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AHEPA District 21 Governor's Message



Sisters, Brothers:

Spring is once again here. Soon we will be celebrating Easter and Greek Independence Day! Scholarship applications are here and the District Convention is coming up!

The District Lodge visitations to our chapters continue. On behalf of the Lodge, I would like to thank all the chapters who hosted our visitations so far for their warm welcome and hospitality. I would also like to thank all the officers of the Lodge for their time and traveling to visit our chapters. We had a chance to communicate the status of the projects and the events planned by the District, as well as listen to ideas and concerns from our members.

By now, all chapters have access to the District Scholarship applications on the District website ahepa21.org. The applications are due April 1st. This year we also offer a scholarship to high school juniors for the AHEPA Academy (see AHEPAcademy.com for applications to the Academy). Please encourage qualified candidates to apply! Remember that any student who is a member of the Sons of Pericles or the Maids of Athena is eligible to apply. Applications to SOP and MOA can also be found online on the District website. I would like to remind you that National also offers scholarships and applications can be found on the ahepa.org site. The deadline for these applications is March 31st.

I am delighted to report that, for first time since 1975, our SOP team from the Fresno and Stockton chapters competed at the Greeks in L.A. Sons Basketball Tournament on January 19-21. Please congratulate our Sons and support them in future tournaments as they represent our District. I encourage other chapters to join this effort and revive our SOP athletic teams.

We are now in Phase III of our St. Nicholas Ranch Dormitory Renovation District project. So far we have collected over \$45,000 towards the \$80,000 goal. Our fundraising continues with a banquet in May. Stay tuned for more information as we finalize the date.

In addition to the Renovation project, the District is also participating in the Dogs for Warriors National project. This program is raising funds to purchase service dogs for wounded veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. These dogs are rescued from animal shelters and are specially trained to provide the veterans with their companionship and to assist them in their path to recovery and management of their disabilities. The District is planning to raise \$15,000 to sponsor and name a dog. So far, we have collected over \$8,500. Please consider supporting this important cause. You can find the information about where to send donations at the district web site.

This year we will have the District Convention at the Hilton in Stockton on June 14-16. Please plan to attend. There is more information and registrations online at ahepa21.org.

I wish you and your families a Happy Easter, Kalo Pascha!

George Zioulas

District #21 Governor

Daughters of Penelope District Governor's Message



Dear Sisters,

As the Lenten Season begins, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every chapter for their wonderful hospitality and graciousness. You have honored not only to me but also the District Lodge. I enjoyed my visitations with most chapters and having two visitations left, Sacramento and San Mateo. I was happy to hear of the lovely events and collaborations with one another and the inclusion of others from neighboring chapters for future events.

As you all are aware, the District Convention will take place from June 14-16 in Stockton. Please complete your registration form, as well as the ad form for the convention album. All the forms are included in this issue of the TRAVELER.

Our 2019 Supreme Convention is scheduled for July 1-6 in Chicago, Illinois. Please see information in this issue of the Traveler. Chapter Presidents should have already received a packet from National Headquarters with various forms and applications, as well as District forms from me. The forms and payments are due not later than March 31, 2019. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6 for our Sisterhood Conference in Phoenix Arizona. Flyer and registration form will be in my March bulletin.

District 21 Scholarships have been distributed to all chapters. You may get applications and the information packet on our website – www.dop21.org or contact Linda Belba, at: ljbelba@yahoo.com.

We are now in Phase III of our St. Nicholas Ranch Dormitory Renovation Project. We need \$80,000 to complete the last dorm and conference room. We now have \$40,000 in the bank and should be receiving an additional check of \$5,000 from a donor. George Zioulis and I are in the process of planning a dinner/dance fundraiser in the near future to hopefully to raise the necessary funds needed to complete our project.

Don't forget that our membership contest is still ongoing. Send a copy of the application of your new initiates and reinstatements to our District Secretary, Barbara Takanikos. The deadline is May 1, 2019.

Please remember to create committees to choose your chapter's Penelope of the Year and Daughter of the Year. This is a thoughtful way to show your appreciation for dedicated members

On behalf of the District Lodge – Linda Belba Barbara Takanikos, Laurie Sahines, Sylvia Maritsas, Beverly Kennedy and Kathy Leles – I wish the AHEPA Family a blessed Easter season and look forward to seeing you at the District Convention!

With Love in Theta Pi,

Foula Vasilogiorgis

District 21 Governor



AHEPA Family 2019 Tentative District Visitation Dates and Events

2019

| | | |
|----------------|--------|---|
| Sat | Mar 2 | Oakland |
| Sat | TBA | Sacramento |
| Sat | Mar 30 | San Mateo |
| June 14-16 | | District 21 Convention - Hilton Hotel in Stockton, California |
| June 30-July 5 | | Supreme Convention - Palmer Hotel in Chicago, Illionis |





AHEPA FAMILY GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21

87th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

JUNE 14 - 16, 2019



*Order of Ahepa - Daughters of Penelope
Sons of Pericles - Maids of Athena*

Convention Headquarters: Hilton Hotel & Resort • 2323 Grand Canal Blvd • Stockton, CA 95207

AHEPA Chapter # 212
Sons of Pericles Phoebeus # 207

Host Chapters

Daughters of Penelope Sparta Chapter #18
Maids of Athena Eleftheria # 278

Contact Tom Chiarchianis (209) 401-1179 Email 59tommyc@gmail.com
Kathy Leles (209) 815-2935 Email kleles@att.net

REGISTRATION FORM

AHEPA / SOP Delegate/Alternate Name _____ AHEPA / SOP Chapter # _____

DAUGHTERS / MOA Delegate/Alternate Name _____ DOP / MOA Chapter # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER () _____ EMAIL _____

ALL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES MUST PAY FOR THE COMPLETE PACKAGE
Business Sessions Begin Friday Morning

| CONVENTION PACKAGES & TICKETS | COST/PERSON | NUMBER | TOTAL |
|--|---|--------|-------|
| AHEPA/DAUGHTERS Registration Package Includes: Registration Fee, Welcome Night (Friday), Scholarship Luncheon (Saturday) and Glendi (Saturday Evening). | \$ 175 \$ 200 after May 28 | | |
| GUEST Package Includes: Welcome Night (Friday), Scholarship Luncheon (Saturday) and Glendi (Saturday Evening) | \$ 155 \$ 180 after May 28 | | |
| SONS/MAIDS Registration Package Includes: Registration Fee, Welcome Night, Scholarship Luncheon. | \$ 100 \$ 120 after May 28 | | |
| Luncheon Meal Choices <i>Roasted Chicken</i> <i>3 Cheese Ravioli</i> <i>Vegan</i> | | | |
| INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS | COST/PERSON | NUMBER | TOTAL |
| Welcome Night - Friday, June 14 Includes Appetizers & NY Strip Carving Station | \$ 30 | | |
| Scholarship Luncheon - Saturday, June 15 (See three meal choices above) | \$ 40 | | |
| Glendi - Saturday, June 15 - Buffet Dinner and Dancing | \$ 75 Single \$ 140 Couple | | |
| Glendi Only after 9:00 PM | \$ 35 | | |
| Please enclose check payable to AHEPA 212 along with this form and mail to: Tom Chiarchianis, 507 Chabot Avenue, Modesto, CA 95354 | TOTAL | | |

Hotel Reservations - Call 800-445-8667 or 209-957-9090 or book on-line at www.stockton.hilton.com

Reference Group Code AHEPA when making hotel reservations.

Room Rate \$ 109 per night plus taxes. \$10.00 per person/per night charge will be added to the room rate for triple and quadruple occupancies.

AHEPA Room Rates Available June 13, 14, 15

Reservations Deadline: June 1, 2019

Note: You can register online at AHEPA District 21 website: www.ahepa21.org



AHEPA Family Golden Gate District 21



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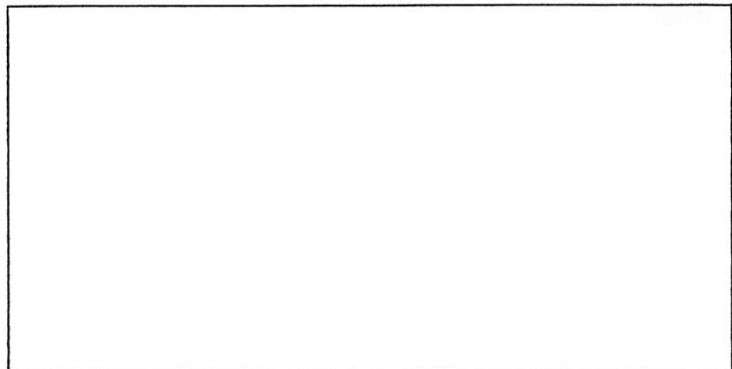
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- Inside Back Cover Page \$ 350
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- All copy and advertisements are subject to approval of the Convention Committee. Committee approval shall not relieve advertiser of its obligation to defend and indemnify as provided below.
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- All payments and materials must be received by the deadline of May 17, 2019 for guaranteed placement in album.
- The advertiser agrees to protect, defend and indemnify AHEPA District 21, its individual members and the publisher against any claim based on libelous statements, unauthorized use of photographs or other material, or any other matter based on or used within the advertiser's ad.
- Requests for photographs to be returned must be in writing. Please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Note: You can complete online at AHEPA District 21 website: www.ahepa21.org



Join us for the 97th Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention July 1 - 6, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois!

Palmer House Hilton Hotel - 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603
Room Rate: **\$159 plus tax per night**

Call **312-726-7500** or visit
<https://book.passkey.com/event/49757609/owner/1455/home> to book your room

Featuring:

Monday, July 1

- AHEPA Office Opens
- AHEPA Supreme Lodge Meeting **1PM**
- AHEPA Board of Trustees Meeting **1PM**
- AHEPA Welcome Night Event **8PM**

Tuesday, July 2

- AHEPA & Guest Registration **9AM**
- Official AHEPA Supreme Convention Opening **9AM**
- AHEPA General Session Begins **10AM**
- DOP Registration **10AM**
- DOP General Session **10AM**
- Greek Night Event **8PM**

Wednesday, July 3

- AHEPA Family & Guest Registration **9AM**
- AHEPA General Session **9AM**
- DOP General Session **9AM**
- AHEPA Family Athletic Luncheon **12PM**
- AHEPA Service Dog for Warriors Presentation **1PM**
- DOP Foundation, Inc. Symposium **3PM**
- AHEPA International Koulouraki Contest **5PM**
- AHEPA Night at the Hellenic Museum **8PM**

Thursday, July 4th

- AHEPA General Session **12PM**
- DOP General Session **12PM**
- AHEPA Family Awards Breakfast **9AM**
- Hellenic Cultural Commission Presentation **4PM**
- AHEPA Fourth of July Event **7PM**

Friday, July 5th

- AHEPA General Session **12PM**
(Nominations & Elections)
- DOP General Session (Voting) **8AM**
- AHEPA Hellenic History Tournament Championship **10AM**
- AHEPA Family Grand Banquet **7PM**
- AHEPA Family Grand Ball **10PM**

Saturday, July 6th

- SOP & MOA Celebrate the Youth Awards **9AM**
- AHEPA Family Officers Installations **11AM**
- Basketball Championships **10AM**
- DOP Grand Lodge Meeting **1PM**
- AHEPA Supreme Lodge Meeting **1PM**
- AHEPA Board of Trustees Meeting **1PM**
- SOP & MOA International Reunion **6PM**



AHEPA Service Dogs for wounded Warriors suffering from PTSD

AHEPA continues to raise awareness about the consequences of PTSD and the extraordinary efforts to improve the quality of life of veterans made possible through service dogs.

For more information please visit www.ahepa-servicedogs.org.

To donate send checks (made to "AHEPA District 21"
memo: For Dogs for Warriors) to:

AHEPA District 21
P.O.Box 18703
San Jose, CA 95158

You can also donate online by visiting the
District 21 website: www.ahepa21.org

Please include return address for receipt.



AHEPA Family District 21 Project

AHEPA & DOP Chapters



ST. NICHOLAS RANCH BOYS DORM RENOVATION PROJECT

Total project cost \$ 180,000

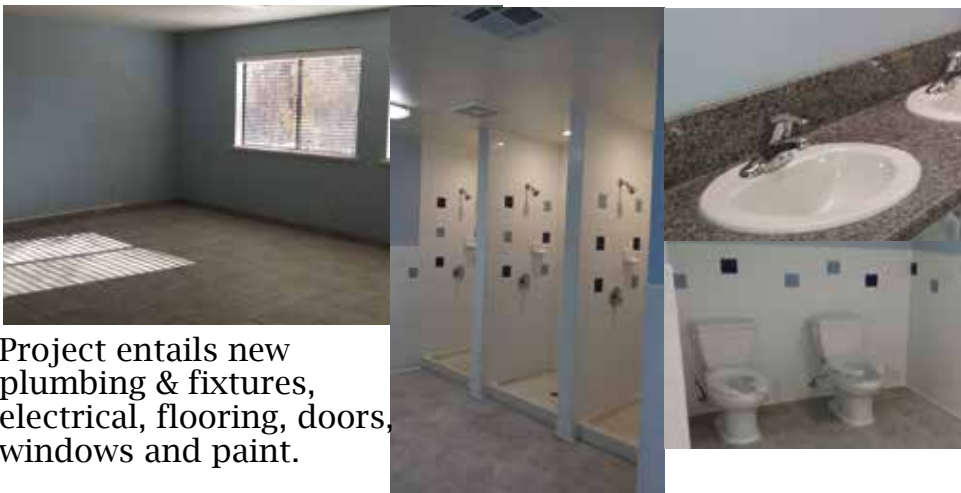
Completed Phases I & II - consisting of two dorm rooms - at cost of \$100,000

Remaining goal of \$ 80,000 to complete third dorm section (\$50K) and conference room (\$30K)

Your generous contributions will help us reach our Phase III and Phase IV goals.

\$ 180,000
Total Goal

\$ 100,000
Achieved



Project entails new plumbing & fixtures, electrical, flooring, doors, windows and paint.

Individual, corporate or group donations welcomed and appreciated.

Please make checks payable to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco - indicate AHEPA Dorm Project in memo

Hand checks to Chapter President ... or mail to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !



AHEPAcademy

Attention Greek-American High School Juniors:
Don't Miss Your Chance to Be a Part of the
AHEPAcademy Class of 2019 Session

Dates: June 23, 2019 – June 29, 2019

EARLY ACTION APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2019
EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2019

Apply for the opportunity to be one of a small, select group of Greek-American high school students selected from all over the country to participate in AHEPAcademy, an interactive leadership and professional development program to be held at George Mason University outside Washington, DC from June 23 – June 29, 2019.

AHEPAcademy is a leadership and professional development program that identifies, educates, inspires, mentors, advances, and networks exceptional Greek-American high school students as they progress through their high school, college, graduate and professional careers.

Graduates of AHEPAcademy are eligible for further mentoring, access to a nationwide network of internships, and participation in continuing internet-based networking and learning opportunities throughout their academic careers and beyond. AHEPAcademy provides instruction and inspiration by prominent Greek-American and Philhellene instructors from the academic, professional, and public service fields across the United States.

AHEPAcademy is looking for exceptional Greek-American high school juniors during the 2018-2019 school year with top grades (minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent or Top 10% of Class), who exemplify scholarship, leadership, character, participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and involvement in the Greek-American community to apply for selection to this summer's AHEPAcademy on Campus program.

Applications for AHEPAcademy are now available on www.AHEPAcademy.com. The early action deadline for submission of completed applications to AHEPAcademy is March 15, 2019. Please contact AHEPAcademy and the San Jose AHEPA Chapter as soon as possible, but in no event later than March 15, 2019, to indicate your interest in applying for the program and regarding your eligibility to receive a scholarship from your local AHEPA Chapter for your participation in the AHEPAcademy on Campus program.

For more information, please visit www.AHEPAcademy.com or

The advertisement features a background of a classical Greek temple and a statue of a warrior in a red plumed helmet, overlaid with a large American flag. The text is arranged in a vertical hierarchy, starting with the organization's name and history, followed by a 100-year anniversary announcement, and then a list of achievements. The website URL and a QR code are at the bottom.

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A message from Supreme Governor Wynn Storton

Dear AHEPA Family of Golden Gate District 21,



Thank you for allowing me to serve as Supreme Governor for Region 8 which includes my home District, El Camino Real District 20. 2018 has been a terrific year starting off my term in Atlantic City, traveling throughout the Districts meeting many brothers and sisters, seeing how their chapters promote Hellenism in their own way has made me proud.

At my last visitation everyone made me feel extremely welcome and extended all efforts to work together as an AHEPA Family. Looking forward to upcoming events so we can celebrate together. Please feel free to contact me for any events or questions.

Thank you to District Governors George Zioulas and Foula Vasilogiorgis for their district support for the Western Regional Banquet held in Long Beach, CA. It was a great success highlighting our unity of the Western Regional Districts. Thank you to PSP Any Banis, PGP Joanne Booras and Current Supreme Treasurer George Booras for being among the first to support and register for the event. You should be proud to have them still working hard for your district success. The event was attended by 47 Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena,

who's banquets cost were all sponsored by many across the AHEPA domain.

The event was attended by Supreme President George Loucas and Grand President demi Thomas and appreciate them having their Lodge meetings on that weekend so many more attended and received Western regional hospitality.

May we always bring fellowship and unity to the Western Regional Districts as we strive for the purpose that the AHEPA was formed almost 100 years ago as we face many of the same issues today, but in a different era. Keep promoting Hellenism and remember those who came before us as we strive to keep **AHEPA STRONG**.

Let me know of upcoming events so we can celebrate together.



I will always be there for the fraternity and the church,

Wynn Storton | 760.832.282 | wstorton@gmail.com
Order of Ahepa – Supreme Governor Region 8
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Western Regional Banquet - Long Beach, CA - January 19, 2019



EOS Chapter #1

Delivering a Donation from 89th Founder's Day Celebration

Easier Said than Done

EOS No. 1 Makes It Happen!

And the Nun Says "Thank You"

Daughters of Penelope EOS Chapter No. 1's decision to donate a portion of the proceeds from their 89th Founder's Day Anniversary luncheon in November, 2018 to Greek Orthodox nun Sister Nektaria of Kolkata (Calcutta), India was easier said than done. But once again, the Sisters of EOS No. 1...accomplished their task!

When the donation was first discussed at a pre-Founder's Day Board meeting, Past President Marion Parashis recommended three guidelines: 1) the donation go specifically to Sister Nektaria, 2) the donation qualify as a tax deductible contribution for IRS purposes and 3) there be tracking to provide an acceptable audit trail.

After the anniversary luncheon, at EOS No. 1's December, 2017 meeting, Chapter Treasurer Sophia Makras presented a detailed financial report of the November 17th Founder's Day celebration and the Board recommended a donation of \$3,000 from the proceeds to Sister Nektaria whose efforts to "save one child at a time" have been highlighted in the video at www.ekotafilm.com.

In short order, however, EOS No. 1 officers discovered that you don't simply write a check and drop it off or send it off to Kolkata—both the mail and the banking system have challenges—and sending a courier was not in the budget. What was essential was ensuring there was a failsafe process in place to get the funds to Sister Nektaria.

Thanks to the ingenuity and creative problem solving of all involved, the Chapter identified FILI, Inc., a non-profit which helps under-served charities with fundraising and promotes Sister Nektaria's work [www.fili-inc.com]. Once Chapter President Eva Skoufis confirmed that FILI was an IRS recognized 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization, she authorized the donation to Sister Nektaria through FILI. The next step was ensuring the full amount was sent directly to Sister Nektaria. The Chapter requested FILI to wire the funds to the Philanthropic Society of the Orthodox Church

(PSOC) which is managed by Sister Nektaria. Ms. Cleo Constantin of FILI reports that "Sister watches the exchange rate and will withdraw the funds when it is advantageous to her."

The \$3,000 donation was sent by wire transfer on February 1, 2019. On February 7, 2019, the following letter was received from Sister Nektaria:

*To The Daughters of Penelope
EOS Chapter, U.S.A*

Dear Sisters in Christ,

My soul glorifies and grateth God for His love and providence for His children in India. It opens doors where you do not expect it and He is revealed to us every day in a miraculous way.

So now, where I moaned my thoughts and minds by making bills and surcharges, plans and calculations of how we can manage to cope with the specific economic circumstances, like your manna from heaven, came your generous offer of \$3.000 via FILI and gave us a breath of life.

A simple "thank you" cannot describe the infinite gratitude of the soul. We pray God to keep you in good health and to repay you a hundredfold.

Here, with your donation, we are building a school for our orphans, we help them to dream for their life and through Education to realise their dreams for a bright future.

Thanking you once again on behalf of all our Children, With appreciation and gratitude

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EOS No. 1's \$3,000 donation will help Sister Nektaria support the orphanages and schools she has founded in Kolkata, India. EOS No. 1 showed how a charitable endeavor can be accomplished with a business-wise approach that meets the needs of all.

*Submitted by Kathleen Courtney (Bardis) - chair
89th Founder's Day*

See photos next page



Sister Nektaria at the school construction site. Sister Nektaria with two of the orphan girls. The shell of the school built largely on credit.

Fresno Chapter #151



Lunch with the Greeks

On the third or fourth Wednesday of any month, a handful of Greeks gather for lunch. That's in Fresno, California. Why? Because it's just a neat thing to do. Yes, they have their origins in common, that is, born in this country, but by Ancestors of Greece. These guys, let's call them $\pi\epsilon\sigma\iota\alpha$, have no more in common than this Ancestral connection. But all have lived in Fresno for a good part of their lives. In some cases, they grew up together in this community. All have been active in the community. And even though they are largely in their advanced age, they are still active. Among them you'll find law, television, wrestling and boxing promotion, real estate, education, athletic refereeing, business and even the space program of America.

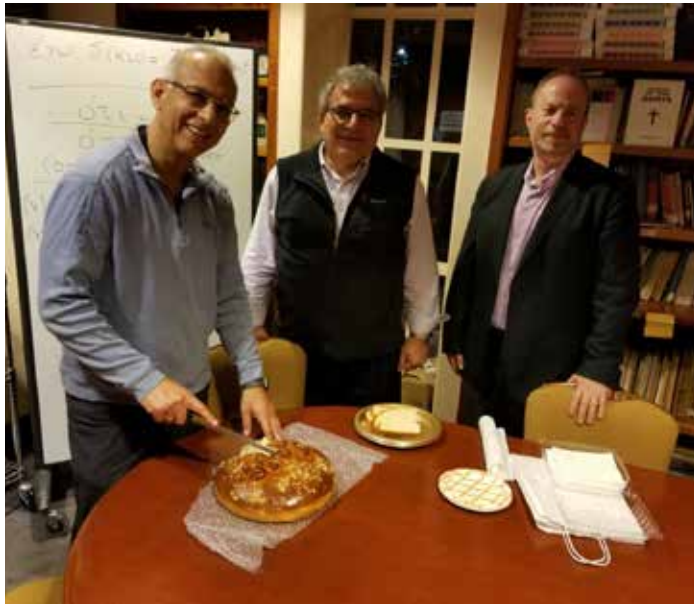
Does anyone keep minutes of these 'meetings'? Not a chance! Does anyone prepare an agenda? No way! It's just a way of getting together, let idle chatter take the conversation where-ever it may go. Much of the time, there are reflections on those early times in the Greek Community of Fresno. On other occasions, a 'what ever happened to 'so-and-so'?' is prominent. And still, from time-to-time, a good joke, story, comical incident keeps the conversation going.

Oh, let me add. All of these, I'll call them 'gentlemen', are members of the local Fresno AHEPA Chapter #151 - well, almost everyone. One actually was a Son of Pericles a long time ago but never kept his membership going. But among these AHEPANs are 4 Life Members, a couple Past District #21 Governors, others who held District offices, and all have served in some office of the local Chapter. There is even one here who once held the National office of Supreme Legal Counsel. As is obvious, several things bind this group together.

In conclusion, it's not a big thing, this 'Lunch with the Greeks'. But it serves as a 'shot in the arm' to what could otherwise be a boring, unproductive life for some retirees. So, we'll keep it going - others may join, but in the meantime, this group will gather, have lunch and once again go over life experiences that had some meaning at an earlier time.

Submitted by George Gianopoulos

San Mateo Chapter #392



We cut a Vasilopita at the end of our meeting on January 28. Pictured are Alex Mallas, District Lt. Governor, Leo Maheras, Chapter President and Chapter Secretary George Fonti, and Paul Flocas, Director of the Belmont FDF dance group. Our chapter presented Paul with a donation of \$500 to help with the FDF expenses. Last month Paul applied to reinstate his membership and is now a member of our chapter.

Oakland Chapter #171



The Brothers of Oakland Chapter 171 prepared a breakfast for the Ascension Cathedral community's annual Vasilopita celebration.

Reno Chapter #281



Honored veterans from Reno Chapter 281 enjoy a moment after the AHEPA medal awards ceremony for military service that was conducted at St Anthony Greek Orthodox Church on December 2, 2018. All branches of the military were represented with Col. Steven Bragorgos foremost as the highest ranking veteran with thirty years of service.

San Jose Chapter #251

We are honored to announce that a member of our chapter, Paul Pries, is the recipient of the Metropolitan Anthony Humanitarian Award this year at FDF. The award was announced at the FDF Banquet . We congratulate Paul! May God grant him many years and the wisdom from above! Paul's two brothers are also chapter members, Past District Governor Nick and George. AXIOS!

2019 Metropolitan Anthony Humanitarian Award **Apostolos (Paul) Pries**

Paul Pries has been a dedicated steward of the Church, offering his time, talent and treasure for the perpetuation of our faith and heritage, and for the preservation of the rich legacy of our ancestors.

“It is with great joy that the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco honors Paul Pries with the 2019 Metropolitan Anthony Humanitarian Award,” stated His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. “Paul consistently sets an example of servant leadership through his actions, his philanthropy and especially his faith in God.”

Born in Chios, Greece, Paul came to the United States in 1968 with his parents and one brother. They settled in San Jose, California and it has been their home ever since. As a 16-year old in a new country, Paul quickly acclimated to the United States and immersed himself in all that America could offer. He attended San Jose City College where he studied business, and quickly put his knowledge into practice through his work in the restaurant industry, eventually opening “Paul’s Family Restaurant” in 1975. This same year he married his wife, Koula, and they have enjoyed 43 years of marriage, four children – Konstantinos, Eleftherios (married to Angeliki), Maria Chalioris (married to Panagiotis) and George Pries – and six grandchildren – Kyriaki, Apostoli, and Panayiota Pries; and Kalliopi, Kyriaki and Apostolia Chalioris.

Paul’s business ventures extend far beyond restaurants and into real estate investments and property management for the past 44 years. His success in this field has been shared generously with the Church, as a donor and benefactor of his home parish of Saint Nicholas in San Jose, the Metropolis, Archdiocese and Ecumenical Patriarchate. Paul was named an Archon Skevophylax in the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, and also a donor and supporter of the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life Giving Spring in Dunlap, CA.

If there is a need, Paul is there to lend a helping hand. At Saint Nicholas in San Jose, Paul has served on the Parish Council for many years, chaired the Greek Festival, and worked on many fundraising initiatives, including the Capital Campaign. He and Koula have been excellent examples in their involvement which have led to all of their children being involved in the parish, taking leadership roles with Sunday School, Greek Dance, and serving on the Parish Council.

Family is a priority to Paul, and he and his brothers, Nick and George, remain very close. The values instilled in Paul from his parents have been passed down to the next generation, and he is a selfless example of stewardship. AXIOS!

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Fresno Sons of Pericles - Basketball

To all AHEPA District 21 Chapters:

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to announce that our District has once again a Sons Basketball team!

The Sons from Fresno and Stockton chapters competed at the Greeks in L.A. Sons Basketball tournament last January. They are now off to the next event, Greeks in Atlanta, scheduled for April 5-7. However, they need our support to cover their expenses, about \$4,000 for the team of 8 players. The District has budgeted \$1,500 for this year, so I am asking the Chapters to help cover some of the difference.

I am thankful to our brothers of the Oakland Chapter for pledging \$300. Please consider a donation. You can send a check, payable to "Fresno Chapter 151" and mark it "for the Sons", to the Fresno Chapter treasurer:

Jim Boukidis
2657 Austin Ave
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Please let Brothers Ioannis and Stamus know if you will be making a donation as soon as possible, since the team needs to buy their tickets early for better airfare.

Thank you,

George Zioulas DG





2,500 Years of Heroic Running...The modern Athens Marathon commemorates the run of the soldier Pheidippides from a battlefield at the site of the town of Marathon, Greece, to Athens in 490 B.C., bringing news of a Greek victory over the Persians. Legend has it that Pheidippides delivered the momentous message "Niki!" ("victory"), then collapsed and died, thereby setting a precedent for dramatic conclusions to the marathon.

When the modern Olympic games were inaugurated in 1896 in Greece, the legend of Pheidippides was revived by a 24.85 mile (40,000 meters) run from Marathon Bridge to Olympic stadium in Athens. Traditionally the final event in the Olympics, the first organized marathon on April 10, 1896 was especially important to all Greeks. Greece was hosting those first modern Olympic Games. The Greeks had yet to win a medal, and had one final chance to bring glory to their nation. Twenty-five runners assembled on Marathon Bridge. The starter mumbled a few words and fired the gun, and the race was on. "The excitement of the crowd waiting at the finish line at the newly constructed replica of Athens' ancient stadium was beyond description" writes the Greek historian Quercetani. Spiridon Louis, a Greek postal worker from the village of Marusi and veteran of several long military marches, crossed the finish line a full seven minutes ahead of the pack. His time was 2 hours, 58 minutes, 50 seconds for the 40 kilometer distance. When it was all over nine runners finished, 8 of them Greeks. The host nation was ecstatic, and the marathon was born.

Journey to Greece



The Thirteenth Annual Journey to Greece 2019 Summer Program June 23 – July 20, 2019

AHEPA JTG Program Activities:

- U.S. Embassy visit
- Welcome Reception
- AHEPA Local Chapter Events
- Acropolis Visit
- Acropolis Museum Visit
- Benaki Museum Visit
- Archaeological Museum Visit
- Visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Visit to the Greek Parliament
- Farewell Reception

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Registration: Applications for the Journey to Greece program can be found on the AHEPA webpage: www.AHEPA.org

Deadline for application is April 20, 2019. Applications received after that date will be considered on a space available basis.



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Eligibility requirement for AHEPA Medal for Military Service includes Honorable Service and Discharge. Service includes Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve status of the United States Armed Forces. REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.AHEPA.ORG. File a copy with your chapter Secretary after registration is complete. Medals are normally shipped in the fall and in time for Veteran’s Day celebrations in November.

Registration form on next page



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AHEPA National President Dr. John Grossomanides announced the organization's support of military families by selecting the United Through Reading? Military Program as a national service project, working in cooperation with the United Services Organization (USO). United Through Reading is a program that enables service members to video record themselves reading books to their children back home and provides a DVD of the recording and a copy of the book to the child.

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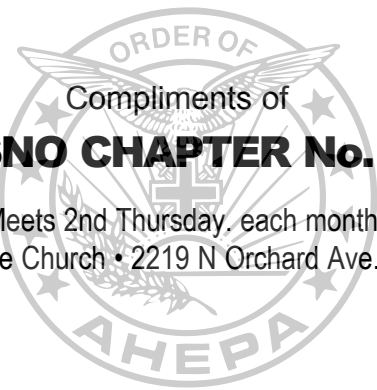
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