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A Message from your District Governor

Happy Holidays!

As the Winter Edition of the Ahepa Traveler goes to press the holiday season is upon us. I hope that everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your families.

As we approach the end of 2014, your District Lodge has been very busy with chapter visitations, and the Fall Conference. The Lodge has also been keeping track of our per-capita obligations as we are fast approaching the 12/31/2014 deadline. Chapter Presidents and Secretaries, please stay on top of your membership and get your per-capita payments into to the District and Headquarters.

We are half through our chapter visitations and looking forward to continuing our visits starting in January 2015. To date, we have visited San Francisco, Stockton, Modesto, Reno, Fresno, and San Mateo. Each chapter did an outstanding job of hosting their respective visitations.

On Saturday November 22, the Sacramento Ahepa Family hosted the 2014 Fall Conference at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Elk Grove. The Ahepa Sacramento Chapter #153 and the Daughters of Penelope Artemis Chapter #5 did a wonderful job hosting a fantastic Fall Conference. With the usual business that was conducted by the Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope, this year's Fall Conference was very special. During the joint meeting, District 21 witnessed the initiation/reinstatement of the Sons of Pericles Stockton Chapter #207 and the initiation of a new Maids of Athena in Stockton, Chapter #278. We were honored to have Sons of Pericles Supreme Treasurer Bill Poulos, from Canton, Ohio initiate the Sons chapter. Maids of Athena Grand Secretary, Sofie Batshoun, from Garden Grove, CA were present to initiate the new Maids chapter. It is my hope that other

chapters in District 21 will take the lead in starting or reinstating Sons and Maids chapters.

The district and its chapters will have two major projects upcoming for 2015. One of those projects I have spoken of before; the the St. Nicholas Ranch Ahepa & Daughters of Penelope Dorm renovation project. To date, we have received three bids. The bids range from \$155,000 to \$170,000 and have been presented to the Ahepa/DOP Renovation committee for its review. Your chapter Presidents and Secretaries will be receiving a fundraising letter from me in the coming day. The second project is a National Ahepa project. The Ahepa Family has pledged \$500,000 over two years to help rebuild the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church which was located at ground zero in New York City. The church was the only house of worship that was destroyed on 9/11. Both projects are important to the district and it is my desire that we can get all of the chapters behind these worthwhile endeavors.

I was honored to be able to attend the Daughters of Penelope Eos Chapter # 1 Founders Day Luncheon celebrating 85 years! I really enjoyed the afternoon and was happy to see many of my Ahepa Brothers in attendance. The District was also honored to have DOP Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides as well as, Grand Vice-President Connie Pilallis, Grand Secretary Jan Spanos, Grand Treasurer Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand Governor Zone 4 Diane Peterson, and Past Grand President Joanne Saltas attend the luncheon. I would like to thank the Eos Chapter for putting on a great luncheon and showing me excellent DOP hospitality.

...and finally, our new District 21 website continues to be developed. Under the guidance of our new Web Master, D20 DG Wynn Storton, the website, while still under construction, is beginning to take shape. The 2015 Ahepa District 21 Scholarship applications should be ready to go after the first of the year. The application will be available to download on our website and will also be available from each chapter. Please check with your chapter Secretary. Stay tuned for more...

I would like to wish the members and their families of the District 21 Ahepa Family a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 2015!

Fraternally;

Tom Chiarchianis

District 21 Governor



Winter Greetings from your District Governor -

It's that wonderful time of the year as we prepare to celebrate the holidays with our family and friends and remember all the great things we have accomplished in 2014. We also must be grateful for our children, extended family and friends who support us in all we do to make a difference, large or small, in our communities and to also recognize the need to see our AHEPA Family grow in District 21. Besides chapter visits to San Francisco, Stockton, Modesto, Reno, Fresno and San Mateo, I was able to celebrate Founder's Day and attend the Fall Conference where I was a part of seeing my vision become reality with the initiation of a Sons and Maids Chapters in District 21.

On Saturday, November 15th, Eos Chapter #1, the Mother Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, hosted a luncheon for the 85th Anniversary of our founding at the Embassy Suites in Burlingame. Our special guests for the day were Grand President Anna Helene Grossomanides, Grand Vice President Connie Pilallis, Grand Secretary Jan Spanos, Grand Treasurer Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand Governor Zone IV Diane Peterson and our Executive Director Elena Saviolakis. Past Grand Presidents, Past District Governors, and District 20 Governor Valerie Katsikas were also in attendance to join the festivities. Special thanks to the Founder's Day event chairmen comprised of Adamantia Antonis, Charlyn Fotinos, Elaine Makras and Marion Parashis as well as the many women on the committee who ensured that everything went as planned. Attendees were able to participate in a raffle, bid on some lovely auction prizes and were entertained by Constantine Pappas that afternoon. Congratulations Sisters for a job well done!

The Sacramento AHEPA Family hosted a wonderful and well attended Fall Conference on November 22, 2014 at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Elk Grove. With over 75 Sisters and Brothers in attendance, I'd have to say it was one of the best and very organized. We were also very fortunate to have our Grand Governor and District #21 Liaison Anne Marie Cariotis in attendance as well as Maids Grand Secretary Sofie Batshoun and Sons Treasurer Bill Poulos. The highlight of the morning was of course activating and initiating the Stockton Sons and Maids Chapters. The rituals of initiation were done in separate rooms and for most of those attending the conference, this was the very first time they witnessed a ritual and oaths being given. It was a very exciting and memorable event and we hope that other chapters in District 21 follow suit. Other conference highlights included

receiving information on the upcoming District and Supreme Conventions, 2015 Scholarship packets, distributing raffle tickets for the Daughters of Penelope District 21 raffle and . Following the conference, a beautifully decorated tree for the holidays made by Sister Elaine Pavlatos, was raffled off. The lucky winners were George and Sophia Fonti!

Our 2014-2015 Daughters of Penelope raffle tickets were distributed at the Fall Conference along with general information & directions. This year there are 4 prizes which have been generously donated:

- Pearl necklace from Steve Padis Jewelry
- Four 1 day Disneyland Park tickets with a hopper pass
- San Francisco Night on the town w/ Limo, Dinner & Hotel Stay
- San Francisco Giants jersey

Tickets are to be sold at \$20.00 a piece and the winners will be drawn at the District Convention in June 2015. Please contact Lt. Governor Beverly Kennedy at 209-815-6052 or bevkn@olives.com for more tickets and information. All proceeds will go towards our District Projects and chapters will receive a \$3.00 rebate for each ticket sold. SO.....let's sell every single one! It's up to all of us to make it happen!

Scholarship packets for 2015 were distributed to all Presidents at the Fall Conference. Please make sure you read all the guidelines necessary to ensure the eligibility of our young women and men who apply. Application packets are to be postmarked and sent certified mail by April 1, 2014 to Chairman Mary Gavrilis. For further information, please contact Mary at 209-574-9500.

You will soon be receiving information about the Annual Sisterhood Conference which will be hosted by District 20 on Saturday, April 25, 2015 in beautiful San Diego. You should also think about making plans to attend the 2015 District Convention at the Stockton Hilton on June 5 -7, 2015. Standard room rates are \$99.00 + tax and parking is free. Delegate & alternate registration rates are \$160.00 which includes Welcome Night, Saturday Lunch, Evening Governor's Reception and the Scholarship Awards Dinner and Dance. Guest package price is \$130.00. Registration deadline is May 15, 2015 and hotel reservations are to be made by May 8, 2015 by calling 800-445-8667 or by email at <http://hiltonstockton.com>. Don't forget to ask for the AFD2 Rate Code. In addition, start thinking about placing an ad in the District Convention Ad Book. Contracts were distributed at the Fall Conference and there is a 20% discount if full page ads are submitted in both the District and AHEPA Supreme Ad Books.

On behalf of the District Lodge – Beverly Kennedy, Foula Vasilogiorgis, Mary Gavrilis, Vaso Moulas and Helen Sexton - I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

In Theta Pi,

Kathy Leles

District 21 Governor





Golden Gate District 21 Fall Conference

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Elk Grove, California
November 22, 2014

Host Chapters: Sacramento AHEPA Family
Stockton Sons of Pericles and
Maids of Athena Chapters
reactivated.



Also at the Fall Conference



Arnold Doer received award for Solano Chapter of the Year



Dionysios Litsas received award for Chapter President of the Year



Alex Bazos received award for Ahepan of the Year



AHEPA Campaign to Build Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center

September 11 was a national tragedy that forever changed America. Nearly 3,000 lives were lost; 39 of who were Greek Americans. Also lost that fateful day was the only House of Worship destroyed by the 9/11 attacks Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

The effort to rebuild Saint Nicholas was mired in bureaucracy. AHEPA's "Cut the Red Tape!" campaign proved effective in helping to budge the bureaucracy of the New York/New Jersey Port Authority to allow for the construction of Saint Nicholas at Ground Zero.

Now the time has come to build the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center. AHEPA and its affiliated organizations, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athena, will support the campaign to build the Saint Nicholas National Shrine by raising funds during the next two years.

Golden Gate District 21 Visitation and Event Schedule 2014-2015

JANUARY

10 Saturday

Visitation **Oakland/Walnut Creek
Contra Costa/Vallejo** - 10am
Ascension Cathedral, Oakland

17 Saturday

Visitation **San Jose (Tentative)**
St. Nicholas Church - 10am

24 Saturday

Visitation **Sacramento (Tentative)**
Annunciation Church - 10am

APRIL

25 Saturday

Sisterhood Conference
Hosted by District 20 in San Diego

JUNE

5-7 Friday – Sunday

District 21 Convention
Hilton Hotel, Stockton

JULY

1-5 Wednesday - Sunday

AHEPA Supreme Convention

GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21 DISTRICT CONVENTION

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

JUNE 5-7, 2015

HILTON HOTEL, STOCKTON

AHEPA FAMILY

SUPREME CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY

JUNE 30, JULY 1-5, 2015

SAN FRANCISCO HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

AHEPA, Guglielmo Marconi University Team Up to Offer Educational Opportunities



AHEPA has formalized an agreement with Guglielmo Marconi University to provide educational opportunities to AHEPA members, announced Supreme President Phillip T. Frangos.

Through the agreement, AHEPA members will receive a 20% discount on single courses and degree programs at the university. In addition, one AHEPA member will receive a full scholarship to the university for a bachelor's or master's program.

“We’re very pleased with the development of this relationship with Guglielmo Marconi University,” AHEPA Supreme President Frangos said. “It will provide an exciting and unique opportunity for AHEPA members to take individual courses or pursue a degree at a highly regarded European university. In addition, because of the online format, anyone can take classes without having to relocate; and for one student, it will mean a full scholarship to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree, which is a phenomenal opportunity.”

AHEPA will accept applications beginning January 2015, when the AHEPA National Educational Foundation releases its call for applications for all scholarships. The deadline to apply will be March 31, 2015.

About Guglielmo Marconi University

Based in Rome, Italy, Guglielmo Marconi University is the first online university to be accredited in Italy by the Italian Ministry of Education. Courses can be taken online or in a blended (online/classroom) format. Courses are offered in English and credentialed in Italy and Europe. The university is also accredited by the Greek Ministry of Education to offer Bachelor's degrees in Modern Languages and Literature, Psychology, and Education Science and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, Management and Emerging Technologies. Additional information about Marconi University and its programs can be found here: www.GMUonline.org.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE CELEBRATE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDER'S DAY

Marion Parashis, PP Eos #1

San Francisco's EOS#1, the Mother Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope, celebrated their 85th Anniversary in a most unique style. The festivities began on Friday evening November 14th in San Francisco at the Holy Trinity Church Community Center on Brotherhood Way. A Welcome Reception greeted the honored guests from our Grand Lodge, District 20 and 21 Lodge, Sisters from neighboring Chapters, Brother Ahepans from our Golden Gate #150 Chapter, and the officers, board and Sisters from EOS#1. The outstanding camaraderie began, the bonds in friendships were renewed, and the family spirit of our awesome Sisterhood spoke volumes.

The next day on November 15th, a beautiful luncheon was held at the Embassy Suites in Burlingame, Ca. History was made with the presence of our entire officers from the Grand Lodge: Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Grand Vice President Connie Pilallis, Grand Secretary Jan Spanos, Grand Treasurer Eva Jean Fomalont and our Grand Zone IV Governor Diane Petersen. Among this wonderful group was our delightful Elena Saviolakis, our Executive Director. Past Supreme President Andrew Banis, Past Grand Presidents Sisters Joanne Saltas, Joanne Booras, and

Connie Aretos including many Past District Governors from the Daughters and the Ahepans also joined together to celebrate this outstanding occasion. The District 21 Lodge, the District 20 Governor, Sisters representing most of the neighboring Chapters, the officers and board and many of the Sisters from EOS#1 including their Brother Ahepans from the District 21 Lodge and Golden Gate #150, friends and families of many of the Daughters and Ahepans were in attendance. This most prestigious group was entertained by Constantine Pappas, and the spirit of this magnificent event was electric.

Sunday, November 16th, an Artoclasia honoring the Daughters and their Families and a Memorial Service remembering the departed was held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and performed by Father Aris Metrakos. These solemn rituals brought many tears especially with the lighting of the candles, and were magnified by the attendance of so many visiting guests present in our community. After the Church Service a luncheon was held downstairs in the Father Anthony Hall to bid farewell to all our Sisters and Brothers.

This wholesome, whirlwind weekend was such a joy, and it demonstrated the spirit of LOYALTY AND LOVE! A very special thank you to all the Sisters in EOS#1, because they are the models of true hostesses. They exemplify the true meaning of our gifted Sisterhood. If we have raindrops any time soon, it will not be rain but the shedding of proud tears from an angel named Sister Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld.

Founder's Day photos by Stella Kyriakis pages 6-10











Celebrate ^{THE} Season

Daughters of Penelope Sparta Chapter #18 & Ahepa Chapter #212

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Friday, December 5, 2014

STOCKTON HILTON

2323 Grand Canal Blvd

Stockton, Ca 95207

Raffle Prizes!!

6:00 pm

No Host Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 pm

Buffet

\$45.00 per person

\$80.00 per couple

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child @ Mary Graham Hall (ages newborn to 18 yrs old)

RSVP

by November 28th

Tom Chiarchianis - 59tommmyc@gmail.com or (209) 401-1179

Oakland Chapter #171

by Marlene Panacci

Oakland Chapter #171 held their annual AHEPA FAMILY joint Holiday and Awards Dinner, Sunday, November 30th. The event had approximately 145 in attendance. Great food was prepared by favorite chef, Deno, of Alpha Catering. The evening started out with cocktails, and the feast included a wonderful entrée, nice wine, and an abundance of pumpkin pie.

We were honored to have in attendance, Brother Nicolaos Theophanous, the Honorary Counsel General of Cyprus; Supreme Governor, Robert and Mrs. Sexton; District Governor, Tom Chiarchianis; many past District Governor's, and Past Supreme President, Andrew Banis, who we might add was celebrating his name's day. Last but not least, our own Father Tom Zaferes.

Pins were awarded to both the Ladies of the DOP, and the Order of Ahepa #171.

Oakland Chapter was very proud to treat their members and guests to the entire evening, absorbing the entire financial cost.

As always we "passed the hat" asking for donations to the food cards program feeding the needy. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU and your generosity, a total of \$675.00 was collected. We also asked for the yearly donation to the Building Futures for Women and Children. We have not received their total collection figure. This is a project sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope Echo Chapter #4. As always a job well done.

San Jose Chapter #251

An Ahepan Wins Big in Florida

Past San Jose Chapter President "Big Mike" Frangadakis and his NorCal Giants Team won the 60 year old division Baseball National Championship in Ft Myers Florida. They beat a team from New England with four former Big Leaguers on it. Played at Jet Blue Stadium, the Boston Red Sox spring training facility. Congratulations Mike and the NorCal Team!



Ochi Day

by John Copoulos, Reno Chapter #281

Our whole lives can be judged by a singular act.

An individual with a blemished past and tremendous personal defects can be defined by a moment of greatness.

Greece's Ioannis Metaxas was such a man.

Metaxas had a questionable history as a leader and as a man.

Metaxas was appointed prime minister by King George II and confirmed by the parliament during a period of great political unrest in Greece. He ruled constitutionally for the first four months of his reign then declared he personally would hold all power in Greece until further notice.

His regime was patterned after other fascist governments, like Germany, Spain and most notably, Italy.

He burned books by Johann Goethe, George Bernard Shaw, Sigmund Freud, and even Plato's Republic. Like many successful leaders he also instituted policies popular with the people like eight hour workdays, improved working conditions and the Social Insurance Institute (Greek Social Security). Nonetheless, Metaxas' seat of power was not secured by the people, but by the King and the military.

As a young man Metaxas studied in Germany, and by the late 1930s Germany had become Greece's largest trading partner. It was easy to see why Hitler and Mussolini thought they had a kindred spirit in the Greek dictator.

By fall of 1940, the Axis powers needed to protect its southern flank and Greece's strategic military location was as significant as it was in ancient times.

Hitler conferred with his Italian counterpart, expressing his desire to anchor his position deep into the eastern Mediterranean.

Mussolini told Hitler he was confident Metaxas would accede to his wishes, and even more confident that were he not to do so, the Italian Army would run right through Greece and secure the ports and airstrips it needed.

At 4:00 a.m. on the morning of October 28, 1940, Emanuele Grazzi, the Italian ambassador to Greece, presented Metaxas an ultimatum, yield your strategic locations to the Axis powers or it will be war.

Metaxas, suffering from the toxemia that would take his life three months later, rose spiritually as well as physically to give the ambassador his one word answer, "No," "Ochi" in Greek. And war it was.

At 5:30 that very same morning the Italians attacked

Greece's northern border through Albania, which had been an Italian protectorate.

The Italians did not march through Greece as Hitler had assumed, as Mussolini had promised. The Greek Army didn't just stop the Italians at the Albanian border, it drove them back, and the Greeks advanced into its ancient lands of Epirus that belonged to Greece during Antiquity.

A displeased Hitler had to detour his Nazi troops to Greece to rescue the failed Italian mission.

Eventually the German army did take mainland Greece, but months after it had planned. Now the time had come for the Germans to take the island of Crete, the southernmost point in all of Europe, which it wanted from the beginning of the campaign. Once again the Greeks, not the Greek Army, the Greeks, or more accurately the Cretans, slowed the advance.

While the fighting military men of Crete were enlisted in the Greek army, the island of Crete was defended by storekeepers and clerks, farmers and shepherds.

The people of Greece had fought so bravely, it inspired Winston Churchill to say "Hence you will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks."

Because of those Greeks, Hitler had to re-figure his plans to invade Russia, one of his primary goals from the outset of the war.

While the Russians, the British and the Americans can all take their share of credit for stopping Hitler, it was a force of nature that ultimately stopped the Nazis. Do you want to call it God's hand? Feel free. While Stalin, Churchill, Truman, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Patton and Montgomery all played an essential role, nothing stopped Hitler and the Nazis like the Russian winter.

And while western civilization acknowledges Greece for creating the principals that have dictated our world for over two millennia, it must also credit Greece once more. The world must credit Greece for disrupting the plans of a madman to dominate the world with his psychotic vision of authority and servitude.

For without Greece, the War that has defined our modern world, might have turned out much differently. For without one man, one very flawed man, and his foresight or courage or perhaps God speaking through him at that moment, we might have a much different existence today.

And those momentous events, those significant, history altering developments started with one little word that held the force of a nation and all humanity behind it. "Ochi!"

Fresno AHEPA #151 Brother, Pete Rokas, inducted into California Boxing Hall of Fame

by Anthony Galaviz - *The Fresno Bee*

Pete Rokas first started to love boxing when his uncle took him to watch fights at Ryan's Auditorium when he was 8.

Rokas felt back then that boxing was something he wanted to do as a career.

It worked out just the way Rokas planned, and his hard work and dedication to the sport earned him a spot in the California Boxing Hall of Fame in Studio City.



"I'm really happy about it," said the 82-year-old Fresnan. "It brings back a lot of memories with all the managers, trainers and fighters I dealt with all those years, including Mexico because I would go two to three times a year and look for fighters."

In May 1951, Rokas became a matchmaker at the age of 26 -- the youngest one at the time, he said. Rokas' matchmaking days lasted 11/2 years before he decided he wanted to become a promoter later on.

In 1969, Rokas was sanctioned as a Boxing Promoter by the State of California and began putting together

fights with partner Pat Difuria at Selland Arena.

Rokas remembers seeing Muhammad Ali's fight against Alejandro Lavorante at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles in 1962, promoted by George Parnassus. Ali knocked out Lavorante in the fifth round to improve to 15-0 and Rokas said he noticed something immediately about Ali, known then as Cassius Clay.

"We're all going back to the dressing room. These are all professional managers and trainers, and I just popped out as a young guy and said, 'Man that guy is going to be the next world champion,'" Rokas said.

"It was like an atomic bomb when I said that. They told me, 'What are you talking about? He talks too much and he's not serious.' But there was some thing that I felt about him. and here was a guy over 6-feet tall and he can really move, footwise, back and forth. Look what happened later on."

Rokas was also a major fixture showing fights on closed circuit in the 1960s and '70s, including the "Fight of the Century" between Joe Frazier and Ali on March 8, 1971, which was shown locally at Selland Arena. Under Rokas, closed-circuit bouts took place in Fresno, Sacramento and Bakersfield. Rokas' professional career in boxing lasted from 1959-1988.

"Too many memories," Rokas said. "Boxing was in my blood from the time I was just 8 years old and has stayed with me for ever."

Reno Chapter #281 at their November meeting at the Great Basin Brewery



Fresno Ahepa Chapter #151

by Chris E. Rockas, PSC,

The winter quarter of the 2014 started out with quite a few activities. The first activity was Founder's Day Breakfast held for the St. George Orthodox communicants-this resulted in approximately

\$500.00 net which will be contributed to the District Fund Drive to restore the Ahepa Family Dormitory at St. Nicholas Retreat Center.

The second activity was the visit of our District #21 Lodge Officers led by District Governor Tom Chiarichanis. It turned out to be one of the most informative visitations within the past decade. All visiting district officers had a message to impart.



The third activity was the memorial service held November 9 for our departed veterans of the past wars of our country. This activity was held at the memorial garden established by Fresno Chapter #151 on the Greek Community of Fresno ground next to our St. George Greek Eastern Orthodox Church. Father/Brother James Pappas officiated at this memorable service which is held every year.

Brother Tony Kocolas, who is writing the scripts for the Pan Hellenism Project, informed us at the District Officers visitation meeting that the title of DVD #2 is going to be "The Rational Pursuit of Knowledge" which will include philosophy, drama, free thought; etc. Individual and chapter donations to push forward on this project can be sent to:

Pan Hellenic Project
c/o of Chris E. Rokas
2555 W. San Ramon Ave.
Fresno, CA 93711

A minimum of \$20.00 will buy for you a copy of DVD #1, REMEMBER this is an IRS 501(C)(3) deductible donation.

Fresno Leto Chapter #71

by Eleni Rotous Rockas, M.D.

"If there had not been the virtue and courage of the Greeks, we do not know which the outcome of World War II would have been."

Winston Churchill---

Autumn is here again. The wind is blowing, the colorful leaves are falling, and finally a few sprinkles are giving us the moisture we have needed all year. We are now off to another year of entertainment, donations and assistance to all sisters and friends.

We have installed the following officers: President Mary Alfieris, Vice President Dee Stonebraker, Recording Secretary Madelyn Jones, Corresponding Secretary Cindi Boukidis, Treasurer Phyllis Makredes, Governors: Chair Phyllis Makredes, Helen Sexton, Dorothy Papangellin, Katina Scamagas and Eleni Rockas. Appointed officers are: Warden Evelyn T. Boosalis, Priestess Dorothea Gianopulos, Marshall Kara Zografos, Sentinel Anne Kossaras and Parliamentarian Helen Sexton.

We have taken on the responsibility of staffing our church book store following every Sunday church service. Sisters **Madelyn Jones** and **Cindi Boukidis** are the chairwomen. This is a good way for us to contribute to a great outreach and service by our Daughters. We voted to take on this philanthropic work.

We continue to visit our members who are unable to join us because of illness. This committee is chaired by **Madelyn Jones**.

Our annual District Lodge Visitation was scheduled for November 1. We welcomed our District Lodge with fanfare! Those who attended were: **Kathy Leles**, District Governor, **Foula Vasilogiorgis**, District Secretary; **Helen Sexton, PDG** and **Mary Gavrilis**, District Scholarship Chairman. They gave us many new ideas as to how to improve our chapter.

We are looking forward to our **Founder's Day** and the **Daughters and Ahepa Christmas Dinner** on December 5 at the Manhattan Restaurant.

*"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,
But beautiful old people are works of art."*

... Eleanor Roosevelt

San Francisco AHEPA Family News

by Marion Parashis

October 1st, 2014 the EOS#1 Daughters and their Brother Ahepans from the Golden Gate Pacific Chapter #150 welcomed the District 21 Lodge for a Meet and Greet dinner meeting. District 21 Governors Kathy Leles and Tom Chiarchianis introduced their respective lodge officers. President Angeliki Trujillo and Sister Demetra Sperow from the San Mateo Urania #290 Chapter also visited and were warmly welcomed. After the delicious dinner and yummy dessert catered by our very own EOS#1 Sister Yvonne Stamatakis and her hubby John, the Sisters and Brothers held their own individual meetings.



Centurion Ahepa Member of 77 years Dr S. Saribalis is surrounded by District Lodge #21 Officers and Pres. Lou Phillips.



Daphne #29 San Jose Wine Tasting Fundraiser

by *Andrea Papa*

Daphne Sisters Always Say...Save Water Drink Wine!!!

Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who contributed! We had a great group supporting the Daughters. The wines were so unique and Michael was a character and so generous.

I loved the almond wine, reminded me of my favorite Greek cookies from Andros. Delicious Greek food from John's of Willow Glen.

Thank you to Cassandra Skordilis for opening her beautiful home and to Cathy Photopoulos for helping me bring to life my vision for the event.

So much fun! Everyone seemed to have a great time. Can't wait for the next event.





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Modern (demotic) Greek for beginners emphasizing oral expression, listening comprehension, reading and writing. Grammar introduced in context of readings. The fifth hour of this class will be conducted online. For students entering before Fall 2014, this class counts for GE Segment 2. For students entering Fall 2014 or later, this class may count for GE lower division. For courses in ancient Greek language and literature, please consult the class schedule under “Greek”, GRE.

Tuesdays & Thursday /7:00—8:50 pm
 Ismini Ioannou/HUM 286

MGS 152: Modern Greek Conversation (2 units)

Emphasizing aural-oral skills, provides practical contexts for conversational modern Greek derived from instructional videos, DVDs, and on-line tutorials.

Prerequisite: MGS 150/GRE 150 or consent of instructor.

For students entering Fall 2014 or later, this class may count as an overlay global perspectives.

Wednesday/ 7:00—8:50 pm
 Ismini Ioannou/ HUM 129

MGS/ENG 380: British and American by Travellers to Greece (3 units)

Survey of the genre of travel writing to Greece by British, American, and Postcolonial writers from the Romantic to the postmodern periods. Authors include Byron, Woolf, Miller, Durrell, Fremor, Leonard Cohen, and Gillian Bouras. Pre-req: ENG 214.

This course fulfills the following GE categories: upper division, area C:

- Creativity, Innovation, and Invention
- Enduring Ideas, Values, and Achievements
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- World Perspectives

It also fulfills an upper division overlay in Global Perspectives; it can also fulfill the BA requirement in English for one course in global literatures.

Tuesday & Thursday/9:35-10:50 am/Professor Klironomos/BUS 126

MGS/ENG/CWL 452: Forster, Durrell, Cavafy (3 units)

Examination of writers E.M. Forster and Lawrence Durrell and their connection to Alexandrian poet C.P. Cavafy. Texts to be studied include Forster's *Alexandra: A History and Guide*, *Room with a View*, *Howard's End*, and *Passage to India*; Durrell's *Alexandria Quartlet* and the Alexandrian poems of C.P. Cavafy. Pre-req: ENG 214.

This course fulfills the following GE category:

Overlay: Global Perspectives

And it also fulfills the following requirement for BA in English, concentration in Literature: one elective course, post-1800 literature

Monday/4:10-6:55 pm

Professor Klironomos/HUM 301

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