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### AHEPA District Governor's Message



Nick Pries District Governor

Dear Brothers,

I returned from Greece all rested and looking forward to a great year. The first visitation was in San Francisco and I would like to thank the brothers of Chapter #150. They were great! I was very nervous on my first visit as a Governor and they put me at ease. Lt. Governor Robert Sexton, Treasurer Alex Bazos, Secretary Tom

Chiarchianis, Marshal Richard Kylan, District Executive Secretary Bill Booras and District Chaplin James Dariotes all attended. The Daughter's prepared a great dinner. The Chapter discussed their entire event schedule that they have planned for the year.

Our next visitation was in Fresno. My first visit to Fresno, as Lt. Governor I was able to attend their visitation. We socialized before the meeting with coffee and doughnuts. The Fresno Chapter has many events coming up. They are working very hard to get the Hellenism Project going. They need someone or organization to help fund the project. They have a fundraising and presentation, scheduled to be held, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

On October 16th we visited the Reno chapter. They are working very hard on making their chapter stronger. We had a very enjoyable dinner at a Greek restaurant. It was very nice to see all the Ahepans and Daughters together.

The next day, October 17, we had the Fall Conference there where twenty five Ahepans and about thirty five Daughters who attended. The morning session went very well, the lunch was excellent and he afternoon session was nice and smooth. Thank you Reno for a great event and hope to see you in Vallejo for the Spring Conference.

I will like all of the members to ask your son(s) or son(s)-in-law to join AHEPA. You can pay their membership fee and first year dues as a Christmas gift. Membership is the most important thing to keep AHEPA alive and strong.

On behalf of my family, I will like to wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. �

DON'T FORGET MEMBERSHIP - MEMBER-SHIP.

Fraternally yours, Nick Pries, District Governor

### DOP District Governor's Message

We are in full swing and ready to tackle the holidays!

Visitations have been moving along – Eos, Leto, Elis, Sparta, and Urania. Each visit has been enjoyable and uplifting. Sparta initiated 2 new members at their meeting. The remaining visitations will be held in January and February. The Lodge is looking forward to each one of them.



Margo Drosos District Governor

A very gracious thank you goes to the Reno, Nevada Ahepa Family for hosting the Fall Conference. On Friday evening the District Lodge held their visitation and had a wonderful dinner & evening out. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

For our 80th Anniversary, Founder's Day weekend was truly memorable. Friday night began with a reception for Elaine Sampanis, Grand President. On Saturday, the luncheon was a delight. Congratulations go to Yvonne Stamatakis and her committee for showering us with a wonderful time. The gift baskets were amazing - full of elegant goodies! The centerpieces reflected autumn colors and the ambiance was warm and welcoming. Dignitaries in attendance were Elaine Sampanis, Grand President; Joanne Saltas, Grand Treasurer; Jan Spanos, Grand Governor Zone IV; Kiki Amanatidis, Grand Vice President to the Maids of Athena; Nick Pries, Ahepa District Governor; and Ioannis Andreades, Consul General from Greece. Also present were Past Grand Presidents Joanne Booras and Connie Aretos-Banis.

The end of December is rapidly approaching – please remember to send in your per capita to Daughters of Penelope headquarters. And don't forget to mark your calendars - our Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 in Vallejo. Let us show our Ahepa family support!! You will receive more information in my monthly bulletin.

With the end of 2009 rapidly approaching, I would like to thank Nick Pries and his lodge for their support and encouragement. The Ahepa Lodge has been a joy to work with.

On behalf of P.J. Rishard, Chrisanthy Panagopoulos, Helen Sexton, Vivian Leos, Sylvia Golfes, Louise Metaxas, and me, we wish all our Ahepa Family – Ahepa, Daughters, Maids & Sons - a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!  $\diamond$ 

In Theta Pi,

Margo Drosos, District Governor

# Eos #1 San Francisco

#### by Stella Kyriakis

Eos #1 Chapter celebrated their Founder's Day 80th Anniversary on Nov. 14, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel in Burlingame, CA. Seven Daughters of Penelope in customs, representing each of the original founders of Eos #1 Chapter, marched in with lit candles and stated the Founders name to the standing audience. This was the highlight of the Founder's Day Luncheon.

Grand President Elaine Sampanis, Grand Treasurer Joanne Saltas, MOA Grand Vice Pres. Kiki Amanatidis, Dist. Gov #21 Nick Pries and Margo Drosos, Greek Consul General, Fr. Aris Metrakos and many other dignitaries were in attendance.

Sister Ethel Janakes was presented with her 70 year membership pin by Grand President Elaine Sampanis along with her Chapter Penelope of the Year Plaque.

We thank all our guests for making our 80th Anniversary such a special event. Officers and Board Members of Eos # 1 Chapter



Sisters: Eva Skoufis, Stella Kyriakis, Christie Tsiplakos, Elaine Makras, Marian Parashis, Annette Chiappari, and Vaso Moulas, Pres.



Yvonne Stamatakis, Chairman, Eva Skoufis with Proclamation from the San Francisco Mayor's Office Gavin Newsom



Grand Pres. Elaine Samanis with Grand Gov. Zone IV Jan Spanos



Brother Ahepans Diamond Leos, Peter Kirepoulos, and Victor Kyriakis



Brother Elias Tsiknis, Marian Parashis and Nick Janakes



Ethel Janakes with daughter Diane



Yvonne Stamatakis, Chairman with Vaso Moulas, Pres.



Dist. Gov. #21 Nick Pries and Ahepa Golden Gate Chap. Pres. Jim Dariotes



Sophia Fonti, Emily Christie, Yvonne and Annette Chiappari and Elaine Christie



Stella Kyriakis and May Kireopoulos



And the winner is - Ethel Janakes!



Vasi Moulas, Pres., Yvonne Stamatakis, Chairman, Dist. Gov. #21 Margo Drosos and MOA Grand V.P. Kiki Amanatidis.





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List or update your Chapter Officers. List upcoming Chapter events. Add photos and artwork. Post your Chapter's history or highlights. It's easy, send information via email to: Chris Frangos cfrangos@cbnorcal.com

# 2010 Cruise to Alaska

by Mary Chicos, PDG

Dear Co-travelers and Friends:

The Past District Governor's League of the Daughters of Penelope of District #21, are sponsoring a cruise to Alaska for the 2010 trip by popular demand.

The luxurious Sea Princess is the cruise ship.

This is a unique opportunity to take advantage of this cruise because the ship leaves from San Francisco and returns to San Francisco.

The dates are: June 1-11, 2010. Aster Travel has reserved very limited outside cabins (picture windows) for our group. First come first served.

The price is \$2,400 approximately DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. Contact Aster Travel for details (415) 334-5957.

A \$500 deposit is required by each person to reserve the cabins. If you are interested on the cruise, please act promptly.

Make check payable to Aster Travel: 1961 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127-2721. (415) 224-5957.

Thank you for your quick response. On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope we appreciate you support. �

With warmest regards, Mary Chicos, Chairman of the Cruise Tel. (415) 647-8808.

### SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT LODGE VISITATIONS & EVENTS 2009 - 2010

#### January

	2	11:00am	Saturday		Walnut Creek	DOP Only	
	12	7:00pm	Tuesday		San Jose	St. Nicholas Church	
	13	7:00pm	Wednesday		Contra Costa/AHEPA	St. Demetrios Church	
	19	6:30pm	Tuesday		Modesto	Annunciation Church	
	23	10:00am	Saturday		Marysville/Sacramento	Annunciation Church	
February							
	6	10:00am	Saturday		Vallejo	Sts. Constantine & Helen	
	9	6:30pm	Tuesday		Oakland	Ascension Cathedral	
Μ	arch						
	6		Saturday	Spring Conference	e	Vallejo - Tentative	
М	ay						
	1		Saturday	Sisterhood Confe	erence	Portland, Oregon	
Jı	une/Ju	ly					
25-26			District Convention			Stockton	
July 11			Supreme Convention			Montreal, Quebec	

# Oakland AHEPA Family

by Ceil Koplos

#### Thanksgiving and Awards Dinner

Chairpersons Ben Gipson and Sophia Johnston chaired a very successful Thanksgiving and Membership Awards dinner - many thanks for a job well done! Congratulations to the members of the AHEPA Family for their many years of service to our organization.



Sophia Johnston and Bill Anton

AHEPA members who received their awards included: Dinnis Karas and George Paris, Life Members. Ernest Cheonis, George Constantouros, Pantelis Katsifolis, John Stamison and Robert Stefan received 45 year service pins. John Apostol and Harry Stavaris received 35 year service pins. Nicholas Stamatakis received a 30 year service pin and George Booras a 25 year service pin.

Among the Daughters of Penelope, Clara Meniktas received a 50 year service pin, Beatrice Bezaitis 45 year service pin, Carrie Constantouros 35 year service pin and Joanne Booras 35 year service pin.

Elizabeth Kastouras was presented the Nap Dokos Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000. Steve Miller received the Past District Governor's plaque presented by Nick Pries, District 21 Governor. Bill Anton was honored for serving as Chapter President for two years.

Guests included Elaine Sampanis, Grand President and Margo Drosos, District 21 Governor. �

### SEASONS GREETINGS and Happy Holidays to all our friends. *Ceil Koplos and Family*

# Chapter #151 Fresno

#### by Chris E. Rockas PSLA, PSG

On Sunday, November 15, 2009 at Sacramento's Dante Club, members of the American Hellenic Professional Society of Sacramento, were treated to a dynamic and inspirational speech by Tony J. Kocolas (President of Chapter #151); his topic was "The Greek Roots of Western Civilization." Kocolas is the project coordinator of the Hellenic Project, whose primary purpose is to produce a documentary on the theme of the AHPS lecture.

Tony Kocolas' presentation was lively and engaging, and was warmly received by the audience. The appreciation of the speech did not stop with an enthusiastic round of applause - many AHPS members stayed after the presentation and interacted with the speaker.

Sacramento's AHPS has an enviable record for attracting outstanding scholars on Greek History - and related subjects. The American Hellenic Professional Society's previous speakers included: Mary Lefkowitz, internationally acclaimed scholar of the Classics, and defender of Greek civilization; George Kiriakopoulos, author of the best-selling book about the Battle of Crete; and Speros Vryonis, internationally recognized scholar on Byzantine and Hellenic studies.

Kocolas waived the honorarium and travel expenses for his presentation to have that payment matched and donated to the Hellenic Project.

During the question and answer period after the formal speech Kocolas explained that main purpose of the Hellenic Project was to promote the video production Our Greek Heritage: The Greek Roots of Western Civilization. This is an officially sponsored AHEPA project - that has been endorsed and supported by the Pan Cretan Association of America. The documentary will explain how the foundations of Western Civilization started in Ancient Greece, and will counterbalance the recent distortions against Ancient Greece in schools. The project web site is: www.hellenicproject.com. 💠

# Daphne #29 San Jose

#### by Laurie Sahines, PDG

It must be that time again... Gathered around Santa to benefit the Angle Tree Project at St. Nicholas in San Jose are the Daphne #29 Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope who are getting into the spirit of the Holiday Season.



It is an ornament exchange whereby you bring an ornament to trade and hope it doesn't get stolen. For the fun and excitement of this wonderfully exciting opportunity you make a donation towards the Angle Tree Project. We raised \$135.00. The Angle Tree Project donates Christmas gifts to the many teenagers who get forgotten at Christmas time. A special thank you goes to our hostess, Athena Pugliese and to our jolly Santa, Peter Panayatopoulos.

#### Vasilopita Tea

Please join us for the Sixth Annual Vasilopita Tea. Learn about an Orthodox Orphanage for girls in Calcutta. Speaker Nektaria Paradisi from Greece. Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 1260 Davis Street, San Jose, California. Hosted by Daphne #29, St. Anna Philoptochos and St. Basil Missions Committee. For more information contact Kassandra Skordilis (408) 268-0812.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. �



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