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# 5th District Governor, Order of AHEPA

## PHIL VOGIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Hope everyone had a great summer and your vacations were relaxing.

I greatly appreciate the support I have received from the brothers up and down the state of New Jersey and Delaware and look forward to this opportunity to serve as your District Governor. I am truly honored by the trust that has been placed upon me by the people of our great states and I will do everything I can to live up to that trust over the next year.

It is indeed an honor to serve the "Order of AHEPA" and be a part of a distinguished organization whose mission is to support our fellow mankind. Bro Tom Pappas, PSG, thank you for nominating me to serve as the next District Governor at the Convention. I would like to thank Bro Ted Fanikos for his leadership, and also I would like to thank Brother George Karatzia for bringing me into the District Lodge. I have served under the following District Governors: Bro Ted Vittas, Bro Christopher Diamantoukos, Bro Ted Fanikos and Bro George Karatzia. My thanks go to Bro Louis Arvanitis, Past

Supreme Governor Region 3, for his support and guidance that he gave to the District Lodge and specifically for hosting the "Journey to Greece" and "Cooley's Anemia" fundraising event that was held at the "Graycliff Fine Catering" in Moonachie, NJ.

In addition I want to extend my congratulations to Bro Lee Millas who served as chairman of our 78th District Five Family Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Monroe, NJ The Trenton chapter #72 and the Daughters chapter Altes #163 hosted a great convention this year. My congratulations go out to both chapters and their membership for a job well done.

Soon after the District Convention I, along with my District Lodge Officers, have been planning our agenda for the fiscal year 2009-2010. We plan to visit all the chapters, participate in local events and support the AHEPA Projects. My goal is focused on the Membership Drive. I have arranged to hold three mass initiations this year in the northern, central and southern regions of the states. Our coordinators will be reaching out to

all the chapters to participate in this program. I urge every Ahepan to bring One new member into their chapter. My next priority is to focus on the Sons membership Drive. We plan to hold several events to help the Sons increase their membership and participate in future AHEPA Family programs. I want to extend my congratulations to Brother Dean Tselepis who was elected the new Supreme President of the Sons and his Supreme Lodge Officers.

Congratulations to Sister Robin Papagiannis the newly elected District Governor for the DOPs and the rest of her District Lodge Officers. We are looking forward this year to working with the Daughters in various projects. My congratulations to Sister Demi Thomas for being elected as the new National Maids Advisor at the Supreme Convention in San Francisco CA

Again, I want to thank everyone for your support and looking forward to seeing everyone this upcoming a great year.

Remember my motto:

Panda Enomeni-Always United  
Zito Ei AHEPA-Long Live AHEPA



# 5th District Governor, Daughters of Penelope

## ROBIN PAPAGIANNIS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing as District Governor for Daughters of Penelope District 5, the greatest district. We had a fun, fast convention this June in Jamesburg, NJ and I would like to thank the Brothers of AHEPA Chapter 72 and Sisters of Altes 163 of Trenton for that.

My theme for this year is "We are Family" and as the song says I have all my sisters with me. I am looking forward to a year filled with a growing

numbers of sisters and hopefully having our AHEPA family grow by the addition of Maids of Athena chapters to complement our many Sons of Pericles chapters. I believe it is due to the wonderful support all the brothers and sisters give their respective Lodges that we are able to accomplish so much each year.

I am privileged that a wonderful group of women stood with me at the convention to be sworn in as the District Lodge, Karen Marousis will be my right hand as District Lt. Governor, Rula

Thasites will again be filling the role of District Secretary, and new to the Lodge this year are Marcella Calagias from Trenton as our District Treasurer and Eleni Parlapanides from New Brunswick as our District Marshal, With our PDG Demi Thomas taking the position of National Maids of Athena Advisor Patty Vlahos will take the position of District Advisor..

Here is to a wonderful year for the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA of District 5.

# National Advisor of the Maids of Athena

## DEMI THOMAS



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor and pleasure to have been elected at the recent national convention in San Francisco as the National Advisor to the Maids of Athena. My role will be to work with the Daughters, Maids, and aspiring Maids to help grow our important junior order. The Maids of Athena nationally have started to experience a renaissance, having grown to over 400 members

this past year. It is vital to the well being of our community and the long term vitality of the Daughters of Penelope that we help to continue to grow and strengthen our junior order.

Our Maids of Athena, as well as the Sons of Pericles, have provided our community with a long and rich tradition of bringing young people into social networks that in turn have generated the families

and the future leaders of our community organizations. It was, and continues to be, an environment where young people also learn important life skills, such as leadership, organization, managing a meeting, and negotiations. I look forward to the coming year in supporting the Maids of Athena and its leadership team.

Yours in Theta Pi,  
Demi Thomas

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# Message From The Newly Elected Supreme President of the "Sons of Pericles" DEAN TSELEPIS

First and foremost, I would like to thank all four outgoing Presidents of each order: Barbara Stavis Wolf (Daughters of Penelope), Ike Gulas (AHEPA), Stephanie Maniatis (Maids of Athena), and most important to me, Demetrios Vidalis (Sons of Pericles), who did a superb job this past year as the leader of the Sons of Pericles. Demetri accomplished many of the goals he set forth when he took office one year ago; goals that I, along with the rest of the Supreme Lodge and all of our members, will build upon this year and for years to come.

This coming year, the Sons of Pericles will continue to enhance our new website [www.sonsofpericles.com](http://www.sonsofpericles.com) with constant updates and individual chapter page links. Both will allow for an improved flow of information regarding events and happen-



ings. Continuing with that trend, we will unveil our new monthly email newsletters, similar to the ones from AHEPA and

the Daughters. We believe these two simple additions will help to increase membership and knowledge of our accomplishments even further in 2009 - 2010.

Being able to represent District 5 as the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles is a true honor. There has not been a Supreme President of the Sons from District 5 in over 25 years when Chris Evangel held that position in 1980 - 1981, so I hope to make you proud. District 5 is one of the most active Districts in the country, and myself, along with Supreme Treasurer Haralambos Tsivicos of Asbury Park, hope to build upon that this year.

Fraternally,  
Dean Tselepis  
Supreme President,  
Sons of Pericles

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## Message From our Business Manager Louis Arvanitis, PSG

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to all our new officers who were elected, for the courage and the energy to serve. I hope you all had a great and restful summer, regardless whether you would be able to take a vacation time. Now we are all back to work again for another good and successful year. I would like to discuss, in this short message, our District's publication "The AHEPA Voice". The periodical newsletter, that makes everyone in our District proud, is relying on your

support. We have tried to maintain a 32-page of quality material, but due to the economic crisis we ought to reduce it to 24 pages. There was also a vote at our District Convention, that for those who have access to the Internet, they will not get a printed copy of the AHEPA Voice, unless they request it. This will give us great savings on printing and mailing. Our next issue is our special Holiday Edition and we would appreciate to support it in advance. We must keep up with the printing expenses and any advertisement of any size will be a great help.



Wishing you all the best.

Fraternally,  
Louis Arvanitis, PSG  
Business Manager



# Journey to Greece was a Great Success for a 4th Consecutive year

Once again University of Indianapolis and the Order of AHEPA have joined forces for the 4th Annual Journey to Greece Program for the Summer of 2009. This year, the JTG offered our students a choice between two Journey sessions, Session #1 departed on July 5th and Session # 2 departed on July 19th. Both sessions were fully subscribed with a total of 70 students from 14 states and Canada and representing 37 universities participating. Students were offered the opportunity to take classes from a fully accredited American university with units fully transferable to their local institutions.

In addition, they were offered specially arranged visits to archaeological sites, museums and historical sites. Special speakers addressing our students included US Ambassador, Daniel V. Speckard; the Archbishop of Athens ; Dan Chronopoulos, the Development Director of the IOCC; the Exarch of the Patriarch of Jerusalem; Professor Alkis Raftis, the President of the Dora Stratou Theater and UNESCO director of dance; and a state department foreign policy expert. Of course, the highlight of the program was our special excursion to Constantinople to have an audience with His Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I. The excursion was made possible by a generous grant from the National Hellenic Society to the Journey to Greece Program. In addition, the local chapters of AHEPA Hellas also provided a number of activities and programs for our students. This year's Session #1 had the opportunity to take Modern Greek Society and Culture while living in Athens and visiting some of the most famous Archaeological sites in the world! Along with the famous Acropolis Museum, the students visited all the historical



sites and major museums of Athens. The students also visited the historical sites of Olympia, Epidauros and Sounion. A highlight of the program was an evening at the Dora Stratou Theater to have a lecture, dance lesson and performance.

Session #2 departed for Athens on July 19th. These students were offered two courses for 6 units of university credit from the University of Indianapolis, Athens Campus. Like the First Session, these students are able to visit famous archaeological sites and museums of Athens and surroundings, as well as special receptions with important dignitaries. Through the local AHEPA Hellas Chapters, the students were also hosted to some pool parties, receptions and activities while living in Athens! Session #2 students take two courses, choosing Greek Language Level I or II; Ancient Greek Plays; the History of Greek Orthodoxy; and the European Union and Greek Foreign Policy. Each course is 3 semester units of credit and students attend class a total of 4 hours daily.

Once again this year, our students are under the direction of Past Supreme President, Dr. James F. Dimitriou. Dr. Dimitriou has been the director of the JTG Program from its beginning. Each year is specially planned to offer unique courses, activities, guest speakers and historical excursions. Planning for the program begins almost a year in advance. This year's program was planned around the unique opportunity afforded to our students through the invitation from the Ecumenical Patriarch given to Supreme President Ike Gulas, to have the students visit in Constantinople. Taking advantage of this opportunity, the Journey planned a one week excursion visiting historical sites en route to Constantinople to culminate with a visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

In 4 years, the JTG has over 270 alumni from 52 universities representing 26 states and Canada. The continued success of the program is evidenced in the number of returning students, relatives and friends of previous Journey participants. Under the sponsorship of the AHEPA Educational Foundation, the Journey continues to strive to improve and offer unique opportunities for our youth. This year the AEF offered 11 scholarships to



our students and assistance for our two student RAs. In addition, AHEPA Canada offers a full scholarship annually as does Districts #5 and #12. Hellenext generously sponsors one student Intern for both sessions. Many chapters also provide scholarship assistance for their students. This year a total of 28 of our students received a minimum of a \$500 scholarship.

Journey to Greece is very pleased to have the National Hellenic Society as our new partner to enrich our program with new opportunities for our students. This year is a historic year for the Journey, with a 5 day excursion to visit Meteora, Vergenia, Salonika and Constantinople. The trip will culminate with a visit to the Patriarchate to see the Ecumenical Patriarch, His Holiness,

Bartholomew I. With NHS direct assistance, this excursion is made possible. We look forward to the future of this partnership in offering our students more opportunities to study in Greece while experiencing Greek culture and society in a most meaningful way!

A special thank you to all those that have supported the Journey to Greece these past four years. We hope that the program continues to grow and our students continue to have the opportunity to study in Mother Hellas with new and exciting programs. An additional thank you to AHEPA Headquarters for assisting with the application process and the staff of UINDY for their help with our students throughout the Summer experience.

## GREAT PARTICIPATION OF REGION #3 NJ/NY IN JOURNEY TO GREECE 2009



*Amánda Efthimiou-NY*



*Angela Panagos-NY*



*Cassandra Derrenberger-NJ*



*John Zavolas-NJ*



*Vangelis Katsikiotis-NJ*



*Katie Mavrovitis-NY*



*Peter Polykarpou-NY*



*Victoria Papademas-NJ*



*William Derrenberger-NJ*

The Journey to Greece was not just a trip to Greece; it is a way to experience my culture and heritage. On the excursion, I was able to learn the language, customs, politics, and Greek way of life. I saw ancient sites such as Delphi, Olympia, Poseidon's temple, and many others. I even got the opportunity to see Hagia Sofia in Constantinople and kiss the hand of our Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I. Not only did I get a first hand experience with Greek culture, I made many life long friends; some of whom I contact on a daily basis. None of this would have been possible without the support of Ahepa and my Ahepa Chapter, Alexander Hamilton #54. I left Greece with more than just a tan; I left with memories that will last a lifetime.

**John Zavolas~ Montvale, NJ**

My summer on the Journey to Greece program is one that I will always remember. I had some amazing experiences that not many people get to enjoy in their lifetime, such as visiting the acropolis and traveling to Turkey. We also went on an all day island cruise to three different Greek islands. I made some

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very good friends who I know I'll stay friends with for a long time. I got to really learn about my Greek culture. The teachers were very informative and the classes were enjoyable. I would like to thank Ahepa for giving me this incredible, once in a lifetime opportunity.

**Angela Panagos ~ West Islip, NY**

I am so grateful to have been able to get in touch with my cultural roots on behalf of the AHEPA's 2009 Journey to Greece program this past summer. From this experience, I have walked away with a greater appreciation for my ethnical heritage, in addition to a wider range of companionship; the friends I made during the program's duration are people I know I can stay close to for the rest of my life.

Greece itself was definitely everything I expected it to be. It truly was amazing to stand alongside the Parthenon in Athens and gaze out over the vivid landscape surrounding me. Thanks to the AHEPA and my local chapter (AHEPA Chapter 285 – Bergen Knights), I truly have a memory to last me a lifetime.

**William Derrenberger~ Cresskil, NJ**

# AMPHITRYON CHAPTER #173

## Ended their Year with Luncheon at STAMNA



Once again Amphitryon Chapter ended their year with a luncheon at Stamna in Bloomfield, New Jersey on June 27, 2009. Those in attendance had a wonderful time and a delicious meal. Marlene M. Blanos, Olga Macris, Eva Michaludis, and Mary Theodos received their twenty-five year pins. Mary Marolakos and Kay Vasiliou received their thirty-five year pins, and President Irene Wilcox received her forty year pin. We all wanted to meet again the summer is ended. Our Vice President Barbara Zois came up with the perfect solution. She invited everyone to her summer home in Union Beach. Plans were made and we did get together again on July 15, 2009. It was a lovely gathering of old friends, with lots of good food and enjoyable conversation, Barbara was a very gracious hostess. The officers of our chapter will get together in August to set up our calendar of meetings and events. We are looking forward to another productive year.

Mary T. Marolakos  
Recording Secretary



# AHEPA CHAPTER #517

## EIGHTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Dear Friend of the AHEPA Annual Golf Outing,

Order of AHEPA Chapter #517 is preparing for its 8th Annual Golf Outing. In addition to raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House, AHEPA Cancer Research Fund of the Fifth District, and AHEPA's Scholarship Fund, this year we expanded our support to include Saint Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York.

On Thursday, September 24th we have reserved the Architect Golf Club in Lopatcong, New Jersey. We invite you to join us for an enjoyable day of Golf, Lunch, Cocktail Hour and our Awards Banquet. The cost for an individual to play \$175 and we certainly encourage you to make foursomes, perhaps making it a company event. The cost for the dinner only is \$50.

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## OBITUARY

### Charles T. Gavaris

Brother Charles T Gavaris untimely passed away, on August 2. He was a founding and active member of the Garden State Chapter #517 , Holmdel. Born in Anavriti, Sparta he immigrated to the United States and lived in Perth Amboy for many years. He moved to Monmouth County and most recently lived in Holmdel.

Brother Charles service to Kimisis Tis Theotokou, Holmdel was unprecedented. He served on the Parish Council for 21 years chairing many fund raisers and drives during the growth and expansion of the community.

In addition, he served as Architectural Chairman of the Building committee for the development and construction of both the Church and Community Center. Brother Charles also was Co-Chairman of the Church Interior Committee that furnished and decorated the church. He was a voice of reason, and a dedicated and devoted AHEPAN. He certainly will be missed.

May his memory be eternal, and soul rest in peace.



## OBITUARY

### GEORGE P. BARUXIS AGE: 85 – JACKSON

George P. Baruxis died Thursday, May 21, 2009, at Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. He was 85. Mr. Baruxis worked for 40 years as an automotive salesman retiring in 1998. He was last employed by Lynnes Nissan, Bloomfield. He was a member of Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church, in Holmdel. Mr. Baruxis served his country during World War II, where he served as a flight engineer in the Army Air corps. He is survived by his wife, Ksenija Baruxis.



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### MASS INITIATION



Chapters #52, #54, #108, #280, #285, #300, #453, #532 are planning a mass initiation event for October 14th at 7 pm in **Graycliff Fine Catering**. More Chapters are welcome to participate. The event includes a four course dinner with "Arni and Fasolakia" for \$25 p.p. All the Chapters must provide all the names of the people who are going to be initiated the soonest possible by calling Mr. Louis Arvanitis at (201) 666-8651 or email at ahepavoice@yahoo.com

### CIGAR NIGHT



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# RAMAPO NEWS REVIEW

**RAMAPO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** were awarded to two high school graduates, Miss Amanda Ruggiero, who will be attending Ramapo College in the fall and Mr. Andrew Lefer who will be attending the College of New Jersey. In addition, the chapter made two new awards. A partial scholarship was awarded to Mr. Evan Katsikiotis to attend the AHEPA Journey to Greece. The



*Scholarship Chairman John Psomas presents an award to Ahepan Ted Karas receiving it on behalf of his granddaughter, Amanda Ruggiero. In the background, from left to right, are Rev James Moulketis, Jon Zymaris, Chapter Secretary, Eva Zymaris, Andrew Lefer and Chapter President Jim Giokas.*

Journey, organized by Indianapolis University, included time in Athens, Cyprus and Istanbul, Turkey. The chapter also made a full scholarship award to Ms. Eva Zymaris to attend the AHEPA Academy at George Mason University in Washington, DC.

**6TH ANNUAL CIGAR NIGHT** - The Cigar Night Committee had a great deal to smile about as evidenced in the photo above given the fact that Ramapo Chapter's 6th Annual Cigar Night Extravaganza truly lived up to its name. About 400 guests in attendance had a great time partaking in Season's fantastic hor d'ourves and buffet ; fine cocktails and wines and of course the superb cigars available that evening in the ambiance of the outside tent which was set up alongside the rear of the dining hall to accommodate those who wanted to enjoy

a great cigar on a beautiful Spring evening.

As if that wasn't enough, Ramapo Chapter President Jim Giokas welcomed all in attendance before Co-chairs Brothers Savidis and Psomas took over the evening's continued program of gift offerings from the raffle drawing that followed. A great time was had by all for a great cause as proceeds from this fund raising event will benefit the Education and Facilities Programs of St. Nicholas.



Congratulations to Co-Chairs Brothers Paul Savidis and John Psomas and the entire Cigar Night Committee for their hard work and devotion to making this event and evening such a success. Kai tou Chronou !

**YOUTH BASEBALL** - Brother John Tsadilas and George Gasparis coached the St. Nicholas Baseball Team to its 5th successful season. This year's team was an 11 year old and under team that played in the PBI League. The team played other traveling teams throughout Bergen County. The team finished the season with a 3-5 record but played extremely well and displayed excellent sportsmanship all season long.

The team was sponsored by the Ramapo Chapter as part of the chapter's athletic programs. Some of the players were children of fellow Ahepans. These included Christian Tsadilas, Christopher Gasparis, Peter Bayiokos, Nicholas Lascala and Nicholas Pirsos.



Brother Tsadilas' dream is to have an AHEPA "League of our Own" someday where all the local AHEPA chapters and Greek Orthodox churches would field a team and we could form our own AHEPA/Greek Orthodox Baseball League. Maybe one day in the near future this dream can become reality.

**GREEK LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR ADULTS.....**Completing entry into its 3rd year of classes , Ramapo Chapter's Greek Language Program for Adults celebrated the end of our Spring Semester classes at the home of one of our veteran student's who has been with the program since its inception. Janelle (Yianoula) Healy hosted the Greek II Class and Teacher Anna Megaris at a wonderful cocktails and dinner reception at her home on May 9.

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## Asbury Park #287 Scholarships



*Zoe Papaganis presented by Patty Vlachos of the Daughters*



*Nicole Moutis presented by Savas Tsivicos of the AHEPA. College to be American University*



*Diane Pappayliou presented by Savas Tsivicos of AHEPA. College to be Davis College*

## News and Scholarship Awards From Alexander Hamilton Chapter#54

It has been a very busy year so far for our chapter. During the dinner meeting that took place at the River Edge Diner 11 students were awarded scholarships. Two of those awarded \$2,000 for the Journey to Greece, one received \$1,000 for AHEPA Academy and eight graduates received a total of \$4,350 for their academic achievements. Congratulations “Kai eis Anotera” to all the recipients. Our Chapter participated to our District Convention with a very large delegation. During the Convention the chapter was decided to be the host of the next District Convention. We thank all the delegates for their decision. Louis Arvanitis awarded from the District Gover-



*The scholarship recipients this year were: John Zavolas, Victoria Papademas, Eleni Arvanitis, Konstantinos Nikolopoulos, Anthony Joseph Vincente, Alkis Meimaris, Anna Anastasopoulos, Maria Anastasopoulos, Yvanna Exarchos, Stephanie Hios, Matthew Boyas*

nor for his efforts and his two successful terms as a Supreme Governor. The site for the 79th John G. Thevos Fifth District Convention will be the very elegant Park Ridge Marriott. We promise an unforgettable weekend from June 11 - 13, 2009. Following the opening at Friday June 11th, a Graduates Banquet will take place with a Buffet Dinner, music and plenty of dancing.

## Monroe Chapter #75 Piscataway NJ

On June 7th 2009 the Monroe Chapter #75 in collaboration with St. George GOYA and the Daughters of Penelope Chapter Tehys #225 held it's 42nd Annual Graduates Award program. In addition to the recognitions AHEPA granted three scholarships. The Milton Marikakis AHEPA scholarship, honoring our late brother Milton Marikaki, in the amount of \$2,500.00 was granted to Katherine George. The Stephen G. Atchaves Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500.00 was granted to Dylan Stevens. The Georgia Katsifis Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500.00 was granted to Damaskene Voskolos. Congratulations to all graduates especially the scholarship winners, and best of luck from the officers and members of the AHEPA.

On June 24th 2009 the Monroe Chapter #75 held their last combined meeting with the Daughters of Penelope Chapter Tethys #229, before the summer break. It was held at the

New Orleans restaurant owned by brothers Nick Koumarianos and Simos Kontos. There were no Chapter business conducted, instead the large turnout of 58 brothers and sisters enjoyed an evening of joyful brotherhood and sisterhood. The excellent and plentiful food and wine served helped create a festive atmosphere. People mingle between courses, visiting friends seated in other tables exchanging greetings and having pleasant conversations. The event brought us all together before everyone dispenses for the summer. It turnout to be succesfull dinner meeting, and everyone who attended had a great time.

*From top to bottom: Dylan Stevens receives the Stephen G. Atcheves Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500.00*

*Damaskene Voskolos receives the Georgia Katsifis Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500.00*

*Katherine George receives the Milton Marikakis AHEPA Scholarship Award in the amount of \$2,500.00*



# AHEPA Trenton Chapter No. 72



With the officers and with all the brothers we will endeavor to have another great year. Throughout the year, we have many scheduled events and projects that everyone should enjoy.

Most recently, the Trenton Chapter had the privilege of hosting the Fifth District's Convention. Brother Ted Fanikos concluded his term as District Governor and has joined the ranks of the Past District Governors. All of the Chapters' Presidents were recognized at the Convention for their efforts as the Trenton Chapter President Asteris Fanikos was named President of the Year. We were also graced with Brother Steve Pysillos' daughter Eleni with her beautiful singing of the national anthems as well as a wonderful performance by the St. George Hellenic dancers. They made us all very proud. Several dignitaries of the AHEPA and Daughter of Penelope national lodges were also present as was Senator Bill Baroni. The night concluded with the blessings and words from Metropolitan Evangelos. It was a wonderful convention and thanks go out to the many brothers' efforts under the tireless leadership of the Convention Chair Lee Millas.

The AHEPA National Convention was held in San Francisco and our Chapter was represented by Brothers Ted and Asteris Fanikos, Lee Millas and Phil Livanis. Our good friend Nicholas Karacostas from New York has been elected as Supreme President and has our support. Next year's national convention will be held in Montreal between July 11th and 18th and promises to be another wonderful event.

On June 24th, the Trenton Chapter had its award/scholarship night. Dr. Georgia Triantafillou was the keynote speaker and inspired the students and those in attendance. Medals and bonds were presented to outstanding Greek School students: Alexis Kalargheros, Alex Paliabelos & Peter Randazzo and thanks extended to Kuria Sophia. Certificates were presented to the following high school graduates: Alexander Bliziotis, Chloe Gogo, Joshua Koble, Demetra Nyktas, Joanna Papadopoulou, Peter Pantelides, and Michael Tsarouhas. Certificates were presented to graduating collegians Julia K. Belviso, Rebecca Derocki, Alexandra Mamolou, Katie Mastoris, Andrew G. Mirisis, Katherine R. Prassas, Andrew Rose, George Rose, Katrina Rossos, and Christos Stavrakis.

Elias Perris presented the Emanuel Perris Memorial award to

Michael Tsarouhas. The Kostas Linardos Memorial award was presented to Joanna Papadopoulou and the John & Lula Blazakis Memorial award was presented to Joshua Koble. A chapter award was presented to Peter Pantelides. Spiro Spireas presented the Spireas-Sigmapharm Laboratories award to Chloe Gogo. Asteris Fanikos presented a Chapter award to Alex Bliziotis, who also received a District award. Lee Millas presented the two Colonial Valley Conference student athlete scholarships to Chinwe Orijji of Hamilton High School and Kevin Kley of Hopewell Valley High School. All the students and their families should be proud. Thanks also to Nick Angelakis of Colonial Farms for the excellent refreshments that followed.

Moreover, on Monday, July 20th, a dinner meeting was held at Kouzina by Sophia wherein the food was delicious and the company superb. We also will be having a fishing excursion on August 9th. We will be taking a cruise on the charter boat in search for blue fish. Everyone is looking forward to a good time and hopefully some fresh fish for dinner. We hope to have another outing in August and/or September and all are welcome.

Many of the brothers attended the Phillies game on June 19th as well as the Yankee games on July 18th. They were both fun days and everyone enjoyed themselves. Speaking of athletics, the 8th Annual Trenton Chapter Golf Outing will be held on October 13th at Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing. Please spread the word to your friends to reserve the date and to support the event. Hope to see many golfers and that the event is a success.

Initiations were held on Monday, June 22nd and we welcomed our newest brothers: William Harvey, Steven Balalis, Chris Georgiou, Ray Lally, Theo Roussos and John Stratis. Another initiation will be announced shortly for October.

We are also asking for all the brothers' assistance on Sunday, September 20th at Asbury Park. We will be celebrating Holy Cross Sunday and watch as our youth dive for the cross. Following the ceremony our Church has been asked to host the lunch that follows on the park green. As many brothers that can volunteer to help the community, it would be appreciated.

We have also paid off the AHEPA Hall's mortgage and are looking forward to our formal Burning of the Mortgage event. We are also looking forwards to the Testimonial Dinner for Past District Governor Ted Fanikos. Both of these events will be in the Fall and we cannot wait.

During the course of the year, we intend on having many more dinner meetings as well as Monday night football events as well as other events, including work days at the St. Basil Academy in Garrison, New York. We will be hosting the Fellowship Hour at St. George on Sunday, September 13th, our first meeting will be on Monday, September 14th, and joint installation of officers with the Daughters of Penelope will be on September 21st. Hope to see you there.

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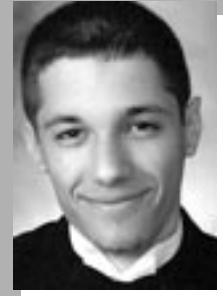
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The Scholarship Committee of the 5th District Scholarship Program is pleased to announce that this year we were able to present awards totaling Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) to worthy young people of our Ahepa Fifth District. Applications were sent to all chapters to be distributed in their Ahepa communities. We received twenty three completed applications. Of this number we were able to present six awards.

This year we instituted two changes in our program. The first is, we were fortunate to have received a generous donation from Nick Bouras to our Scholarship Fund in the amount of One Thousand Dollars. We are very grateful for this donation and named one of our grants, The Nick Bouras Grant, in his honor. If anyone of our members in the District would like to make a sizeable donation, we would honor that person's name in a grant or the name of any other person he would like to honor.

The second change is to recognize the financial support that our Scholarship Program received from the Wildwood Chapter from their Wildwood Weekend. We have named one of our grants, The Wildwood Weekend Grant. This recognition will continue in the future.

This year, we enlisted the aid of teachers from Central Regional Schools, Hackensack Schools, and Bayonne Schools under the supervision of Triantafillos Parpanides, Superintendent of Central Regional Schools. In their letter of comments, they selected the following six students in terms of scholarly achievements, community orientation, and academic promise. The scholarship awards were as follows:

**Mathew G. Boyas** received an award of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500). He graduated from Upper St. Clair High School, Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania. He was sponsored by Alexander Hamilton Chapter No.54 Paramus, New Jersey where his father has maintained his membership. Mathew will be entering Dartmouth College, majoring in History.

**Christina Karas** (Nicholas J. Bouras Grant) received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). She graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, New Jersey. She

was sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Chapter No.280, Westfield, New Jersey. Christina will be entering Drew University, majoring in Biology.

**Andrew Lefer** received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). He graduated from Paramus High School, Paramus, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Ramapo Chapter 453 of Wyckoff, New Jersey. Andrew stated that he is interested to further his education to better understand the world through a variety of different courses and to find a career path for himself in the future.

**Nicholas G. Facas** (award provided by National Headquarters). He received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). He graduated from Moorestown Township Public High School, Moorestown, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Camden Chapter No. 69, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Nicholas will be entering The College of New Jersey, majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in History.

**Alexander Bliziotis** (Wildwood Weekend Award) received an award of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). He graduated from Hamilton High School East, Hamilton, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Trenton Chapter No.72, Trenton, New Jersey. Alexander will be entering the University of Delaware majoring in Chemical Engineering.

**Michael Tsarouhas** received an award of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). He graduated from Hopewell Valley Central High School, Pennington, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Trenton Chapter No. 72, Trenton, New Jersey. Michael will be entering University of Delaware majoring in History.

The members of the Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate the recipients and wish them good luck in their college education and future endeavors. The names of the awardees were acknowledged at our Annual District Convention at the Daughters of Penelope Luncheon. The luncheon was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Exit 8A, New Jersey Turnpike, Jamesburg, New Jersey on Saturday afternoon, June 6th.

The scholarship committee would like to thank those Chapters in our District who supported the Scholarship Fund by paying their per capita tax to our fund. All Chapters must participate and pay their per Capita Tax to the District Scholarship.



# AHEPA FIFTH DISTRICT CELEBRATES ITS 78TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

## MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY



The Fifth District NJ/DE convention was held on June 5-7, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Monroe Township, New Jersey. The convention was hosted by the AHEPA Trenton Chapter #72. The convention provided a great forum for the Fighting Fifth and its members.

The local chapter had worked hard all throughout the year to host the annual meeting of our members and of our Daughters of Penelope. Also meeting at the District convention was the Sons of Pericles of our district. There were many Ahepans from all over the AHEPA domain that participated at the convention for the betterment of the future of our Order in the District.

On Friday of the convention, registration began promptly under the supervision of none less than AHEPA National Board of Trustees member, PDG Lee Millas. Lee, Jim Knicos, PDG Herb Allen, local chapter President Asteris Fanikos and a host of Trenton Ahepans greeted the delegates. They worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to ensure the success of the convention.

Opening the Friday meeting was President Asteris Fanikos. Asteris opened the convention in traditional style by greeting the delegates and brought forth his father, District Governor Ted Fanikos to kick off the convention. From there, the delegates approved PDG Chris Diamantoukos to chair the convention. Other convention officers included Vice Chair Andy Zachariades, Secretaries Steve Marmarou and Dimitrios Rozanitis and Parliamentarian George Horiates. The evening concluded with an opening night reception in the hotel where the delegates were treated by the local chapter.

Saturday started the convention in earnest with close to 60 delegates participating from throughout the 18 chapters in our domain. The morning session was highlighted by an appearance and

presentation from AHEPA National Vice President Nick Karacostas. The final report of outgoing District Governor Ted Fanikos was also given at that time. Ted's report summarized the District's accomplishments throughout the year which included his visit to Greece last summer to put monies to use, raised by the district for fire relief. Ted was able to assist in the refurbishing of a church, furnish computers to a school, and sponsor the expenses of a senior and a child. The Fall led to a successful district workshop, visitation to and fundraising for Saint Basil's, the Regional Benefit for the Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Journey to Greece, participation in both the Philadelphia and New York Greek Independence Parades, the tremendously successful fundraiser for our Metropolis of New Jersey among other things.

The convention also addressed other issues including the induction of the Sons of Pericles new District Lodge under the guidance of District Sons Advisor PDG Ted Vittas, a review and emphasis on Hellenic cultural events and fundraising, a presentation on the application of a Greek Regional charter school in Hackensack, New Jersey made by District Warden Sammy Thomas, a Hellenic and Cyprus affairs report by District Treasurer Savas Tsivicos, a report on the Odyssey school in Wilmington, DE by PDG George Righos, a district scholarship report by PDG Chris Sevast and AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Foundation Report by PDG Andy Zachariades. The convention also marked a concluding year end report by Supreme Governor PDG Louis Arvanitis both in his capacity as Supreme





The evening concluded with a Grand Banquet with many in attendance. His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos presided over the Banquet. AHEPA Supreme Secretary Dr. John Grossmanides Jr. gave remarks as well. The banquet was a perfect end to the "Ahepan of the Year" as District Governor Ted Fanikos and Supreme Governor Louis Arvanitis gave eloquent responses. The highlight of the gala came with presentation of year end awards. The Chapter of the Year Award was presented to Camden #69. The Chapter President of the Year was Trenton #72 own Asteris Fanikos. The Chapter Secretary of the Year was from the Monroe Chapter #75 John Millas. Special Achievement awards were given to Eagle Rock #375 Peter Kokidis and Trenton #72 Spiro Spreas. A special award was presented by the district lodge officers honoring the achievements and tenure of Supreme Governor PDG Louis Arvanitis. Finally, the awards concluded by the naming of District "Ahepan of the

Governor as well as on behalf of the AHEPA Voice, and District chairman of the New York Greek Parade.

The Trenton chapter kept the hard working delegates energized with door prizes, a presentation to all chapter presidents of special AHEPA medals as well as a terrific luncheon hosted by the local Daughters Chapter where the district scholarship recipients were recognized.


Year", Camden #69 member Brother Stelios Theodoris, whom received a rousing ovation from the crowd.

Trenton Chapter #72 is to be commended for being gracious hosts and facilitating a productive and enjoyable convention. All Ahepans left renewed and re-committed to our Order.

We hope for another productive year, great things from our new District Lodge under the guidance of District Governor Phil Vogis and look forward to next year's convention, to be hosted by Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54. SEE YOU IN PARAMUS NEXT YEAR !!



The convention concluded with the elevation of Phil Vogis (Ramapo Chapter #453) to the office of District Governor. The incoming District Governor gave an impassioned speech regarding his aspirations for the District and thanked the delegates for their support. District Governor Phil Vogis will be joined on the Lodge by Lieutenant Governor George G. Horiates, Esq., District Secretary Savas Tsivicos, District Treasurer Bill Harrison, District Marshall Sammy Thomas, District Warden Dimitrios Rozanitis, District Athletic Advisor Nick Mariolis and Sons Advisor PDG Ted Vittas.



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# NICHOLAS A. KARACOSTAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SUPREME PRESIDENT

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## New York City Attorney to Lead Organization into its 88th Year

**S**AN FRANCISCO - The delegates of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the nation's three million American citizens of Greek heritage, and countless Philhellenes, unanimously elected Nicholas A. Karacostas their supreme president at its 87th Annual Supreme Convention in San Francisco. Karacostas ran unopposed in elections that were held Saturday, July 4, 2009. He was formally installed as supreme president today.

"Words cannot express how humbled and honored I am to be elected AHEPA Supreme President," said Karacostas, who emigrated from Kyrenia, Cyprus as a three-year-old with his family. "It is the culmination of 30 years of service to the organization, dating back to my membership in the Sons of Pericles."

He continued, "I look forward to working with our new Supreme Lodge, and entire membership, to keep AHEPA on

the steady path set forth by my predecessors. There are many challenges facing the community, and new ones will emerge. However, I'm confident we will strive to overcome them together in true spirit to our mission."

Karacostas, who hails from Flushing, N.Y., is a 25-year member of AHEPA Gus Cherevas - Estia-Pindus Chapter 326, in Flushing. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including supreme vice president, two terms as supreme counselor, and on its Board of Directors. As supreme president, Karacostas' responsibilities include being the chief executive officer, and principal spokesperson, of the entire AHEPA Domain, which includes the United States, Canada,

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Greece, and Cyprus.

The newly-elected supreme president was born in Kyrenia, Cyprus and immigrated to the United States three years later. Karacostas, an attorney, is the senior vice president of Arch Insurance Group. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York Bar Association, and National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Karacostas received his J.D. from the City of New York Law School and is a graduate of New York University.

Karacostas has served on the Parish Council of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Flushing, N.Y., for six years. Also, he is a legal advisor to the Pancyprian Association of America Inc., and serves on the Board of Directors of HANAC, Inc. and St. Michael's Home.

Karacostas and his wife, Anna, have two daughters, Georgia and Andreana.

### ELECTION OF AHEPA LEADERSHIP FOR 2009-2010

The AHEPA Supreme Lodge is the international governing body of the organization.

The 2009-10 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Supreme Vice President Dr. John Grossomanides, Jr., Westerly, R.I.; Canadian President Nick Aroutzidis, Ontario; Supreme Secretary Anthony Kouzounis, Houston; Supreme Treasurer Col. Nicholas P. Vamvakias (ret.), Fairfax, Va.; Supreme Counselor Anastasios Konstantin, Oakland, Calif.; and Supreme Athletic Director Spiro Siaggas, Atlanta.

The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Peter S. Sergis, Rockledge, Fla.; Region II: John Mesogitis, Venetia, Pa.; Region III: Theodore Manolios, Lidenhurst, N.Y.; Region IV: Alex G. Geourmtas, Roslindale, Mass.; Region V: Chris D. Kontos, Grosse Isle., Mich.; Region VI: Tom Gober, Highland, Ind.; Region VII: James J. Peros, Denver; and Region VIII:



From left: Alex Alexandris - Tom Pappas, PSG  
Louis Arvanitis, PSG in San Francisco, CA

Peter T. Triantafyllos, West Hills, Calif. Mesogitis and Gober were re-elected.

Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: Franklin R. Manios, Warren, Ohio; and John Galanis, Elm Grove, Wisc. Manios, a past supreme president, was re-elected. Nick Dixie, Dallas, Texas, was elected to the Board of Auditors.

### AHEPA FAMILY ELECTIONS

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family also held elections. Elaine M. Sampanis, West Chester, Ohio, was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Dean Tselepis, Wyckoff, N.J., Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Sia Zois, Dayton, Ohio, Maids of Athena Grand President.

Today's Installation Ceremony of newly elected officers officially concludes the 87th AHEPA Supreme Convention, which began Monday, June 29, 2009.



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### ΔΕΝ ΠΕΘΑΙΝΕΙ

Μόνο μια νύχτα φτάνει για να καταλάβει κάποιος με Ελληνική καταγωγή τι πραγματοποίησαν και τι πρόσφεραν οι πρόγονοι του στον κόσμο. Αρχιτεκτονική, πολιτισμό και δημοκρατία, και τρόπο ζωής - ότι και να είναι, εμείς οι Έλληνες έχουμε φτιάξει τους κανόνες, και έχουμε κάνει τις πρώτες κινήσεις. Η πρωτεύουσα της Αμερικής - Washington, D.C. - είναι το καλύτερο παράδειγμα για την Ελληνική επίδραση στον κόσμο. Καλύτερο μέρος δεν υπάρχει για να διοργανωθεί το πρόγραμμα AHEPAcademy.

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το τι μπορούμε να κάνουμε στο μέλλον. Οι φωνές μας τώρα έχουν σημασία.

Κάθε άτομο έχει δυνατή φωνή, αλλά το μέλλον είναι τώρα στα χέρια της κάθε φωνής της γενιάς μου - και στις υπόλοιπες γενιές του μέλλοντος. Τα παιδιά που παρουσιάστηκαν στο πρόγραμμα ξαναγήθησαν σε μέρη που Έλληνες είχαν μεγάλη επίδραση (που φυσικά ακόμα ισχύει αυτή η επίδραση). Αυτό ήταν για να καταλάβουμε κάπως καλύτερα πως ήρθαν σ' αυτό το σημείο οι Έλληνες και πως μπορούμε κι εμείς επίσης σαν νεολαία να αλλάξουμε τον κόσμο. Όλος ο κόσμος θαυμάζει την Ελλάδα μας, αλλά το AHEPAcademy μας δίνει την ευκαιρία να θαυμάσουμε κι εμείς σαν Έλληνες την Ελλάδα, την επίτευξή της, και την μεγαλοσύνη της. Δεν εξαρτάται από το μέγεθος της πατρίδας μας - η καρδιά της

χτυπάει πιο δυνατά από κάθε άλλο κράτος.

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Από την Ελένη Αρβανίτη,  
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# Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Foundation, Inc. Prepares For Annual Gala

**B**rick, New Jersey, August 1, 2009: Members of the Board of Trustees and friends of the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. gathered recently to prepare the invitations for the upcoming 20th Annual Fall Gala.

This annual event is a festive conclusion to the year's efforts of fundraising for cancer research as well as an evening of honoring the recipients of the Grant Research Awards, whose goals are to analyze cancer in hope of a better understanding of finding a cure for this atrocious disease, as well as the "Axios Award" recipient.

The Foundation is pleased to announce that David Lyden, M.D., Ph.D. who is the Stavros S. Niarchos Associate Professor in Pediatric Cardiology and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical College, and an Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, is the "Axios Award" recipient for 2009. The Fall Gala will take place on November 7, 2009 at the Pines Manor, located in Edison, New Jersey.

Since the Foundation's humble beginnings in 1989, the funds raised for the "Grant Research Awards" has been achieved through canister collections, bowl-a-thons, memorial donations and direct mail campaigns.

Over the past 22 years, thru everyone's generosity, the Foundation has given in excess of \$650,000 in research grants to various institutions in the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania



*Members of the Board of Trustees and friends of the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. preparing for the Annual Fall Gala*

and Delaware.

The Board of Trustees consists of twenty-four members, who reside throughout the state of NJ, who are all volunteers, dedicated to the Foundation to raise funds for grants for the outstanding research doctors and institutions that are committed to finding a cure for cancer. Currently, the Foundation's website is under construction, for further information please send inquires to: Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, PO Box 481, Edison, NJ 08818-0481.

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periences during the war. Antholis' mother Evanthia grew up in Nazi-occupied Greece during World War II. Weissmann's story helped Antholis understand what his mother went through when her father, Vasilios, was killed by Nazi collaborators.

## HUDSON HAPPENINGS

Hudson Chapter #108 has sponsored scholarship to graduates of the Greek schools of the two parishes in Jersey City, Evangelismos Tis Theotokou and Saint Demetrios. This year's graduates were from Evangelismos Tis Theotokou and the three graduates were children of recent initiated members of our chapter. The graduates honored were Alexia and Andrew Mavros, daughter and son (twins) of Brother Chris Mavros, and Antonia Tsielepas daughter of Brother Spyro Tsielepas. Following a beautiful presentation in the Church the two brothers were asked to present the children with the awards. Congratulations to the graduates and to their parents who helped them to achieve this

honor. The Parish of Saint Demetrios did not have any graduates this year.

The members of Hudson Chapter #108 and Icarus #48 are busy preparing for their forthcoming Annual Grecian Oktoberfest on Saturday evening October 3, 2009 at Evangelismos Community Center in Jersey City, NJ. For an admission ticket of \$15.00 you are offered the opportunity to enjoy an evening with a variety of food and desserts, DJ Music and a chance to win over one dozen varied prizes. For tickets you can contact Christos M. Genes, Evelyn Vardakis or John Mehos.

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##### SUNDAY - JUNE 13th

Church Services – St. Athanassios Greek Orthodox Church

# 2009 Ocean County AHEPA Family Scholarship Recipients

**REBECCA WEBER** is the recipient of the Order of AHEPA, Ocean County #467 Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000. She is the granddaughter of Steve Crist member of the Ocean County Chapter #467.

Rebecca will graduate from Manchester Township High School with a class rank of 14 out of 299. She will pursue her college studies at Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ.

As a member of the French Club and the Math Club, Christina has been a 4 year Honor Roll Student and is the recipient of the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar Award and has been named a New Jersey Star Student.



**CHRISTINA ROTSIDES** is the recipient of the Steve Lioumis Scholarship Award, for continuing educating in the amount of \$500. She is the Daughter of Zack and Demetria Rotsides; as well her father is a member of the AHEPA Ocean County Chapter #467.

In the fall, Christina will be a senior at the New York University where she is pursuing a degree in Chemistry with minors

in Mathematics and Spanish. Upon graduation she will attend graduate school for Organic Chemistry.

Christina works as both an Organic Chemistry and General Chemistry teaching assistant at NYU while simultaneously working in the NYU laboratory conducting research in the area of organic synthesis and supra-molecular metal coordination chemistry.

The work involves the rational design and synthesis of organic molecules that serve as molecular probes for certain metal ions.



**GRANT BUTTS** is the recipient of the Daughters of Penelope, Aphrodite #374 Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000. He is the son of Candice Carras-Butts member of the Aphrodite Chapter, #374 and the Grandson of deceased Ocean County AHEPA Family members, John and Lillian Carras.



Grant will graduate from Brick Township High School with the class rank of 61 out

of 392. He will pursue his college studies at the University of Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ.

While maintaining an above average grade point level for four years Grant has also worked part-time and volunteered his time for many charitable organizations, further he is also a 4 year Honor Roll Student.

## T.G. MANOS HONORED



*On April 25th, 2009, during a dinner, Lt. T.G. Manos (photo left) was honored for his Army Service and he was presented with the AHEPA Certificate by Mr. John Tsimelles (President of AHEPA Chapter #18 Of West Palm Beach). Lt. Manos fought with great bravery against the Nazis during World War II as a captain of the U.S. Army. He was an active reserve until 1962 when he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is a brother in the AHEPA family for 71 years in Alexander Hamilton #54.*

## Ocean County AHEPA Family Hosts Spring Festival for the Benefit of St Barbara

On June 12, 13 and 14, 2009, the AHEPA Family sponsored its third annual Spring Greek food Festival. The AHEPA has made a commitment to purchase the interior furnishings for the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Toms River that are needed for the Church's consecration. Proceeds from the Spring Festival will be used to reimburse the Church for the purchase of a new bishop's throne, the second bishop's chair in the altar, the chanter's stand, and candle boxes and candle stands in the narthex. The Spring Festival was a big success. The AHEPA will be donating \$25,500 to the Church. To date, the AHEPA has donated \$59,500 to Saint Barbara for new, interior Church furnishings.

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President

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# HELLENIC ISSUES CHAMPION REP. PALLONE JOINS AHEPA



*From left to right: District Marshal Sammy Thomas, District Governor Phil Vogis administers the Oath to Rep. Frank Pallone (center), District Secretary Savas Tsivikos and Louis Arvanitis, PSG.*

**W**ASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Frank Pallone (D-6-NJ) joined the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the nation's three million American citizens of Greek heritage, and countless Philhellenes, yesterday, announced Supreme President Nicholas A. Karacostas. Rep. Pallone joined Thomas Edison Chapter No. 287, Asbury Park, N.J.

"We are thrilled and honored to have as a member of AHEPA Congressman Frank Pallone," said Karacostas. "He is a dedicated public servant who has demonstrated a keen interest to listen his

constituents, including the American Hellenic community. We're proud to count him as a member and a Philhellene."

Chapter 287 President Savas Tsivikos, who is also a member of AHEPA's Cyprus & Hellenic Affairs Committee, and District 5 Secretary, led the induction ceremony. Rep. Pallone expressed appreciation for the Hellenic principles upon which AHEPA was founded. He also spoke of the importance of Hellenic ideals to American society, culture, and civics. A discussion of issues relating to Greece and Cyprus also took place. District 5 Governor Philip Vogis, members of the District 5 Lodge, and Past Supreme Governors Louis Arvanitis and John Mehos were in attendance. Guests included Bill Matsikoudis, corporate counselor, City of Jersey City, N.J.; and PSEKA/Justice for Cyprus President Philip Christopher.

In 2008, the Congressman was given a perfect score, 100% rating, on Greek-American issues in AHEPA's Congressional Scorecard. The Congressman is also a member of the Hellenic Caucus, and is the co-chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues. A link to the scorecard can be found on AHEPA's Public Policy page, [www.ahepa.org/policy](http://www.ahepa.org/policy).

In January, Rep. Pallone was sworn in to his tenth term in the U. S. House of Representatives, representing New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District. He was first elected to Congress in 1988. Pallone chairs the prominent House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health. He is a member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

In February, U.S. Rep. Scott Garrett, of the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey, joined AHEPA.

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## Theodore C. Argeson Honored

**T**heodore C. Argeson, a member of Alexander Hamilton Chapter 54 of the Order of AHEPA, was honored recently by the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), an organization of individuals responsible for generating philanthropic support for a wide variety of nonprofit, charitable organizations.

Ted was nominated by Muhlenberg College, located in Allentown, PA, as its candidate to receive distinguished honors for his great fundraising and volunteer efforts at the college. He has been a supporter of Muhlenberg College both financially and through volunteer work over a period of many years. Ted's involvement with the college began during his undergraduate days when he held

a number of positions, including that of class president. Through the ensuing decades since his 1951 graduation, he has served the college in many alumni leadership capacities. He was elected president of the Alumni Association and served with distinction. Ted also chaired or co-chaired all his class reunions and currently serves on the Executive Committee of The Circle Of 1848, a planned giving society. Although he has assumed many roles since 1951, his most time consuming efforts are spent as the Class Fund Chair for the Class of 1951, where annual funds are raised for the college. Ted has performed very well in this responsibility and usually leads or is second among all classes every year in participation percentage. In addition, through Ted's leadership, the Class of 1951

raised slightly over 3 million dollars in 2001 as its 50th Reunion Gift to the college, an all-time record.

Ted and his wife Constance are the proud parents of three children, Christopher, Andrea and Alysia, all graduates of Muhlenberg. Ted has set a family tradition by making a gift to the Muhlenberg fund every year since his graduation and has inspired his three children to also continue this tradition of annual giving. In its charge at the honors Ceremony, the college stated: "Muhlenberg is pleased to honor Ted Argeson for his many years of service, leadership and dedication to the college."



# ALEXANDER #250 NEWS REVIEW

We enjoyed a safe and peaceful summer although not without a busy send-off. Our sisters were very active throughout the district and around the St. Andrew Community. Several of our sisters attended the District Luncheon and heard inspiring words and praises from our Grand President, Barbara Stavis Wolf. In addition, three of our PDGs



our president and a few of our sisters attended the District Convention where President Anna Zavros received a certificate of merit for her service to the Daughters.

We had a successful spring outing to Atlantic City thanks to the continuing efforts of Lillian Boyadjis. Back home, we hosted the fellowship hour following the Memorial Service on AHEPA Sunday, May 17. Simultaneously with our district and chapter activities, our

sisters along with our AHEPANs could be seen working tirelessly before, during and after our St. Andrew Festival.

No sooner had we recovered from the festival and district

activities, it was time for us to honor our scholarship recipients. We are proud to announce that this year's DOP Scholarship recipient is Eliana Petrides. Eliana graduated from Randolph High School and will be attending Parsons The New School for Design in New York in the fall where she will major in Fashion Design. Eliana is the daughter of George and Eugenia Petrides.

Christina Hefferon is this year's recipient of the Lillian and Andreas Boyadjis Scholarship. This is the second year Mr. & Mrs. Boyadjis (both dedicated to the Daughters and AHEPA) have awarded this scholarship. Miss Hefferon graduated from Milford High School and will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall where she will major in Physical Therapy. Christina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hefferon and granddaughter of Harry and Freda Sakas.

We closed out a busy and fruitful year with our traditional joint Daughters and Philoptochos dinner at the Zeris Inn, Mountain Lakes. We bid everyone a safe summer and look forward to doing it all over again in the fall.

Our fall plans include attending the District Workshop, PDG dinner honoring Demi Thomas, and the Cancer Foundation Gala.

Locally, we are sponsoring a fashion show. Please join us on October 2 @ 6:30pm for dinner and fashions by Dress Barn at the Zeris Inn, Route 46, Mountain Lakes, NJ. In addition we will feature a special presentation showing original designs of Women's, Children and Festivalware by Vaso Constantinou. We look forward to your favorably reply. For information please call Anna Zavros 973-668-5324 or email: azavros@optonline.net.



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# Denver AHEPA 145 National AHEPA Invitational Basketball Tournament Champions



The 61st Annual AHEPA Van Nomi-kos Basketball Tournament was held on May 1 – 3, 2009, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in New Rochelle, New York.

The tournament featured top-notch competition from across the country. Eight teams including Denver CO, Madison WI, Brooklyn NY, Middlesex NJ, New Rochelle NY, Bronx NY, Queens NY, and Bridgeport CT participated in a double-elimination contest that guaranteed each team a minimum of two games.

“This was a very competitive tournament that brought out some of the top Greek-American basketball athletes from around the country. It was truly a very entertaining weekend of basketball that was enjoyed by all. We want to build the tournament team entries in the near future to 16 teams. We need the support of everyone to make it possible for their community to send their team,” said Ahepa National Basketball Director Costa Papademetriou.

Fans enjoyed watching close and unpredictable games as the eight teams that participated

were overall, evenly matched. Several of the games included upsets in the earlier rounds only to see the losing teams rebound and make it into the final rounds. In the opening round, an experienced Brooklyn team fell at the buzzer to host New Rochelle 61-58, only to come back and lose in the quarterfinals to a strong Middlesex team 71-70. Although Denver came in as defending champs and was expected to do well, no team was a clear favorite to win.

The opening round featured defending champs Denver vs. Zoodochos Peghe from the Bronx, NY, Madison, WI. vs. Middlesex NJ, Bridgeport, CT vs. Queens, NY and New Rochelle, NY vs. Brooklyn NY. Each game was decided down the stretch, late in the second half of each game, making each game a thriller.

Bridgeport, CT and Zoodochos Peghe of the Bronx were the first two teams to be eliminated from the tournament but both were well represented and played outstanding hoop. The second loss for Bridgeport against Brooklyn featured an unbelievable display of basketball shooting by Justin Orlando who scored 49 points in the game, with 31 points at halftime. Zoodochos Peghe faced Denver in their first game and Madison, WI in their second game, two teams that finished in the later round of the tournament.

Teams surviving to play in the final day on Sunday included Denver, Madison, Middlesex and Brooklyn. The first game on Sunday fea-

tured the Loser’s bracket quarterfinal between Brooklyn and Madison. Brooklyn played a gritty game to beat a very tough Madison team that was a barn burner. Both teams were evenly matched but in the end, Brooklyn prevailed over Madison 67-58.

The second game of the day featured the winner’s bracket between Denver and Middlesex. Denver won the game 66-52. Denver was led by their reliable center former Air Force great Tom Bellairs who finished with 22 points. Middlesex went on to play Brooklyn while Denver earned a berth to the finals.

In the Loser’s bracket semifinal, Middlesex defeated Brooklyn in another nail biter 71-70, behind the solid play of Tyler Mirkovich, who led all scorers with 20 points, to earn the right to play Denver in the Finals.

In the championship game, Middlesex would be pitted against a rested Denver team. The final game was a fast paced running game. Middlesex made every effort to beat Denver but were fatigued after playing an additional game in the Loser’s bracket. Denver pulled away in the second half and won a lopsided game 78-58. Denver was led by the solid duo of Thanasi Panagiotakopoulos and Tom Bellairs, who earned MVP and All-Star honors, respectively.

Denver was able to withstand some very competitive teams and was able to win their second consecutive NAIBT championship and four out of the last five tournaments.

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## Introducing the 2009-2010 Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge

On July 1, 2009 in San Francisco, CA, the Sons of Pericles elected their new lodge officers for the 2009-2010 year. The 2009 delegation of the Sons of Pericles elected Dean Tselepis of Wyckoff, NJ, as the new Supreme President of the organization. He begins to serve his fourth year on the Supreme Lodge and is looking forward to continue the forward momentum the Sons of Pericles have gained in the past year. The new Sons of Pericles Vice-President is Spiro Nicolopoulos from Atlanta, GA. Spiro begins his second year on the Supreme Lodge and plans to continue the upkeep and expansion of the Sons of Pericles website and newsletters.

Manolis Sfinarolakis of Waterbury, CT is the newly elected Supreme Secretary. Manolis joins the Supreme Lodge after

a successful year as Chapter President of the Waterbury, CT Solon #61 SOP chapter. The re-elected Supreme Treasurer is Haralambos Tsivicos of Asbury Park, NJ. Starting his third year on lodge, Haralambos is looking to continue the excellent work he has done as Supreme Treasure from last year. For his third year on the Supreme Lodge, Nikos Antonopoulos from Seattle, WA was elected as Supreme Governor. Re-elected for a second term as Supreme Governor is Michael Michalopoulos from Tulsa, OK, starting his second year on Lodge. To round out the three Supreme Governors on this year’s Supreme Lodge is Capt. Peter Catsulis from New Orleans, LA in his first year on Lodge. All members of the Lodge are excited to start the year and continue the growth and traditions of the Sons of Pericles.

# Wyckoff Sons of Pericles, Patritha #317 Update



*The champions from Middlesex with their first place trophy.*

This past May, the Wyckoff Sons of Pericles Patritha Chapter #317 hosted the 4th annual East Coast Regional Basketball Tournament at St. Nicholas in Wyckoff. The tournament took place on May 9th and 10th and included a weekend full of events, highlighted by the nine team tournament.

The organizational effort was spearheaded by Dean Tselepis. The young men from Wyckoff were represented by two teams, a GOYA All-Star team and a 20 years and up group. At the end of two days of action, Middlesex proved to be victorious, beating St. Basil's 64-51 in the Championship, with Virginia coming in 3rd place. An MVP and All-Star trophies were distributed to the best players as well as team trophies. The tournament ran smoothly and was a great success as usual. The proceeds of the tournament were donated to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. At the chapter's June meeting chapter officers were elected for the 2009-2010 Sons year. The positions are as follows: Arthur Kominos – President, Nick Kominos – Vice President, John Vittas – Secretary, Vasiliios Ikonomidis – Treasurer, Nick Apostolou and Joe Katsikiotis – Co Athletic Directors.

A group of five Wyckoff Sons attended the District 5 Convention in Monroe Township where out-going President Evan Katsikiotis was elected as Lieutenant Governor. Evan was attending the 2nd session

of the AHEPA Journey to Greece, having received a partial scholarship from the Ramapo Chapter. Before that, Evan also attended the American Hellenic Institute's trip to Greece. He came back marveling about what a great experience it was. A few days later he left for Washington DC to resume his college studies.

The summer was also a busy time for our Dean Tselepis. First he was elected Supreme President to the Sons of Pericles in San Francisco (see separate article). A few days later on July 5th, he and his fiancée Mary were married at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, outside of Detroit, MI. Dean and Mary met through AHEPA family and Sons and Maids events, just at Deans parents, Nick and Angelica, had done a generation before. Both parents and family were so proud of them. Congratulations and best wishes to Dean and Mary as they settle into their new home in New York City.

The Sons already have events planned for the fiscal year ahead.

They plan to sponsor a Cypriot child, as part of our National and District project. The chapter will partake in the St. Nicholas festival, by volunteering their time and holding a fundraiser. Many sporting events including a flag football and volleyball tournament are also on the agenda. In the winter, the chapter will take a trip to St. Basil's Academy and once again hold the 3rd annual Winter Getaway in the Poconos.



*Chapter President Arthur Kominos being sworn in as Chapter President by Sons Advisor Ted Vittas and District Lieutenant Governor Evan Katsikiotis.*

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## Sons of Pericles Hold Successful District Convention George Sarris Elected to Second Term as Governor

The Sons of Pericles in District 5 have been making great strides in developing one of the better districts in the AHEPA domain. The Sons took a big step forward in June by holding their first successful convention in three years. There were twelve Sons in attendance at the Crowne Plaza in Monroe, NJ, representing three chapters. The delegations were from Asbury Park, Toms River and Wyckoff. They were lead by Supreme Treasurer Charalambos Tsvikios of Asbury Park. At the meeting, the District Lodge and chapter officers read their annual reports. Subsequently, they planned the year ahead. The delegates voted to support two district charities, the Cyprus Children's Fund and the Plant Your Roots in Greece program. There was a surprise visit from two former Supreme Presidents of the Sons of Pericles, Lee Millas and Nick Karacostas. Brother Nick, who would later be elected AHEPA Supreme President, wanted to witness first-hand an active Sons district. A discussion then began about the Sons age range which was the cause for considerable debate at the national conventions.

The young men moved to hold elections. District Governor George Sarris was elected to serve as Governor a second term. In his 2008-2009 year he was appointed by the Supreme Lodge. This year,



with an official convention, he was elected by his brethren. Being elected as George's Lieutenant Governor was Evan Katsikiotis, Past President of the Wyckoff chapter. Evan will be serving his first year on District Lodge. Re-elected as District Treasurer and serving his third term on Lodge is Christos Chrysanthou of Toms River. Elected as Marshal and serving his first year is Nick Spyropoulos of Asbury Park. John Berbelis was elected as Athletic Director.

The Sons of Pericles now have five active chapters in District 5. Both Cherry Hill and Paramus chapters round out the district. The Lodge is hopeful that new chapters can be formed in New Brunswick, Holmdel and Tenafly. If successful, the future looks bright for the AHEPA family!

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