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# 5th District Governor, Order of AHEPA GEORGE HORIATES, ESQ.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The John G. Thevos District 5 Convention will be defined as the convention that charted our course for our upcoming year. I thank all of you for attending the Paramus Convention. Also we had a very strong contingent attend the National Convention in Montreal, Canada. Your participation is vital to the continued success of our organization. The meetings were well attended and productive. The new ideas brought forth at the meetings, including an emphasis on youth involvement and Hellenic causes, will be used as a springboard for the upcoming year.

Many thanks to the brothers of Alexander Hamilton for their efforts and hospitality. We all know the effort that goes into hosting a convention by the local chapter volunteers is immeasurable. It is simply an enormous undertaking. In particular, convention chair PSG Louis Arvanitis is to be congratulated in organizing the convention and for a job well done.

The Fighting' Fifth has set sail with unprecedented momentum. We have been progressive with the inclusion of all of our members by encouraging the participation of our youth. We have the conviction to continue with assistance to noble causes including scholarships, Hellenic programs and the Cancer Research Foundation. We have the drive and determination to be in the forefront in maintaining Hellenism and our cultural identity here in the United States, par-

ticularly in New Jersey and Delaware.

As we start on the new year, I bring the following matters to your attention.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

At the convention, the Fifth District was well represented. Our Supreme Governor for Region 3 is our own PDG Andy Zachariades. Also joining him in a newly elected position on the AHEPA National Board of Trustees is PDG Vassos Chrysanthou. Congratulations to both of these brothers. They are of course joining our current AHEPA Board of Trustees member, PDG Lee Millas. We will continue to work with our Supreme Lodge and you, the local chapters to enact many new ideas.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Order of AHEPA experienced its greatest growth in membership in over 13 years nationally. Our district was one of the leaders in new membership and retention of members this past year. This is a trend worth continuing. Once again this fall, we ask that each and every chapter have at least one initiation as the dues will count for the following year. To that end, each chapter with the greatest percentage increase in membership for the upcoming year in their size category will receive an award at the upcoming district convention in the Spring of 2011 plus one free room night at the hotel. The categories for greatest membership increase are: Small (1-50), Medium (51-100) and Large (101 members and above). It is our hope that each

chapter will do its part in sharing our mission and purpose with others and enthusiastically motivate them to join.

## WILDWOOD WEEKEND

Our heartfelt congratulations also go out to PDG Gus Kraras and the Past District Governors for re-energizing Wildwood Weekend. The District Scholarship fund will be the beneficiary of the proceeds. For only \$175 per person for the October 1-3, 2010. I ask that the chapters continue to support this important program. Again, our district scholarship program for our youth is one of the greatest charitable arms of our organization. There are numerous needs and programs that we support. We can do so much more with your assistance.

Wildwood Weekend is where we will have our Joint Family Meeting with our Daughters on Saturday morning. We will also have our fall district lodge workshop there. Each chapter is asked to come down, learn of our exciting programs and enjoy what promises to be a wonderful weekend.

Plans are being made to involve the Sons and Maids. We will also have a beach volleyball tournament. Each chapter is asked to get a team of 6 together. The winners will be honored at the end of the year at the district convention. **YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED ! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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# 5th District Governor, Daughters of Penelope KAREN MAROUSSIS

Dear Brothers and Sister of the 5th District AHEPA Family,

It is an honor and a privilege that I will be serving as the Daughters of Penelope 5th District Governor this coming year. Our Daughters District Lodge is complete with Sisters who are committed to our order and ready to serve proudly with me in our district. It is my aspiration to see that we continue moving forward and continue to support the ideals of the Daughters of Penelope. It is important that we continue to grow in membership to keep us strong, it is important that we continue to work together as a district, as chapters and as Sisters. With our web site updated, (and will be continually updated) we will be able to support each other in our

charitable work, our education foundation, our cancer foundation and our philanthropic commitment to our communities. Our web site address is: <http://worknotes.com/NJ/Wyckoff/District5DOP/links1.aspx>

We have already started our year off with the 5th District Education Foundation "Day at the Races", which was well attended with a day of good food and friends. Many activities and AHEPA Family events are planned for the upcoming year as you will also find them on the web site calendar, Wildwood Weekend, October 1-3, 2010. Daughters Workshop Toms River, October 9, 2010. St. Basil Academy Tupperware Fund Raiser, to name a few. Additional details of events and happenings have already been posted on our

web site and additional news and events will be added throughout the year.

Our junior order the Maids of Athena has one chapter reactivated in New Brunswick. Along with our National Maids Advisor, Demi Thomas we hope to see our District reactivated this year.

I am looking forward to working with Brother AHEPAN and 5th District Governor George Horiates. It is our belief and our goal that we continue to strengthen and grow together as the 5th District AHEPA Family District.

Again, I am honored and look forward to serve as your District Governor.

Yours in Theta Pi,  
Karen Maroussis, District Governor

# Message From The Supreme Governor

## ANDREW C. ZACHARIADES



Brothers,

At the 88th AHEPA National Convention in Montreal, I was honored to serve as the convention co-chair (my second co-chairmanship) representing the Brothers of District #5. I would like to thank everyone for the support and co-operation during the deliberations. It was a successful and harmonious convention.

However, more importantly, I was privileged to be unanimously elected Supreme Governor of Region #3, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. To say that I am humbled by the support of all of the Brothers are beyond words. I stand with all of the proces-

sor Supreme Governors from District #5 to continue the long tradition of our District, to provide leadership within the AHEPA domain for the Good of the Order. In Montreal, I met with District #5 and #6 Governors George Horiatis and Demetri Pappas, respectively, to start from the onset co-operation and unity within our Region. We all pledged to work in unison to bring our Districts together, promote cultural events, and to take membership to a higher level.

On September 10th I will be traveling to the Governors conference in Washington DC to participate in the second Supreme Lodge

meeting. (The first meeting was already held in Montreal.) Discussions will include future conventions to geared more to family and find ways to hold down the costs of the delegates.

I also want to congratulate Brother Vassos Chrysanthou's election to the Board of Trustees. I know that he will bring his business expertise to the board and serve us well. Thank you for your support.

Faternally,  
Andrew C. Zachariades  
Supreme Governor-Region #3

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### CANCER RESEARCH GALA

I take this time to reflect on an individual who is no longer with us as I did have a heavy heart regarding his absence at the past convention. PDG Woody West passed away on May 5, 2010. I knew Woody from his involvement in the Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church community of Cherry Hill. He was a past president of Camden Chapter 69 and a dear friend to many of my fellow AHEPANS, including family members. Woody was the embodiment of what it means to be a true AHEPAN, always working for the good of the community, always putting others before himself and of promoting Hellenic ideals and of promoting friendship in the Greek community. Woody, a non-Greek, was the founder of the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation. Over the years the Foundation has given over \$700,000 to various cancer research institutes. He was one person that you always looked forward to seeing. Even in his retirement in North Carolina, Woody always made sure he came back to visit chapters, attend conventions and to honor Camden Chapter by attending many a testimonial dinner to honor his fellow brothers. I am sad Woody never got to see my swearing in as District Governor but somehow I know he is looking down with pride and approval.

Alexander the Great once stated; "I do not distinguish people as Greeks or Barbarians, as do the narrow minded. I am not interested in where the citizens come from, or what race they were born in. I rate them with a sole criterion, virtue. For me each good Foreigner is Greek and each bad Greek worse than a Barbarian." The quote describes PDG Woody West to perfection.

This year we will celebrate, once again, one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of AHEPA and throughout the AHEPA domain, honoring Woody at the Cancer Research Gala.

This major fundraiser will be held on November 13, 2010. I ask that each and every chapter send a table, redouble their efforts in raising funds, and honor a brother that brought immeasurable honor upon all of us. I hope to see you there.

### HELLENIC CULTURE

We will once again lend our support to both the New York City (March 27, 2011) and Philadelphia (March 20, 2011) parades. The Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation will be honored at the Philadelphia Parade as honorary Grand Marshall!

We are working on an OXI Day celebration as well as a tribute to Veterans in our district. STAY TUNED!

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

I ask that each chapter participate in the directory project we are putting together. Basically, as we go around to the chapters during our fall visitations we will be asking for your membership list - if different from the National list, email lists, and to take photographs of your members. I ask that we support this worthwhile and noble project which upon completion will be a great networking benefit to our members.

### PHILANTHROPY

We will be attending the annual Saint Basil's Academy Christmas Pageant, set for December 11, 2010. We will be asking for donations from chapters in that regard. If you have not attended this event in the past, you should consider doing so as it is a wonderful experience. A tour of the facility will be given after the pageant.

I take this time to discuss with you the Metropolis of New Jersey Building Fund. His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos will schedule a visit and tour of the facility on behalf of AHEPA. We will be honored to do a fundraiser on behalf of our Holy Metropolis and we are hopeful our members will understand as Greek Americans we are AHEPANS, but above all we are Greek Orthodox Christians.

There are so many other facets of that I have not mentioned, including The Ahepa Voice, revamped athletic programming, a proposed networking seminar, participation at HERMES Expo, etc. Time does not permit me to put it all in words at this time.

In closing, I am again honored with your decision to elect me to this esteemed office. It was a wonderful feeling receiving the approval of our members as to the direction and course we have set for our future.

I would like to specifically thank the Past District Governors under whom I served; Chris Diamantoukos, Ted Vittas, Ted Fanikos and Phil Vogis. I consider each a great friend and look forward to their continued involvement. It is my hope that the District Lodge and the Chapters continue to involve all of our Past District Governors as they to pave the way for our members.

I wish to express my love and gratitude to my family - my wife Lisa, and our children Stavroula and George - for their patience and support as I endeavor to fulfill my responsibilities as District Governor. Thank you for your understanding which allowed me to realize a dream - to lead the greatest district of the greatest Hellenic heritage organization in the world.

Finally, I thank the officers of the District Lodge and of all of our chapters for their assistance this past year and for their continued commitment to the betterment of the brotherhood. They play an integral role in our day to day operations and represent our future leadership.

On behalf of all the officers of the AHEPA District Lodge it is my hope you enjoy the closing months of the year. Your assistance and countless hours volunteering for the Greek American community helps AHEPA fulfill its mission. With the assistance of all of us, AHEPA will continue to flourish into our future generations.

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### District and National Websites

#### National

[www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org)

#### AHEPA Districts

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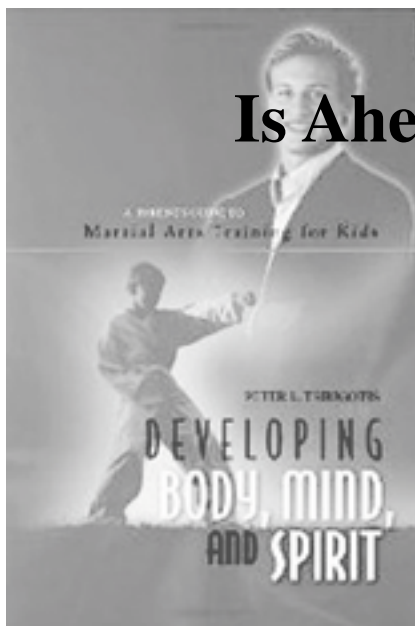
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## Peter Tsirigotis Is Ahepa's "Karate Kid"

development, the book also covers the history and development of the marshal arts. Mentioned is the ancient Greek marshal art of pankration. It is a combination of boxing and wrestling introduced in the Olympics in 648 BC. It is a specialty of Peter's who is a former team member of the US kickboxing team. He is also the founder of the Xeiron's Academy a marshal arts school.

The book provides all the information a parent will need. Included in this fascinating study is an evaluation of: truths and myths around the martial arts; benefits for children; danger in accepting the hype; history of the martial arts, including its original purposes; an overview of the martial arts: judo, kickboxing, tae kwon do, karate, escrima, etc. This is the most compelling and comprehensive book for those seeking an honest evaluation of a sport that for many has become a lifestyle. It is a must-read for parents who are considering the martial arts for their children.

The book's ISBN is 1450528988 and its publisher is CreateSpace. It was released on May 31, 2010.

**P**eter (Petros) Leonidas Tsirigotis, an Ahepan from the Thomas Jefferson chapter #280, Westfield, has published a new book that is now available on Amazon.com. It is titled, "Developing Body, Mind, and Spirit: A Parents Guide to Martial Arts Training for Kids." The book is an inexpensive paperback at \$12.99. It is an easy read at approximately 80 pages.

While this is a primer on the marshal arts and a guide for parents to consider the marshal arts in aiding in their child's

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## Ahepan Marc Demetriou Is Honored by the Scotsman Guide

Marc C. Demetriou, an Ahepan from the Ramapo Chapter #453 of Wyckoff, was named a "Top Originator for 2009" in real estate mortgage writings. Marc is a Branch Manager/Mortgage Consultant of the Bloomingdale Office of Residential Home Funding Corp. He placed in the top one percent of New Jersey bankers/brokers with a rank of Number 6 in the Scotsman Guide. Nationally, his ranking was Number 121. The list, which ranks the nation's top mortgage brokers, originators and bankers, appears in Scotsman Guide's April 2010 residential edition.

Upon receiving this very prestigious recognition, Demetriou said, "I am honored to be in the company of such exceptional mortgage

professionals who have worked so hard to help their clients with real estate financing during such a difficult economy." Speaking from his own experience, Demetriou further stated, "The knowledge and expertise I offer is the most important consideration in our business. Giving a great rate and low fees - that's just something I always do." A remarkable closing rate of 98%, often within three or four weeks, is the result of his staff's high level of customer service and attention to detail.

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**AHEPA Academy**

# "AHEPA Academy had a Positive Impact on my life"

## JOHN VITTAS DESCRIBES HIS EXPERIENCE AS A STUDENT IN AHEPA ACADEMY

My dear AHEPA family,

Getting the opportunity to attend AHEPA Academy this June was a tremendous experience for me. Based at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, myself along with nine other Greek American seniors enjoyed a jam-packed week of learning and fun. The educational aspects of AHEPA Academy included lectures from five very accomplished Greek Americans, two of whom have recently published autobiographies. Director of the program and lawyer, Aris Chronis, led a networking seminar and etiquette lessons, preparing us for job interviews and giving us tips for building connections in a social environment. Our group also had the privilege to visit the Greek and Cypriot embassies, where we were briefed on current issues facing each nation and given time to ask questions to the respective ambassadors. The educational part of the trip wrapped up with a formal dinner with many important guests, the type of setting we had been training to interact in. Aris' outstanding staff also included two women, Maria Achilleos and Demitra Sourlis, both of whom offered insight and testimony to what we were learning.

Being in the Washington DC area, we toured all of the monuments, visited the Smithsonian museums and received an inside tour of the US Capitol Building. We also spent a day in Baltimore, where we visited the Baltimore aquarium, science center and mall, all within the inner harbor. The night was capped off with an Orioles baseball game at Camden Yards. Back at the dorms, we took part in organized discussions about being Greek teenagers in today's society and reviewed each day during our nightly "de-briefs" in the dorm lounge. The experience overall was very enriching as I gained a better understanding of how our government functions as well as how to compose myself and be successful in the business world. Meeting and relating to other Greek teens of the same age from across the country was also an important part of the trip, as I got to build connections and make new friends. However, none of this would have happened without the sponsorship of Ramapo AHEPA Chapter #453, so I would like to offer my sincerest thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Prepared by John Vittas  
Secretary, Patritha Chapter #317  
Sons of Pericles

### THANK YOU LETTERS FROM GRADUATES WHO RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2010

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you and the Scholarship Committee of AHEPA Chapter #54 for the generous scholarships for College nad Journey to Greece. They truly meant so much to me and my family and I truly appreciate the oppotunity.

Thank you again,  
Eleni Arvanitis



I would like to thank the Order of AHEPA, Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54 for all you do in our community, and for the scholarship that was presented to me. Your generosity will be remembered and I hope some day I will be part of this Chapter.

Sincerely yours,  
Alexander Bliziotis

### Message From our Business Manager Louis Arvanitis



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This will be my last issue of the AHEPA Voice that published with me as a Business Manager. I want to thank you all for your great support all these years. Your contributions in articles and news from your chapters were priceless, making the AHEPA Voice the most successful publication in our Fraternity. I urge you to continue the good work and to support with the same will the next Business Manager.

I also want to announce that I am stepping down from the position of the District Parade Chairman. I served for 12 years and I tried with all my powers to establish a dignified presence of our District in the Fifth Avenue Parade. I wish the best to my successor and I will always be there when he asks for my help and advice.

Fraternally,  
Louis Arvanitis, PSG

## OBITUARIES

### Julian Elwood "Woody" West



Julian Elwood "Woody" West, age 78, of Kinston, NC passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Born May 27, 1931, he was the son of the late Julian and Clara West. Raised in Philadelphia, PA, he later returned to Kinston to enjoy his retirement. Mr. West was a member of Camden Chapter #69 Order of AHEPA of Cherry Hill, NJ, where he served as President for two years. He went on to become District Governor and founded the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation. He was appointed a "Kentucky Colonel" by the Governor of Kentucky. He was always quick with a joke and left you smiling. He was loved by all and will be truly missed. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mabel "May" Brown West of the home and many other special nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends. Funeral services were held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010 at Howard-Carter Funeral Home with Reverend Rick Vernon officiating. The family honored Woody's great legacy as founder of the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation with an Ahepa service in New Jersey prior to his funeral which was on Monday, May 10, 2010 at Stephenson-Brown Funeral Home in Merchantville, NJ. There were many Ahepans in attendance. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorials be made to the 5th District Cancer Research Foundation, Box 481, Edison, NJ 08817.

Chris Sevast, a lifelong friend, fellow Camden Chapter member and treasurer to the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation Board for many years stated "you could see that his family knew of the importance of the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation to Woody. Even the memorial offerings have been designated to this noblest of causes. That was Woody to the end. His legacy, of philanthropy, kindness and wisdom will live on forever through this great Ahepa institution that was his brainchild. There is no greater legacy than to help your fellow man for years to come through the Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation. Although he was not Greek he truly was a Philhellene. When he first started off in our chapter he

would always be involved on every committee, chaired district conventions, raised scholarship monies, helped refurbish our Ahepa Hall which is one of the finest Ahepa halls, if not the finest, in the country - Woody was dedicated to Ahepa - heart and soul"

Lee Millas, member of Ahepa National Board of Trustees, from Trenton, NJ, stated "there has never been a more dedicated member of Ahepa. The fact that he wasn't even Greek shows how amazing Woody truly was. He was dedicated not just to Ahepa taking a leadership role in cancer research, but he was dedicated to the cause of humanity. What made him a great person was what made him a great Ahepan. The Cancer Research Foundation of the 5th District was truly one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of Ahepa and one of the greatest accomplishments throughout all of the Ahepa domain."

Andrew Zachariades, the current chair of the Ahepa Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation, issued a statement on behalf of the Foundation board, stating "His vision of creating a foundation was extraordinary. This program was started in 1988. The first institute to receive a grant was Fox Chase. To date we have given over \$700,000 to various research institutes including Fox Chase, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and Sloan Kettering just to name a few. Every year we have a Cancer Research Gala that is our major fundraiser. This year it will be held once again on November 13, 2010 at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. It is with a heavy heart that we will have the gala this year but Woody would want it no other way. In fact, he would want us to celebrate his life and raise monies for this cause while doing so. He was the founder of this great institution and he would want it to succeed. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we have lost our voice but will proceed in the battle against this horrible disease. May his memory be eternal and everlasting."

### George J. Manos

#### Jersey City businessman, ABC commissioner

George J. Manos, 86, passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2010, at Overlook Hospital. Mr. Manos lived in Cranford since 1978. He owned and operated GM Printing in Jersey City. The valedictorian of his class at William Dickinson High School, Mr. Manos was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a 50-year member of the Free and Accepted Masons, an active 50-year member of AHEPA and a member of the American Legion and the ROMEOs. He was the former president of the parish council at Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church in Jersey City and a present member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. He was a former Alcohol and Beverages commissioner in Jersey City. Surviving are his beloved wife, Kaliopé (Kelly) Manos; two loving sons, Fr. James Manos, and John Manos and his wife, Lisa; two devoted brothers, Peter and Steven, and two beloved granddaughters, Alexandra and Zoe.

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### Christos M. Zachariades

CHRISTOS M. ZACHARIADES KENDALL PARK Christos M. Zachariades, 91, formerly of Jersey City, passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2010 in Agios Stefanos, Greece. Born in Vavili, Cyprus, on May 19, 1919, Christos came to the United States in 1950 and lived in Jersey City for 54 years. He was a retired proprietor of the DeWitt Luncheonette in Bayonne and the Red Oak Diner in Fort Lee. Christos is the beloved husband of the late Maria. Surviving are his three children, Anna Comodromos and her husband Andreas, Michael and his wife Georgene, and Andrew and his wife Antoinette; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his siblings Zoe, Aigli, and George.

# CONGRATULATIONS KATERINA DIMITRATOS, MISS NEW JERSEY UNITED STATES 2010



**K**aterina Dimitratos, is an MBA student at Seton Hall University. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in International Relations and Diplomacy with minors in Economics, Russian and Eastern European Studies from Seton Hall's John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Katerina is also a graduate of The Fund for American Studies and Georgetown University's International Institute for Political and Economic Studies in Crete, Greece.

Katerina has been employed in the financial industry for the past four years. She is the Associate Editor for the United States division of the International Journal of Young Leadership. In 2006, Katerina founded the Seton Hall Hellenic Society and was elected as its President

for two consecutive years. Katerina is a member of Amnesty International, a defender of human rights in the global arena. She is a member of Hellenext: The Next Generation Initiative, an organization whose mission is to prepare tomorrow's leaders, today. In addition, Katerina is a member of the Foreign Policy Association, America's oldest global affairs organization whose goal is to inspire the American public to learn more about the world.

As a State Delegate, Katerina Dimitratos is an advocate for education and literacy for not only those in the United States, but all people in the world. She believes, regardless of where an individual lives, who they are or what situation they find themselves in, all are entitled to an equal education as literacy is an important tool which changes circumstances and breaks down barriers. For this reason, equal education for all will be her platform in the Miss United States 2010 Pageant.

In 2007, Katerina was awarded "Most Valuable Diplomat" by Seton Hall University while studying abroad in the University's program in Cyprus. Katerina has also held the Miss Ionian Islands 2008 title and was selected as the First Runner Up in the Miss Greek Independence 2008 Pageant.

Katerina participated in our 79th District Convention. All of us in the Fifth District thank her for the great honor.

## Hellenic History Tournament Set for Saturday, November 20th

**O**ne of the new programs from the Order of AHEPA is the Hellenic History Tournament. At the Montreal convention it was adopted by the the AHEPA Cultural Commission as a national project. It is a competition for high school students who would like to learn more about the 3500-year-long history of the Hellenes.

Tournament champions receive significant monetary scholarship awards. Contestants form their own 3-member teams and invent team names to generate a little excitement. Each team is sponsored by a local AHEPA chapter. Each contestant receives a copy of "Hellenika, Heritage and History" by T. Peter Limber, which is the book used as a basis for most of the competition's questions. Contestants have the summer to study the book. When students show up at the Tournament, they also receive a polo shirt with the Hellenic History logo. All in all, a price performer for their \$25 registration fee. Team sponsorship is approximately \$375. As of this writing, 16 teams were registered for the competition.

The actual tournament takes place on Saturday November 20th at the St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, Orange, CT. Each match pits two three-student teams against each other. During the match, each team takes turns selecting one of three historical periods: Ancient, Roman/Byzantine, or Ottoman/Modern. Once the period is selected, a question from that period and four multiple choice answers are projected onto a big screen from a computer monitor. Questions are read and answers confirmed and recorded by adult moderators during the match. There is no penalty for incorrect answers, except that the opposing team can then select from the remaining three answers. The computer keeps a running log of each team's score. It is a single elimination tournament, so teams compete in successive matches until they lose a match. Eventually, the competition culminates in a final match between the two remaining teams. At the end of the final match, the winners are awarded a \$1,000 prize and a Hellenic History Trophy each. The second place winners each receive \$500.

The AHEPA chapter that sponsors the winning team receives the Hellenic History Trophy cup, which is inscribed with the chapter's name and number. They get to keep it for the year.

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# —ALEXANDER #250 – Morris County, NJ—

**W**e enjoyed a safe and peaceful summer although not without a busy send-off.

Our annual spring outing to Atlantic City was, as always, a rousing success. Everyone who attends the trip is a winner, but this year we had several whose winnings were more than Atlantic City souvenirs and salt water taffy. Needless to say, a good time was had by all which would not have been possible without the continuing efforts of Lillian Boyadjis and the support of our AHEPA family and the St. Andrew community. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone.

We were pleased to present scholarships to two high school graduates. Christos Diamantidis and Demetrios Louca (pictured on page 12). Christos, a Randolph HS graduate won the Daughters of Penelope Scholarship. Christos is the son of George and Joanne Diamantidis both active members of our Randolph AHEPA Family.

The Lillian and Andreas Boyadjis Scholarship (for the Daughters) was won by Demetrios Louca. Demetrios, also a Randolph HS graduate is the son of Antoni and Yiota Louca. Both Antoni and Yiota are active in the Daughters and AHEPA.

The AHEPA awarded George Speal Memorial Scholarships to the following graduates: Demetrios Louca, Richard Ioannou, and Spyridon Manzas. Richard's parents, Julie and Peter are ac-

tive in our local chapters. Spyridon graduated from Medford High School, Medford, NJ. He is the son of Eleni Boyadjis Manzas and grandson of Lillian and Andy Boyadjis.

The Lillian and Andreas Boyadjis Scholarship (for the AHEPA) was awarded to Christos Diamantidis.

We salute the graduates and wish them success in their college careers and future endeavors. To the parents, a job well done, congratulations.

We participated in one more event before our summer hiatus. As is our tradition, we enjoy a combined end of year dinner with the St. Andrew Philoptochos. We enjoyed a relaxing evening at the Randolph Diner and bid everyone a safe summer.

Looking ahead to the fall, the first event to we will sponsor is what has become an annual event. Our second fall fashion show will be held on Friday, October 8 @ 6:00pm at the Zeris Inn, Mountain Lakes, NJ. Fashions provided by Dress Barn will be modeled by the Daughters and members of the St. Andrew Community. In addition, we will feature women's and children's original designs by Vaso Constantinou and Kelly Wiersema. A very UNIQUE part of the program will be a Wedding Retrospective. The retrospective will consist of the actual gowns worn by members or family of our community.

For information please call Anna Zavros 973-668-5324 or email:

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## DISTRICT #5 ATHLETICS !!

**T**his year our District Lodge will be hosting four different athletic events throughout the season. We hope you will consider participating in these events, as they are great for the novice sportsman to the ultra competitive alpha Greek. We will have it all for you! Also, participating is great as a social outing or networking.

The summer of 2010 brought with it our first district wide event - A District Wide Fishing Trip !! On August 1, 2010, AHEPANS from our district set sail that day for a three hour tour, a three hour tourrr! The sailing started getting rough, the school of bluefish was tossed, if not for the spirit of the Sea Devil charter boat crew, AHEPA would be lost. AHEPA would be lost. We all met and the boat left from Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. A wonderful time



*District Secretary Bill Harrison with his son Alexander enjoying a beautiful day*



*District Governor George Horiates is at home as a shark, in court and at sea.*

was had by all, although we didn't catch many fish.

We hope this revival of the fishing trip continues in the future. We also hope to catch more fish for yiayia to cook next year.

This fall we will be having a beach volleyball tournament at Wildwood Weekend. This will take place on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 3:00pm. Men and Women can play - together and we are looking for 6 person teams. We will involve all the chapters an, Daughters, Sons and Maids. Anyone interested, please fax names, contact telephone number and team name to 856-986-8972.

**SEE YOU AT WILDWOOD WEEKEND !!!!**

# AHEPA FIFTH DISTRICT CELEBRATES ITS 79TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

## PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY



*Brother Louis Arvanitis, PSG receives the "Ahepan of the Year" award from Supreme Vice President Dr. John Grossomanides and District Governor Phil Vogis*

The Fifth District NJ/DE convention was held on June 11-13, 2010 at the Park Ridge Marriott Hotel in Park Ridge, New Jersey. The convention was hosted by the AHEPA Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54, Paramus, NJ. The convention provided a great forum for the Fightin' Fifth and its members.

The Convention City chapter had worked hard all throughout the year to host the annual meeting for our members and for our Daughters of Penelope. Also meeting at the District convention were the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena 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 Past Supreme Governor Louis Arvanitis and a host of the Alexander Hamilton chapter Ahepans including Paul Toronides, Ted Constandelis, Chris Mavrides, Alex Alexandris, William Skoulos and Demetrios Xanthos. They greeted the delegates and worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to ensure the success of the convention.

Opening the Friday meeting was our District Governor Phil Vogis, the floor was opened for nominations for the conven-

tion chair that elected by the delegates was last year's District 5 Governor Ted Fanikos. Other convention officers included, Vice Chair Vasso Chrysanthou, Secretary Steve Ferranti and Parliamentarian Andy Zachariades. The program for the evening included a reception honoring all the scholarship recipients, high school graduates, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena. 27 your adults were present to receive their AHEPA Scholastic Certificates and Medallions for their scholastic achievements. The young adults were accompanied by their parents and friends to a delicious dinner and followed by dancing the evening away. Over 90 guests were present to enjoy the evening of the festivities and celebration.

Saturday started the convention in earnest with 60 delegates participating from throughout the 18 chapters in our District. The morning session was highlighted by an appearance and presentation from AHEPA National Vice President Dr. John Grossamanides. The final report of our outgoing District Governor Phil Vogis was also given at that time. Phil's report summarized the District's accomplishments throughout the year which included the resurgence of membership increases in our district and District Five's leadership in that regard throughout the AHEPA domain. Paramus Chapter



*The District Lodge – Pictured left to right, Nick Mariolis, Jimmy Rozanitis, Sammy Thomas, Bill Harrison, George Horiates, Savas Tsivicos, Stanley Gerondelis. Not pictured is Ted Vittas, Sons Advisor*



*Chapter of the year Ramapo Chapter #453*

54 led the district and nation in the greatest increase in membership. Also, the Ramapo chapter, and the Trenton chapter were also recognized for their contributions regarding their membership increases. Also highlighted in the report were two successful district workshops, visitation to and fundraising for Saint Basil's, the Biennial Regional Congressional Banquet, participation in both the Philadelphia and New York City Greek Independence Parades, and the tremendously successful district wide cultural events highlighting our Byzantine Metropolis choir, amongst other events.

The convention also addressed other issues including the induction of the three new Sons of Pericles chapters by the district lodge under the guidance of our District Sons Advisor PDG Ted Vittas, a review and emphasis on Hellenic cultural events and fundraising, a report by Hellenic Affairs report by District Secretary 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 PDG Louis Arvanitis on behalf of the AHEPA Voice, and District chairman of the New York Greek Parade. Member of AHEPA National Board of Trustees Lee Millas also provided remarks.

The District Convention also included a Daughters luncheon where the district scholarship recipients were recognized. Finally, there was an emphasis on the continued cooperation between Districts No 5 and No 6 as both Lieutenant Governor George G. Horiates and the newly elected District No 6 Governor, Jim Kokotas, who gave his remarks on continuing the spirit of cooperation in the greater region and for the Good of the Order.

The convention concluded with the elevation of George G. Horiates (Camden Chapter #69) 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 George G. Horiates will be joined on the lodge by Lieutenant Governor Savas Tsivicos, District Secretary Bill Harrison, District Treasurer Sammy Thomas, District Marshall Dimitrios Rozanitis, District

Warden Stanley Gerondelis, District Athletic Advisor Nick Mariolis and Sons Advisor PDG Ted Vittas.

The evening concluded with a Grand Banquet with many in attendance. AHEPA Supreme Vice President Dr. John Grossmanides Jr. gave remarks as well as national member representatives from all of the AHEPA auxiliaries. District Governor Phil Vogis and PSG 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 Ramapo #453. The Chapter President of the Year was Monroe Chapter #75 Stanley Gerondelis. The Chapter Secretary of the Year was from Ramapo Chapter #453, John Zymaris. Finally, the awards concluded by the naming of District "Ahepan of the Year", to Brother Louis Arvanitis member of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54, whom received a rousing ovation from the crowd.

Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54 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 of AHEPA.

We hope for another productive year, great things from our new District Lodge under the guidance of District Governor George G. Horiates and look forward to next year's convention, to be hosted by Camden Chapter #69. SEE YOU IN CHERRY HILL, NEXT YEAR!!



*From left: Zenon Christodoulou, New Jersey Hellenic Heritage Commissioner and James Pollos, Middlesex County Freeholder addressing the attendees*



*Sons Governor George Sarris (left) receives the oath of office from Sons Supreme Treasurer, Haralambos Tsivicos as District Governor Phil Vogis (center) looks on.*



# Our District Convention was dedicated to our Youth



*Kyriakos Ioannou, Demetrios Louca and Christos Diamantides of Morris County show off their AHEPA medals.*



*Dr Ted Constandelis and Phil Vogis present awards to the young ladies receiving scholarship recipients.*



*The youth of the District pose after receiving their medals and awards at the Friday night Youth Awards Night during the District Convention.*



*Evan Katsikiotis of the Wyckoff Sons dances at Youth Night.*



# ORDER OF AHEPA - John G. Thevos District No. 5

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM YEAR 2010



Kyle Stephen



Dawn Artemis  
Armentani



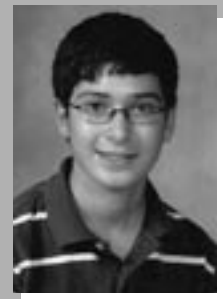
George Banis



Alexandra Maria  
Zigouras



Adrian Chambers



Stephen Adubato

The Scholarship Committee of the 5th District Scholarship Program is pleased to announce that this year we were able to present awards totaling Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) 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, again, 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:

**Kyle Stephen** received an award of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500). He graduated from Central Bucks High School, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. He was sponsored by Trenton Chapter No.72 Trenton, New Jersey where his grandfather maintained his membership. Kyle will be entering Villanova University. He wants to earn a Communications degree in order to become a writer or a journalist.

**Dawn Artemis Armentani** received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). She graduated valedictorian from Saint Basil Academy, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. She was sponsored by Camden Chapter No.69, Cherry Hill, New Jersey where her grandfather maintained his membership. Dawn will attend Drexel University's Lebow College of Business. She plans to major in Business Administration, concentrating in the fields of economics and finance. Later, Dawn plans to continue on to law school.

**George Banis** received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). He graduated from Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Monroe Chapter No.

75, New Brunswick, New Jersey. George will enter the College of New Jersey majoring in Biomedical Engineering and continue on to medical school.

**Alexandra Maria Zigouras** received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). She graduated from Tenafly High School, Tenafly, New Jersey. She was sponsored by Bergen Knights Chapter No. 285, Tenafly, New Jersey. Alexandra will be entering Rutgers University, New Brunswick, with two majors, Spanish and Linguistics.

**Adrian Chambers** (Wildwood Weekend Award) received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Adrian graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School Wilmington, Delaware. She was sponsored by Wilmington Chapter No.95, Wilmington, Delaware. She will be entering Syracuse University majoring in Psychology.

**Stephen Adubato** (award provided by Nat'l Headquarters). He received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Stephen graduated from Glen Ridge High School, Glen Ridge, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Eagle Rock Chapter No. 375, Orange, New Jersey. He will be entering Fordham University, majoring in Philosophy.

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, held at the Parkridge Marriott Hotel, Parkridge, New Jersey on Saturday afternoon, June 12th.

Before I close, 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.

# THE 88TH AHEPA SUPREME CONVENTION

## *Montreal, Québec host this year's convention*

**S**unday, July 18, 2010 - The 88th AHEPA Supreme Convention was completed today in the city of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Over 200 AHEPA delegates attended the convention which began Monday, July 12 at the Delta Centre-Ville hotel. The convention was held for the second time ever in the city of Montreal, the other time being in 1960, 50 years ago.

The convention resulted in the re-election of Nick Karacostas of Flushing, NY as Supreme President. The top offices of the Supreme Lodge were unchanged as all incumbents ran for re-election and won. Thanks to a last minute agreement between the two AHEPA political parties, AHEPA First and the New Horizons, all positions were uncontested, except for the office of Supreme Secretary, where two AHEPA First candidates from Texas competed. Re-elected were Dr. John Grossomanides of Rhode Island as Supreme Vice President, Anthony Kouzounis of Houston, TX was re-elected as Supreme Secretary, retired Colonel Nick Vamvakias of Fairfax, VA was re-elected as Supreme Treasurer, Spiro Siaggas of Duluth, GA was re-elected as Supreme Athletic Director. The Supreme Governor election resulted in our own Andy Zachariades of Brick, NJ being elected as Supreme Governor of Region 3 (NY, NJ & DE). Other Supreme Governors will be announced by AHEPA Headquarters. Vassos Chrysanthou of Toms River, NJ will join the Board of Trustees as he will fill one of two vacancies on the Board of Trustees, the body which manages AHEPA's finances.

All Legislation on the ballot passed. Most legislation was procedural, having to do with the selection of the Board of Trustees or selection and management of the Supreme Convention. One item on the ballot lowered the age of dual membership for a Son of Pericles into AHEPA from 21 to 18. Another item, expanded the AHEPA domain to "worldwide" as AHEPA seeks to possibly expand to new areas of the globe. Another item removed the use of the mission Vice President titles for the Supreme Lodge only, resulting in only one Vice Presidential office.

The remainder of the Convention was very successful. Committee reports spoke of the innovative programs being worked on by the AHEPA family to further the purposes of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, family and individual



*Supreme Vice President John Grossomanides (left) presents to Phil Vogis the Second Place award for the most initiates. To Phil's right is Bill Harrison, Asteris Fanikos, Jim Karamanos and Supreme President Nick Karacosta*

excellence. Some of the highlights are:

The Hellenic Cultural Committee will establish a regional competition for the youth in Hellenic studies.

The Athletics Department will be part of a classical marathon in Athens, Greece in October 31. There is space for up to 300 athletes running under AHEPA's name. So far as many as 100 spots have been filled.

The formation of an AHEPA Political Action Committee (PAC), a separate corporation, that will work to raise money and promote political candidates who are for Hellenic related issues.

The adoption as a national project is the building of a Hellenic Museum in Chicago, IL. The building of which has already begun.

The continuation of regional banquets to honor Hellenes and phil-Hellenes for their contributions to public service.

The announcement of 3 new AHEPA housing projects being funded by HUD. After completion, over 5,000 seniors will be living in AHEPA housing buildings.

An increase in overall membership to surpass the 16,000 member mark.

As for the Junior Orders, the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena, there was much good news to report as well. The Sons realized a sharp increase in membership under the leadership of our own, Supreme President, Dean Tselepis. District 5 was named by the Supreme Lodge as the "District of the Year", after doubling the number of active chapters from 3 to 6. District 5 Advisor to the Sons, Ted Vittas, was inducted into the Sons of Pericles "Wall of Honor" which is at AHEPA Headquarters, this for his work as a District Advisor. Haralambos Tsivicos of Asbury Park completed a successful fund drive as National Chairman of the Sons charitable projects, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and the Cyprus Children's Fund. A special honoree of the Sons was a 97 year old Life Member who joined the Worcester, MA chapter in 1926, the year the Sons were founded.



*The Ahepans and Daughters of District 5 pose for a group shot while out to dinner in Montreal's Greek Town.*



# AHEPA 2010 Journey to Greece

By Joseph J. Skarzenski

In 1968 the Order of AHEPA embarked a new journey which would take our youth to Greece for an educational and cultural program to promote the history and culture of Greece. Thousands of students have visited under the AHEPA banner since its inception. After a few lean years, the AHEPA program was reinvigorated by Past Supreme President Dr. James F. Dimitriou. Relunched in 2005, the program has transferred credit to 63 universities from students coming from 28 states & Canada.

The 2010 AHEPA Journey to Greece Program has continued the tradition of providing a vigorous educational program amid the cultural beauty of Greece.

Already, our students have received detailed policy briefings from the U.S. Embassy by Ambassador Daniel Speckhard and the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A class session devoted to U.S.-Greece relations followed the briefings.

In addition, the prominent ELIAMP Think Tank provided the students with a thorough lecture on the state of the Greek economy. The students were taken on a private tour of the Hellenic Parliament as well as the Gallery historical collection. Greek AHEPA HJ I chapter hosted a welcome night reception and a visit to the Battleship Averoff awaits.

Visits to Historical Sites Compliment Educational Sessions The Journey to Greece Program is divided in two sessions that covers seven weeks in total. The first session began July 5, 2010. A generous grant from the National Hellenic Society as a major supporter of



the AHEPA Journey to Greece has funded a five-day cruise which will take place in between the two programs for the students. The cruise visits many historical sites with educational elements brought forth in the classroom.

Our student blog is going well and posted daily, both events and photos daily with wide circulation thanks to the donation of an internship from Hellenext: The Next Generation.

Professor Stephen Miller took the students on a personal tour of his excavations at the famous Nemean Site. Captain Evangelos Rigos had arranged to take our students on a personal tour of ancient Corinth and students will continue on to the ancient Olympian site.

Joseph J. Skarzenski, a frequent contributor to the Journey to Greece blog writes: "...Even after being part of the Journey program for three years, it was very difficult for me to say good-bye. While we may have traveled together to Athens as strangers or mere acquaintances, we part ways from one another as the closest of friends, or what I like to call the "Journey family." This year was no exception.



It really is hard for me to accept this change in lifestyle and go back to my "American" life. While many might think of the historic sites, shops, and vivid nightlife when Greece is mentioned, I think of my "Journey family." I think of going to a kafenio with other students in between classes, sharing stories about back home while relaxing in the apartments, or my personal favorite: comparing the "Grenghish" our pappous and yiayias use back in the States. From sing-a-longs on weekend excursions to eating homemade rizogalo, this 2010 Journey is unique like all the rest. We all have vivid stories from spontaneous events that we will share with excitement when people back home ask: "how was Greece?" These are just a few reasons why it's so hard to realize this is the end of this year's Journey to Greece Program. In my personal experience with saying good-bye to those on the Journey, I feel like the most I can do is continue these lifelong friendships by staying in contact with fellow students and having their presence live on through the stories I tell about my time in Greece."



# DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE – Amphitryon Chapter 173

Here it is again, the end of another year. Amphitryon Chapter 173 had a great luncheon at Stamna in Bloomfield. It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in June and we really enjoyed getting together over a great meal. “There were fifteen of us present. The service at Stamna was excellent and the food was delicious. Our President, sister Irene Wilcox, was presented with a Daughters of Penelope eightyeth anniversary pin. The Daughters of Penelope was founded eighty years ago on November 16, 1929.

We are now looking forward to starting a new productive year in September. Sister Irene will continue her presidency. At the election meeting in May, the members voted to keep the officers as is. The officers are:

Irene Wilcox, President – Barbara Zois, Vice President – Mary Marolakas, Secretary – Katherine Vasiliou, Treasurer.

We will continue to meet at Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Church and look forward to meeting in Roseland when the building is completed. We continue to work together with the Philoptochos and Church. Our members helped serve at the Church festival in June. We also attended the District Convention ‘at the Park Ridge Marriott. We congratulate our new District Governor, Karen Marousis and her Lodge and wish them a productive year.

We will have our first fundraiser for the year in September - a koulourakia sale. Please support the Daughters of Penelope by ordering your koulourakia early. Hope to see you in September.

Recording Secretary  
Mary T. Marolakas

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## Ramapo Review

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The Cigar Night Chairs, Brothers Savidis and Psomas and the entire Cigar Night Committee had a great deal to smile about as Ramapo Chapter’s 7th Annual Cigar Night Extravaganza truly lived up to its name. About 430 guests were in attendance on May 12th at the Season’s Restaurant. All present had a great time partaking in Season’s fantastic hoer d’ourves and buffet; fine cocktails and wines and of course the superb cigars available that evening in the ambience of the outside tent. The smoking tent was set up alongside the rear of the dining hall to accommodate those who wanted to enjoy a great cigar on a wonderful spring evening. There were over 50 wonderful prizes in the silent tricky tray as well as door prizes. The proceeds will defer the chapter’s charitable work as well as help pay for the renovation of our kitchen at St Nicholas Church.

On AHEPA Sunday, May 16th, our chapter awarded the annual scholarship awards. This year the chapter awarded \$7,500 to the youth of our church. In addition to awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors and to college students, the chapter awarded two partial scholarships to AHEPA Academy and one scholarship to the Journey to Greece. Congratulations to the graduates on their accomplishments. We await future news on their progress. The Education Committee led by Chairman John Psomas and Basil Megariotis did a great job selecting the award winners.

Elections were held at our May 18th Chapter Meeting as we re-elected Brothers Giokas, Savidis and Zymaris to a third term. Brother Basil Megariotis was elected Treasurer after Brother George Mellides respectfully declined running for a third term.

The Ramapo delegation at the District Convention was thrilled for joy when the District Lodge honored our chapter with the “Chapter of the Year” award. Also recognized was our Secretary, Brother Jon Zymaris, as the “Secretary of the Year.” Congratulations to our great Chapter Officers Brothers Jim Giokas, Paul Savidis and George Mellides and our Secretary of the Year Jon Zymaris for their great work and dedication



to the Chapter and AHEPA. Congratulations also go to our outgoing District Governor Phil Vogis for a job well done, as well as Phil’s supporting cast from Ramapo, Sammy Thomas as District Marshal and Ted Vittas as Sons Advisor.

The chapter enjoyed a night out as our end of the year awards dinner took place on June 8th at Varka in Ramsey. Awards were presented for years of service and longevity; Lifetime Achievement and Service to the Community.

On Thursday, August 26th the chapter brothers became the “Boys of Summer” as the membership attended a NJ Jackals baseball game at the Yogi Berra Stadium in Montclair, NJ. Brother John Tsadilas was the organizer of the event that included a visit by the team mascot Jack the Jackal who was made Greek for a Day.

The school year will soon begin on Friday, October 1st for another year of Greek language classes for adults, sponsored by the Ramapo Chapter. Plans are in the works for 3 classes as our school continues to grow. Classes are held on Friday afternoons at the St Nicholas Church in Wyckoff. For more information contact President Jim Giokas at mbrooklyn48@msn.com or call 201-664-7002.

# SONS OF PERICLES COME HOME FROM MONTREAL WITH MANY AWARDS



*The Patritha Chapter of Wyckoff, NJ present two \$500 checks to Haralambos Tsivicos, the Sons National Projects Chairman*

This year has been a huge year for the Sons of Pericles, both in District 5 as well as nationally. Membership received a huge boost as scores of new chapters were activated throughout the country. District 5 was a big part of this success. At the Supreme Convention this became apparent when the Fighting Fifth was recognized by the Sons Supreme Lodge with several prestigious awards.

At the Sons and Maids Award Brunch, the district Sons was surprised by winning the Outstanding District of the Year! This is because of the tremendous growth experienced this year. Through the hard work of District Governor George Sarris and his Lodge, the number of chapters doubled from three to six. The three new chapters initiated were Morris County, Piscataway and Westfield. Also receiving recognitions was District Advisor Ted Vittas, who was inducted into the Sons of Pericles Wall of Honor for his work as District Advisor.

The delegation to the Supreme Convention included seven Sons from the Patritha Chapter #317 of Wyckoff, NJ as well as Supreme President Dean Tselepis of Wyckoff and Supreme Treasurer Charalambos Tsivicos of Asbury Park. Haralambos served as Supreme Treasurer and Chairman of the Sons National Projects, the ALS Foundation and the Cyprus Children's Fund. At the business session the Patritha Chapter presented a check to Haralambos Tsivicos in the amount of \$1,000. Half of the money is to go to the ALS Foundation and the other half to the Cyprus Children's Fund. The money was raised by the chapter by

hosting the East Coast Regional Basketball Tournament this past April. This year was the fifth year that Patritha hosted this tournament.

The Wyckoff Sons once again won the Membership Has Its Privileges contest for earning the most reward points over the year for hosting events, attending events, contributing to the national charity, initiating new members, writing news articles and more. This award allowed the chapter members to attend the convention for free!

In closing we would like to congratulate our Supreme President Dean Tselepis and Supreme Treasurer Haralambos Tsivicos for representing the district so well throughout the years. The two brothers have been icons on the Supreme Lodge. We wish them well as they move to many years on the Order of AHEPA.



*Outgoing Supreme President Dean Tselepis addresses the AHEPA delegation during the Supreme Convention in Montreal*

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## Monroe Chapter #75 Piscataway NJ – Scholarship Awards

On Sunday June 6th 2010 the Monroe Chapter #75 of Piscataway, New Jersey, celebrated the 42nd annual Awards Luncheon for all Graduates seniors of the St. George Greek Orthodox Community of Piscataway NJ. The Luncheon was held in collaboration with the Daughters of Penelope Tethys #229 and the local Chapter of GOYA. This year's celebration and luncheon was attended by his Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of the Metropolis of New Jersey who had celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. George on that day.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of this year's Scholarship winners.

The Chapter handed out six Scholarship and awards.

The AHEPA Milton Marikakis Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500, established in memory of our late Brother Milton for his

numerous contributions to the order and to the preservation of Greek Letters and culture awarded to:

Evangelina Psarakis the Georgia Katsiftis scholarship, in the amount of \$500, was awarded to George Banis.

The Steven Achaves Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was shared by Phil Giannakos and Vasiliky Mpovolos. The AHEPA medal award for best performance in the Greek School was awarded to Anna Tsatsos and finally the Angela Bourodemos Memorial Award was given to Maria Stavrakis.

About 200 attendants feasted on a delicious fish meal and a cake and a good time was had by all.

We congratulate all the Scholarship and awards recipients and wish them the best of luck.

Chapter President

# Petition the Port Authority to Rebuild Ground Zero Church

WASHINGTON - The leading membership-based association for the nation's three million American citizens of Greek heritage, and Philhellenes, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), has launched a web page dedicated to the effort to cut nine years of bureaucratic red tape and to help augment the community's voice in support of the cause to rebuild St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Ground Zero, announced National President Nicholas A. Karacostas.

"The Greek American community is displeased and angered that Port Authority officials have declared that a deal to rebuild St. Nicholas is dead," Karacostas said. "We view the church to be of national significance given the circumstances of its fate; a fate that has all but been forgotten by officials. We urge the Port Authority to honor its commitment to the congregation of St. Nicholas and resume negotiations to rebuild the church at its rightful place at Ground Zero."

Karacostas expressed the organization's disappointment in a letter sent August 18, 2010 to Mr. Christopher Ward, executive director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He added AHEPA will not tolerate additional bureaucratic stall tactics in the effort to rebuild the church, which has served the community at large since 1922

The web page, [www.ahepa.org/CutTheRedTape](http://www.ahepa.org/CutTheRedTape), allows visitors to sign an online petition to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey that calls on the port authority to remove any bureaucratic roadblocks in the reconstruction of the church which was destroyed on September 11, 2001. In addition, the web page allows the visitor to download a "Cut the Red Tape" tool kit that assists with community mobilization. "We encourage everyone to add their voice to urge the port authority to remove its bureaucratic roadblocks and to support of rebuilding St. Nicholas by resuming negotiations with the appropriate representatives of the church," Karacostas said. "Let's send a strong message that the community stands for principle and for what is right,

and it will not tolerate failure to honor one's commitment."

"The Greek American community is displeased and angered that Port Authority officials have declared that a deal to rebuild St. Nicholas is dead," Karacostas said. "We view the church to be of national significance given the circumstances of its fate; a fate that has all but been forgotten by officials. We urge the Port Authority to honor its commitment to the congregation of St. Nicholas and resume negotiations to rebuild the church at its rightful place at Ground Zero."

The 5th District Lodge has supported the signature collection effort by circulating the petition on their visitation. In addition, the signatures were collected on the Asbury Park boardwalk at the Holy Cross Celebration on September 19th. If you have not yet done so, please visit the AHEPA national web site [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org) and click on the "Cut the Red Tape" link to be counted in the petition campaign.

Assisting to draw attention to this issue has been the work of AHEPA Headquarters who issued the press release quoting SP Karacostas. It was picked up by much of the print media. Articles appeared in the New York Post on 9/30 and the Newark Star Ledger. A TV report also appeared on Fox News.

Another regular contributor has been Hudson 108 President Christos Genes who has written a letter to the Editor and was quoted on the air by many of the New York TV media. Hudson 108 is chartered in Jersey City, directly across the Hudson River from Ground Zero.

If you have not already gotten involved in this movement, do so today, in any way you can.



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# FIFTH DISTRICT DOES IT AGAIN !!

## Swearing in of Congressman Payne a Continuation in a Long Line Of AHEPA Members in Congress

**A**sbury Park, NJ - On June 27, 2010, AHEPA had one of it's finest days in the sphere of Hellenic Affairs as the Fifth District Lodge of the Garden State District added yet again another member of the House of Representatives to the ranks of AHEPA. Congressman Donald M. Payne, representing the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey, was sworn in by Fifth District Governor George G. Horiates, along with the assistance of Lieutenant Governor Savas Tsvicos, District Secretary Bill Harrison and District Warden Stanley Gerondelis. Approximately 35 brothers statewide attended the event to honor a longstanding champion of hellenic issues whose time had come to be honored to join our ranks.

The initiation and dinner in honor of the efforts of Congressman Payne on behalf of Hellenic issues was held at "Synaxis", the restaurant belonging to Savas Tsvicos, located in the heart of this resort town. Mr. Tsvicos has been appointed as Region Three Chair of the National AHEPA Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee. He noted this was the fourth Congressman sworn in over the past two years by the Fifth District. The Fifth District Lodge is looking forward to more events in this vain as we continue to stress issues of importance to AHEPA and the Greek American community to the forefront with our elected representatives.

District Governor George G. Horiates noted "AHEPA makes our communities stronger when we recognize and promote communication with our elected representatives on joint issues of concern. Congressman Payne has been a Phillhellene for many, many years. He has been a member of the Hellenic Caucus, co-sponsored the FYROM composite name resolution in 2009, supported the resolution demand-



ing recognition of the Armenian and Greek Genocides, introduced the resolution on a return of the Parthanon (Elgin) Marbles to Greece and even reintroduced the resolution again this year. His work in this vain dates to 1974 when Congressman Payne chaired a YMCA World Committee to assist Cyprus with it's refugee situation. Congressman Payne has stood for the promotion of democracy, sustainable peace and global human rights. We are proud to have him as a member of AHEPA."

Andy Comodromos of Paramus #54 commented on his personal experience with Congressman Payne. "Congressman Payne attended our Conference of Cypriots Abroad and was one of the first Congressmen to cross into the occupied area. I remember making arrangements for him to visit my village and two neighboring villages. Congressman Payne saw first hand how properties were ruined by the destruction of Turkish Authorities. He even visited my local church in the occupied area that was turned into a mosque. I am proud of Congressman Payne and consider it an honor for AHEPA that he has joined our brotherhood."

Panos Stavrianides of New Brunswick Chapter #75 commented that Congressman Payne was always dedicated to human and religious rights issues. "For years, before the Greek community even knew of Congressman Payne, he was one of our staunchest supporters. He is just a man that recognizes right from wrong and is not afraid to express his opinion on these issues. He has been a great gift to our community and we could not be happier than to be here to attend his initiation into AHEPA."

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