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PETER PAPPAS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 25th

The Reserve At Spanos Park
6301 W Eight Mile Road
Stockton, CA

Registration: 10:30 Lunch: 11:30 Tee Off: 12:00

Entry Fee: \$75 non-delegates \$50 delegates

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Friday, June 25th

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\$30 per person

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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 26th

The Delta Ballroom at The Hilton Hotel
2323 Grand Canal Boulevard
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Lunch 12pm

\$35 per person

Business Attire

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Saturday, June 26th

The Delta Ballroom at The Hilton Hotel
2323 Grand Canal Boulevard
Stockton, CA

No Host Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Dancing 9:00

\$65 per person \$120 per couple

\$20 per person after 9:00 for dancing

*The Charitable Raffle Drawing
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Music by Mythos

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AHEPA District Governor's Message



Nick Pries
District Governor

Brother Ahepans,

Beginning with the Supreme Convention in San Francisco, Ahepans gathering from the United States, Canada, Australia to convene in our extraordinary City by the Bay, it's with gratitude I reflect on my first year as your District Governor. Unforgettable meetings at our Supreme Convention, lively and informative, topped by our own George Marcus being awarded AHEPA Archbishop Iakovos Humanitarian Award. We are proud of you George plus you are a member of my chapter.

The hospitality at each visitation was first rate. Delicious foods, fine Ahepa interaction, creating friendships which will last a life time. Special thanks to each of you for bringing in new members and keeping our AHEPA spirit alive and well.

Our Fall Reno District Conference and to Vallejo in the spring were well attended. Tremendously I appreciate both chapters for being perfect hosts.

On April 10th in San Francisco, we successfully celebrated our annual March 25th parade, thanks to each of you who participated and contributed to the float. Long Live Freedom!

Stockton, where our upcoming June District Convention will be held, I'm certain is busily planning a grand time. Good luck to you Tom and our Ahepan brothers of Stockton. Can hardly wait to get there!

Very much I have enjoyed being District Governor of our Golden Gate District 21. First a "tip of my hat" to Margo Drosos District Governor of our Daughters of Penelope and her lodge, for your genuine support, Efharisto! Gratefully and with pride I commend all my officers for attending our visitations and your support. Lt. Governor Bob Sexton, Treasurer Alex Bazos, Secretary Tom Chiarchianis, District Marshall Rick Kylan, District Chaplain James Dariotes. Special acknowledgement to my Executive Secretary Bill Booras for a terrific job.

Best wishes to all of you my fellow Ahepans and your families to enjoy a relaxing summer. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Stockton. ❖

Many thanks,

Nick Pries District Governor.

DOP District Governor's Message

Dear Sisters,

Another year has ended – it has flown by leaving many memories. Beginning with the Supreme Convention in San Francisco in July 2009, our District welcomed fellow sisters from around the world. In September, I was privileged to meet with the Grand Lodge and other Governors at the Governors' Conference held in Washington, D.C. It was an informative and camaraderie-building event. The Reno Ahepa family presented a wonderful Fall Conference. Our Liaison, Grand Vice President, Christine Constantine was in attendance and was impressed with the dedication and passion of Elis Chapter #89. Hosted by the Vallejo Ahepa family in March, the Spring Conference was impressive, and Vallejo extended a very warm welcome to all. Thank you to our fellow Ahepans and to Elis and Maconia for hosting those two Conferences.

The Founder's Day Luncheon made us reflect on the past 80 years. It makes one realize how much we have contributed to our organization and communities. However, there is much more that we can contribute. We were honored to have in attendance our Grand President, Elaine Sampanis, Grand Treasurer Joanne Saltas, Grand Governor Zone IV Jan Spanos, Grand Vice President of Maids of Athena Kiki Amanatidis, two past Grand Presidents Connie Aretos-Banis and Joanne Booras and our own Ahepa District #21 Governor, Nick Pries.

Our Annual Sisterhood Conference held this year in Portland, Oregon was great! Sister Katherine Karafotias, District #22 Governor, planned everything to perfection. She did a wonderful job and provided a speaker whom we all enjoyed. The dinner cruise on the river was fun and everything culminated the following day with Church services and coffee hour fellowship.

As we prepare for the District Convention in Stockton in June and the Supreme Convention in Montreal, Canada in July, we are busy tying up loose ends with paperwork and registering our delegates. Each Chapter has reason to be proud. They have continued with their enthusiasm and exuberance in their activities and care of one another. We have enjoyed working with each Chapter and have made many new friends. Let us show our continued support for our organization and attend the well-planned, one-day District Convention in Stockton.

I enjoyed serving as your District Governor this past year and appreciate the experiences I have been offered. My warmest and loving "thank you" is extended to my District Lodge – they have been my inspiration and motivation during this time. Truly, they have been a joy to work with. I would be remiss if I did not mention District #21 Governor Nick Pries and his Lodge. As a District, were able to have a float in the annual Greek Cultural Parade with Nick's tireless efforts. Nick has been there every step of the way, and I thank him and his Lodge for all their help and support.

On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope Lodge - P.J. Rishard, Chrsanthi Panagopoulos, Helen Sexton, Vivian Leos, Sylvia Golfes, Georgia Triantafyllou, and me, we wish all our Ahepa Family – Ahepa, Daughters, Maids & Sons -- a safe and pleasurable summer. See you in Stockton! ❖

Love In Theta Pi,

Margo Drosos, District Governor



Margo Drosos
District Governor

Oakland AHEPA Family

by Ceil Koplos

Greek Independence Day 2010

Oakland members of the Order of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope celebrated Greek Independence Day at Oakland's City Hall patio on March 25, 2010.

On behalf of Ronald Dellums, Mayor of Oakland, Jean Quan, Vice Mayor addressed an audience of Greek Americans and was accompanied by Reverend Father Tom Zeferes and Reverend Father Michael Tervo of the Greek Orthodox Ascension Cathedral at an event which took place on the patio of the City Hall, in downtown Oakland.

Jean Quan presented the Mayor's Proclamation to Dr. Karl Konstantin, chairman. Mayor Dellums proclaimed March 25th as Greek Independence Day in the City of Oakland and encourages its recognition by all citizens of our city.



Guests enjoying the celebration: Reverend Father Tom Zeferes, Dimitri Maggnas, Jean Quan, Vice Mayor; Reverend Michael Tervo and Dr. Konstantin.

Refreshments were served following the ceremony which was prepared by Mrs. Karl Konstantin. ❖



1960 AHEPA Man of the Year and Past Presidents



1954 Oakland AHEPA Masquerade Ball

Vintage Photos submitted by Kiki Saffas

AHEPA

SUPREME CONVENTION INFO

The AHEPA Convention this year, is being held in Montreal, Canada July 12-17, 2010, at the Delta Centre - Ville Hotel located at 777 Rue University, Montreal, Quebec H3C3Z7.

To make your hotel reservations, contact the hotel directly at 514-879-1370 or toll free at 1-888- 890-3222 and quote the AHEPA Block or Block Code 000711A. Delta Rooms are available at \$189 and Signature Club Rooms at \$239, plus taxes (Canadian Funds).

When making travel reservations, please note that United States Customs is located in the Canadian airports and not in the United States airports. AHEPA endorses you to BRING YOUR PASSPORTS for ID. Take advantage of a 10% discount on regular fares with Air Canada. Certain conditions apply. The travel period begins Sunday, July 04, 2010 and ends Sunday, July 25, 2010. To book a flight with your promotion code, access aircanada.com and enter your promotion code in the search panel.

Promotion code: FN-RXMZK1.

WestJet is offering a 10% discount on their regular fare at the time of the booking. Discounted rates are available for travel up to 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention. To take advantage of

this offer, please call West Jet's convention line at 877-952-4696 from Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (Mountain Standard Time). You must quote account number CC6417. The airport code is YUL. Remember to have a valid passport with you!

Convention registration is now open to AHEPA Delegates/Alternates, members (non-delegates/alternates), family members and guests. Convention Registration Fee is \$195 and must be submitted to Headquarters by June 18, 2010, payable to AHEPA Supreme Convention. There is a late fee of \$30 for any registration submitted after June 30, 2010, so make sure and register early! You can also register online at www.ahepaconvention.com. 2010 online registration will be closed June 30, 2010; all other registration packages including individual tickets can be purchased on-site at the registration booth.

Additional information about the Supreme Convention and things to do while in Montreal is available at www.ahepa.org.

Programs planned for this wonderful week include Opening Ceremonies at Montreal's City Hall, Monday July 12, Greek Night, an Athletic luncheon on Thursday, honoring inductees into the Hellenic Hall of Fame, the Educational Foundation Symposium, Daughters of Penelope Salute to Women, Grand Banquet, Greek Dancing, Tavli Tournament, And even some Ballroom dancing, plus and much more.

The Official Convention Opening is planned for Monday, July 12, 2010. The convention meetings will begin Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 9:00am.

If you have any questions about the upcoming convention, please feel free to contact AHEPA Headquarters at 202-232-6300. ❖

Daphne #29 San Jose

SOCIAL WORKER PRESENTS
PROBLEMS, PROGRAMS
IN INDIA



Daphne President Helena Findikaki, Sister Nectaria & Philoptochos President Terry Kylan

Into a land of extreme heat and increasing sociological changes, Sister Nectaria Paradisi ventures to improve the lot of orphans, the poor and the sick.

In a series of talks and media presentations, this social worker educated Californians regarding her work in India. From Los Angeles to Novato, including a talk in Berkeley at the Athenagoras Institute, Sister Nectaria shared the problems and some of the current programs. On January 23, she said at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (San Jose) at a fund-raising tea, "It is better that I show you the images rather than tell you about India. For instance, poverty in India... no words can describe this. There is complete lack of care for the disabled and the lower castes, for regardless of the law against it, the caste system continues. Despite and because of these problems, the Orthodox churches of India do charitable work." This San Jose event was sponsored by the St. Nicholas Church Daughters of Penelope and Philoptochos, and St. Basil Church. Sister Nectaria also presented the challenges in India at the homes of Kiki Giourousis, Elsie Saba in the Bay Area and Christiana Thanos in Los Angeles.

The majority of Christians in India are persecuted in one way or another—by being looked upon with contempt, by being discriminated against in jobs or school, even by having churches burned and Christians being killed.

Currently there are sixteen Orthodox churches, but in some of the villages the people meet outside, setting up a table and an icon for an altar. Still, they reach out to care for others in their society.

People suffer from the climate in India. The heat, which is hard on the Indians, also makes it very difficult for those from a temperate climate to acclimate. Then during the monsoons floods occur. Some of these floods completely engulf villages, including schools and churches, so there is ongoing need for repair of buildings from water and mud damage.

The following outlines some of the works of the church under the auspices of the Philanthropic Society in Calcutta, founded in 1993 by the Greek Orthodox Church (of Greece):

1) Children's Morning Feeding Program – 200 children receive breakfast each school day. For some this constitutes their only meal of the day. Most are orphaned children who live in the streets of Calcutta.

2) Daily Feeding Program – 1,000 people used to come on Monday to pick up food for the week, but now cooked food is offered daily at lunch time for the poorest of the poor.

3) West Bengal Village Program – The program aids in building homes, providing safe water sources, distributing food, clothing and medicine. Sewing machines have been provided so that women can earn money. Seven health clinics and one dental clinic function in rural areas. While need exists for an eye clinic, currently an eye doctor itinerates.

4) Primary Schools – Five schools function in remote villages. Schools provide supplies, study materials, uniforms, medical supplies, and certified salaried teachers. Those who wish to continue their education receive scholarships.

5) Girls' Orphanage – In the suburbs of Calcutta an orphanage founded in 1999 is reaching its capacity of 200. It is said in an Indian folk dictum, "If you have two daughters, you have sinned in your life." Genocide of women exists, so the need to aid girls

is great. Schooling, while being thoroughly funded to the orphanage girls, is external to the orphanage in private schools, but a dental and a health care clinic serve the orphanage. The girls also learn the folk dances of India and attend church and catechism.

A boys' orphanage stands complete, but funding is needed for interior furnishing and staff before it can be inhabited. Also, an English Middle School is ready to open as soon as supplies can be provided; this school is situated between and will serve the two orphanages.

There are currently about 5,000 Christians in West Bengal; this number cannot provide sufficient resources for the many projects. Some funds come from Greece, but these critical programs require increased international support.

Contributions can be made through St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, 6430 Bose Lane, San Jose, CA 95120; put INDIA in the memo.

Daughters Night Out



by Andrea Photopoulos

On Friday March 19, 2010, the Daphne 29 Daughters and the Ismene 163 Maids went bonkers for Legally Blonde the Musical. A fun girls night out in downtown San Jose with lots of pretty outfits, cute dogs and yes of course... pink pink PINK!!!

Becky Gulsvig's did an amazing job playing Elle Woods, the star of the show. Some of the Daughters even were lucky enough to meet Elle after the show. The musical was upbeat and full of girly fun, bringing us all back to our college days and the excitement of having the world at your fingertips. Overall the night was a huge success with 27 of us singing all our favorite new tunes all the way home. ❖

Phaedra #64 Modesto

by Helen Woods

The Modesto Chapter of Phaedra #64 has been bustling with activity since last year's fund raiser when we held our "Symphony of Setting Tea." It was a huge success, and the ladies in attendance are anxiously awaiting our next exhibition.

Showers (not the rain kind) and weddings are almost non-stop and we are only in the merry month of May. We have Daughters who are Yiayias for the first time bursting with pride. In addition we have first-time great-grandmothers. Brag! Brag! Brag!

Our AHEPANS had their annual Crabfest in February with the Daughters hosting the raffle. The Crabfest was the best ever and the Daughters were amazed when all the raffle tickets sold out. All raffle prizes on display were outstanding.

Our meetings have dramatically increased in attendance since we have conducted Saturday luncheon meetings every other month. Daughters who live out of town or who do not drive at night attended more meetings enjoying the camaraderie and chatter after the business session.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 15th at President Mary Cocolos' home at which time we will vote in the new officers. We will be honoring our Co-President Ella Velthoen with a past president's luncheon immediately following the business meeting. Ella just may have a few surprises.

Several of our members have formed a poker club albeit only one is an experienced player. Since laughing is known to prolong one's life, this group will probably live to be 100! The only name that's suitable for this group is

"The Ridiculous Poker Players." Where else does anyone call a suicide King accompanied by a one-eyed Jack "wild?"

Daughter Mary Gavrilis is extremely proud that her granddaughter, Alicia Gavrilis, a seventh grader, who will be going to New York to represent

the Metropolis of San Francisco at the National Oratorical Festival. Let's hope that Alicia is the future of Phaedra #64.

Keep your ears open for any future Phaedra activities. We are a fun group. Come join us! You never know what to expect at our meetings.

Ella Velthoen's Luncheon

May 15, 2010



The ladies of Phaedra #64, Modesto, outdid themselves when they honored Past President Ella Velthoen at a lovely luncheon at the beautiful home of newly-elected President Mary Cocolos. The honoree, Sister Ella, looked wonderful. Ella has overcome overwhelming health odds and came out a winner as the attached photo attests. District 21 Governor Margo Drosos, who attended with District Lt Governor P. J. Rishard, swore in the newly elected Chapter officers. After the regular Chapter meeting, Ella's husband Alan joined us for a delicious luncheon of Caesar salad, broccoli quiche, mushroom quiche and ciabatta bread. Of course, for dessert there was fresh fruit, strawberries with a special dipping sauce, koulourakia, kourabiethes, mini cinnamon rolls, strawberry punch, and coffee. The weather was perfect. The setting was beautiful. The company was exceptional. It was an event to remember. ❖

Chapter #251 San Jose

The San Jose Ahepa Family under the leadership of AHEPA President Rick Kylan and Daughters of Penelope President Helena Findikaki has had a busy year. AHEPA Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 16th and included a memorial for all the departed brothers and sisters of the San Jose AHEPA Family. We then celebrated the Artoclasia for the health and well being of the San Jose AHEPA Family and the families of the San Jose Community.

On this day, for the fifth year, we also honored our youth. We hosted a luncheon for twenty High School Graduates, recognizing their scholastic achievement by awarding them a certificate and a gift of \$100.



AHEPA honors St. Nicholas Church School Graduate.
Rick Kylan, President of AHEPA hands out certificates and gift with Gus Hazifotis student, George Claudatos.

Other activities included our annual barbecue, a joint Christmas dinner, poker tournaments, hosting a Greek Comedian Basile concert.

Officers for the 2010-2011 year are President Rick Kylan, Vice Presidents Alex Giakoumis and Michael Prokopakis, Treasurer George Berberis and Secretary Bill Christie. ❖

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

DOP PAST DIST GOV CRUISE	JUNE 1-10	SAN FRAN
DISTRICT CONVENTION	JUNE 25-27	STOCKTON
CHARITABLE RAFFLE DRAWING	JUNE 26	STOCKTON
SUPREME CONVENTION	JULY 9-17	MONTREAL

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San Francisco AHEPA Family

by Stella Kyriakis

Agape Dinner

The Ahepa Family of San Francisco hosted again this year the annual Agape Dinner, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at the Father Anthony Kosturos Hall at Holy Trinity Church in San Francisco.



Mary Chicos and Metropolitan Gerasimos



Chef Steve Drolapas

140 members and guests attended the event. Among the honored guests were: His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, District Governor of the DOP Margo Drossos; District Governor of the order of AHEPA Nick Pries, Grand Governor Zone IV, Jan Spanos;



District #21 Governor Margo Drossos

Consul General of Greece, Mr. Ioannis Andreadis. Several Past District Governors of both AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope also attended.

The mood of the evening was jovial and celebratory. His Eminence went to each table and cracked red eggs with everyone. One of the highlights of the evening was the raffle prize. Eight raw legs of lamb were raffled including a bottle of wine. Foula Vasilogiorgis won two legs of lamb!!! Foula "Kali orexi"

Congratulations to the Chairmen,

Nick Johnson and Eva Skoufis who did an outstanding job organizing the event. The committee members were: Mary Chicos; Anne Jouganatos, May and Peter Kireopoulos; Diane and Bill Angelopoulos; Yvonne Stamatakis; Steve Drolapas, Sophie Goultas; Chrysanthé Tsiplakos, and Stella Kyriakis.

Penelope of The Year

Eos Chapter has announced their Chapter Penelope of the Year, Treasurer Yvonne Stamatakis.



Sister Stella Kyriakis, Eos Chapter Penelope of the Year-Yvonne Stamatakis and Sister Ethel Janakes.

AHEPA Sunday



On Ahepa Sunday May 16, 2010, Vice President Nick Johnson of the Golden Gate Pacific Chapter#150 and President Vaso Moulas of Eos #1 presented checks of \$500.00 each to Father Aris Metrakis of Holy Trinity Church. The donations were from the Agapi Dinner which was given by both chapters on April 7, 2010. ❖



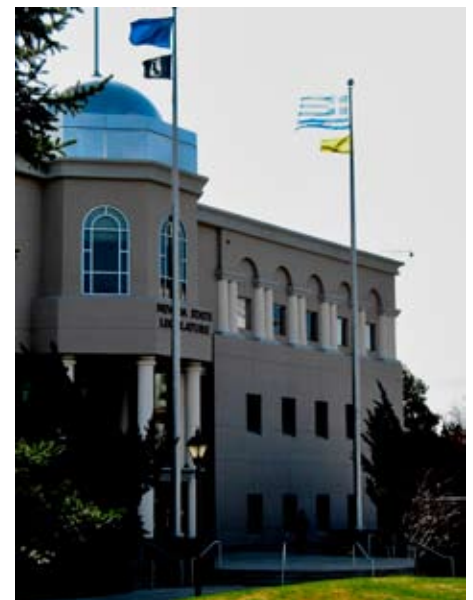
AHEPA Charitable Raffle

Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to report that we sold a total of 438 tickets prior to the Early Bird drawing at today's District 21 Spring Conference hosted by the Vallejo Ahepa Family. The winners of the Early Bird drawing were: Ticket #535 (Contra Costa Ahepa #259) Pastor Giannakos, San Francisco; Ticket #977 (Harmonia DOP #367 Walnut Creek) Margo Drossos, Walnut Creek; Ticket #037 (Golden Gate Pacific Ahepa #150) Virginia Pappas/Sophia Eliopoulos, San Rafael; Ticket #198 (Oakland Ahepa #171) Chris Christ, Alameda. Each winner will receive \$500 and will be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing at the District 21 Convention in Stockton.

George Booras AHEPA Chairman

Reno Chapters Celebrate March 25th



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