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5th District Governor, Order of AHEPA

TED VITTAS

By the time you read this message, it will be post-Easter. Χριστός Ανέστη! I hope the holiday was a blessed one for you and your family. Easter and spring time is a time of rebirth and revitalization. Not only in the spiritual sense but also in the blooming of the trees and flora. It is a wonderful time of year and signifies change in the seasons.

For the AHEPA family too, spring signifies a similar thing – a transition in leadership. As the year winds down toward our District and National Convention, where we elect our officers for the coming fiscal year, we bring about change. New officers take on the responsibility of leading our Order forward. In your chapter too, elections should take place between now and June. Your new officers should be present at the District Convention in Atlantic City on June 8th – 10th. Who you elect is an important decision, for they will be the ones to lead your chapter in the years to come.

Change is healthy for progress. With it come new ideas, a new focus and a new vitality.

I am very satisfied to see that much encouraging change is going on in this District. Through the year I have been present to see new leaders stepping up to take the reigns. With new officers in Eureka, Bergen Knights, Monroe, Morris County and Hudson, these chapters are prepared for a new year with a new focus. With this momentum behind us, I am looking for more good change to occur in all chapters by June.

Service to the Order of AHEPA can be very rewarding. It is something that I recommend to everyone. I have had many satisfying experiences this year. Traveling throughout the district, I have met many of you personally. Broadening your base of friendships is one benefit to service. My experience as Governor has afforded me the opportunity to travel throughout the

country and see things I normally would not have seen. I have also worked with some outstanding people to do much good.

By this June, I urge you to take a role in serving, “for the Good of the Order.” In any way you can, an opportunity awaits you. Either by taking on the responsibility of an office or chairing a committee for your chapter or attending more events. It can be a rewarding experience for you too. It is something we should all do at least once.

In closing, I would like to thank all my brethren for allowing me this wonderful year as your Governor. I have done my best to represent the “Fighting Fifth.” I hope that one day I can do it again, but for now, there are many more capable men waiting for the same opportunity. I wish them well and hope that you too follow their example.

Fraternally,
Ted Vittas
District 5 Governor

Message From The Chairman of the Board Lee J. Millas, Ahepa Board of Trustees

As we enter the second half of our Ahepa year, many of the plans and programs that started at the conclusion of the Supreme Convention, are now in full swing. The Board has been aggressively promoting the Ahepa Visa Credit Card Program to stimulate additional income and shortly, another initiative to benefit our National Scholarship Program will become a reality. Advertisements concerning these initiatives will be in the next issue of the Ahepan Magazine as well as direct mailing to the membership.

This being the 85th Anniversary of the Order Ahepa, the Supreme President Gus James has scheduled several Anniversary Banquets around the country, including Washington, California and Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, posters are being sent to the chapters extolling our heritage with an invitation to become a member of Ahepa.

A 28 page pocket sized pamphlet has just been completed and will also be sent to the chapters as an information publication of Ahepa and includes a short history, a mission statement as well as much information on the projects and programs that Ahepa is actively involved with. This is a great tool to inform perspective members of our involvement with both our Hellenic Community, and our civic and philanthropic activities. Now when someone asks you “What is Ahepa”, a very impressive brochure will certainly serve as a very professional response.

Now is also the time to start planning for the Supreme Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado from July 10th to July 15th. It promises to be a great time for all in an area that has not seen a Convention in many years.

In closing I would like to mention that on Friday, March 23rd, in observance of Greek



Independence Day, the Supreme President along with the Presidents of the Daughters Sons & Maids, along with myself, were invited to the White House for a reception with the President of the United States, George W. Bush, who was accompanied by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios. The President was gracious in his praise of the Greek American Community and we were privileged to be accommodated in the most beautiful part of the White House and after the formal ceremony, we ate and drank. It was an event that will long be remembered.

VISA WAIVER EXPANSION

Expert panelists share their insight on its possible expansion

Washington, D.C. - The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the leading association for the nation's 1.2 million American citizens of Hellenic heritage held an AHEPA forum, "Visa Waiver Program: 2007 A Year for Expansion?" on Capitol Hill on Friday, January 19. The program, was a success with panelists representing various facets of the US and European Governments.

The expert panelists included: Baxter Hunt from the US Department of State; Ambassador Angelos Pangratis from the Delegation of the European Commission; Nathan Sales from the US Department of Homeland Security; Jeannie Siskovic from the office of US Senator George Voinovich and Daniel Griswold of the Cato Institute.

"We believe that the Visa Waiver Program and its potential expansion, to include Greece, is currently at the forefront of discussion in Washington," said Gus J. James, II, AHEPA National President. "Moreover, in order to continue the dialogue of expansion, we believe by hosting an informational forum we can continue to play a vital role in educating the public about the program's benefits.

"We have been in the lead on this issue by creating awareness of Greece's qualifications as a Visa Waiver nation to key members of Congress and federal agencies. Greece certainly is well-positioned for entry based on its own merits and we believe that through its admission a lot of goodwill will be generated between all countries involved."

James added he expects there to be significant progress in 2007 and AHEPA will remain engaged in seeing this process through to completion.

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Testimonial Dinner Honoring Past District Governor George Karatzia



On Sunday, March 18, 2007 at "The Forge", in Woodbridge, NJ, a testimonial dinner was given by Garden State Chapter #517 in honor of their Brother and PDG George Karatzias. Close to 100 people were there to honor Brother George for his hard work and accomplishments. The dinner, as well as the program was enjoyed by all. Brother Parlamis called upon Father George Doumelis, Pastor of the Kimisis Tis Theotokou at Holmdel, NJ, for the opening prayer. Remarks were given by George Rigos, PDG, Vassos Chrysanthou, PDG, Steve Xanthacos, PDG, Antoinette Marousis, DG and DOP, Ted Vitas, DG Order Of AHEPA, and Lee Milas, chairman of the board of trustees.



Presentations were made by the #517 president Jim Nikitopoulos and past president Theo Hadjitheodosiou, while Bill Parlamis, also #517 past president, served as the Master of Ceremonies of the evening. Gregory Ploussas, chairman of the Chapter's Scholarship Foundation, presented the "honoree" George Karatzia, along with his lovely wife Christina, who thanked everyone, from the bottom of his heart, for the memorable evening. In addition, he expressed his great respect for the support he enjoyed while serving as District Governor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG LEADERS



Eleni Thomas **MAIDS OF ATHENA** **GRAND GOVERNOR**

Eleni Thomas is currently the Maids of Athena Grand Governor. Eleni's career in the maids started when she was initiated to the Wyckoff Chapter Terpsichore #267 in 2000. Since her initiation she has served not

only as Chapter President and District 5 Governor but also worked for three years at AHEPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. while getting a degree in Public Communications at American University. Eleni graduated from AU in 2003 and is currently a Business Development Events Coordinator with Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.



Dean Tselepis **SONS OF PERICLES** **SUPREME GOVERNOR**

At the AHEPA National Convention in Hollywood, FL this past July, Dean Tselepis was elected Supreme Governor of the Sons of Pericles. This is Dean's first term on the National Lodge and has been an active member of the Sons of Pericles for the last eight years. Dean served as District

Governor for District #5 for the past two years and as Chapter President of the Wyckoff Patritha Chapter #317 for the last 5 years. Dean is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA where he majored in Economics with a concentration in Pre-Med. He is currently pursuing his Masters of Science in Real Estate with a concentration in Development from New York University and is set to graduate this spring. Dean is a real estate broker with Grubb & Ellis in New Jersey, specializing in retail, land, and redevelopment.

SUPER BOWL PART (AHEPA STYLE)

The AHEPA Chapter Thomas A. Edison # 287 held their second annual super Super Bowl Party in the St. George Church Community Center, Asbury Park, New Jersey, Sunday, February 4, 2007. The church hall was transformed into a mini sports stadium with football enthusiasts and their families out for an evening of football, fun, and food, many wearing their favorite football team logo caps, jackets, and pro ball authentic player jerseys even with their teams not playing in the 2007 Miami Super Bowl XLI. With 'No Entrance Fee: Donations Accepted', the fundraiser's proceeds were to benefit the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation, the St. George AHEPA Scholarship Fund, the St. George Church Building Fund, and the AHEPA Edison Chapter # 287.

A large cable TV projection, and two separate large screen television sets positioned by the sitting area made watching the game easy and available to different groups of football fans: one was encased in Super Bowl football viewing. Before the official kickoff festivities Savas C. Tsivicos, Thomas A. Edison # 287 president, and AHEPA District 5 Lodge Warden, thanked the football party committee for arranging the late afternoon and evening event. Semos Kostidakis, Ted Kavarakas, George Koutsoubis, and Odysseas Kolasis were singled out and John Bardis was given special recognition as a great benefactor for his efforts on this fundraiser.

After Fr. Andrew Eugenis gave his blessing the adults and families settled in for a football invasion. Throughout the game and half-time intermission show people arrived, stayed, and/or left for other Super Bowl football parties; the event attendance totaled near 80 adults and 20 children.

Ramapo News

Modern Greek Language Program for Adults

AHEPA Ramapo Chapter #453 has inaugurated a Modern Greek Language Program for Adults with the first class having been held on Friday evening, January 26. Brother Jim Giokas, Chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee, welcomed the adult students and congratulated them on taking on this opportunity to learn the Greek Language.

He introduced the dynamic and experienced teacher, Ms. Anna Megaris, who will be leading this program. Father Jim blessed the new, spacious classroom and led the class in a prayer for the success of the program wishing the students a rewarding learning experience.

The Modern Greek I class will meet every Friday evening for 2 hours for 12 consecutive weeks. Brother Giokas is working on expanding the program in the Fall with an intermediary Modern Greek II class that will be offered with another beginner's class of Modern Greek I. Beyond that Brother Giokas has a further ambitious goal of enriching this Adult Education program with classes on Greek Culture and Greek Heritage. Ramapo Chapter has taken the lead on this wonderful initiative but the program is open to anyone in the greater Greek-American community and AHEPA family that is interested in participating. For more details about upcoming classes and registration please contact Jim Giokas at 201-664-7002.

Eagle Rock Chapter #375 Wins National Award for Most Money Raised for the AHEPA Bone Marrow Registry




The District Lodge visited Eagle Rock chapter #375 of Orange, NJ on Tuesday, November 7th. The visitation was a special night as District Governor Ted Vittas brought with him a plaque to recognize Eagle Rock for being the chapter to raise the most money for the AHEPA Bone Marrow Registry. The chapter raised over \$1,500, edging out Chicago, Illinois for raising the most money. Led by Brother Angelo Pantazes the chapter used a canister drive and solicited individual donations to raise the sum. Receiving the plaque was Brother Angelo and President Peter Kokidis.

Earlier in the year, the plaque was awarded to the District Governor at the Supreme convention floor in Hollywood, Florida. Together with money raised by Morris County 300, District 5 also received a top honor for being the top district to raise money for the Bone Marrow Registry.

Brother Pantazes gave those present at the meeting a short history of the Registry. The donations are used to gather blood samples and enter the blood type in a massive database. The database would be used to match donors to the blood type of someone suffering from a blood disorder like Leukemia. If a match is found, a bone marrow transplant is performed from the donor in order to cure the patient. The chances of finding a compatible match to a donor, however, is extremely rare. Your chances to find a match are improved when you attempt to match with someone of the same ethnic origin as the patient.

The Registry is now run by a group of Ahepans in Chicago. Brother Pantazes and his brothers from Eagle Rock had been leading the registry for many years. We are

indebted to him for his dedication toward this cause over the year. You can view information about the registry at www.ahepafamily.org/bmr or contact Past Supreme President Peter Paulus at ppauluspsp@aol.com



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Sixth District New York honored by the City of New York



On Wednesday, April 11, 2007, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, the New York City Council commemorated the 186th Anniversary of the Greek Independence in celebrating this great Historical event the City Council, Presented a Proclamation to the Order of AHEPA, Empire District 6, in recognition of the AHEPA'S dedicated service to the Greek Community and to the Community at large.

The Proclamation was presented to District Governor Bro. George Kalyvas , by the Honor. Peter Vallone, Jr. a City Council Member.



Monroe # 75 Meeting



This photo was taken at the conclusion of the Ahepa Monroe chapter #75 meeting on 3-27-07. We want to thank the chapter for their warm reception.

Franklin Manios letter to all Chapters

Dear Brothers:

The Order of AHEPA needs your help! Through its 500 chapters across the country, the Ahepa is an organization unlike any other. For 85 years, the AHEPA family has strived to promote programs with lasting results. History will show that AHEPA's accomplishments will always be remembered. Whether through selling World War II bonds (\$354 million) or restoring the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island (\$500,000), or awarding Academic Scholarships (over \$1 million annually), Ahepa has always been the leader.

The purpose of our letter today is to invite you to help Ahepa look ahead. AHEPA's accomplishments speak for themselves. The 21st Century will have demands on us as an association and an ethnic group. The focus of our organization is to clearly state objectives for our future successes. You can play a critical role towards this goal.

Currently, the Ahepa assists students through the AHEPA Educational Foundation, save a Child's life through the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia and Bone Marrow Foundation, helped earthquake and 9/11 victims through our Charitable Foundation. Our charitable works in raising awareness and funds for cancer research or bone marrow transplants are legendary. Our Supreme President Gus James at our Hollywood Convention distributed a detailed program of activities, which needs our assistance in order to be fully implemented.

The importance of this fund raising effort goes without saying, but we must work together to bring about a successful campaign. Funds that were expended last year for the AHEPA News, public relations and certain other important non-recurring expenses need to be funded again this year. It is up to all of us to assist.

As Past Supreme Presidents we have joined together to assist and support Supreme President Gus J. James' request for additional funds to be used to implement certain essential AHEPA programs. This financial campaign is designed solely to finance these programs. We are striving to increase awareness, image, purpose, and funds for these elements.

The fund-raising initiative, which was recently instituted by the Supreme President, has been well received but has not yet reached its goal. It is our obligation to assist him in raising the necessary funds for the betterment of our Order. We would like to suggest that chapters donate \$1000, \$500, \$250 or whatever your budget allows. Please join in helping our great order excel to even greater heights in order to promote the programs that our Supreme President has committed to implement.

Thanking you for your consideration, we remain,

Fraternally,
Franklin R. Manios, Chairman
AHEPA Past Supreme President Committee

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE ALKYONIDES CHAPTER #409

“Service Above Self”

It's hard to believe, but another Winter has passed and it is time to think about Easter and then summer vacation. I remember when I was a little girl in New York City, how excited my sister and I would be at this time of year. The trees would be starting to get green, flowers would be blooming and of course it was time to go shopping for our new EASTER OUTFITS, COMPLETE WITH BONNETS. And of course, Easter Sunday, after Church to stroll up and down Fifth Avenue dressed in all our glory, to go and see others, and, of course, to be seen. We Greek-Americans kept the traditions of the “Patrida” just as strongly, and sometimes more so, than the people who live here. To this day, you cannot find a “has-apataverna” open in all of Astoria, New York, during Holy Week.

The Churches there are filled every evening, and the whole of the week is spent in Church and in preparation for Saturday at Midnight. And then, what a celebration! And what feasting! Because so many of the Greeks living in New York live there without their immediate families – we all became each other's families, so on holidays our “families” consisted of sometimes 40 people including children, grandparents, friends, celebrating together – all from different parts of Greece, telling us the stories of their youth in Greece and how they celebrated Easter there – from Kalymnos to Kerkyra. They were wonderful years, filled with longing for the Patrida, and in typical Greek style, lots of tears, laughter, music and dancing. It is not surprising that there is such a large Greek-American Community here in Greece now. Most of the younger generation that left Greece 30 years ago for economic reasons never stopped loving their homeland, came as often as they could, raised families to believe that they were Greek-American with two homelands, and then returned to live here. This is what is helping to make AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope strong. May the AHEPA Family continue to grow larger and stronger each and every year and may the Americans, Canadians and all repatriates be welcomed home and into Our Family – AHEPA.

At our March 15 meeting we were honored to have an official visitation by The Daughters of Penelope District #25. Sister Maria Haritidu, Governor, Maria Pavlaku, Secretary, Maria Foka, Treasurer and Maria Patraki, Marshal visited with the Alkyonides. Angeliki Hatziantoniou, Treasurer of the Penelopean Day Care Center also visited. Sister Maria gave us an inspiring speech about the Sisterhood and also offered suggestions on our scheduled visit to Korydallos Prison. After our meeting, we were joined by Governor Al Barich, Anastos Dimitropoulos, Tassos Mastroianni and other members of the District as well as our Brothers from HJ-2 for coffee, sandwiches and a wonderful cake donated by our own Robin Hionis. It was a lovely evening spent in friendship and camaraderie and we look forward to it becoming an annual event.

On March 19 the Alkyonides sponsored a lecture on

Philhellenism in Literature. Our speaker was the dynamic Akakia Kordosi. The lecture was very well attended with more than 100 persons and members of the press. A very special Thank you to Mrs. Kordosi and CONGRATULATIONS to Marianna Argyropoulou, our Director of Hellenism and Jenny Diamantis. I was very proud to be President of the Alkyonides that evening and to watch how beautifully Marianna and Jenny narrated the lecture. I do hope more of the Alkyonides will start attending these lectures. They are a way for us to spend an enjoyable evening together. A special thank you to MaryVavides, member of Hesperus who has attended each of our lectures. Also to Angeliki Hatziantoniou, member of Karyatides who has also attended the lectures. Our own Anna Haughton gets the Alkyonides “Gold Star” for perfect attendance at all lectures. Thank you Anna for your loyal support of all of our endeavors! Our May lecture is scheduled for May 23. It will be in English. The topic is the Return of the Parthenon Marbles. Jenny Diamantis and Marianna Argyropoulou are working on this lecture now and it will be a big event, because the Supreme Lodge and our Grand Lodge will be here. Both Districts have been invited. I will keep you all informed.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE Amphitryon Chapter #173

We had a very successful luncheon for our Founders Day celebration. All who attended enjoyed it very much. Our sisters were busy baking for our annual bake sale in February. Sisters Mary Theodos and Diana Stathopoulos are chairpersons of the koulourakia sale and always do a great job. We want to express our sincere thanks to them and their committee, Eva Micheludis, Kathryn Vasiliou, Ann Soppas, and Ourania Aivaliotis for their untiring help with the making of the koulourikia

We are very proud to announce that our sister Mary Theodos was honored at the 5th District Annual Cancer Research Foundation Dinner Dance at the Pines Manor. Sister Mary works hard and deserves the honor. We are also proud of our Vice President sister Barbara Zois, who was presented with the honor of being Teacher of the Month in February at Malcolm X Shabazz High School in Newark, New Jersey. The high school just started the program of selecting a teacher of the month. Sister Barbara was the very first one to be given the title. She was very surprised but also very deserving. Sister Barbara is a guidance counselor and loves her work.

The District Governor and her lodge visited our chapter in March. We had an enjoyable meeting at the Garden Buffet in Union, New Jersey..

Sister Irene Wilcox President

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LEARNING OUR HISTORY



Camden Chapter No. 69 Order of AHEPA

Camden Chapter No. 69 was organized on June 4, 1925. Thirty six members were installed that evening. There was such great enthusiasm generated about this new organization, that by the year's end, this thirty six had increased to sixty.

For many years, Camden Chapter did not have permanent quarters. In 1947, out of the Camden Chapter, grew an organization named "American Hellenic Orthodox Centre." All their elected officers were Ahepans. A building was purchased in 1954 by the American Hellenic Orthodox Centre in Camden, where the AHEPA was given the second floor for a meeting room and the third floor for the Greek language school. Some years later, the Greek Orthodox Church of Camden County was established and from this came St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church. The



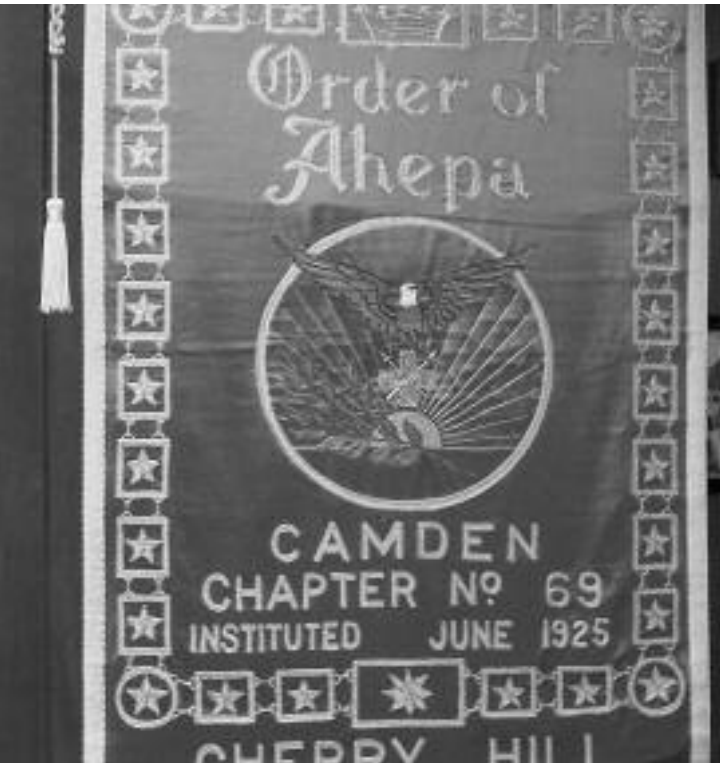
CAMDEN CHAPTER 69, AHEPA DEGREE TEAM YEAR 1930 OFFICERS
Front-left to right: A. Cocosis, V. Pres. Thomas Manos, Pres.
Stanley Koster, Chaplain.
Back-left to right: O. S. Theodoris, Capt. o' Guard,
M. Poulos, Ins. Sentinel. Nick Houlas. Warden.



THE ORIGINAL CAMDEN DEGREE TEAM
Standing: Members of the Patrol. From left to right: Mike Analos; George Pappageorgakis; James Callan; Costas Theodoris, Patrol Captain; Demetrios Kollontas; Costas Karfakis; Mike Demirinos.
Seated: Harry Calopieris, Inside Sentinel; Nicholas Analos, Warden; Thomas G. Manos, President-Director; William G. Lapakos, Vice President; Angelo Zonia, Chaplain.

ground on which the St. Thomas Church and Cultural Center are built was purchased by the American Hellenic Orthodox Centre, whose leaders had the foresight to realize, that for our Hellenic community to grow, we needed room. The building in Camden was sold to the city renewal program, and the proceeds donated towards the erection of the St. Thomas Church and Hellenic Cultural Center. In the Hellenic Cultural Center, Camden Chapter has one of, if not the finest, AHEPA meeting room in all the AHEPA domain.

The name "American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association" emphasizes education. It is not education as we think of it today, such as high school and college, but rather education about the laws that govern the new country to which the Greeks emigrated. In accordance with the oath and obligation taken as candidates



Left: Jewel Case built by District 5 PDG and Past Chapter President Julian (Woody) West – Right: Camden Chapter No.69 Banner

for membership, Camden Chapter instructed Greek immigrants in how to apply for citizenship. The Chapter also realized that the Greek language and heritage needed to be preserved. In 1929, the chapter established a Greek evening school. From that meager beginning, the St. Thomas community can now boast of having one of the finest Greek language schools in the Delaware Valley area and beyond. Each year, Camden Chapter presents the “AHEPA Medal for Scholarship Excellence” to the outstanding

student in the Greek language school.

Higher Education is also of high importance to Camden Chapter. In 1965 one of its members established its first Scholarship Fund. Other Scholarships have since been established by families of some of the chapter’s deceased members. Camden Chapter’s scholarship funds have given grants totaling \$75,000 to date.

At the District level, four of its members distinguished themselves by becoming District Governors. The chapter has hosted six successful district conventions in '48, '58, '67, '75, '89, and 2000, the last one commemorating its 75th anniversary. One of its members was instrumental in establishing the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation. This foundation raises funds which are donated to be used for cancer research in the hope that some day a cure can be found to eradicate this disease.

Camden Chapter has hosted many benefit dances, with all proceeds going to different charitable organizations. It hosted dances to benefit the 5th District Cancer



Camden Chapter AHEPA Hall



Research Foundation, Deborah Hospital, Cooley's Anemia, and the purchase of a pulse oximeter that is located in the neonatal nursery at the West Jersey Hospital. The nursery is a care center where the new born child is examined by the surgeon. The chapter supported the Cyprus Relief Fund and, for several years, adopted a Greek Cypriot refugee.

Annually, Camden Chapter hosts dinner meetings honoring its "Old Timers" and the "Past Presidents" of the chapter. Each year, a memorial service is conducted for deceased members. In 1975, Camden Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary, where we the surviving charter members were honored, with Senator Paul Sarbanes as toastmaster. In the early years, the chapter had an excellent degree team.

This biography has only touched the surface of the chapter's history. Camden Chapter 69 is still very active. Last year, it sent a busload of 35 attendees to AHEPA Biennial Banquet in Washington, D.C., honoring retiring Senator Paul Sarbanes and Congressman Michael Bilirakis. Two of its members currently serve on the District Lodge and its initiations each year would bring pride to the members of Camden Chapter's famous Original Degree Team of years gone by.



NICK PLAKOUDAS IN WASHINGTON, DC

One of the biggest events of the year for the Greek-American community is the National Celebration of Greek and American Democracy in the White House, observing the Greek Independence Day. The President of the U.S.A. George W. Bush hosted the event.

In the picture Mr. Nick Plakoudas of Chapter #517 with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece during their visit in Washington D.C., both guests of this year's celebration.

Edward Kiehling dies at 62

Edward "Ed" Peter Kiebling, age 62, husband of Angela Katsos Kiehling fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday May 17, 2007. He was born in Jersey City, NJ on March 28, 1945. Ed was a graduate of St. Peter's College and received his Master's Degree in History from Jersey City State College. He was a lifelong member of the Greek Orthodox Church. Ed was a past Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles in 1966 and a faithful member of AHEPA. He was a well-loved teacher of high school history in New Jersey, winning an outstanding teaching award.

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AHEPA FIFTH DISTRICT VISITS SAINT BASIL'S ORPHANAGE

By: George G. Horiates, District Marshal

On Saturday, December 16, 2006, members of the John G. Thevos Fifth District Order of AHEPA, along with our Daughters of Penelope, visited with the children of Saint Basil's Academy during the annual Christmas Pageant. The District Lodge was also in attendance as well as Supreme President Gus James and Executive Director Basil Mossaides.

All present enjoyed a luncheon as well as the Christmas Pageant put together by the 25 students of Saint Basil's. After the play, the Fifth District presented monies donated by its chapters to the children of Saint Basil's as well as to the St. Basil's Orphanage itself. We were warmly received by Archbishop Demitrios.

Following the presentation of monies by District Governor Ted Vittas and Daughters District Governor Antoinette Marousis, the Fifth District was given a tour of the grounds and facilities including the Ahepa dormitories.

The following chapters provided monetary contributions, enabling the Fifth District to achieve success for one of its philanthropic causes for the year:

- Eureka #52 of Newark.....\$150
- Alexander Hamilton #54 of Paramus.....\$150
- Camden #69 of Cherry Hill.....\$150
- Trenton Chapter #72.....\$150
- Wilmington Chapter #95.....\$150
- Hudson #108 of Jersey City.....\$150
- South Jersey #162 of Vineland.....\$100
- Thomas Jefferson #280 of Westfield.....\$150
- Thomas Edison #287 of Asbury Park.....\$150
- Morris County #300 of Randolph.....\$150



- Eagle Rock #375 of Orange.....\$150
- Wildwood #450 of North Wildwood.....\$100
- Ramapo #453 of Wyckoff.....\$150
- Ocean County #467 of Toms River.....\$150
- Garden State #517 of Holmdel.....\$150

The following Daughters of Penelope Chapters also made contributions to the cause:

- Altes #163 of Trenton.....\$100
- Cadmus #165 of Paramus.....\$500
- Amphytrion #173 of Newark.....\$ 25
- Zephyr #259 of Orange.....\$100
- Agape #336 of Wyckoff.....\$100
- Aphrodite #374 of Toms River.....\$ 50

On behalf of the entire district we thank all of our chapters that participated at this event. We look forward to continued programs involving St Basil's in the future.

Garden State Chapter #517 News

IN MEMORY: THE VERY REV. JAMES N. CHAKALOS

Our beloved, The Very Rev. James N. Chakalos was taken from us on September 4, 2006.

Father Jim was born in Keene, N.H. in 1924, and served in the Army during World War II, and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he was employed by the U.S. Government, with his last assignment as the housing referral officer.

When he retired, he decided to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a priest. Father Jim was ordained in 1972, and

served at St. George, Asbury Park, St. Barbara, Toms River, and finally at Kimisis Tis Theotokou, Holmdel.

Father Jim was a proud 52 year member of AHEPA, and served as President of Thomas Edison #287, Asbury Park in the 1960's. During his term he initiated many new members including a mass initiation of 23 new brothers. In 2002, Father Jim was named "Ahepan of the Year" by Garden State Chapter #517 and District #5. He was instrumental in getting Chapter #517 founded in 1996, and

served as Chaplain until his death.

Father Jim's devotion and focus have always been to the youth of the Greek Orthodox community, and in 1972 he co-founded The Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey with his wife of 60 years Presvitera Eleni. It has been said of Father Jim that he is called "Father", not only because he wears a clerical collar, but because he is a father to all his youth. His interest in their lives extended beyond dancing to their many dreams and accomplishments.

ICARIUS # 48 – JERSEY CITY

The New Year came in and the first order of business was our yearly Lodge Visitation. Our meeting that night was a brief one but we did enjoy sharing all the events with both District Governor Antoinette Marousis and District Secretary Robin Papagiannis. Upon completing our business a light snack was offered to all. Coffee included a birthday cake for me. My sisters were delighted to wish me a Happy Birthday. If that isn't a sisterly act then what is?

On January 7th we were also a part of the blessings of the waters at Exchange Place directly across from the New York City Skyline. A prayer was said for those who passed away on September 11, 2001 along with a wreath thrown in the water for their memory... Father Nectarios then said prayers released three doves and threw a cross tied to a baby blue ribbon three times into the water to represent the Holy Spirit. Upon completion of the ceremony each parishioner was blessed by Father.

February brought us to the church for the Mardi Gras activities. It was an enjoyable evening for all in attendance. We also attended church services on the Sunday of Orthodoxy when the St. Anna's Philoptochos held an artoclasia for all members and a mnmosino for all deceased priests and members. Father gave each Philoptochos member a pin from the Archdiocese. Sister Dorothea and I attended the fundraiser held at Eleni's Pancake House for the Greek Independence Day Parade. Mr. Rallis informed us of the pertinent

information regarding the parade on April 15th. He was very detailed in his report and informed us that part of the parade will be shown on Channel 5 that day. So on the 15th be sure to either be at the parade or watch on Channel 5.

The Salute to Women on March 4th was attended by many sisters of the chapters. We were extremely proud of this year's honoree. Cleo Notarides. Thanks to her dedication and commitment to her profession she has shined in her field of work. I was extremely honored to present a gift from the Sisters to her and realized through her biography we had many items in common. She definitely is a role model for any female. Congratulations Cleo & continue your hard work.

In the weeks to come we will be attending services for our church's name day, Holy Week and Easter. Our preparations for our yearly Easter Brunch scheduled for April 22 will start soon after we wish everyone a Christos Anesti. We are also looking forward to attending both the District Luncheon & Convention. An end of the year night out is always on the agenda as are elections of our chapter officers.

We are wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. See you in the fall.

Submitted by
Christina Polychronis, President



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ANTHONY PAPAMARKOS
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WEDDINGS AND BANQUETS
BUSINESS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

In Memory of our Brother Sam Golfinopoulos

Stamatis (Sam) Golfinopoulos, 78, a member of the Trenton Chapter for 45 years passed away in March after a long illness. Brother Sam was a major painting contractor and real estate developer in the Trenton & Princeton area. He served on the parish council of St. George and on the building committee; He was chairman of the building program during the construction of the classroom building. Brother Sam was a very generous supporter of St. George. He was also active with the Elytis Chair Fund at Rutgers University. He is survived by his wife Kassiani, son Theodore, daughter Maria and their families. May His Memory be Eternal.



5th District Governor, SONS OF PERICLES

CHARALAMBOS TSIVICOS

Brothers,

Hitherto this year has proven to be quite an auspicious one. We have successfully initiated two new chapters into the fifth district (Tenafly, Westfield), and we have two more slated for initiation in the near future (Toms River, Holmdel). In addition to these mass initiations, individual chapters have initiated a total of roughly 15 new Sons into the organization. Piece by piece we are working towards a bright future for the Sons in the state of NJ. As we build a strong network of chapters throughout the district it is justifiable to next ask the question of how we can sustain these chapters. How can we ensure continuity in this district?

For me the intuitive answer to these questions is communication. If our chapters can effectively communicate social-

ly, then it becomes more of a challenge for this newly reborn district to fade away, as others have before. We intend to begin this campaign of social communication with the First Annual Sons of Pericles Awards Dinner, to be held on Sunday June 3, at the Pines Manor in Elizabeth. The entire AHEPA family is invited to this event. Our goal is to solidify relationships between all of the Sons in the 5th District and the rest of the AHEPA family (the Daughters, the maids, and AHEPA). We will be presenting the Son of the Year award to Dean Tselepis, a Son that has exhibited a genuine concern for the future of this organization by working wholeheartedly toward the goals of the organization on a local and national level. We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd of June and I hope that all of you will be there to support us on this milestone in our future.

New Sons of Pericles Chapter Being Formed in Westfield, NJ



At the Sons of Pericles East Coast Regional Basketball Tournament last March 10th in Wyckoff, NJ, a group of 7 young men from the community of Westfield, NJ were initiated into the Jr. Order. Leading the ceremony was Supreme Secretary of the Sons of Pericles, Andrew Chakmakas of Albany, NY, also participating was District Sons of Pericles Advisor Asteris Fanikos, District Governor, Ted Vittas, Chapter President of Thomas Jefferson #280 Van Grafas, former Son and Ahepan Tom Bales. Both Ahepans Grafas and Bales initiated their own sons, an honor I am sure.

The chapter would be newly chartered. A minimum of 8 boys is needed to start a chapter. A follow-up meeting will take place where elections will be held and the new chapter named. According to Van Grafas, the Sons of Pericles will help bring in new members into the AHEPA as well. The fathers of the boys will be approached to join. The chapter already had an initiation of five new members earlier in the month.

Educational Programs

As part of our effort to fulfill our Education mission, the District Lodge, with the help of Camden 69, Eagle Rock #375 and Eureka 52 put together two informative educational programs for the enlightenment of our membership.

The first seminar was for the southern part of the district. It was held in St. Thomas Church in Cherry Hill, NJ on Sunday, February 18th on the Smyrna catastrophe of September 14th 1922. It was presented by Dr. Costas G. Fountzoulas of Widener University and Mrs. Sophia Kontogerore Kontos, and Awareness Advocate. The presentation was a bi-lingual pres-



entation covering the important events before and after the destruction of Smyrni. The presenters explained why this catastrophe took place, when it happened, and what the moving forces behind it were. A question and answer session followed. The lecture was attended by 50-60 participants.

On Tuesday, March 6th at St. Constantine & Helen Church in Orange, NJ, Ms. Angelique Lampros author of the book "Remembering Newark's Greeks An American Odyssey" made an audio-visual presentation on her work. The book is a compilation of pictures and stories of Greek immigrants who settled in the NJ's largest city, Newark, NJ. The time period ranged from the 1920s to the 1960s. While a slide show of the pictures were projected on a screen, Ms. Lambros read countless stories recalled by the subjects themselves. They recalled how they made it to America, the jobs they held, their life in the big city. Many in the audience, which was more than 50, had family members mentioned in the book.

After the lecture, Ms. Lampros was available to personalize copies of her book with an autograph. The book is now available for purchase at \$40 from the Newark Public Library. It can be ordered from the website: www.npl.org/greek. Many of the pictures appearing in her book have been digitized and are archived at the Rutgers University library. They can be viewed on the NJ Digital Highway. Use the address <http://www.njdigitalhighway.org/> and search for Greeks.

HUDSON HAPPENINGS



L-R Spyros Tsielepas, Chris Christodoulakis, Evangelos Bakirtlis, Chris Mavros, Andrew Zachariades.

Since our last publication, our chapter had the extreme pleasure to initiate three young members. In a formal ceremony the initiates were inducted under the guidance of President William Harrison, Vice President Fotios Vardakis, Past District Governor Andrew Zachariades and presiding officer Past Supreme Governor John Mehos. The new members are Brother Chris Christodoulakis, Brother Chris Mavros and Brother Spyros Tsielepas who are also active in the business world and members of the Parish Council of Evangelismos Tis Theotokou. Under the direction of our Captain of the Guard Evangelos Bakirtzis the initiates went through the ritual and were administered the Ahepa Oath. We welcome them into our Chapter and into our great Order of Ahepa.

CONGRATULATIONS - KAI SE ANOTERA

Members of Hudson Ahepa Family also attended the Salute to Women sponsored by the Fifth District Daughters of Penelope and honoring our own Cleo Notarides. Congratulations to Cleo for her many accomplishments and to the Daughters of Penelope for a fine selection. A group of us also attended the testimonial for Past District Governor George Karatzias as his Chapter honored him for completion of his term of office. In a festive atmosphere Brother George was toasted and roasted. Congratulations to Master of Ceremonies Bill Parlamis for a job well done.

Recently, members of our Chapter President William Harrison, Past Supreme Governor John Mehos and Past District Governors Andrew Zachariades and Louis Arvanitis visited Garden State Chapter to present them with the Traveling Gavel. The purpose of the Travelling Gavel is that the recipient chapter should visit a neighboring chapter and pass it on until it has been passed throughout the Fifth District Chapters. President William Harrison and PDG Louis Arvanitis who received the Gavel when he was President of Hudson #108 made the presentation. Congratulations to the recipients and may the Gavel continue its journey.



MARY PAPAGIANNIS

**President Artemis #14
Asbury Park, NJ**

Two years ago Mary decided that District #5, Garden District needed a Maids Chapter. Mary brought together eight young ladies from Asbury

Park and reopened Artemis #14 in May of 2005, Mary was voted in as Chapter President where she is completing her second year as Artemis's president. The chapter has since grown to have 14 active members. At the AHEPA National Convention in Florida last July Artemis #14 was voted as National Chapter of the year and Mary was given the Maids highest honor of being National "Heart of the Maids".

State Assemblyman Steve Corodemus Celebrates Greek Independence

On March 23, 2007 many philhellenes gathered at the State Capital to take part in the annual Greek Independence Day celebration sponsored by State Assemblyman Steven Corodemus. The celebration not only included heartwarming renditions of a Independence Day poem by Yiannis Michailides, and also traditional Greek dances by the Trenton Terpsichorians. The program's main purpose, however, was to honor those who have achieved a meritorious record of service and who have made outstanding contributions in promoting Hellenism throughout New Jersey.

This year, Assemblyman Corodemus presented New Jersey Assembly Resolutions to Mr. Louis Arvanitis, Evellyn Tsiadis, and Penelope Capetan.

Mr. Louis Arvanitis arrived from Greece in 1966 from



Aspasia and the proud father of Eleni.

Evellyn Tsiadis has dedicated many years of her young life to the Greek American community as Past District Governor of District 5 and past Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, past member of the Ahepa National Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and past VP of the Fifth District Ahepa Cancer Research Foundation. She presently has been recognized by the Greek Orthodox church, in her appointment by his eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America to serve as President of the Board of Trustees of Saint Basil Academy, a home for children in need. The Archbishop has also appointed her to the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, a charitable organization. His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of NJ has appointed her as Treasurer of the NJ Ladies Philoptochos Society. She is married for 22 years to Steve Tsiadis and is the comptroller of the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.

Penelope Capetan served many years in the various communities that she has lived in as past president of the St Demetrios, Jersey City Jr. Philoptochos Society, and founding member of the local GOYA. In Piscataway she joined the Daughters of Penelope and rose to President, District Governor of District 5, and Chairman of the past District Governors Club where she served for 20 years. She was ceremoniously honored by then Grand President



Thisvi Thebo Voiotis. He is the owner of the 'Eleni's Pancake House' in Montvale, NJ. He is a past president of the Pan Gregorian Enterprises a leading restaurant association, past District Governor of the Order of Ahepa, a Master Mason, Board of Trustees member of Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church in Jersey City, past VP of the Epaneinondas Thebian Organization, President and founder of the Panthisvian Society, Business Manager of the Ahepa Voice, President of the AEK Soccer Club of Jersey City, Charter Member of the Greek American Chamber of Commerce and President and Founder of the Mc Louis Charitable Fund, which supports the education and the effort in the local community. He is married to

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Evellyn Tsiadis as Penelopian of the Year in 1994. Presently she is serving on the Board of the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation and is Treasurer of the Ladies Philoptochos of St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Toms River, NJ. She is retired from State of NJ Human Services, division of Developmental Disabilities as a Community Supervisor. She has been married for 45 years to Peter Thomas Capetan.

Letter from Gus D. Stefanidis Supreme Vice President

Our Ahepa mission defines who we are. We promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence. Our Hellenic forefathers produced one of the greatest civilizations known to man; and we, as Ahepans, have tried to keep Hellenism in the forefront of all mankind. The majority of the other Hellenic organizations are mostly insular, while we of the Ahepa extend outward to embrace and affect local and international issues. Proudly we support key issues in Greece, Cyprus, Macedonia, Epirus and the Aegean.

However, we have a critical issue requiring attention within our own organization. Yes, the chapters have submitted their per capita forms and payments for 2006 and a full report will be forthcoming. The area needing attention centers upon the shortcomings of attaining our membership goals. Unfortunately, some are from loss by death and others from loss of interest.

Are we doing our best to share our programs and accomplishments with our members and with the outside world? One only needs to attend local chapter meetings, District conventions and leadership conferences to hear of the vast programs undertaken by the Order of Ahepa. On the local and national level, we should promote the Ahepa Cooley's Anemia Foundation, the Ahepa Bone Marrow Registry, the Ahepa Scholarship Foundation, and the Ahepa Housing Corporation, to name a few. In addition, we continue to support our local churches, Greek School programs and charter schools. How many are aware of our Supreme President Gus James' efforts to obtain the entry of Greece into the State Department's Visa Waiver Program? Yes, the Ahepa is known on the Federal level for raising awareness of the many issues facing Hellenism throughout the world.

The above is intended to remind us all of our accomplishments. The need to "Share the News" ultimately
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proves imperative for the survival of the Ahepa. If we cannot become enthusiastic and participate in the workings of our organization, how can we expect to attract new members and maintain the members we have? How can we survive?

It has been said that Enthusiasm is Contagious. I say that Participation is the Prescription for cultivating Enthusiasm. I challenge each and every member and officer to get involved, participate and help spread the accomplishments of our beloved Ahepa.

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NEW BROTHERS' INITIATION



In two separate ceremonies, members of the AHEPA District Basketball League were initiated into the Order of AHEPA on Tuesday, January 30th.

The first group (picture to the right above) consisted of candidates of the Bergen Knights. Assisting the Governor in the initiations was Phil Vogis, District Treasurer, Charles Paltos, Treasurer of the Bergen Knights, John Agriantonis, Treasurer of Eureka 52,

George Gasparis, of Ramapo 453.

The second group (picture to the right above) consisted of candidates of Eureka 52. Assisting in the initiation was Andy Yanniotis, Chapter President of Eureka 52 and Athan Vlahos of Eureka 52 .

The ceremonies were held after their basketball games at St. Demetrios Church in Union, NJ. Still awaiting initiation are two teams, Jersey City and Middlesex.

Trenton # 72 Spring Report

We celebrated the beginning of lent with our annual Apokriatiko Glendi held at St. George in February, entertainment was provided by the St. George Dancers and mezedakia by Brother Nick Angelakis under the supervision of our super chefs Muzithras, Zimnes and Karivalis.

The Brothers traveled to Atlantic City for the District Texas Hold em tournament and our President Anastasios Linardos won again despite assurance from Chairman Millas that the odds were a million to one, against a repeat performance.

Fortunately at the Chapters' Texas Hold Em tournament Andy could not attend which gave other brothers an opportunity to win. Thanks to our Brothers from Cherry Hill, Toms River, and Holmdel for their support. PDG Karatzia stayed till the end.

The chapter is once again sponsoring scholarship awards for local high school student athletes and for members of the St. George Community. These funds are generated by our annual golf outing. Our awards program will be held on June 20th. Plans are completed for our annual trip to Yankee Stadium on Saturday August 4th and we have again purchased season tickets for the Trenton Thunder baseball team. The Brothers will be electing delegates to attend the District and National convention in Atlantic City and Denver.

Trustees visited with President Bush to commemorate Greek Independence Day. The Brothers hope to have a delegation march in the New York parade on April 15th. See you all in Atlantic City.

PARADE FUNDRAISER



On February 28th 2007 a Dinner Meeting was called by the District #5 Parade Chairman Louis Arvanitis to raise funds to support the combined effort and participation with Empire District #6 and our District for the 76th Greek Independence day Parade. The dinner was well attended and Mr. Dino Rallis, co-chairman of the Parade, informed us up-to-date about the progress of organizing such a great event like the Parade on Fifth Avenue. In addition, report for the District Membership Drive was given and for the Senior Citizen Project, as well. The District Governor Mr. Ted Vittas attended the event and gave us the closing remarks. From the AHEPA family the following amount of money was raised:

Eleni's Restaurant (Louis Arvanitis)	\$275
Tom Pappas	\$150
Garden State Chapter #517	\$120
Athan Efstathiou	\$100
Andrew Zachariades	\$100
Gust Kraras	\$50
Wildwood Chapter #450	\$50
TOTAL	\$845



Photo Memories from the Greek Independence Day Parade



Biennial Salute to Women Honoring Cleopatra G. Notarides



Cleopatra G. Notarides was born in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1943. The only child of Evelyn Karagounelis and Andrew Notarides, she was raised in the Jersey City Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church community. Serving as the President of the Ir. Goya, Cleo also taught Sunday school for twelve years.

This dynamic woman would be the first in many endeavors. Cleo was the first female President of the senior class at Dickinson High School. At the age of 19 she joined the Maids of Athena, serving the 5th District as Governor, shortly after she would serve on the Grand Lodge of the Maids of Athena as Grand Governor.

In 1966, Cleo was elected to serve as the Grand President of the Maids of Athena, making her the first elected Grand President to hail from the 5th District. Grand Presidents before her traveled hundreds and sometimes a few thousand miles, however as Grand President, Cleo traveled more than 20,000 miles visiting over 50 individual Chapters and 11 Districts across the country. With the assistance of the Daughters of Penelope a complete reorganization of headquarters was instituted involving the micro-filming of all past records, and updating of procedures. A new "Code of Ethics" was distributed; the Ritual was revised and reissued, as was the manual of instructions. During her tenure every District had at least one District officer, something never before accomplished. Further, six new Chapters came into the Order and ten chapters reactivated during her reign.

A graduate of Jersey City State College, Cleo earned her first Masters Degree in American History (Social History) from



Montclair State College and her second Masters Degree for Behavioral Science from Kean State College. For twenty-eight years she taught at Ridgefield Park Junior/Senior High School in Ridgefield, NJ, developing the first full-year Psychology course in Bergen County. In 1976 she was honored by the Bergen County PTA as High School Specialist Degree in Individual, Marriage and Family Therapy from Seton Hall University.

Cleo is the Executive Director of Individual and Family Institute Inc., Paramus, New Jersey as well as an instructor at the Bergen Community College Continuing Education Division. Further, she is the Bergen, Passaic and Monmouth Counties Family Court appointed case Evaluator and Expert Witness and is a Clinically Certified Forensic Counselor and Certified Grief Counselor.



Over the years, Cleo has been a guest lecturer, at numerous seminars and training workshops as well as appearing on radio shows. She is a member of the American association for Counseling and Development and the American Association of Grief Counselors. In 1998 she was presented by NJ Governor, Thomas Kean, the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award. Appointed by NJ Governor, James Florio to the Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning 1991-1993, she was also appointed by NJ Governor, Christine Todd Whitman to serve on the State Board of Marriage Counselor Examiners from 1995-1998. In May of 1994,



being only one of twenty mental health therapists, Cleo was invited by First Lady, Hillary Clinton, to attend the White House Conference on Health Care.

With Cleo's many personal and professional accomplishments, she exemplifies the criteria for a Salute to Women

honoree who is a woman within the Daughters of Penelope 5th District, who is Greek or Philhellene who has achieved a high level within her profession who is an exceptional role model and inspiration to all men and women alike. Cleo, We Salute You.

Raised by an AHEPAN

Ever since I was a little girl, I can remember my father being surrounded by lots of friends. Being active as he was in our church and in our community, there were always people, mostly men, who came in and out of our lives on a daily basis. Although my father loved and appreciated each and every one of his friends, there were always these special men who seemed to have a certain bond with him, and whose companionship he seemed to treasure the most. It is hard to explain exactly what it was about these particular men, but you just knew that they were something extraordinary.

Although they varied greatly in age, they were all very much alike in many ways. It was as if they had all been touched by the same angel, or had the same vision revealed to them. They were like second fathers to me, as they were a lot like my father, and he was a lot like them. When they met, there was a real warmth and understanding that passed between them that seemed just a little stronger than that which passed between my father and others. They seemed to know what the other was thinking without speaking, and when they did speak, they always seemed to understand perfectly what the other was trying to say. And then there was the handshake.


I knew they were doing something when they shook hands, but I didn't know what it was. They thought it was their big secret; but it really wasn't. It began their encounter, and when they did it, there was a twinkle in their eye and a smile on their face. It was the customary opening act to their unscripted performance.

Whenever these special friends were around, I somehow felt safer, and the world somehow felt more secure because of their presence in it. They seemed to me like knights in shining armor, on great white steeds, patrolling their kingdom, ever on the lookout to do a good deed, right a wrong, champion the cause of the underdog, or help a damsel in distress. Whenever one was around, you could almost feel his power to do good, but when they assembled as a group, their power became magnified. When they closed ranks, there seemed to be no enemy that would not be utterly and completely vanquished by their steadfast charge.

To a little girl now grown and about to leave home to enter col-

lege, AHEPANS are still my knights in shining armor. The new and uncertain world I am about to enter is a better place because you are in it. May God grant you the ability to continue to patrol this great country of ours on your great white steeds, the sunlight of honor glinting off your shining armor, the warmth of integrity emanating from your unfurled banners. This damsel thanks you from the bottom of her heart for being the living embodiment of all that is good and right in this world.

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Registration - 9 AM to 2 PM
General Business Sessions - 9 AM to Noon
Daughters of Penelope Luncheon - 12 to 2 PM
(Scholarships & Awards by both Ahepa & Daughters)
General Sessions - 2 PM to 5 PM *(All Districts)*
GRAND BANQUET - Reception 6:30 - Dinner 7 PM
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Trenton #72 District Lodge Visitation



District 5 Web Site Updated

Have you looked at the District 5 web site lately? It was recently updated with the latest happenings of the Fifth District. Many of the links were also updated to link to active pages. Next time you are on your computer, give it a try. The address is www.ahepafamily.org, then select the District 5 link. Currently featured is the district trip to St. Basil's Academy. There will be more information as the year progresses.

The chapter links on the left margin have been reformatted. Most of the chapter web pages have been updated to show the current officers. Some of the chapters that have their own web site hosted outside the district site will not have updated pages. Please look them over and inform the District Governor of any inaccuracies.

Each chapter should appoint an Internet Coordinator who would pass on the latest events and pictures to the web master. Right now that person is Ted Vittas.

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Middlesex, NJ Repeats as AHEPA District 5 Hoops Champion



District Governor Ted Vittas presents the championship trophy to Middlesex team coach Jim Palavros. Left to right are league Treasurer Luke Loucopoulos, Jerry Kodopidis, Nick Donahue (white), John John Mavrianos, Yianni Mavrianos, Ted Vittas (suit), James Vanoulis, Gus Mavrianos, James Palavros, George Makris (headband), George Gkionis and Nick Mariolis (league President right).



Second place finishers Union-B. From left to right: Jimmy Antonakos, Mike Moulinos, Athan Vlahos, Chris Koufomihalis, Mike Kontos, Manny Damplias, Adam Jovic, seated, George Chatzopoulos.



George Gkionis and James Vanoulis of Middlesex grab for a rebound during the championship game action.

March 27, 2007, Union, NJ - The District 5 AHEPA Basketball League ended its 2006-2007 season tonight as Middlesex, NJ successfully defended their 2006 league championship. Middlesex came out strong vs. Union-B with a 12-2 run to start the game. They never looked back as they won an easy victory over second place finisher Union-B. The final score was 62-48.

Middlesex was lead by a trio of double-digit scorers. Their speedy guard George Gkionis was high scorer with 17 points, and put in 10 of them in the second half. Power forward Nick Donahue had 16 points. Twelve of his total came from 3-point bombs that he hit from behind the arc. Jerry Kodopidis followed closely with 15 points of his own and strong defense.

Union B was lead by John Chatzopoulos who topped all scorers with 19 points. John scored 14 of the 19 in the second half as he and his team mates mounted a comeback. Also sparking Union-B was Nick

Moulinos who netted 13 and Jimmy Antonakos who chipped in with 8. Middlesex enjoyed a double-digit lead for most of the first half. The score was 35-26 at half-time. Middlesex stretched the lead to 18 in the 2nd half but Union-B was able to cut the lead to within 12 points to 48-36 with good defense. That was as close as they came, however, as Middlesex coasted the rest of the way to a victory.

Six teams participated in this year's league. Each team played a 10-game regular season. Each team played all other teams twice. Games were played weekly at St. Demetrios Church gym in Union, NJ. The league ran from December through March. All teams qualified for the playoffs. Middlesex earned the top seed in the playoff round by finishing first in the regular season with a 9-1 record. Middlesex's only loss came to Union-B on January 9th, 56-50. Middlesex and Union-B received first round byes and awaited the winners of the first round. As expected, the top seeds made it to the final round. Jersey City knocked out Bergen County 60-51 and Union-A knocked out Fairview, 54-26.

The losers of the semi-final round played a consolation game to determine 3rd place. Union A (#3) played Jersey City (#4). Union A defeated an under-manned Jersey City squad, 74-67 to take 3rd place. Tom Varcarolis lead the way with 24 points for Union-A which included five 3-point field goals.

The League hopes to enter a team in the AHEPA East Coast Regional Basketball Tournament this May 6th-8th. The tourney will be played in New Rochelle, NY. The league will begin again next fall. Notice will be sent out by District Athletic Andy Hios in September. For the latest information, visit the league's sports web site at www.ahepasports.org.

AHEPA District #5 Basketball League 2006-2007 Regular Season Standings Final Standings

Team	Wins - Losses	Games Behind	Playoff Results
Middlesex (1)	. . . . 9 - 1		First Round - March 13, 2007
Union B (2)	. . . . 8 - 2	. . . . . 1	Union A (3) 54, Fairview (5) 26
Union A (3)	. . . . 5 - 5	. . . . . 4	Jersey City (4) 60, Bergen County (6) 51
Jersey City (4)	. . . 4 - 6	. . . . . 5	Semi-Finals - March 20, 2007
Fairview (5)	. . . . 2 - 7	. . . 7 1/2	Union B (2) 41, Jersey City (4) 35
Bergen County (6)	1 - 8	. . . 8 1/2	Middlesex (1) 80, Union A (3) 62
			Finals - March 27, 2007
			Union A (3) 74, Jersey City (4) 61
			Middlesex (1) 62, Union B (2) 48

Note: Seeds for playoffs are shown in parenthesis next to the team name.

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