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## *Message From the Supreme Governor*

# THEODORE A. FANIKOS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we commence the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the brothers, sisters, sons and maids and their families a safe and blessed year.

I would like to thank you all for your support in my election to the Supreme Governor position at the Orlando Supreme Convention. It is an extreme privilege and I will strive to do my best and do bring honor to the Order. I would also like to thank and commend Past Supreme Governor Jimmy Kokotas for his service and leadership and extend best wishes to him for his future endeavors.

I look forward to the continued cooperation between District 5 (NJ & DE) and District 6 (NY) and for everyone to work for the betterment of

the Order of AHEPA and our communities. As we have come together for a variety of issues we will continue to stand together. As we worked together to provide assistance to those impacted and devastated by Hurricane Sandy our districts stood at the forefront and delivered necessities, foods, waters and funds to those in need.

We also are looking toward current and future humanitarian projects including the Demeter Initiative and the Hellenic Relief Fund. The Demeter Initiative being a program that feeds the needy in Greece and benefits the local Greek economy, as well as the Hellenic Relief Fund.

I look forward to visiting the chapters in New Jersey, Delaware and New York and in meeting and talking with my fellow brothers. I look forward in discussing with my fellow brothers

ways to increase our membership and to make the Order of AHEPA better than we found it.

I extend best wishes to the new District 6 Lodge of DG Tom Dushas, Lt. Gov. Peter Vasilakos, Secretary Stefan Kalogridis, Treasurer Ted Malgarinos, Marshall Ted Stamas, and Warden Paul Makropoulos. I also extend best wishes to the new District 5 lodge of DG Sammy Thomas, Lt. Gov. Stanley Gerondelis, Secretary Asteris Fanikos, Treasurer George Petrakakis, Warden George Chronakis and Marshal George Pappas and SOP Advisor Ted Vittas.

Best wishes to both Districts, their lodge officers, and to all the chapters and may we have a successful year.

Fraternally,  
Theodore A. Fanikos



## *Message From Our District Governor*

# SAMMY THOMAS

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## “Being Greek Doesn’t Count”

AHEPA celebrates its 91st anniversary this year. To understand how our Order grew to be the largest Greek American organization, and to appreciate its rapid growth, it is worthwhile to explore the historical forces confronting our community that propelled AHEPA.

Similar to other ethnic groups of the time, Greeks were establishing communities and businesses throughout the South and the West. Discrimination and lawless actions dogged the progress of our community, pulling the promise of America further away into the future than it needed to be. An incident in Omaha, Nebraska offers a concise illustration of why the Greek American community needed an organization like AHEPA. The headline from the February 22, 1909 edition of the Eugene Register Guard newspaper describes a riot which destroyed the Greek neighborhood of South Omaha and displaced 3,000 Greeks. This was not the only incident of violence to befall our community in the early 20th century of the United States, but it is one of the more notorious events.

A group of Greek American businessmen in Atlanta thought that it was necessary to support and assist Greek Americans as rightful Americans through a framework of Education and mutual support. They melded the powerful precepts of Hellenism (which you see in our Chapter meeting halls today) with the structure of a fraternal order to help propagate their message. AHEPA was founded in 1922 in Atlanta, and the rest is history.

Through the 20th century AHEPA succeeded and grew. The first international chapter in Toronto was founded in 1928, showing how the concept of AHEPA to support the Greek Diaspora would be useful beyond the borders of the United States. The AHEPA also grew as a family, with expansion lead by first generation Greeks founding the Daughters of Penelope in San Francisco, the Sons of Pericles in Manchester, NH, and the Maids of Athena in Tacoma, WA.

After passage of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights laws in the mid- 1960's, a new policy by

the Federal Government was promulgated to encourage minorities to be favored in university placement and company employment. I first experienced this policy in my junior year in High School in a meeting with a recruiter from New York University. During his presentation, he mentioned that “some ethnic groups” would be given preferential review and treatment in their applications to attend NYU. We had never heard of this before. I asked the recruiter if such preference would be applied to my application, since I was Greek American. His response is still seared in my mind after all these years: “Being Greek doesn’t count”.

AHEPA serves, and our members proudly demonstrate that service all year long. Come and be a part of AHEPA, and help us build what our Fathers and Mothers have accomplished. Imagine what we can achieve in the next 90 years!

Fraternally,  
Sammy J. Thomas  
District Governor

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## District & National Websites

### National

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

### AHEPA District 5

[www.ahepadistrict5.org](http://www.ahepadistrict5.org)

### Daughters of Penelope District

[5thdistrictdaughtersofpenelope.webs.com](http://5thdistrictdaughtersofpenelope.webs.com)

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## Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor

# MARCELLA CALAGIAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the 5th District,  
It is an honor and a privilege to serve as District Governor for the great Garden District 5. I am very fortunate to have six fine women on my lodge working along with me, and they are, Anna Zavros as District Lt. Governor, Kay Kehayas as District Secretary, Karen Knicos as District Treasurer, Paula Gatos as District Marshal, Anamaria Anagnostou as Maids of Athena Advisor, and Eleni Parlapanides as District Advisor.

I want to thank the Sisters of Icarus #48 and Brothers of Hudson #108 of Jersey City for hosting such a wonderful District Convention.

It is my goal this year to continue to grow our membership, especially our junior order, the Maids of Athena, who is the future of our

organization. I, along with my District Lodge Officers, am looking forward to visiting all the chapters and participating in all of the district events and fund raisers.

Congratulations to Brother Sammy Thomas, our newly elected District Governor for the AHEPA and the rest of his District Lodge Officers. We are looking forward to working together to continue to strengthen and grow the 5th District AHEPA Family.

I want to thank everyone for your support and I am looking forward to a wonderful and prosperous year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Theta Pi,  
Marcella Calagias,  
District Governor



## Business Manager's Fall Issue Message

# PHIL VOGIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Our AHEPA year is now in full session and going forward with our District Lodge under the leadership of our District Governor, Brother Sammy Thomas, our District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, Sister Marcella Calagias, our Supreme Lodge under the leadership of our new Supreme President, Brother Anthony Kouzounis from the Lone Star of Houston TX. and all the Supreme Officers, Supreme Governors and the Board of Trustees. We wish them much success in their year ahead.

I am very excited and proud to report to all the Brothers and Sisters in the AHEPA Domain, that at the 91st AHEPA Supreme Convention in Orlando Florida, the AHEPA Voice magazine received the number ONE National Publication Award for the third consecutive year. I want to take this

opportunity to thank the AHEPA Voice magazine Editor Brother Ted Vittas PDG for the excellent job he has continuously contributed to the magazine and to the Publication Board for their contribution and support to the magazine. In addition, we would like to thank the District No 5 Chapters for their articles and photos they have sent to the AHEPA Voice in order to share their chapter activities with all the brothers and sisters. Last, but definitely not least, I want to THANK all the business participants for their ads that support our AHEPA Voice magazine. Brothers and Sisters, please continue to support our advertisers that make our magazine possible.

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Fraternally:

Brother Phil Vogis PDG  
Business Manager

# District 5 Awards Scholarships to 8 College-Bound Students

At this year's District 5 Convention, which was held in Newark, NJ, The AHEPA 5th District Scholarship Committee awarded seven district scholarships to outstanding college bound scholars. One additional scholarship was awarded by the National Education Committee, for a total of eight award recipients.



District Scholarship award winners are L to R: Bernard Nicholas Donahue, Jr., Christina Daniskas, Kathryn Horiates, Nicole Louca, Alexander Mikelis and Elias Argiris. Not pictured are Julia Horiates and Gabriella Can.

The scholarship awardees are:

Julia Horiates	Nicole Louca
Alexander Mikelis	Gabriella Can
Elias Argiris	Christina Daniskas
Kathryn Horiates	Bernard Nicholas Donahue, Jr.

The scholarships were awarded at a reception on Friday evening, June 14th at the District Convention.

The parents and family accompanied the graduates as they were called up one by one to receive their award. Presenting the awards was PDG Vassos Chrysanthou, Board Member of the Scholarship Committee. The scholarships are administered by the Projects Committee of the Past District Governor's Club. The scholarships are based on merit and are made possible by the \$4 each member gives annually in their dues and the interest derived from the scholarship fund.

Applications for next year's scholarship will be available after the New Year. The scholarships are open to the son or daughter of a member of the AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope who has at least 3 years of membership. Members of the Sons of Pericles or Maids of Athena are also eligible provided they have 3 years of membership. Ask your local chapter lodge for an application. The deadline for submission is April 1st.

## AHEPA MEDAL OF SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE



On June 13, Union, NJ. Michael T. Paskas, vice-president of Eureka Chapter #52 presents Julia Godevas of St. Demetrios Greek School the AHEPA Medal of Scholastic Excellence in recognition of outstanding achievement in the study of the Greek language and Hellenic culture.

# AHEPA Cancer Foundation Awards \$50,000 in Grants at Annual Gala

On Saturday evening, November 2nd, members of the Fifth District AHEPA family put on their best to recognize and award leaders in the field of Cancer research at their annual gala event. At the black-tie affair which was held at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Foundation, Inc. announced their annual awards to the selected research projects which the Foundation has elected to support.

Thirty thousand dollars will be distributed to three Cancer research hospitals: The Fox Chase Cancer Center of Philadelphia, the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and the Cornell University Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. This will bring the total contributions of the Foundation in excess of \$825,000 since its inception.

The Foundation also honored the work of Dr. Yibin Kang, PhD. of WarnerLambert/Parke-Davis in Princeton, NJ. Dr. Kang was presented with the Axios Award, an award that the Foundation presents to leading researchers in Cancer research. See Dr. Kang's bio in the side bar article. Dr. Kang graciously accepted the award and gave those present an encouraging glimpse at his work and the promise that it holds to new advances in stopping the spread of cancer. The Axios Award is presented to, "an individual or individuals whose humanitarian purposes and endeavors contribute to finding a cure for cancer, unselfishly and devoutly in the name of mankind."

Acting as Master of Ceremonies for the evening was the Foundation's newly elected Chairman George Horiates. Speaking and bringing us up to date with the progress of their research were Dr. David C. Lyden, the 2009 Axios Award recipient, Dr. Vassiliki Karantzis of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Dr. Jeff Boyd of Fox Chase and Michelle Walker, Director of Development at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ.

The Foundation recognized many of its contributors including numerous AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope chapters, memorial donations made in memory of departed loved ones, including Dr. George Constantine Gatos and past Foundation Board members. Receiving an award in recognition of his tireless work as Foundation Treasurer was Chris Sevast. Also, a moment of silence was observed for recently departed Chairman Tom Pappas and Board member Dino Genakos.

Attending the gala were dignitaries of the AHEPA family including from the AHEPA Supreme Lodge: Supreme President Anthony Kouzounis, Supreme Treasurer Andy Zachariades and Supreme Governor Ted Fanikos. Representing the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge was Grand President Joanne Saltis and Grand Vice President Anna-Helene Grossomanides.

The Fifth District Cancer Foundation was formed in 1988 by the members of AHEPA to raise money for cancer research. The Daughters of Penelope joined shortly thereafter and it was incorporated as a 501c3 non-profit organization and it include all four orders of the AHEPA family working together.

To find out more about the Foundation and how you can contribute visit <http://www.ahepadistrict5.org/ahepa-5th-district-cancer-research-foundation.html>



From left to right: Chairman of the Foundation George Horiates, Dr. David C. Lyden, Dr. Vassiliki Karantzis, Grand President Joanne Saltis, Axios Award recipient Dr. Yibin Kang, Dr. Ayuko Hoshino-Nitadori, Supreme President Anthony Kouzounis



Past District Governors of the Fifth District took a moment to take this picture along with Supreme President Anthony Kouzounis and Past Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides at the Cancer Foundation Gala.



Past District Governors of the Daughters of Penelope gather along with Grand President Joanne Saltis and VP Anna-Helene Grossomanides.

# 2013 AXIOS Award

The AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation Board is pleased to announce its unanimous decision for the 2013 AXIOS Award recipient in Cancer Research

Dr. Yibin Kang, Ph.D is a Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Molecular Biology at Princeton University. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Fudan University in Shanghai in 1995. After completing his graduate study at Duke in 2000, Dr. Kang became an Irvington Institute postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Joan Massagué at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and pioneered a functional genomic approach to elucidate mechanism of breast cancer metastasis. Dr. Kang joined the faculty of Princeton University as an Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology in 2004. He was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2010 and to Endowed Chair Full Professor in 2012.

Dr. Kang's research focuses on the molecular mechanisms of breast cancer metastasis. His laboratory applies a multidisciplinary approach to analyze the molecular basis of cancer metastasis, combining molecular biology and genomics tools with animal models and advanced in vivo imaging technologies. Dr. Kang has published over 90 original articles in leading journals including Cell, Cancer Cell, and Nature Medicine. His work discovered new genes that promote recurrence, metastasis and chemoresistance of breast cancer, delineated tumor-stromal interactions that are essential for metastatic growth, and identified novel regulators with dual functions in mammary gland cell fate determination and tumor progression. Dr. Kang's outstanding achievements have been recognized by many prestigious awards, including a Department of Defense Era of Hope Scholar Award and the 2011 Vicek Prize for Creative Promise in Biomedical Sciences, a prestigious award honoring foreign-born artists and scientists

who have demonstrated exceptional creativity and originality in the early stages of their careers in the United States. Dr. Kang is also the recipient of the 2012 AACR Award for Outstanding Achievements in Cancer Research.

The "Axios Award" is presented by the AHEPA 5th District Cancer Research Foundation to an individual or individuals whose humanitarian purposes and endeavors have contributed in helping to find a cure for cancer, unselfishly and devoutly in the name of mankind.



Dr Kang (left) the 2013 Axios Award Recipient with Foundation Chairman George Horiates (right)

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# Testimonial Honoring Past District Governor **WILLIAM A. HARRISON**

On Sunday afternoon October 6th, brother Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope, family and friends gathered with the members of Hudson #108 to honor the service of Past District Governor Bill Harrison. Bill served the district faithfully as District Governor from June 2012 to May 2013. It was a very successful year that culminated in the Fifth District being named "District of the Year" at the Supreme Convention held in Orlando, FL.

Bill's service to the District Lodge began in 2007 when he was elected to the District Lodge as Warden. He has steadily moved up the ranks having served on the District Lodge for six years. Bill is a member of the Hudson Chapter #108 in Jersey City. Before then, Bill served as President and Secretary of the Hudson Chapter.

Bill follows a long line of AHEPA leaders produced by the Hudson Chapter. He began in AHEPA through the Sons of Pericles back in 1968. He was a member of the Thermopylae Chapter #118. Thermopylae was a model chapter throughout the 1970s having won "Chapter of the Year" honors and produced two SOP Supreme Presidents. Bill is at the center of a series of generations with membership in AHEPA. His father before him was an Ahupan as is his nephew, Peter Kyriakoulis, after him.

Bill was born and raised in Bayonne, NJ. He grew up working in the family liquor business in Jersey City which he ultimately took over



Members of the District 5 Lodge present Bill with a plaque recognizing his six years of service to the Lodge.

and managed. He later went into the real estate business with CENTURY 21 Costanza & Providence Real Estate Agency, Inc. Bill is now back in the liquor business working for a leading distributor in the area.

Throughout his busy year as Governor, Bill developed a budding romance with his significant other, Lefke Perdikos. Having lived as a bachelor his entire life, Bill decided after his governorship was over it was time to get married. He and Lefke were married earlier

this summer in the church of their youth, Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church in Jersey City. It was a truly memorable day for two beautiful people.

Bill currently serves on the Parish Council of Evangelismos. He and Lefke make their home in Bayonne, along with Bill's son Alexander and Lefke's family. All were in attendance at the testimonial luncheon and are pictured here. We wish Bill many long years as a Past District Governor.



Bill is pictured with members of his family, including his Lefke, and her family.



Bill Harrison is presented with a plaque by the Past District Governors and is inducted into the PDG Club.



# Eleni Parlapanides, PDG District #5 Honored



Sister Eleni Parlapanides, PDG was honored at a Testimonial Luncheon on November 10, 2013 at the Pines Manor Edison, N.J. Daughters of Penelope Tethys Chapter #229 hosted the luncheon.

In 1970, she married her late husband of 42 years Kosta and was blessed with four wonderful sons, Paul, George, Dean and Nick. She has four beautiful daughters-in-law, Athanasia, Allison, Andriana and Dana and five adorable grandchildren, Evie, Dean, Alex, John-Paul and Emily.

In 1977, Sister Eleni was initiated into the Daughters of Penelope, Tethys Chapter #229 in New Brunswick. She proudly served her Chapter as Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Vice President and in 2004 she was elected to serve as the Chapter President. She held that position for several years.

In 2009 Sister Eleni was selected to be the District 5 Penelope of the Year, and elected to serve on the District Lodge as District Marshal.

In 2010, she was appointed by the Grand President to serve as the National Chairwoman for Saint Basil Academy, in Garretson, NY. Serving as District Secretary and Lieutenant Governor, in 2012 she was elevated to the position of District Governor.

A parishioner of St. George, Piscataway, Sister Eleni was a member of the choir, as well as a Sunday School Teacher, PTO President, Parish Council Secretary, Youth Advisor and chaired the Church Festival Gift Shop for many years.

Eleni is very proud of her family and her accomplishments. She feels very blessed to have her gifts.

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# Eureka 52 Bikers Hold **THUNDER RUN** at Saint Basils Academy in Garrison, NY

Submitted by James Caplanis



On Saturday October 19, 2013 the brothers from Eureka 52 had its inaugural motorcycle ride "Thunder Run" to St. Basil's Academy in Garrison NY. Brothers from Eureka were joined by other AHEPANS who ride, as well as various friends of AHEPA. A scenic route to enjoy the fall foliage was taken from Skyline Drive in Northern NJ through Harriman State Park in NY and eventually ending up at St Basils. The riders were enthusiastically greeted by the children and staff when they arrived. A cook out was hosted by Eureka with help from the District Lodge. After a small blessing of the bikes by Father Constantine, the riders then took some of the children for rides on the motorcycles around the property.



# *AHEPA Family Visits St Basils Academy and Donates Gifts to the Children*

December 14th, 2013 was the day of the annual St Basil's Academy Christmas Pageant. On that day, it was snowing all afternoon, with several inches of white on the ground. The backdrop was beautiful and the kids' performance really put us in the Christmas spirit. Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope annually visit, along with the Church organizations, like Philoptochos, to enjoy the Christmas pageant put on by the children and distribute Christmas presents to the children. This year, the visitors included Supreme President Anthony Kouzounis and Executive Director Basil Mossaides.

The children put on a sketch of a crippled shepherd boy who was visited by the three wise men while they were traveling to visit the Christ child. The boy was miraculously healed and then joined the wise men to their journey to visit Jesus.

District Governor Sammy Thomas and his Lodge brought gift cards for each of the children. These were donated by the chapters of the Fifth District. Following the pageant performance and a Lenten lunch, the day was concluded with the distribution of the gifts at the Rupert mansion. Presentations were made by AHEPA, the Daughters of Albany among others. There was Christmas caroling and plenty of good cheer.

The District Lodge would like to thank the following chapters for donating to the children of St Basils Academy. The list is ordered in descending order by the amount given.

## **Chapter Donations to St Basils Academy**

- Ramapo 453 – Wyckoff, NJ
- Thomas Jefferson 280 – Westfield, NJ
- Bergen Knights 285 – Tenafly, NJ
- Camden 69 - Cherry Hill, NJ
- Trenton 72 – Trenton, NJ
- South Jersey 162 – Vineland, NJ
- Garden State 517 – Holmdel, NJ
- Eagle Rock 280 - Roseland
- Alexander Hamilton 54 – Paramus, NJ
- Monroe 75 – Piscataway, NJ
- Wilmington 95 – Wilmington, DE



Clockwise from top-left: DG Sammy Thomas presents gifts to the children to Fr Costa Sitaras and St Basils Academy Chairlady Evelyn Tsiades.

The children of St Basils Academy take a bow at the end of their pageant performance. They are joined by the Consul General of Cyprus Koula Sophianou (center).

Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope pose with the children of St Basils Academy before the pageant performance.



# Orlando Supreme Convention Includes a Jersey Boys *Twist*

Attendees at this year's 91st Annual Supreme Convention, which was held in Orlando, Florida, were not greeted with the typical Greek greeting "Kalimera" but instead we heard "Bonjourno" or "Ciao". The convention was held at the Loews Portofino Hotel & Resort in Orlando's Universal Studios. The resort was a replica of a Tuscan village and featured the best of that Orlando had to offer. The week long event was a busy but fun-filled week that included an exclusive romp through Universal Studios theme park, Greek nights with plenty of dancing, Athletics Luncheon, the Supreme Banquet and much more.

The District 5 delegation played an important role in the festivities. Re-elected to the Supreme Lodge as Supreme Treasurer was Andy Zachariades of the Hudson Chapter #108. Elected as Supreme Governor of Region # (NJ, DE, NY) was our own Ted Fanikos of Trenton #72. Continuing to serve on the Board of Directors is Lee Millas of Trenton #72. The Sons of Pericles delegation elected Nick Apostolou of the Patritha Chapter #317 of Wyckoff, NJ as Supreme Governor of the Sons of Pericles.

At the annual Athletics Hall of Fame Luncheon featured three NJ award recipients. Constantine "Charlie" Theokas of New Brunswick was inducted for his career as a General Manager with the NJ Nets and Athletic Director of Temple University. Bill Gazonas from Trenton was inducted as a first All-American soccer star and Hermann Award winner as a collegiate, later he played professional soccer with the Tulsa Roughnecks of the North American Soccer League. Nick Galis was a stand out in basketball at North Bergen High School and later Seton Hall basketball star. Though drafted by the Celtics he chose to go to Greece and enjoyed a long professional basketball career in Europe.

Earlier in the convention District 5's AHEPA Voice magazine received the award for the best AHEPA district publication for the third consecutive year. Congratulations to the Publications Board and all the supporters of the AHEPA Voice. WE DID IT AGAIN! Later in the week there was more good news as District 5 was selected as the "District of the Year" by the Supreme Lodge. Congratulations to Governor Bill Harrison and his Lodge for this outstanding achievement.



Past Grand Presidents at the 2013 Supreme Convention. Third from left, Past Grand President Lillian Demitry from Altes 163, Trenton NJ



Newly inducted AHEPA Athletics Hall of Fame honorees Bill Gazonas (center left) and Charlie Theokas (center right) pose with their plaques and the District 5 delegation immediately after the Athletics Hall of Fame Luncheon.

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## Mid-Year Leadership Conference To Be Held in Roseland

The District Mid-Year Leadership Conference will be hosted by Eagle Rock 375 at St. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Church in Roseland, NJ on February 1. The Conference will start promptly at 9:30 AM, and conclude at 2:00 PM. Lunch will be offered.

The District Lodge is pleased to announce an agenda which includes participation of many of our fellow officers throughout the District.

Guests from the Supreme Lodge and the Daughters of Penelope have been invited.

We look forward to seeing you on February 1st.  
Church Address: 80 Laurel Ave, Roseland, NJ  
(off of exit 6 of Interstate Route 280)

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EARLY ACTION APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2014

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Download the application at [ahepacademy.com](http://ahepacademy.com)



### AHEPA JOINT 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT CONVENTION

**JUNE 6, 7 and 8, 2014**  
**International House**  
3701 Chestnut St. Philadelphia  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### FRIDAY – JUNE 6, 2014

Registration – 2pm to 9 pm  
OFFICIAL CONVENTION OPENING – 7pm  
Welcome Reception – (To Follow Opening)

##### SATURDAY – JUNE 7, 2014

Registration – 9 AM to 2 PM  
General Business Sessions – 9 AM to Noon  
Daughters of Penelope Luncheon – 12 to 2 PM  
(Scholarships & Awards by both Ahepa & Daughters)  
Sons and Maids Delegate Rooms Available  
General Session – 2 PM to 5 PM  
GRAND BANQUET – Reception 6:30 - Diner 7 PM

##### SUNDAY - JUNE 8, 2014

Church Services – St. George Cathedral AHEPA DAY - Memorial  
Farewell Luncheon

Pricing:  
NOTE: Daughters Scholarship Luncheon - \$35.00  
Grand Banquet - \$ 65.00  
Hotel - \$110.00 per night - Call 856-986-8972

For more info contact: Steve Marmarou (856) 206-9447 Jimmy Rozanitis (856) 625-6708

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## HUDSON HAPPENINGS

After many long years, our AHEPA Family, Hudson Chapter #108 and Icarus (DOP) Chapter #48 hosted the 82nd John G. Thevos District Five NJ/DE District Convention on the weekend of June 14th – June 16th, 2013. This is the fourth District Convention that our Chapters have hosted and it was an enjoyable weekend for all that attended.

The festivities began Friday evening with a well-attended Convention Opening followed by a Salute to Scholarships where the District Scholarship recipients were honored and were allowed the opportunity to express their appreciation and their future plans. Attending were fifty five parents and delegates who enjoyed a full Buffet menu and dancing to music by our DJ.

The next morning, Saturday began with registration of both Orders and following breakfast snacks, the business meetings began. At noon we paused for the Luncheon hosted by our Daughters Chapter, Icarus #48, and co-chairlady Evelyn Vardakis. Following Luncheon the business meetings continued and terminated with the election of the new District Lodges, 2013 – 2014, of both Orders as well as the Sons of Pericles. The evening began with a Cocktail Hour 6:30 – 7:30 followed with our Grand Banquet. We were honored to have our Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides and Grand Vice President Anna Hellene Grossomanides as guests of honor as well as Cookie Pantellos Grand Liaison, Demi Thomas, Grand Secretary and Father George Nikas representing His Eminence Metropolitan EVANGELOS.



Supreme President John Grossomanides poses with the newly elected and installed District 5 Lodge.

From left to right:

SP John Grossomanides, Governor Sammy Thomas, Lt Governor Stanley Gerondelis, Secretary Asteris Fanikos, Treasurer George Petrakakis, Marshal George Pappas, Warden George Chronakis, Athletic Director Nick Mariolis.

Following opening prayer by Father Nikas and assisted by Father Dionysios A. Marketos, the program continued with remarks by the dignitaries. Brother Lee Millas, made a presentation from the PDG's to Governor Bill Harrison. This was followed by a double honor for a very special man to everyone present. Brother Lee Millas continued with a presentation of the HOMERIC AWARD to PSG John Mehos, the highest award given to a PDG, for continued commitment and dedication. This was followed by District Governor Bill Harrison making his presentations he announced a new first time award by the District Lodge a "LIFETIME ACCHIEVEMENT" award and again presented to John Mehos. The evening ended with dancing to the music of our DJ.

Sunday morning was Liturgy at Evangelismos Tis Theotokou. Liturgy was followed with refreshments in our Center where we also honored our Parish' Father of the Year Dionysios Koukounaras who worked untiringly this year for the construction of the Handicap Ramp for our Church.

Our District Governor Bill Harrison completed his duties as Governor and took on the duties of husband. He and Lefke Perdikos were married at a beautiful ceremony on Sunday, July 21, 2013, followed by a beautiful reception. We wish them unlimited happiness and a long life together.

### *Supreme Lodge Announces Year-End Awards at District Convention*

At the District Convention banquet held at the Ramada Hotel in Newark, NJ, Governor Bill Harrison presented, in his farewell remarks, the following awards for the fiscal year 2012-2013. These awards were selected by the District Lodge. The Ahepan of the Year award is chosen by from the recommendations sent in by the local chapter. The awardee's application is sent to the Supreme Convention for consideration nationally. The Chapter of the Year selection is based on the year-end report submitted by the chapters.

<b>Ahepan of the Year</b>	<b>Peter Revenidis of Trenton #72</b>
<b>Chapter of the Year</b>	<b>Hudson Chapter #108</b>
<b>President of the Year</b>	<b>Peter Kyriakoulis of Ramapo #453</b>
<b>Secretary of the Year</b>	<b>Ken Przywara of Wilmington #95</b>
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	<b>John Mehos, PSG</b>

Each Brother has contributed to AHEPA in their own special way. Some are fairly young members, while others like John Mehos has served at offices at every level of the organization, local, district-wide and national. John received the Lifetime Achievement Award that spans many years. It is a new award and the idea of DG Bill Harrison to honor contributions made across many years. The Ahepan of the Year award recognizes contributions in the current year. Brother Harrison hopes that this award will become a perennial annual award.

## RAMAPO CHAPTER 453 REVIEW

The past year was another successful year for Ahepa Ramapo Chapter 453. Earlier in the year the chapter held a new outreach effort when it hosted the First Annual Veteran's Appreciation Gala in February. The event was organized under the leadership of past President Peter Kyriakoulis. For next year Brother Kyriakoulis has asked that the chapter give \$1,250 donation to pay for equine therapy for 5 servicement for help being re-introduced into society. The Chapter also sponsored many other activities that supported education, outreach efforts, or promoted the Greek heritage. Brother Angelo Lefer accepted the position in charge of community outreach.

The Chapter held its annual end of the year dinner meeting at Varka Estiatorio in Ramsey. At this dinner meeting, we recognized Brother Paul Savidis for his excellent leadership and efforts for the 10th annual Cigar Smoker in May and for all of the prior Cigar Smokers. The May Cigar Smoker was the most successful to date. Each Smoker event was more successful than the prior year's event. The proceeds from these events have led to significant contributions to the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church community, educational scholarships, and general support of our Chapter's events and outreach.

In June, before his death, Brother and Past Supreme Governor, Tom Pappas presented framed artwork, titled "Kyklos Circle of Glory", by artist Rip Kastaris who gave it as a present to Brother Tom for his contributions for raising funds for the Circle of Glory at the 2004 Olympics in Eleftherios Venizelos Airport in Athens. Brother Tom, in turn, donated the artwork to our chapter at the dinner meeting.

At the District Convention in June 2013, Brother Peter Kyriakoulis was awarded President of the Year in our District. At the same convention, Brother Sammy Thomas was elected District Governor and Brother Ted Vittas was appointed as Sons of Pericles Advisor for the District.

We look forward to starting the 2014 fiscal year by congratulating the incoming Board: President George Gasparis, Vice President Paul Savidis, Secretary John Psomas, and Treasurer Basil Megariotis. We also extend our gratitude to past President Peter Kyriakoulis for his tremendous leadership and service over the past year.

**GREEK LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS:** The AHEPA Modern Greek Language Program for Adults began the Fall semester of classes on Friday, October 4th, 2013. The classes are held at St Nicholas Church, 467 Grandview Ave. in Wyckoff, NJ. The program, which is now in its 8th year, will offer an Intermediary Greek II Class and another Greek I Beginners Class. Classes are open to anyone in the community and AHEPA Family that is interested in participating.

Finally, at our December meeting and with a visit from the District Lodge, the following Brothers were recognized for attaining membership milestones in the Order.

- CON BACALAKIS .....50 YRS
- CHARLIE CHARLLIS .....50 YRS
- LEONIDAS SAVAS.....50 YRS
- CONTANTINE (GUS) KOLOVOS.....25 YRS
- JOHN TSADILAS .....25 YRS



**Ramapo 453 Chapter President Peter Kyriakoulis lights a candle to honor the deceased members of the chapter during a memorial service held on AHEPA Sunday.**

## *AHEPA Trenton Chapter Report*

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. Chapter Elections were held and the new officers are as follows:

- President Evan Pilaras
- First Vice President Dino Demetriou
- Second Vice President George Koutsouradis
- Secretary Jim Knicos
- Assistant Secretary John Microutsicos
- Treasurer Steve Stylianou
- Treasurer Emeritus Dino Zimnes



**Lee Millas was Master of Ceremonies of the awards dinner at the Trenton 72 Golf Outing, October**

Congratulations to all the officers and best of luck. Many of the Trenton brothers also attended the District Convention in Jersey City. Peter Revenidis was recognized as “Ahepan of the Year” as Asteris Fanikos was elected District Secretary at the Convention. Moreover, Marcella Calagias was elected District Governor for the Daughters of Penelope with Karen Knicos as District Treasurer.

At the AHEPA Supreme Convention held in Orlando and many brothers present, our candidates PST Andy Zaccharides for Supreme Treasurer and PDG Ted Fanikos for Supreme Governor were elected. Furthermore, we are pleased to report that Billy Gazonas was inducted into the AHEPA Athletics Hall of Fame. Brother Gazonis was a collegiate All-American in soccer and later professional soccer star with the North American Soccer League.

In June, the Trenton Chapter had its Annual Graduation & Scholarship program with Rick Roscoe chairing the event. Dr. John Passalaris a fellow Ahepan was the keynote speaker and inspired the students and those in attendance. In addition, Senator Linda Greenstein and Assemblymen Dan Benson were in attendance and presented their remarks to the community. Trenton Chapter 72 has distributed more than \$94,000 in scholarships to students over the past nine years. Scholarship recipients were Yiannis Michailides, Maria Delikouras, Alexis Basantis, Anastasia Mitchel, Demetra Demetriades, Stefanos Nyktas and Eleftherios Rigas. All the students and their families should be proud.

Thanks also to the Angelakis family for the excellent refreshments that followed. Thanks to the Perris, Blazakis, Angelakis, Rochonchou and Spireas families for their donations and support. In addition, the Chapter has sponsored an annual golf outing for the past ten years in which Roma Bank & SigmaPharm Laboratories have been the primary sponsors. This year’s golf outing took place October 8th at Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing.

We also had two fishing excursions in July and August. We were in search for fluke and everyone was looking forward to a good time and hopefully some fresh fish for dinner. Many brothers and friends enjoyed a great day on the “Belmar Princess” out of Belmar and brought back a few keepers led by Dino who captured the biggest fish. We are also looking forward to the August State Fishing trip out of Belmar looking for more fish. Wish us luck.

In regards to athletics, the Trenton AHEPA basketball team played in the Annual Philly Greek Basketball League tournament in July. Although we were not successful, we did manage to defeat the ranging champions the Philly Sixers. If you are interested in playing basketball, please contact Pete Revenidis or Asteris Fanikos for more information.

We have also had enjoyable times at the Trenton Thunder games as well as other sporting events. 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. Our AHEPA House is always open to those wanting more information and we welcome friends on Monday evenings for a social time, hanging out, playing cards, pool, darts, backgammon/tavli and the like.

## FIGHTING 54TH, ALEXANDER HAMILTON REPORTS

The Alexander Hamilton Chapter of Paramus, NJ enjoyed an eventful year with many celebrations.

Early in the year, Alexander Hamilton was fortunate to celebrate Brother Charlie Caravoulias' 100th birthday. The chapter honored him at Gray cliff Fine Catering in Moonachie, New Jersey with an excellent dinner, as always! The event was beautiful with 60 Brothers in attendance to celebrate Charlie's milestone birthday and to also initiate eight new brothers.

Alexander Hamilton was one of the chapters honored at the mid-year Congressional Banquet in Washington DC for their efforts to provide Hurricane Sandy Relief. President Louis Arvanitis was present on that evening to receive the award for the chapter.

Scholarships - Our scholarship program for the high school graduates has grown so much, including two new Memorial Scholarships: the John G. Thevos Memorial Scholarship Award, celebrating a Great National Leader and PSP, and the George Stathakis Memorial Scholarship Award, celebrating a Great Ahepan and PDG. Also, our new program honoring

the Greek school graduates from the three communities has been a great success as well. Thanks to Brother Chris Mavridis for providing scholarships for the Greek school graduates for the past three years, as well as many other charitable donations. Also, thank you to an anonymous Brother who donated the 32 medallions this year that we gave to all the graduates. We are also looking into new programs to adopt in order to support families who are in need to send their kids to Greek School and to fund the 7th grade of the Greek School of St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church.

At this year's District Convention our own Past President George Petrakakis elected District Treasurer. Brother George has been very active his entire life in both the AHEPA Family and in the church. Brother George served as Chapter President and many years before as Chapter Secretary. Prior to that, in 1971, he was inducted into the Paterson, NJ Marathon Chapter #46 Sons of Pericles and served as Chapter President, District 5 Sons of Pericles Secretary, Sons of Pericles Supreme Governor, and chaired the 1981 International Sons and Maids Invitational Basketball Tournament (ISMIBT). While a

steward at St. Athanasios Church in Paramus in the early 1980's, Brother George served six years as a Parish Council member.

Lt Col Manos - On May 14, 2013 Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54 hosted an event in Ret. Lt. Col. Thomas G. Manos' honor celebrating his 75 years of AHEPA service. We felt extra honored for this event as it is the first time that a member of the 5th District of the Order of AHEPA has received a 75-year pin.

In the Fall our chapter held elections and voted in as President, Spyros Vassilakos. Spyros has served the chapter as Treasurer. He will succeed PSG Louis Arvanitis who has served the chapter of the last several years with great pride. The other officers on the Lodge are Bill Skoullas, Vice President, Dimitrios Xanthos, Secretary, Christos Mavridis, Treasurer.

In November President Vassilakos was present at the Cancer Foundation Gala to present a check to the Foundation from the chapter. Alexander Hamilton has contributed \$30,000 in the last three years, raised mainly from our canister program and the work of Brother Gus Christakos.



Charlie Caravoulias (center) celebrated his 100th birthday at a gathering of the Alexander Hamilton chapter. Charlie shows his gift, an AHEPA clock, along with long-time friend John Mehos and Governor Bill Harrison.



Alexander Hamilton honors the graduates of the three Greek schools of St Athanasios, Paramus, Acension, Fairview, and St Constantine & Helen in Nyak, NY.



## *A Message from Sons of Pericles Governor*

### YIANNI CHRISTOS CHRYSANTHOU



Brothers,

This past year the Sons of Pericles has grown exponentially and will continue to grow for years to come. We have initiated new members and resurrected defunct chapters. It is with great honor and pride that I take on the role of District Governor for the 2013-2014 year and look forward to the numerous fundraisers and events that we have planned as an organization. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the current and past lodge members who, despite being in a very demanding stage of their lives, are stepping up to plate and are putting in a tremendous amount of hard work. Within a month we have already held two meetings, as well as the 1st inaugural paintball tournament which yielded close to \$300 in donations. While we have many goals and ideas to fulfill our duties of civic responsibility and organizational growth, we require the support of the AHEPA to really make an impact. After all, we are the future members of the Order of Ahepa.

Fraternally,  
Y. Christos Chrysanthou  
SOP District 5 Governor



## *A Message from the Sons of Pericles Supreme Governor*

### NIKOLAS A. APOSTOLOU



Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA family,

I am both honored and privileged to serve as a Supreme Governor of the Sons of Pericles. It is true that as Sons of Pericles we are the rising Sons of the order of AHEPA. As an order we hold the same values as the AHEPA and look to emulate the ideals of Hellenism, leadership, philanthropy, education, and civic responsibility. In recent years the Sons have seen great success. But, there is much room for improvement.

Our focus as an organization is strengthening our current chapters, and expanding and initiating new chapters. This is an absolutely vital part of evolving our organization into what it has been in the past, and what it can be in the future.

Our plan to increase membership includes holding national, district, and chapter events, as well as improving on our athletic events, and fundraising for our national project. Which I am proud to announce rose upwards of \$25,000 last year, and will this year once again be centered around (FARA) Fredrix Ataxia Research Alliance.

As most of you know District 5 is one of the strongest AHEPA district in the country. I can proudly say as a member of the Wyckoff Patritha chapter #317, District 5 is the only Sons District with an active District Lodge. Currently we have 9 active chapters. With the leadership of our AHEPANS, I believe that the strength as well as the number of chapters in District 5 can be greatly improved.

Being a member of the order of the Sons of Pericles is a great opportunity for any young man. And being that today's leaders in the Sons of Pericles will be tomorrow's leaders in the AHEPA I believe it is imperative that the AHEPA looks into growing the Sons as much as possible.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am confident we will continue to strengthen the AHEPA family together.

Fraternally,  
Nikolas A. Apostolou  
Supreme Governor  
Sons of Pericles





## Sons and Maids Alumni Gather Together at First Reunion Picnic

After a fun-filled reunion in 2012 where Sons and Maids alumni reunited in Perth Amboy to rekindle old friendships and share past memories, the Reunion Committee was back at it again. This time it was with a picnic to enjoy the summer sunshine and a summer barbeque. The reunion took place on Saturday, June 29th at the YMCA Camp Tompenemus in Millstone Township. The camp grounds were spacious and included grills pools and ball fields. It was BYOB (Bring Your Own Barbeque) and everyone shared. A special thank you should go to Carol and Lou Larres for finding the camp grounds and to the rest of the Reunion Committee. If you could not make the picnic, keep in touch by joining the "Sons and Maids Reunion" group on Facebook. Future alumni events will be publicized through the group.



Sons of Pericles Governor Yianni Christos Chrysanthou (center) hears some old SOP stories from Lou Larres (left) and Tony Verikios (right).



Dino Mantzas and Vicky Evangel-Rindosh enjoy some time together.

## SONS OF PERICLES HOST HALLOWEEN PARTY



The Sons District Lodge celebrated Halloween with a costume party in what has become an annual tradition for District 5. This year the party was held at the St George Community Center in Piscataway, NJ on Friday night, October 25th. District Secretary George Stavrianides was the DJ and kept the music playing all night. There were some great costumes worn by those that dressed up for the occasion.

The Ahepans Asteris Fanikos and Peter Revenidis manned the bar, Carmine Albanese and Ted Vittas manned the kitchen. A good time was had by all. Any money raised by the event went to the Sons of Pericles national charity, Fredrix Ataxia Research Alliance.

## Hellenic History Tournament Features Two District 5 Teams

The AHEPA Hellenic History Tournament began in 2009 and has become an annual event, bringing high schoolers together to test their knowledge of Hellenic History. This year the tournament was held on Saturday, November 16th at Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT. This year the tournament would bring together 14 teams from the six different states (CT, NJ, NY, MA, RI, NH), the most states represented in the history of the tournament.

District 5 was represented by two teams this year; a team from Paramus, NJ and from Wyckoff, NJ. For Wyckoff, it was their second appearance in the tournament. However, for Paramus it was their first tournament entry. Both teams would eventually be knocked out of the tournament by the eventual champions, the New Rochelle team. Wyckoff faced New Rochelle in the first round. For Paramus, they would win twice before meeting New Rochelle in the semi-final round. While it was a competitive match New Rochelle would prove victorious and move to the finals and eventually win the championship.

A tournament match pits two teams in head-to-head competition. A tournament bracketing is set beforehand. Each round consists of 24 questions on Hellenic History. There are three question categories to pick from: Ancient, Byzantine or Modern periods. The bracketing plays until the final champion is crowned. Each member of the champion team earns a \$1,000 scholarship.

The deadline for next year's tournament is June 30th. Start planning your team from now. For more information about the tournament visit <http://ahepad7.org/HHT.html>.



The participants of the Hellenic History Tournament gather for a group picture before the competition begins.



The Paramus, NJ competes against New Rochelle, NY in their semi-final round match.

## PGBL sponsors 1st Greek-American Basketball Tourney By Eleftherios Kostans - Cosmos Philly

Hatboro, Pa. – The Philadelphia Greek Basketball League hosted on July 27 the first ever adult summer basketball tournament. The PGBL has been a fixture in the Greek community for more than 6 years now, bringing together adult Greek men over the age of 18 to play basketball, mingle and share their Hellenism via a weekly basketball league that meets twice a week at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox church in Upper Darby, Pa.

Bill Zonios, one of the original founders of the league and his colleagues hosted this first ever event this past weekend at Renegades gym in the Philly suburbs. More than 16 teams participated in the event from all over the Delaware Valley, bringing together Greeks and the community. Participating from District 5 was the Trenton AHEPA team and the Cherry Hill Revolution.



Left: Basileos Nasis of the Cherry Hill Revolution goes up strong for a layup in their PGBL game. Right: The Trenton AHEPA basketball team is set up for defense during their game against the Sixers in the PGBL.

## AHEPA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2013 INDUCTEES

### GOLD MEDAL OLYMPIC DIVER LOUGANIS HEADS LIST OF INDUCTEES



AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Athletics Hall of Fame and scholar athlete recipients pose as a group immediately after the Hall of Fame Luncheon. Pictured in the center are Charlie Theokas and Bill Gazonas of New Jersey.

WASHINGTON - The Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading membership-based association for the nation's three million American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, has announced its Hall of Fame Class of 2013.

The AHEPA Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are:

- Greg Louganis, diver, U.S. Olympian;
- Nick Galis, U.S. college and Greek professional basketball player;
- William Atessis, college All-American and professional football player;
- Bill Gazonas, college and professional soccer player; and
- Charles Theokas, a college athletic director and professional general manager.

The 2013 induction class is comprised of individuals who have excelled, and who attained the highest levels of their respective areas of competition, Supreme President Dr. Grossomanides said. While doing so, they have remained true to their Hellenic heritage, ideals and values, and remained cognizant and aware of the high esteem that all Greek-Americans have held them. We proudly congratulate them and gladly welcome them into the AHEPA Athletic Hall of Fame.

They were inducted into the Hall at the Athletic Luncheon held at the 91st AHEPA Supreme Convention, August 22, 2013, Orlando, Fla. Hall of Fame Selection Committee Chairman Gregory J. Stamos added, All five inductees not only excelled in the athletic arena, but have demonstrated leadership and superlative ideals both during their respective careers and thereafter. In addition, most tellingly, they have remained true to their Hellenic heritage and roots, and therefore all Ahepans and Hellenes eagerly anticipate their induction into the Hall of Fame.

The AHEPA Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1974, and includes 130 inductees. Annually, candidates are nominated by members of the Order of AHEPA, and after a thorough vetting process, are ultimately selected in balloting by 20 Hall of Fame Selection Committee members, who encompass a broad cross-section of engaged voters, geographically and experience-wise; their selection is based not only on athletic accomplishments, but also character and civic and personal service. The 2013 distinguished class joins such stellar prior inductees as: Harry Agganis, Alex Karras, Milt Pappas, Pete Sampras, Eric Karros, Gene Rossides, and Bob Costas, among many others.

## DISTRICT 5 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

It is with much joy to announce that the two summer fishing excursions were a success. Thanks go to the Trenton AHEPA for volunteering and hosting same. Many brave AHEPAns and friends of the AHEPA ventured from Belmar in search of fluke and sea bass. Some of us were successful as others were not, but a good time was had by all. Even those who did not bring home fish to cook still brought home their fish stories of the ones that got away. Congratulations AHEPA National Board member to Lee Millas with the biggest catch and Andy Pantelides with the most.

The Trenton AHEPA basketball team represented the District and played in the Annual

Philly Greek Basketball League tournament in July. Although the team was not victorious, they did manage to defeat the ranging champions the Philly Sixers. Many of the brothers are looking forward to the Annual District 5 Basketball tournament. All the AHEPA teams had a great time this last year in Asbury Park and we are looking forward to the competition this year, details to follow.

I am also glad to report that Chapters local athletic programs have been coming along as certain chapters have their own local fishing trips and/or days at the races. We are also looking forward to the various Chapters' golf outings such as Trenton's 12th Annual Golf event that benefits

their scholarship program; or Holmdel's golf event that benefits Ronald McDonald House and other charities.

I would also like to thank and commend all my brother AHEPAns who mentor and coach our youth in athletics. Whether as coaches in the youth basketball, volleyball and soccer competitions or at the annual youth Olympics, please keep up the great work for our community and youth.

If your chapter has an upcoming athletic event, please contact me and/or any lodge member and we can publicize same and provide support.

Submitted by  
Nicholas Mariolis

# Our Departed Brothers

*May Their Memories Be Eternal in Our Hearts*



**Nicholas Bouras**, a member of the greatest generation and a brother in Christ, fell asleep in the Lord on December 22, 2013 at 93. Brother Bouras was an extraordinary man; a decorated war veteran, a very successful entrepreneur and as a result, a philanthropist. He was a great supporter of the Greek Orthodox church and its many institutions. He was also a member of the Thomas Jefferson AHEPA Chapter #280.

Brother Bouras was born in Pontiac, MI, and raised in Chicago, IL, Mr. Bouras was an alumnus of Northwestern University. He was a veteran of the US Army and served in WWII as the lead navigator and bombardier of a 36 B-26 bomber aircraft. In 1946, the President of the United States awarded Mr. Bouras the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters.

After the war, Mr. Bouras returned to his position with the United States Steel Corporation, where he remained for twenty years. In 1960, he and his late wife, Anna K. Bouras, embarked on an entrepreneurial career that led to the creation of one of America's leading manufacturers of fabricated steel components for the commercial real estate industry. In 2007, Bouras Industries ceased operations with the sale of four companies and over 700 employees. Mr. Bouras' business achievements enabled him to positively impact the lives of thousands of people in need, including those in pursuit of higher education, as well as numerous non-profit institutions throughout the world.

Mr. Bouras is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including an Honorary Doctor of Humanities from Hellenic College, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Alpha Omega Council Lifetime Achievement Award, the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award from the American Hellenic Institute, the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Ernst and Young, the Humanitarian Philanthropic Award from the Cyprus Federation of America, the Athenagoras Human Rights Award from the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, and the Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom, the highest honor the Republican members of the U.S. Senate can bestow.



**Tom Pappas** of Fair Lawn, NJ passed away on Saturday, October 19, 2013. Thomas was born and raised in Poughkeepsie, NY. Mr. Pappas was a parishioner of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff where he dedicated his time to charity work for the church. Thomas was a member of AHEPA, serving as their Supreme Governor and also District Governor from 2001-2002. Tom was a Past President and member of the Ramapo

Chapter 453 of Wyckoff, NJ. Tom was a former member of the Sons of Pericles in Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Pappas enjoyed fishing and being an outdoorsman.

Prior to retiring, he was the owner and operator of Pirylys Distributors in Newark, NJ.

Beloved Husband of Zacharine ( Chahales) Pappas Loving and devoted father of Nicholas, Peter and Thomas Pappas Jr. Dear brother of George Pappas and his wife Fran.



**Michael Frank Parlamis**, 73, passed peacefully on October 6, 2013 of complications from pulmonary fibrosis. He is survived by Marguerite, his wife of 47 years, his children Franklin, Christine and Alexander, and ten grandchildren. Michael graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University. A Professional Engineer and expert on the NYC building code, Michael presided over

the family's restaurant contracting business, expanding it into restaurant ownership, notably Axia Taverna. A man of boundless charity, he was a leader in his own community and a bridge to other communities. Michael was honored, like his father, as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. He received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, celebrating immigrant achievement, and was a member of Leadership 100, stewards of the Greek Orthodox Church. Michael served for years as trustee and benefactor of the Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ.

**Dr. John Andrew Rodgers**, 87, also of Shelter Island, N.Y., died on Feb. 23. Born on Oct. 22, 1925 in Paterson, he was the son of Andrew and Sophia Rogokos. He was a Platoon Sergeant in charge of a rifle platoon of the 517 Parachute Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in the U.S. Army. Upon returning home from the war, he graduated from Lafayette College pre-med '48 and began working in the pharmaceutical industry. Later, he decided to finish medical school at Philadelphia School of Osteopathy specializing in anesthesiology and general practice. He began his career as an anesthesiologist at Paterson General Hospital and later became chief of anesthesiology at Saddle Brook Hospital and West Essex Hospital. He continued to practice medicine until his retirement in 2000. Dr Andrews was a member of Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54 of AHEPA.

**James Maroulis** of Wyckoff died Saturday, November 23, 2013. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY he lived there before moving to Wyckoff 35 years ago with his young family. James was a decorated Army veteran who served during the Korean Conflict. He spent his full occupational career at Unisys Corporation, working as an engineer technologist until his retirement. He was a proud member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Wyckoff where he served on the Parish Council and was a member of AHEPA's Ramapo Chapter in Wyckoff, NJ. He was member of The Hellenic Masonic Lodge, NYC. Surviving is his devoted wife of 52 years, Constance (nee Economos) Maroulis of Wyckoff, his beloved children, Athanasios and his wife Carleen, Anastasia, and Constantine all residing in New York City.

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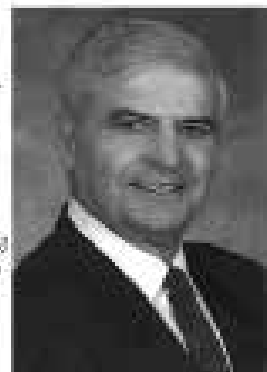
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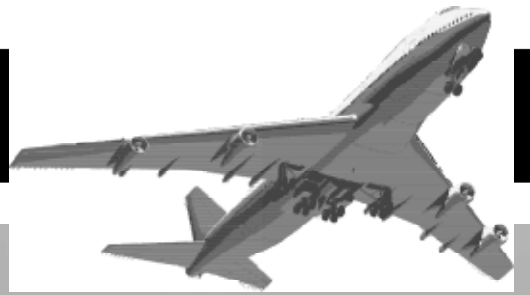
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