Brother George began his time in the AHEPA family as a member of the Sons of Pericles in Marathon #46 of Paterson, NJ. There he served on the District and Supreme Lodges.
 Brother George is a retired Paterson Police Lieutenant, currently works as a Licensed Private Investigator; and as a Weichert Referral Agent with Weichert Referral Associates.
 He has served on Parish Councils – most recently at St. Demetrios of Perth Amboy; and in the 1980’s at St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church of Paramus, NJ.



Zenon Christodoulou: *District Marshal and Vice-President of Civic Responsibility*
 Brother Zenon is a Past President of Hudson Chapter #108 of Jersey City. He is a professor of management studies and business consultant. He also owns a printing company and restaurant. He is a member of numerous Hellenic organizations, including the NJ Hellenic American Heritage Commission, on which he is the founding chair and the Washington, DC based Coordinated Effort of Hellenes.

Dimitri Rozanitis: *District Secretary and Vice-President of Philanthropy*
 Brother Dimitri has a long history of working for Hellenic causes. This is Brother Dimitri’s third year on the AHEPA District 5 Lodge. He is Past President of Camden Chapter #69 of Cherry Hill.



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He has also served as Chairman of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Philadelphia. He has served as Grand Marshall of the Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade. Other projects that he has been involved with is the ground breaking of the St Thomas Senior Citizens' Center and on the Parish Council of St Thomas Greek Orthodox Church.



Steven Marmarou: *District Marshall and Vice-President of Education*
 Brother Steven is a resident of Cherry Hill, NJ. For the past 6 years Brother Steven has been the Secretary, Vice President, and President of AHEPA Camden Chapter #69. He is a member of St. Thomas in Cherry Hill, where he has been a member of the Parish Council, a GOYA Advisor and a member of the Choir. Steven currently works for Selene Finance in the Home Retention Division, in Horsham PA.

George N. Pappas: *District Warden*

Brother George is Past President of Camden #69. Brother has his own accounting firm in Cherry Hill, NJ where he represents businesses, individuals and non-profit organizations. He has served as a Parish Council member of Saint Thomas GOC, in Cherry Hill, NJ (1999-2006), 7 years as the Treasurer, and 1 year as the President. George is married and have twins, a girl and a boy, aged 5. Brother George strongly believes that being deeply involved in various Hellenic American organizations and societies as well as maintaining the values of our Greek Orthodox faith is of major significance for our Hellenic Heritage and history, here in the United States.



Ted Vittas: *Sons of Pericles Advisor, Past District Governor and Acting Athletic Director*
 Brother Ted is a Past District 5 Governor.(2006-2007) and a Past President of Ramapo Chapter #453 of Wyckoff, NJ and serves on the National Advisory Board of the Sons of Pericles as well as a member of the AHEPA Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Brother Ted is a 30+ year member in AHEPA which started as a member and Secretary of the Hudson Chapter #108 in Jersey City.
 Brother Ted was also a Past Supreme Governor and PDG of the Sons of Pericles in the 1980s.

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Bergen Knights Chapter Update

AHEPA Bergen Knights Chapter #285 held their 3rd Annual AHEPA Bergen Knights Charity Car & Cycle Show in the St. John the Theologian Cathedral Parking Lot. With the help of the Car and Cycle participants, sponsors and the crowd viewing the event, we were able to benefit these wonderful organizations:

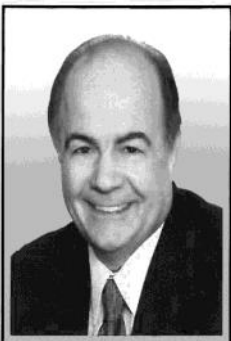
- ~Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer
- ~AHEPA 5th District Cancer Foundation
- ~Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County

The event was a success and we want to let you know we could not have done this without your help. Next year's Car Show will be Saturday, September 17th. We hope to see you in the future years, as we all work together for these great causes. Please view the pictures from the Car Show at www.bergenKnightsCarShow.com.

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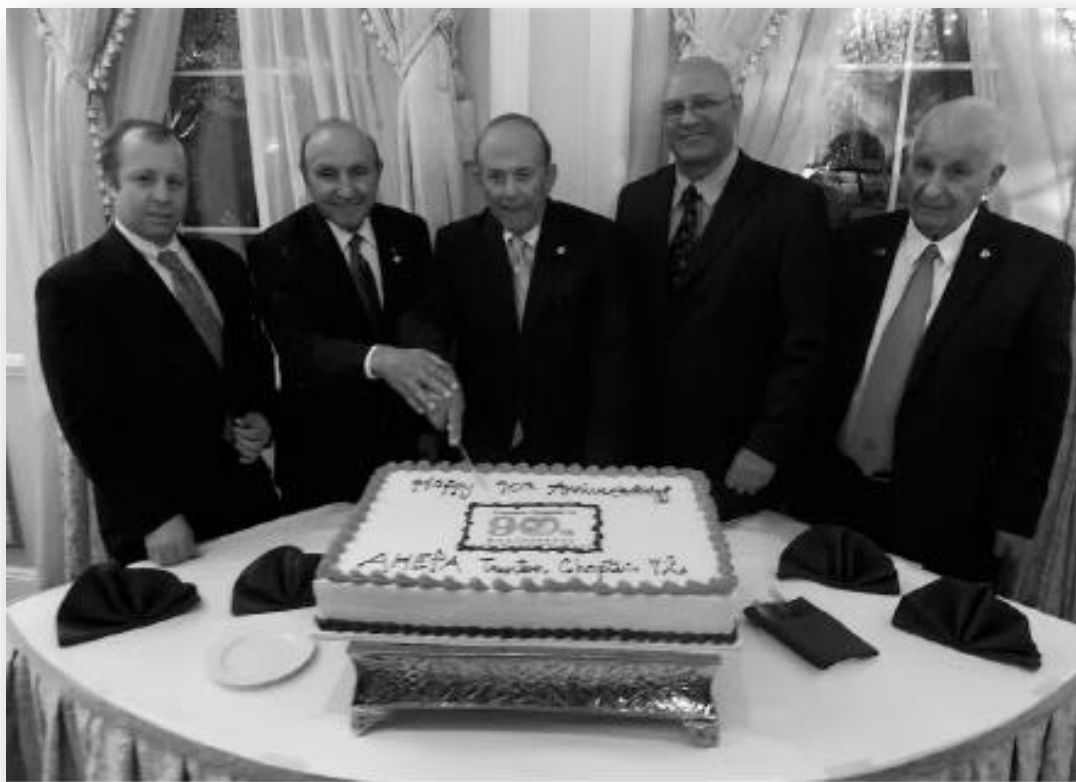


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Trenton Chapter 72 Update

.TRENTON CHAPTER 72 CELEBRATES ITS' 90TH ANNIVERSARY

On October 18th, the Trenton Chapter No. 72 celebrated its' 90th Anniversary. Over 200 members, family and friends gathered at the Merion Caterers in Cinnaminson, NJ to enjoy a short program, Dinner and Dancing. The Supreme President of Ahepa, John Galanis flew in from Wisconsin to honor the chapter and share in the festivities. Chapter President Dino Demetriou was presented a proclamation recognizing the event. The event chairman was Nicholas Angelakis and toastmaster for the evening was Board of Trustee Lee J. Millas. A beautiful Souvenir Journal was prepared under the direction of Brother Tom Pappas which highlighted the long and highly successful history of the chapter. Past District Governors from the Trenton Chapter attending were Spiros P. Livanis and Herb Allen as well as past Supreme Governor Ted Fanikos and his son, the current District Governor, Asteris Fanikos. Supreme Counselor George Horiates attended with a delegation from the Cherry Hill Ahepa Chapter which is also celebrating their 90th Anniversary. The Trenton Chapter is happy to report that all proceeds from this event went to support our parish of St. George. NATA EKATOSTISOME!



Left to Right — District Governor Asteris Fanikos, Supreme President John Galanis, Ahepan of the Year James Knicos, Chapter President Dino Demetriou and National Board of Trustee, Lee J. Millas.

Eagle Rock Chapter Update

On November 4th, 2015 AHEPA Eagle Rock Chapter #375 hosted our annual District 5 Governor's Visit. Current Governor Asteris Fanikos was joined by his fellow District Lodge Officers; Lt. Governor George N. Petrakakis, Secretary Zenon Christodoulou, Treasurer Jimmy Rozanitis, Marshall Steven Marmarou, Warden George N. Pappas and Athletic Director Ted Vittas. Each officer reported on upcoming events, ongoing National Fundraising projects and stressed the importance of participation by all AHEPA Brothers in doing their part to both preserve and advance the Greek culture and traditions.

We truly appreciate the dedication and leadership the District 5 Officers exhibit.



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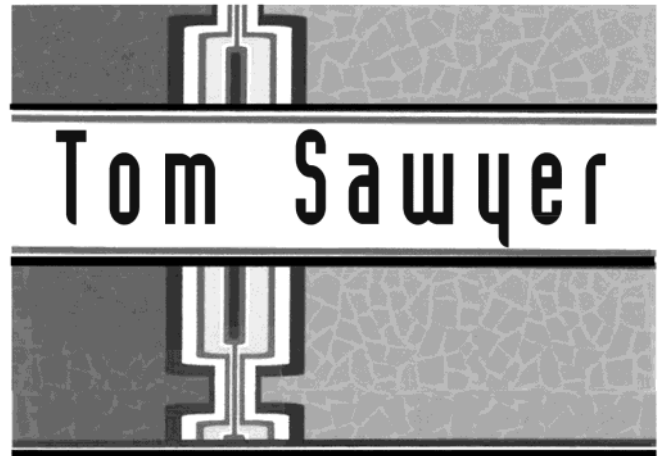
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Piscataway Combined AHEPA and DOP

Christmas Dinner and Caroling

On Wednesday, December 16, 2015 the Piscataway AHEPA and DOP Chapters held their combined Annual Christmas Dinner followed by Christmas caroling and delicious homemade, festive desserts and refreshments.

This much looked forward to and well attended annual event was enjoyed by everyone. The fabulous dinner was prepared by chapter master chefs Brother George Athanasopoulos and Brother Nick Kumarianos . Many thanks to AHEPA Chapter President Brother John Millas and Chapter Officers and to the DOP Chapter Officers for organizing such a wonderful event.

Also many thanks for their gracious and warm hospitality and for inviting the AHEPA District 5 Lodge, which I was honored and privileged to represent on behalf of AHEPA District Governor Brother Asteris Fanikos who attended and represented the District Lodge at the well attended and enjoyable Annual Trenton AHEPA Christmas Party on the same evening at the St. George Community Center in Hamilton, NJ.

Merry Christmas and best wishes to everyone and their family for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year to all!

Submitted By , Lt Governor George Petrakakis



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Hudson #108 Chapter

In keeping with its Christmas tradition, Hudson Chapter #108 donated over \$1,500 in cash and supplies to Saint Lucy Homeless Shelter in Jersey City, NJ.

The shelter provides breakfast and dinner to over 320 needy people every day. SVP Andrew Zachariades, Chapter president Bill Matsikoudis, and PSG John Mehos presented the much needed resources to the shelter.

SVP Zachariades informed the Shelter's Executive Director, Tom Johnson, that Ahepa is honored to maintain its proud 94 year legacy of giving to the needy.



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Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation Marching to a Million

By: Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades

Edison, NJ, November 7, 2015-Who would have thought, twenty-seven years ago, when the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation started their fundraising efforts through canister coin collections that they would be so close to awarding a \$1,000,000 in cancer research grant awards.

Well, they are almost there, this past Saturday they had the honor and privilege to award \$60,000 in cancer research grants bringing their total to \$945,000. They are MARCHING TO A MILLION.....and will achieve this milestone at next year's Annual Gala on November 5, 2016.

The Foundation is the only cancer research foundation in the entire AHEPA Family domain. Providing grants in the field of cancer research to top notch, internationally renowned doctors and institutions. The past few years have been quite fruitful for our researchers with their studies being published in many prestigious science and medical journals. Advances in precision medicine have led to new discoveries and new treatment practices for patients.

At the 26th Annual Gala, Shridar Ganesan, M.D. Ph.D. of Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey modestly accepted the Foundation's "Axios Award" for his contributions to cancer research. Dr. Ganesan was deeply honored to accept the award not for himself, but on behalf of all the cancer researchers at the RCINJ. He expressed gratitude to the Foundation for consistently offering grants for cancer research, the challenges are vast but we can't keep still. Further, he stated I learned the most from my patients and families, it is humbling and inspiring. Dr. Ganesan was recently introduced as the inaugural Omar Boraie Chair in Genomic Sciences at Rutgers Cancer Institute. Yibin Kang, PhD. The 2013 "Axios" recipient had the honor of introducing the honoree, he proclaimed him a warrior in breast cancer research.

The highlight of the evening is the presentation of Research Grant Awards, which were presented by Chairman Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades and Vice Chairman Christos Prentzas. This year three institutions that specialize in cancer research received a total of \$60,000 in research grants. The Foundation has awarded over seventy-nine research grants to various institutions for cancer research in the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

This year's recipients were **The Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ** for their study on ***The Use of Platinum-Based Chemotherapy and Biomarker Discovery for Improved Outcomes in Triple Negative Breast Cancer***, accepting the grant award on behalf of Drs. Kim M. Hirshfield and Deborah Toppmeyer was Sharon Coucza, Director of Development who graciously thanked the Foundation for their continuous support and grant award in the amount of \$20,000.

Fox Chase Cancer Center located in Philadelphia, PA for their study on ***Preclinical Studies of STA-12-8666, a Novel HSP90 Drug Conjugate to Sn38 in Lung Cancer***, accepting the award on behalf of Erica Golemis, Ph.D her research staff of Alexander Deneka, MD, Anna S. Nikovona, Ph.D and Anna Gaponova, MS were honored to accept the \$20,000 grant award, they appreciate the support the Foundation has provided through cancer research grants.

Last but not least, **Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York** to David C. Lyden, M.D., Ph.D & Yibin Kang, Ph.D and Ayuko Hoshino-Nitadori, Ph.D received \$20,000 for their study on ***Tumor Exosome***

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They are
MARCHING TO A
MILLION.....
and will achieve this
milestone at next year's
Annual Gala on
November 5, 2016.

Holmdel Chapter Update

WHO IS AHEPA ?

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, www.ahepa.org) was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the bigotry spearheaded by the KKK in early 20th Century American. It subsequently joined forces with the NAACP and B'nai B'Brith to combat discrimination and racism and eventually emerged as a major philanthropic organization in the U.S.



OUR LOCAL AHEPA CHAPTER

Our local Chapter, Garden State 517, was chartered in 1995 in Holmdel NJ. In addition to supporting AHEPA's efforts nationally, locally we have raised and donated nearly \$300,000 to the following charities and causes:

1. Autism Speaks
2. AHEPA District 5 Cancer Research Foundation
3. Eagle Scout Projects
4. Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties
5. Got Your Back (Families of Fallen Soldiers)
6. Greek & Cypriot Children's Relief Fund
7. Hurricane Sandy Relief
8. Center for Vocational Rehabilitation
9. Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church - Various Capital Projects
10. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
11. Ronald McDonald House Charities
12. Saint Basil's Academy
13. Scholarship, Educational Grants & other Merit Awards
14. Wounded Warriors Project



WHAT DOES AHEPA DO?

The mission of AHEPA is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism. With chapters in every major metropolitan area, AHEPA has contributed generously to national projects and causes throughout its history such as:

- The sale of over \$500 million in war bonds during World War II
- Construction of several dozens hospitals & schools
- Construction of over 4,000 apartments in 49 cities in 21 states for the elderly and handicapped
- Endowing over \$3 million in Education Grants
- Establishing a bone marrow registry
- The Cooley's Anemia Foundation, the USO, the restoration of Ellis Island & the Statue of Liberty, and relief funds for the 9-11 attacks and natural disasters such as Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina.



HOW DO WE DO IT?

Everything that AHEPA accomplishes starts at the grass roots level through fundraising activities held by the local chapters.

Our fundraisers are:

- AHEPA ANNUAL HARVEST BEER TASTING**
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VETERANS HONORED AT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP CEREMONY

By Joanne Colella

Community members, volunteers, scouts, and township officials gathered together on Saturday, November 7 for the township's annual Veterans Day ceremony, held at Veterans Memorial Park off of Telegraph Hill Road. Hosted by the Holmdel Recreation Office and master of ceremonies Commander Art Davey, VFW Post 5918 Retired, the morning offered a respectful tribute to all of Holmdel's military veterans, both past and present, from every war dating back to colonial times.

The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Deanna Vitoroulis, Mr. Davey's granddaughter, who was later honored, together with her grandfather, for all the work they have done for the past 20 years for the VFW and the annual ceremonies. Members of the Holmdel PBA Color Guard marched forward to lower and raise the colors on the tall flagpole. Fred Balestracci, VFW Post 5918 Chaplain, offered prayers in remembrance of both Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day. Ms. Vitoroulis also read an informative notice from the VFW, which explained the differences between Memorial Day and Veterans Day and the significance of each. Memorial Day, everyone was reminded, is a day set aside each May to honor and remember veterans who are no longer with us. Veterans Day is meant to honor and thank all living veterans for their service to our country.

Guest speakers included George Karatzia, representing AHEPA Chapter 517 of Holmdel, a philanthropic organization based at Kirnisis Tis Theotokos Greek Church that supports numerous charitable organizations and worthy causes, including the Wounded Warriors Project. "Taking care of our veterans is a sacred obligation that we must all honor," Mr. Karatzia said. "My fellow veterans, I am proud to stand before you and to thank you for keeping America safe."

Also taking the podium was Holmdel Mayor Eric Hinds, who spoke eloquently about the day. He said, "A few moments ago, I said a prayer for all who have unselfishly served for a cause greater than themselves. A cause that asks you to put your life on the line for our country and freedom. Freedom that is valued more than life itself. I am sure my prayer was very similar to yours."

As President Reagan reminded us, we celebrate Veterans Day on the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I; the armistice that began at the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month. I wonder if all Americans'

prayers are the same as ours right now, for all we can ever do for our heroes is to remember them and remember what they did for us.

We see these soldiers as old and wise, yet most of them were boys when they began serving and/or gave up their lives. They gave up two lives; the one they were living and the one they would have lived if given the chance. They gave personal sacrifices and, in some cases, the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedom. We owe you and those who have gone before you a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. All we can do is remember - and not just today, but every day.

I am fortunate enough to have real life heroes in my own family. Both of my grandfathers are veterans and fought in World War II. My father's father fought with the Navy in Africa and in Europe during WWII. My father proudly served with the Army during the Vietnam era. Watching my brother graduate from the Air Force Academy in 1996 was one of the greatest, most prideful moments of my life. For those who have not witnessed an academy graduation, please add that to your bucket list. As I witnessed the jets fly overhead, piercing the sky at the same time the graduation caps were tossed in the air, I was overcome with a feeling of immense pride. It was truly indescribable. I also realize his immense sacrifice and understand that he put his life in harm's way in order to secure my freedom.

Today, as never before, we must remember those brave enough to serve in our military. We must remember those who have sadly gone before us. We must also pray for peace, freedom, justice, and a more stable world.

We must make a promise to those serving now, as well as those who have perished, a promise that General Matthew Ridgeway followed on the night before D-day;

that promise was 'I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.' God bless you and God bless America!"

At the conclusion of the ceremony, all were invited to partake in refreshments, courtesy of Holmdel Recreation, and to view the memorial wreaths that encircled the memorial. The wreaths were presented by various township organizations, including the Holmdel Township Committee, Holmdel PBA #239, Holmdel First Aid Squad, Holmdel Half Century Club, Holmdel Kiwanis Club, Holmdel Boy Scout Troops 131 and 331, Holmdel Girl Scouts, Holmdel Republican Party, Holmdel Democratic Alliance, Holmdel Democrats, Holmdel Fire Company #1, and AHEPA Chapter 517.



Colella, Joanne, "Veterans Honored at Annual Township Ceremony", The Journal, December 2015, www.TheJournalNJ.com

Whitestone NY AHEPA Team Wins 1st District 5 Northern Invitational Basketball Tournament

The basketball season tipped off in AHEPA's Region 3 on Saturday, November 21st with a weekend basketball tournament which was held at Clifton, NJ's Saint George Church. The tournament pitted six teams; 3 from New Jersey and 3 from New York, in what became the two districts vying for bragging rights in AHEPA's Region 3. The tournament was won by Whitestone, NY in the final as they convincingly bested the Bronx 71 – 36 in an all New York final. Whitestone played through the tournament with a perfect 4-win record to be crowned the champion. Wyckoff, NJ came in third when they were beaten by Whitestone in the semi-finals 63 – 47.

The six teams came from as far away as Trenton, NJ and Whitestone, NY to compete. The 3 New Jersey teams were Trenton, Wyckoff and the hosting Clifton team. The New Yorkers were led by Whitestone and included a Bronx team and a team from Brooklyn that went by the name "Tune Squad Gone Greek."

The tournament was divided in two divisions across district lines. The first round included two games each in each division. The top four teams moved on to the final round with a final four playoff that ended on Sunday, November 22nd.

Being named as the tournament Most Valuable Player was Peter Carris of Whitestone. Peter was unstoppable in the final game by netting a blistering 31 points to lead his team to victory. He also netted 33 points in the team's preliminary game with the Bronx. After all games were played the MVP selection was an easy decision for the tournament organizers. Brother Carris stood head and shoulders above the rest.



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Left: Tip Off – Players from the Bronx NY and Tune Squad Gone Greek tip off in the opening game.



Above: Whitestone NY team the tournament champions!

Left: Tournament MVP Peter Carris of Whitestone posing with his children.

2016 District #5 Athletic Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 2016 To Be Announced (TBA)	District 5 Basketball Tournament	Kimisis Gym, Holmdel St George Gym, Ocean Township, NJ
March 13, 2016 3:00 pm	Bowl Against Cancer	Linden Lanes 741 North Stiles St Linden, NJ 07036
May 21-22 2016	Sons of Pericles Jersey Tournament	Saint Nicholas Gym, 467 Grandview Ave Wyckoff, NJ 07481
July 2016	AHEPA/Sons Softball Game	
July or August 2016 (TBA)	District 5 Fishing Trip	Belmar, NJ
October 2016 (TBA)	Trenton 72 Golf Outing	Trenton Area
Saturday, October 15, 2016	AHEPA 5K Freedom Run	Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ

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District 5 Athletic Director Ted Vittas is planning 2 more tournaments for the hardwood this season. A second AHEPA tournament is being planned for March to be held in central New Jersey. The date is still being determined and will be announced once it is finalized. Last year that tournament was hosted by the Garden State Chapter of Holmdel, NJ. The basketball season will end with the annual Sons of Pericles Jersey Tournament in Wyckoff, NJ on the weekend of May 21-22. Other tournaments may be announced by the Supreme Lodge. For the latest information, contact District 5 Athletic Director, Ted Vittas, at vittas@optonline.net.

To see pictures of the tournament point your web browser to: <https://picasaweb.google.com/116221166965075719227/November222015>

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DOP Amphitryon/Zephyr #701 Roseland Chapter Update

We began the fall by welcoming three new Sisters, Eve Katramados, Becky Vardakis and Pamala Diamantis and from then on we were off and running. Our members spent a busy weekend working in various areas of the Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen GreekFest. We sold handmade shawls, scarves and blankets at the Knit & Stitch table, served on food lines and sold delicious pastries and desserts.

October we assisted with the first annual Ss. NCH children's Halloween Party. It was well attended and all of the children had a safe and good time, playing games and enjoying treats. November 22 we celebrated the 86th anniversary of the founding of the Daughters of Penelope. We hosted the fellowship hour and displayed plaques and commendations we received over the years; in addition we provided literature and played a video, "The Legacy of Penelope".

We supported the Harvest Ball and in Dec. attended St. Nicholas Vespers and name day celebration, and the Christmas Concert. We continued to celebrate the holiday season by attending a "Holiday Tea" and tour at the Liberty Museum, Kean University. The museum was once the residence of the first governor of NJ and signer of the constitution, William Livingston. He built the house in 1772 and since, it has been home to seven generations of Livingstons and Keans. Today, the Victorian Mansion welcomes visitors, inviting them to "discover the living past." The home which was beautifully decorated for Christmas, included displays of vintage toys and Christmas decorations over several decades.

The holiday momentum continued as several of us wrapped gifts at Barnes & Noble, Livingston Mall. We participated in the gift wrap last year. Donations collected are earmarked for Daughters charities/projects. This is a good opportunity to showcase our purpose and to establish a presence beyond the Greek community.

Our annual Koulourakia Bake Sale will be in mid-Feb. and we will be participating in the Ss. NCH Tricky Tray in March and Rummage Sale in May.

In closing, we are saddened by the passing of our sister Mary G. Maroulakos. Mary was a long time member of the Newark Daughters, Amphitryon #173 and the St. Nicholas community. She loved the Daughters and the church and worked tirelessly for both. We will miss her, may she rest in peace. "Zoe se Mas".



The objectives of the Daughters of Penelope are to encourage and promote loyalty to the country in which they live, cultivate the ideals and traditions of Hellenism, promote opportunities of education and promote the spirit of cooperation while working closely and in harmony with the entire AHEPA Family. The Daughters of Penelope is non-partisan and non-denominational.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING ANNA ZAVROS, DOP PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

On Sunday, October 25, 2015 the Daughters of Penelope Chapter Alexander #250 hosted a Testimonial Dinner honoring chapter member, Anna Zavros, for her magnificent year as District Governor. The event was held at the Zeris Inn in Mountain Lakes, NJ and began with a lavish cocktail hour and a chance for the members of the AHEPA family as well as Anna's family and friends to mingle and celebrate Anna's hard work over the past year. With nearly 70 people in attendance, there was no shortage of those wishing to acknowledge Anna for her dedication and tireless efforts.



We were honored to have AHEPA Brothers Phil Vogis, Past Supreme Governor Region 3, District Governor, Asteris Fanikos and District Lt. Governor, George Petrakakis. Anna's Lodge members in attendance were Isa Velez, District Secretary, (current Lt. Governor) Eleni Boyadjis, District Treasurer (Event Chair and Mistress of Ceremonies), Eleni Parlanides, Advisor to the Maids and PDG and Marcella Calagias, Advisor to the Lodge, current District Treasurer and PDG. Current DOP District Lodge members joining us in celebration of Anna were Dina Fanikos, District Secretary and Joann Szela, District Marshall. We were also delighted to have with us Freda Sakas, PDG, Marion Economo, PDG and Antoinette Maroussis-Zachariades, PDG.

Anna joined the Daughters of Penelope in 1992 and served as Chapter secretary and president for many years. She was recruited to serve on the Daughters District Lodge serving as Marshall, Secretary, Lt. Governor and finally District Governor. Her love and dedication was obvious as she worked tirelessly to support our organizations various causes, such as Cancer Research, the Penelope House, Bring Change 2 Mind, Wounded Warrior, Friederich's Ataxia and most recently the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine at Ground Zero in New York. Under Anna's leadership her District Lodge was successful in raising and donating over \$1200 to the Saint Nicholas project. This amount was in addition to any monies donated by the individual chapters.

Anna continues to serve the Daughters of Penelope in her roles of Advisor to the District Lodge and Board of Trustees Member of the 5th District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation. Anna has been a tremendous asset to the entire AHEPA Family and to the community at large. She is a true inspiration to all of us.

Panta Axia !

*Have a Merry Christmas and
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Chapter News

The AHEPA Ramapo Chapter

453 & the Parish Council of St. Nicholas Church joined in delivering a donation for the amount of \$2,500 to the Wyckoff Police Department. The donation will be going towards the purchase of new bullet proof vests. First Father Bill Gikas led the men in prayer. Then, Evans Agrapidis, Parish Council President spoke and delivered a beautiful message. Followed by Past Chapter President Brother George Gasparis who shared his passionate message .

In the picture from the town of Wyckoff is Mayor, Council, & Chief of Police.

Representing St. Nicholas Father Bill Gikas, Parish Council President Evans Agrapidis, Past Ahepan President, George Gasparis, Nick Karras and John Psomas.



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AHEPA Chapter 517 is purchasing a Medical Service Dog to help aid a Wounded Warrior returning home from war who is suffering from both visual and invisible wounds.

The US Department of Veteran Affairs estimates that approximately 25% of the Veterans who are returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorders, traumatic brain disorder, or bodily injuries due to combat. There is an alarming rate that an estimated 22 Veterans commit suicide in America each day and unfortunately, the numbers are going in the wrong direction.

Medications are proven to be a temporary fix and in some cases, making matters worse.

Studies have shown that Medical Service Dogs help Wounded Warriors to mitigate their disability and overcome challenges that inhibit them from functioning independently with their family and community. The road to recovery is a long hard road. The Service Dogs are proven to open doors both literally and figuratively for the Wounded Warriors by performing tasks and behaviors that help them reconnect with their families, their communities and with each other.

In my Chapter's effort to learn more about Service Dogs, we invited Mr. and Mrs. Zilinski that have created a memorial fund in their son's name who was killed in Iraq ten years ago. Their son Lieutenant Dennis W. Zilinski II was a West Point graduate and he served his country proudly. The Lieutenant Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Foundation provides care and support for those serving our country and their families. They have donated funds to train and place seventeen Service Dogs to date, costing approximately \$15,000 per dog. This sounds like a large amount of money but, it is in fact a bargain. Dogs that are specially bred to be Service Dogs range anywhere from \$30,000-\$50,000 depending on which skills they will be taught.

The Zilinskis found K9s For Warriors, located in Ponte Vedra Florida. Shari Duval is the Founder of this organization. Shari Duval discovered that there are dogs with high IQs that are in dog pounds and are facing euthanasia. In just six months, these dogs remarkably were able to learn the lifesaving skills necessary to aid the Veterans. By saving these dogs from euthanasia, they are able to bring down the cost to half the price.

Our Chapter will soon be Sponsoring a Service Dog through The Dennis W. Zilinski II Foundation, and it makes us proud to be able to save two lives. It is our hope that other Chapters can get on board with this noble humanitarian effort. Perhaps at our District and national Conventions, we can all agree to collectively sponsor additional Service Dogs. With AHEPA getting involved as it did in 1945 by buying more war bonds than any other organization in the United States. Perhaps this is our time to once again hear the call of duty and do our part to stop this growing epidemic.

Brothers, taking care of our Veterans is a sacred obligation that we must all honor.

Respectfully,

George Karatzia

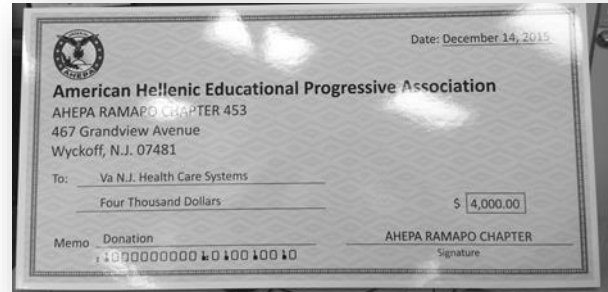


Chapter News

Ramapo Chapter 453 Supports NJ Veterans

AHEPA, Ramapo Chapter 453 delivers check to the Veterans of NJ. The proud donation helped provide all the food & amenities for their Holiday party hosted at the Elks Lodge, in Nutley, NJ. Monies will also be used towards upcoming events engaging the veterans in further activities and fellowship. The Ramapo Chapter has veterans of our own, we know and respect the service of our veterans as they protected our freedom. For that we are eternally grateful.

The Vet Center program, or more formally, the Readjustment Counseling Service, is an arm of the US Department of Veterans Affairs that provides high quality, compassionate, readjustment and reintegration services to returning war zone veterans and their families. We offer individual, group, and family counseling, and do so in a community based, outpatient setting. Our services are completely confidential and free of any



charge for eligible veterans.

Currently, there are 5 Vet Centers in NJ... Bloomfield, Secaucus, Lakewood, Trenton and Ventnor. We also maintain Outstations in Oakland, Morristown, and Hackettstown.

As a chapter we recognize the struggles our veterans as they assimilating back into society after serving our country.

Therefore it is an honor for us to give back to those who have so freely given to us.

AHEPA Ramapo Chapter# 453 attendees: Left to right Paul Goulet, John Psomas, Jason Fink




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TRENTON AHEPA 72 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Just as every year, the holiday season officially begins with the Trenton Chapter 72 Christmas Party. The eagerly awaited tradition is always the most attended Ahepa membership event of the year and as a result, it could no longer be held at the Trenton Ahepa Hall. Close to 100 "members only" attended this December 16th event at the St. George Church Hall.

A catered Dinner with all the trimmings was served along with good will and friendship for all. We were honored with the presence of Supreme Vice President Andy Zachariadis and our own District Governor Asteris Fanikos. Although Santa Claus failed to show up, Lee Millas, acting as toastmaster, managed a few surprise gifts and, mysteriously, there turned out to be a present for everyone. As you can see by the photo above, it was difficult, at best, to include everyone in the picture. As always, a great time was had by all and the countdown begins for the next holiday party. Happy New Year to all.



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Chapter News



South Jersey Vineland #162 Chapter: The brothers gathered for their annual Christmas dinner along with celebrating President Lefty Klekas' long standing presidency of the Vineland Chapter.



Holmdel Chapter recently presented a \$2,000 donation to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties



The new Ramapo #453 Chapter officers.



The new Sons of Percales Patrída Chapter officers, Wyckoff, NJ



Don't miss out on sharing what your chapter is doing.... the next AHEPA Voice deadline is May 25th!!

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Members of the District #5 AHEPA family visited St Basil's Academy to celebrate their Christmas Pageant.



Chapter News

SUPER BOWL 50

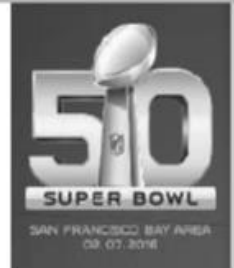


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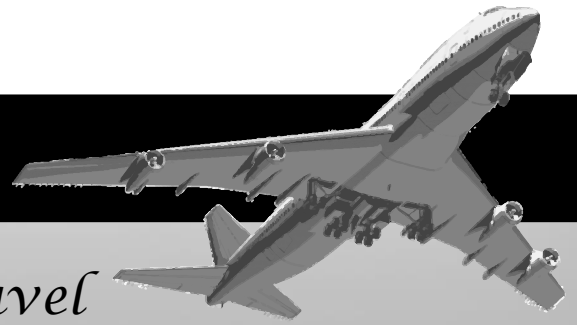
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On the left is Evelyn Tsiades and her husband. Evelyn is the Past Grand President of Daughters of Penelope.

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Tentative Schedule of events

Friday - May 27th: 7:00 PM Convention Opening. Welcome Night Reception to follow.

Saturday - May 28th: 9:00 AM, General Business Meetings

12:00 Noon: Daughters of Penelope Scholarship and Awards Luncheon.

6:30 PM, Cocktail Reception and Grand Banquet

Sunday - May 29: Church Services, St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

(Note: This schedule is tentative and other activities to be determined.)



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Our Departed **Brothers & Sisters**



George M. Boulegeris, age 90, fell asleep in the Lord on September 24, 2015. George was born in and raised in Monessen, PA moving to Somerville in 1962. He was employed as a director of I. T. at U.S. Steel, Union Carbide and U.S. Lines for over 50 years, retiring in 1988. He was a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps serving in the 92nd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force during World War II. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves retiring as a Master Sergeant. George graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1955 with a BS degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the Somerville Elks Lodge, American Legion Post #28, Masons, and the Order of AHEPA Monroe Chapter #75. He was a member of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church. He served on the Board of Trustees in many capacities including Treasurer. In his spare time, George enjoyed working on his computer, sharing stories and spending time outdoors. He will be fondly remembered and missed by his family and friends.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Mary, his children Georgette Boulegeris and Michael Boulegeris, his sister Irene Menas and his niece Kathy Menas.



Lillian Demitry, 94, fell asleep with the Lord at her home on Friday, October, 16, 2015. Born in Palmer, MA on June 25, 1921, she moved to New London, CT, and graduated from WMI High School for Girls. She attended the New London Business College and worked until she was married.

While in New London, she was a member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church serving as church board secretary, Sunday school teacher, choir member and choir director.

She married James Demitry (of blessed memory) in 1946, and moved to Trenton where she continued to serve the church in the community of St. George. Lillian has served as Sunday School Teacher and

Church Audit Board member. Along with former priest Father George Stephanides, she began the Trenton GOYA serving as its first advisor. She also served on the GOYA State Advisory Board.

She was a Philoptochos member since 1946, chairing many committees and held the office of Vice-President.

In 1947, Lillian became a charter member of the Daughters of Penelope, serving as a President of the local chapter. She also served as a Governor at the district level, and at the national level she held the highest office of Grand President. She was a stay at home mom volunteering as librarian at Stokes Elementary School and as a PTA member and officer at the elementary, junior high and high schools. She worked as hostess at her husband's restaurant, The Beverly Tea Room and later worked at the New Jersey Education Association retiring as Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Research Division.

Lillian is predeceased by her husband James Demitry, her parents Evangelia and Nicholas Sackedis, brothers James Sackedis and Alec Sackedis, brother-in-law James Kostelos, brothers and sisters-in-law George and Gerry Demitry, Anastasia and Michael Vulgaris, Fred and Catherine Demitry, and niece Athene Demitry.

Lillian is survived by her daughter Hope, son Angelos, daughter-in-law Chris, three grandsons Nicholas married to Diana, James and Steven, a sister Kathleen Kostelos, sisters-in-law Ann Sackedis and Joanne Sackedis, Goddaughter Priscilla Kokinis, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and a great grandniece.



Our Departed Brothers & Sisters



George Pappas, 88, of Ottsville, PA, formerly of Paterson, NJ, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2015. George was born on May 8, 1926 to Peter and Phyllis Pappas in New Haven, CT. Before retiring George worked as a Salesman for Marshall Sales. He attended P.M.C. College, now known as Widener University of Pennsylvania prior to joining the Army. George served our country proudly during World War II. After completion of his service he attended Muhlenburg College where he started the colleges first radio station and was noted by Rolling Stone magazine for his accomplishment. George was an active member of St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, where his parents were married. He was also a dedicated member and a past president of AHEPA local chapter #54, district 5 and often raised money for the organization.

Loving mate of Dolores Moul. Beloved godfather of Sam Phillips and dear friend of Ed Phillips. He is also survived by several members of The Rodgers family and Theoharris family.

Kostas "Gus" Schadas, 98, died Tuesday, November 17, 2015, with his family by his side. Born in Episkopiki, Greek Albania, he was the son of William and Lambridini (Melas). He immigrated to the United States via Ellis Island in 1937, and was a resident of South Bound Brook for 55 years. Mr. Schadas was a restaurateur, and owner of Maryann Luncheonette in Plainfield. During the last 30 years of his career, he was regional sales manager for Lacas Coffee in Pennsauken.

Mr. Schadas was a very active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, serving on various committees. He was on the board of trustees, and was a tireless volunteer at the Church's annual Greek Festival. He was a 70 year member of the Order of Ahepa. He loved to travel with his wife, Olga, and together they went to Aruba, Hawaii, and Canada.

Mr. Schadas was predeceased by his beloved wife of 51 years, Olga in 2007. He is survived by his children, George (Nancy) Schadas, Owensboro, KY; William Schadas, South Bound Brook; and Helen (Lou) Ventrillo, Toms River; his grandchildren, Lou (Maryellen) Ventrillo, Peter (Felicia) Ventrillo, Jacqueline Schadas and Ben Schadas; his great grandson, Ryan Ventrillo, his sister Sofia, Greek Albania; and nephew, Thomas (Paula) Terpos and their daughter, Alexis.



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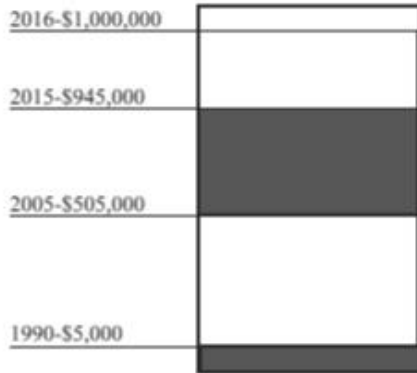
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AHEPA, Executive Director Basil Mossiades, served as the Master of Ceremonies, he is very proud to be a part of the program year after year, as he feels the Foundation is a good example of the many worthy accomplishments of the AHEPA Family.

Further, representation from The Grand and Supreme Lodges of the AHEPA Family joined in on the celebration. Aspa Kostopoulos, Daughters of Penelope Grand Governor Zone 5 stated it is an honor to be here, it brought tears to my eyes that you are almost at a \$1,000,000 in cancer research grants.

Andrew C. Zachariades, Order of AHEPA Supreme Vice President, is no stranger to the Foundation. He served as the Chairman for 8 years

and is the current treasurer. He thanked everyone for being here at the Gala year after year. He stated that it is the doctors who have the hardest job, spending hours upon hours finding a cure for cancer.

Past Foundation Chairman George G. Horiates and current Order of AHEPA Supreme Counselor was presented with a plaque for his service. Under his leadership the funds raised for the Annual Benefactor program increased, he led by example working diligently for the Foundation.

George Karatzia, Past District Governor from Order of AHEPA, Garden State #517, Holmdel, presented a check for \$3,000. Their chapter has generously supported the Foundation over the past few years. Karatzia quoted the great basketball Coach Jim Valvano, by telling the doctors "Don't give up...Don't ever give up. George N. Pappas, President Order of AHEPA, Camden #69, Cherry Hill also presented a check to the Foundation in the amount of \$1,110. Camden #69 collected these funds this past year through the canister

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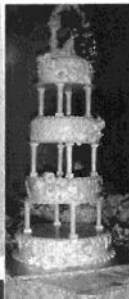
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collection program. There are many other chapters throughout District 5 AHEPA Family who participate in this program and they were thanked and recognized in the program.

Current Chairman, Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, stated that as most of you know the Foundation has raised their funds through canister collections, Bowl-a-thons, Capital Campaigns and the Annual Gala. Further, she said "Fasouli me fasouli yemizei to sakouli," which means the bag fills one bean at a time and this is how we did it, one coin at a time!

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your generosity, we purchased and presented gift cards for the children. The St. Basil Christmas pageant itself was a wonderful event and I encourage everyone next year to attend and share in the holiday spirit.

In closing, I would like to remind you of the District and National Conventions and encourage your participation. The District Convention will be in May in Hamilton and hosted by the Trenton Chapter as the National Convention will be in Las Vegas. We also hope for the best and advancement of two of District 5 native sons, Supreme VP Andrew Zacchariades and Supreme Counselor George Horiates.

On behalf of the District Lodge, I wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless.

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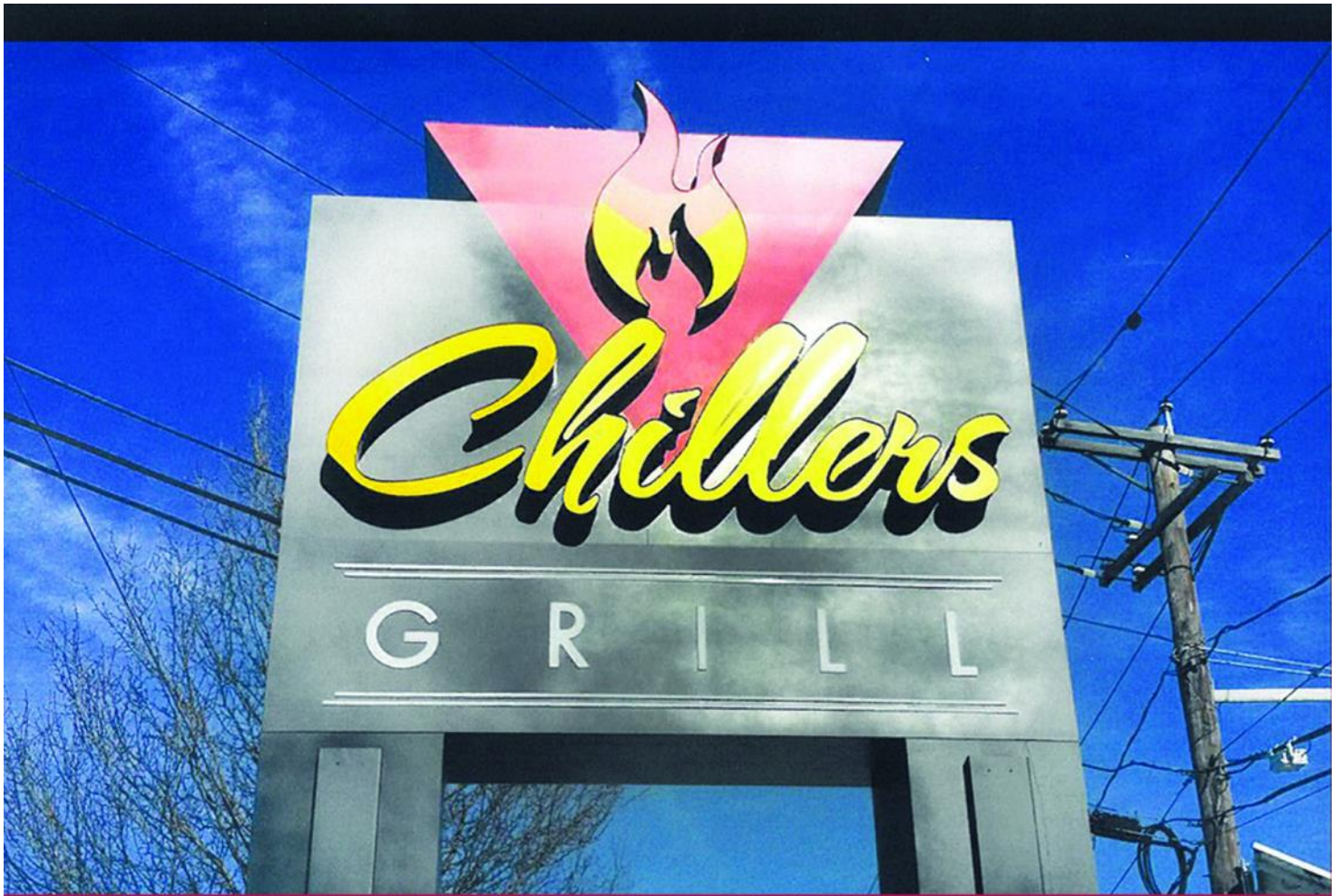
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