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AHEPA District Governor's Message



Nick Pries District Governor

Dear Brothers:

The District Lodge has finished all the visitations to the chapters and we had a great time traveling from Fresno and all the way to Reno visiting all of the Chapters. Thank you for your warm reception

Our District is growing, we currently are up about twenty new members. Please keep up the good work and keep on asking perspective members to

join. They can only say - yes or no.

The Spring Conference is coming up in Vallejo Saturday, March 6th. Hopefully, we will have a good turnout and support are Vallejo brothers. See the schedule for the day in this issue of the Traveler.

The District Convention will be held in Stockton on June 25 and 26, 2010. I hope to see you all there. A new format will be initialed this year. Meetings will be held only on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Committee assignments will be made prior to the convention. Reports will then be presented at the Saturday meeting as well as elections, etc. The District Scholarships will be awarded at the convention luncheon on Saturday.

The Supreme Convention will be in Montreal, Canada on July 11 - 17, 2010.

We need Chapters to volunteer to host the 2010 Fall Conference, the 2011 Spring Conference and the 2011 District Convention. Please talk it up with your Chapters and report your plans at the 2010 District Convention.

I will like to thank of the chapters who donated money for the AHEPA Family Float for the Greek Cultural Parade to be held in San Francisco on April 10, 2010. A great day is planned. Plan to attend the festivities and, if you would like to participate by riding on the float, we can make room.

Please sell your Charitable Raffle tickets, it's a good source of revenue for your Chapter and supports the scholarship fund. Remind your members to submit completed scholarship applications on time. The deadline is April 1, 2010.

It's time to start working on your chapter reports, scheduling and holding elections for chapter officers and delegates to the District and Supreme Conventions. All this information is to be submitted the first week of May. The required forms will be sent our soon.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference in Vallejo and the District Convention in Stockton. Wishing all AHEPA Family members an enjoyable Lenten season and a Happy Easter!. ◆

Fraternally, Nick Pries, District Governor

DOP District Governor's Message

As our Lenten Season begins, we are preparing for the most sacred time in our religious belief. We are all extremely busy, preparing for this time in addition to electing our delegates for our conventions – District Convention in Stockton, June 25 & 26; and our National Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada July 11th – 18th. We are also electing our chapter officers. This year, with the conventions once again being close, all chapter elections will be in April.



Margo Drosos District Governor

The Lodge has completed our visitations. Each visit has truly given insight to how passionate we are – every chapter has given of themselves in helping others. It is amazing how much time and generosity so many of the smaller chapters are giving. They are quite an inspiration. We all are! We are bringing in new members – many chapters are not only initiating new members, but they are reinstating previous members. We are definitely showing our dedication to promoting Hellenism, Education, Philanthropic Endeavors, and Civic Responsibility. Way to go Sisters!!

Our Spring Conference is rapidly approaching – March 6th at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, 1224 Alabama Street, Vallejo. Be sure to attend as more information regarding the District Convention in Stockton will be available at that time. Of course, the early bird drawing will be held for the Charitable Raffle. If you need more tickets, please contact PJ Rishard, Lt. Gov., Co-Chair for the raffle, at 209-915-3541.

Information for the National Convention in Montreal will be forth coming – be sure to have your passports ready. With the change of the way we travel, it is imperative that you have those necessary travel documents available. Also coming up is our annual Sisterhood Conference on May 1st in Portland, Oregon.

This year the District #21 Ahepa Family has come together to have a float in the annual Greek Cultural Parade in San Francisco on Saturday, April 10th. Plan on participating in the parade; or if you prefer, be a spectator.

Please make sure all eligible applicants for scholarships have their applications in by April 1st. All chapter presidents have received applications should you need one.

It is my privilege to announce our new District Maids of Athena Advisor – Georgia Triantafyllou. Georgia has been with the Daughters of Penelope many years and comes from a family of Ahepans and Daughters. She currently is a member of Echo #4 in Oakland. Welcome aboard Georgia – the Lodge is looking forward to working with you! Thank you to Louise Metaxas for filling in as District Maids of Athena Advisor through December. She did a wonderful job and continues to do so as the Oakland Chapter MOA Advisor.

On behalf of the Lodge - P.J. Rishard, Chrisanthy Panagopoulos, Helen Sexton, Vivian Leos, Sylvia Golfes, Georgia Triantafyllou, and me, we wish all our Ahepa Family – Ahepa, Daughters, Maids & Sons - a blessed Easter season.

In Theta Pi, Margo Drosos, District Governor





1930 Photo provided by Bessie Tavernas Seated, left to right - George Tavernas, Pete Lainas, George Marmaras, Themistoclles Katakis. Back row, left to right - Mr. Kilitides, Nick Pantazopulos, Jim Pulis, Anast

Back row, left to right - Mr. Killitides, Nick Pantazopulos, Jim Pulis, Anast Dokolas, George Angelakis

The Modesto Chapter began on November 24,1929 and became a Charter Member on April 5, 1930. One of their first projects was to collect donations for the building to eventually be the Annunciation Church of Modesto which was consecrated on September 14, 1930 by Bishop Kallistos, assisted by Father Caravellas and Father George Sardounis from Sacremento. Apostolos Maheras, Consul General of Greece was also present as well as 2,500 Orthodox Christians from around the state. AHEPA Chapter 246 was one of the major donors. It's the same story heard by most Chapters throughout this beautiful country.

"From the 75th Anniversary album"



HEREAS THE SUPREME LODGE OF AHEPA HAS RECEIVED A PETITION

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Fresno Chapter #151 News

by Chris Rokas, PSC

Our Chapter entered the new decade with a flourish of activity and events coming off of a successful Helenic Project event held in the Greek Community of Fresno Social Hall on November 7, 2009. Our efforts have now turned to providing interesting educational speakers preceding our meetings.



Hellenic Project Committee

Through the efforts of Daughter Dr. Eleni Rockas, two speakers were procured. Before our January 2010 meeting Dr. David Ligththall, health advisor to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, spoke about "AIR POLLUTION IN OUR CENTRAL VALLEY, ITS ORIGINS AND EFFECTS."

Our February 2010 meeting featured John Stratigos, physical therapist, who spoke on 'ARE YOU AGING? LEARN HOW TO STAY YOUNG." All of our lectures are open to the Fresno Greek Community as well as the Fresno Community at



large.

On Sunday, January 2010, our Ahepa Family held its annual "Past Presidents and Awards Luncheon" at the upscale Manhattan Restaurant. Past Presidents Michael Makredes and Helen Sexton were honored for their services to

50 year pins for Grousis, Rockas and Nicolaou.

our respective chapters. Past District Governor Bill Booras presented 50 year pins to Brothers Chris E. Rockas Past Supreme Counselor, James Nicolaou and James Grousis. Unable to attend were Brothers Paul Chiames and Nick Stamoulis.

Within the last tow months we welcomed two new brothers – Dionysios (Dio) Stefanopoulos and Michael Angelos. Brother Angelos was formerly an executive of Pappas Communications (KMPH Television). Her was promptly recruited to serve as a member of the Oversight Committee of the Ahepa National Hellenism Project.

Once again our members are looking forward to the always successful Mardi Gras event put on by the Fresno Daughters of Penelope which is held February 13, 2010.

San Maeto Chapter #392

by George Fonti



San Mateo Chapter with Supreme Governor Peter Triantafyllos

On December 18, 2009 the San Mateo Chapter of AHEPA held a dinner dance at the Church of the Holy Cross in Belmont. The District Supreme Governor, Peter Triantafyllos was the Guest of Honor. Also attending were Vlassis Fousekis PDG, Ilias Frangos PDG, Lou Janakos, PDG and Michael Pappas PDG.

Guests enjoyed a delicious prime rib dinner and then danced to the music of Vital Sounds DJ Alex Mallas.

Brothers elected to donate raffle proceeds to purchase gifts from Church of the Holy Cross Angel tree. Two children were selected and appropriate gifts were purchased and given to the volunteers to deliver to the children.

On Jan. 24, The AHEPA family hosted the coffee hour at the Church of the Holy Cross. The Daughters brought a wonderful assortment of food to the event. \$135.00 was collected and donated to the Church's Project Outreach Ministry.

Health and prosperity warmly wished to our AHEPA Family at spring time and always!

Argie Steve Gionis.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

SPRING CONFERENCE	MARCH 6	VALLEJO
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE	APRIL 1	
AGAPE EASTER DINNER	APRIL 7	SAN FRAN
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CHARITABLE RAFFLE DRAWING	JUNE 26	STOCKTON
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Golf Package	\$75 (non-delegates)		
Includes: Welcome Night, Greens Fees, Cart, Refreshments, Awards Reception	\$50 (delegates)		
INDIVIDUAL EVENT PURCHASE	COST/PERSON	NUMBER	TOTAL COST
Welcome Night Friday, June 25	\$30		
Scholarship Luncheon Saturday, June 26	\$35		
Greek Night Glendi Saturday, June 26 Includes: Dinner & Dancing, Charitable Raffle Drawing	\$65 (individual) \$120 (couple)		
Dancing Only after 9:30 PM Includes: 2 Soft Drink Tickets	\$20		
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